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Annual report of the Regional Director for 2011 and progress reports

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for 2011, the progress reports requested by the Regional Committee and recent developments in the Region¹;

Recalling resolutions EM/RC52/R.2 on emergency preparedness and response, EM/RC57/R.2 on emergency preparedness and response and regional solidarity fund, EM/RC58/R.1 on the annual report of the Regional Director for 2010 and progress reports, and EM/RC58/R.5 on scaling up the expanded programme on immunization to meet global and regional targets;

Concerned at the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the humanitarian conditions affecting refugees and internally displaced persons, and at the impact on neighbouring countries;

Concerned also at the potential threat to all Member States by the continuing presence of wild poliovirus in the Region;

Recognizing the concerted efforts made by Afghanistan and Pakistan to address the eradication of poliomyelitis as a national health emergency;

Recognizing also the increasingly successful efforts of Member States to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, such as the banning of tobacco use in public places;

Welcoming the strategic directions proposed by the Regional Director in his opening address and in the document *Shaping the future of health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: reinforcing the role of WHO*;²

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his comprehensive report on the work of WHO in the Region;

¹ Document nos. EM/RC59/2 and EM/RC59/INF.DOC 1,2,3,4,5

² Document no. WHO-EM/RDO/002

2. **ADOPTS** the annual report of the Regional Director 2011;
3. **REAFFIRMS** its solidarity with Afghanistan and Pakistan in their efforts to eradicate poliomyelitis;
4. **CALLS ON** Afghanistan and Pakistan to continue their concerted efforts to address the eradication of poliomyelitis as a national health emergency;
5. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 5.1 Provide support to alleviate the suffering of refugees and internally displaced persons in the Syrian Arab Republic and neighbouring countries, especially Jordan;
 - 5.2 Implement resolution EM/RC57/R.2 on emergency preparedness and response and regional solidarity fund;
 - 5.3 Express their solidarity for Afghanistan and Pakistan in their efforts to eradicate poliomyelitis, through political, financial and technical support;
 - 5.4 Ensure that a 100% smoke-free policy is implemented in all public places and accelerate the implementation of the other proven demand reduction measures of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;
 - 5.5 Join the first stage of the regional pooled vaccine procurement mechanism (PVP) by utilizing UNICEF Supply Division vaccine procurement services, if they are middle-income countries that require procurement support for new vaccines (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, rotavirus vaccine and human papilloma virus vaccine);
6. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 6.1 Take the necessary steps to ensure implementation of the strategic directions proposed for the next five years;
 - 6.2 Follow up on implementation of resolution EM/RC57/R.2 on emergency preparedness and response and regional solidarity fund;
 - 6.3 Implement, as soon as possible, the second stage of the regional pooled vaccine procurement mechanism.