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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
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STRENGTHENING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS FOR HEALTH IN THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the draft *Western Pacific Regional Action Agenda on Strengthening Legal Frameworks for Health in the Sustainable Development Goals*;

Recalling Regional Committee resolutions on universal health coverage (WPR/RC66.R2) and on the Sustainable Development Goals (WPR/RC67.R5);

Noting the role of law in contributing to efforts to advance universal health coverage and achieve health in the Sustainable Development Goals;

Recognizing the existence of different contexts, legal systems and priorities in the Region for strengthening legal frameworks;

Recognizing also that law can be used to promote the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health, to strengthen health governance, to improve access to health services, to prevent and manage public health risks, and to foster multisectoral collaboration to address the social determinants of health;

Recognizing further that the development, implementation and evaluation of legal frameworks are complex processes that require engagement with a wide range of stakeholders;

Emphasizing the need for strategic approaches to strengthening legal frameworks for health, as appropriate to country context,

1. ENDORSES the *Western Pacific Regional Action Agenda on Strengthening Legal Frameworks for Health in the Sustainable Development Goals*;
2. URGES Member States as appropriate to use the Action Agenda to strengthen legal frameworks for health in their country contexts;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (1) to facilitate dialogue and knowledge-sharing towards strengthening legal frameworks for health;
 - (2) to provide technical support and expertise to Member States upon request in strengthening legal frameworks for health;
 - (3) to report periodically on progress in strengthening legal frameworks for health in the Region.