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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE WESTERN PACIFIC

COMITE RÉGIONAL DU
PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL

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ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution WHA67.25 and regional resolutions WPR/RC53.R5 and WPR/RC62.R3 on antimicrobial resistance;

Recognizing that antimicrobial resistance threatens the sustainability of the public health response to many communicable diseases;

Noting the rise of antimicrobial resistance in the Western Pacific Region, which has increased disease burden and health-care and societal costs;

Aware that overuse and misuse of antimicrobial agents in humans and animals significantly contributes to resistance;

Mindful that over-the-counter and unregulated sales of antimicrobial agents are common in many Member States and also contribute to resistance;

Noting that reliable information on the scope and trends of antimicrobial usage and antibiotic resistance is limited in the Region;

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Acknowledging commitments and ongoing work to contain antimicrobial resistance while recognizing the need for more concerted action by Member States,

1. ENDORSES the *Action Agenda for Antimicrobial Resistance in the Western Pacific Region*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to use the regional action agenda to assist in the development of national action plans to combat antimicrobial resistance;
 - (2) to ensure sufficient human and financial resources for sustained action to contain antimicrobial resistance;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (1) to support the development of a regional platform for data-sharing and analysis;
 - (2) to provide technical support to Member States for implementation of strategies to contain antimicrobial resistance;
 - (3) to promote multisectoral action and collaboration in controlling the use of antimicrobials;
 - (4) to report periodically to the Regional Committee on progress in the implementation of the *Action Agenda for Antimicrobial Resistance in the Western Pacific Region*.