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RESOLUTION

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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Agenda item 4 (b)

TOBACCO-FREE INITIATIVE

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the progress report on the Tobacco-Free Initiative<sup>1</sup>;

Recalling WHA 56.1 adopting the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, the first ever public health treaty passed by the World Health Assembly;

Noting that the deadline for countries to sign the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control is 29 June 2004;

Recognizing that the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control will not enter into force unless 40 Member States ratify it;

1. **URGES** all Member States to sign, ratify and implement the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, and to collaborate with all key partners in this regard;
2. **REQUESTS** regional organizations, such as the League of Arab States and the Health Ministers' Council for the GCC States, as well as civil society organizations, to take a leading role in supporting the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EM/RC50/INF.DOC.2