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Towards a roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the WHO European Region

The Regional Committee,

Reaffirming the importance of the adoption of Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹ recognizing that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets are integrated and indivisible, balance the three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental), seek to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and are global in nature and universally applicable, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policy space and priorities;

Reaffirming that Health 2020, the European policy framework for health and well-being, and the WHO global and regional strategies and action plans relating to health, health systems and public health are tools for implementing the 2030 Agenda, and that the 2030 Agenda provides a renewed commitment and a more integrated and multisectoral approach to Health 2020;

¹ United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1.

Acknowledging resolutions WHA66.11 (2013), WHA67.14 (2014), WHA69.11 and WHA69.1 (2016), which build on the importance of health and well-being as indispensable requirements for sustainable development, asserting that health is not only an end in itself, but a means for achieving other goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, and noting that investments in health contribute to economic growth, stronger human capital and labour productivity, while acknowledging the reciprocal benefits between the attainment of SDG3 and the achievement of all other SDGs;

1. CALLS UPON Member States:²
 - (a) to mutually take advantage of Health 2020 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on national circumstances and needs;
 - (b) to include a strong health component in national development plans for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to develop evidence-informed national health policies, strategies and plans in line with Health 2020;
 - (c) to develop country-specific targets, including health targets, and appropriate national accountability mechanisms for regular monitoring and review of progress towards the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda;
 - (d) to scale up national and local governance for health and well-being, to ensure policy coherence, community engagement, intersectoral action for health and health-in-all policies approaches;
 - (e) to reduce health inequities, in particular through the empowerment of women and girls;
 - (f) to strengthen the mobilization and effective use of national resources for health and well-being in the 2030 Agenda, supplemented by international assistance where appropriate;
 - (g) to engage, at all levels, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, user, family and professional associations, major groups and national parliaments to advocate and promote the health aspects of the 2030 Agenda;

² And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

- (h) to explore regional and international cooperation on science, technology and innovation to enhance knowledge sharing on health and development;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to support Member States, through a core package of SDG-related technical resources, in the development, revision and implementation of national development plans and health strategies and plans, and to support priority setting;
- (b) to enhance health information in close coordination with, and mindful of, national, regional and international initiatives in this area, including through evidence-informed policy networks, and to strengthen the science-policy interface for evidence-informed decision-making;
- (c) to strengthen collaboration with partners and stakeholders, in line with SDG17, including through an issue-based coalition on health and well-being to support Member States in the implementation of the health-related targets of the SDGs;
- (d) to develop a roadmap for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in consultation with Member States, major groups and stakeholders as part of that process, for submission to the Regional Committee at its 67th session in 2017.