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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
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**AGEING AND HEALTH**

The Regional Committee,

Noting that the proportion of people aged over 60 years is growing faster than any other age group in the world — a trend that speaks to the success of health and development programmes but also presents new challenges and opportunities;

Noting further the diverse experiences and needs of countries in the Western Pacific Region, where low- and middle-income countries have less time to prepare for the implications of this trend;

Acknowledging the importance of the family and traditional social structures that support and care for older people and the role of older people within these structures;

Recognizing the need to foster environments friendly to older people through action across sectors, to adopt a life-course approach to promote healthy ageing and prevent functional decline and disease among older people, and to reorient health systems to deliver people-centred integrated health services with the active participation of older people in responding to their health and social needs;

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Recalling resolution WHA65.3 on Strengthening noncommunicable disease policies to promote active ageing which highlights ageing as a major contributing factor to the increasing burden of noncommunicable diseases;

Noting the importance of gender-responsive, equity-enhancing and human rights-based approaches to the health of older people, including the full and effective participation of older people in society,

1. ENDORSES the *Regional Framework for Action on Ageing and Health in the Western Pacific (2014-2019)*;
2. URGES Member States:
  - (1) to utilize the framework to guide the development of evidence-informed national policies and actions using a multisectoral approach;
  - (2) to mobilize human and financial resources to implement and sustain action on ageing and health;
  - (3) to strengthen the health sector response to ageing;
  - (4) to foster mechanisms and partnerships on ageing and health with social groups, civil society, international partners and other stakeholders;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
  - (1) to strengthen technical collaboration with Member States and enhance the evidence base to inform policy-making and accelerated action on ageing and health;

- (2) to strengthen advocacy and to foster health sector leadership and intersectoral partnerships on ageing and health;
- (3) to report periodically to the Regional Committee on progress in addressing ageing and health.

Fifth meeting, 23 October 2013