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RESOLUTION

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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**Regional strategy for the prevention and control of sexually transmitted
infections 2009–2015**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on a regional strategy for prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections¹ ;

Recalling Regional Committee resolutions EM/RC48/R.4 Regional strategic plan for improving the health sector response to HIV and sexually transmitted diseases in the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region 2002–2005 and EM/RC52/R.9 Strengthening health sector response to HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region; and World Health Assembly resolutions WHA57.12 Reproductive health: strategy and WHA59.19 Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: global strategy;

Recognizing that attainment of the Millennium Development Goals requires investment in, and political commitment to, sexual and reproductive health, which includes prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections;

Recognizing further the magnitude of the problem and the challenges facing by prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections in the Region;

Stressing the need to ensure equitable access to health care for population groups most-at-risk of sexually transmitted infections;

1. **ENDORSES** the regional strategy for the prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections 2009–2015;
2. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 2.1 Adopt and adapt the strategy in accordance with national specificities and regional priorities;

¹ Document no. EM/RC55/6

- 2.2 Include prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections as an integral part of HIV prevention, and of sexual and reproductive health programmes;
 - 2.3 Strengthen comprehensive prevention of sexually transmitted infections by using multiple health-related programmes, including adolescent health, health education and school health, as well as by increasing community participation and awareness;
 - 2.4 Monitor implementation of the national plans in order to ensure that populations at increased risk of sexually transmitted infections have access to prevention information and supplies, and to timely diagnosis and treatment;
 - 2.5 Establish coordination mechanisms to promote partnership between the health sector, the private sector, civil society and the community;
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
- 3.1 Prepare a regional action plan, in collaboration with other stakeholders;
 - 3.2 Provide technical support to Member States for adaptation, implementation and monitoring of national strategies and plans for prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections based on the regional strategy.