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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE WESTERN PACIFIC

COMITE RÉGIONAL DU
PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL

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TUBERCULOSIS

The Regional Committee,

Acknowledging the progress made in the Western Pacific Region to achieve tuberculosis-related Millennium Development Goals and international targets in line with global strategies;

Appreciating the political commitment of Member States and the collective efforts of partners to implement the *Regional Strategy to Stop Tuberculosis in the Western Pacific (2011–2015)* endorsed by the Regional Committee (WPR/RC61.R4) in 2010;

Realizing that further effort is needed to ensure universal access to integrated people-centred tuberculosis services, especially for vulnerable groups;

Recognizing the need for social and financial protection for patients and their families to address the catastrophic financial burden, stigma and discrimination associated with tuberculosis;

Concerned about drug-resistant tuberculosis and the serious regional health security threat it poses;

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Recognizing the importance of managing co-morbidities for the effective care and control of tuberculosis;

Guided by the *Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015*, endorsed by the World Health Assembly (resolution WHA67.1) in May 2014;

Noting the renewed commitment of the international community to end the tuberculosis epidemic, expressed in Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Target 3.3),

1. ENDORSES the *Regional Framework for Action on Implementation of the End TB Strategy 2016–2020*;

2. URGES Member States:

(1) to update national strategies, policies, plans and targets for tuberculosis care and control, guided by the *Regional Framework for Action on Implementation of the End TB Strategy 2016–2020*, by adopting a whole-of-society approach and engaging a wide range of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders;

(2) to establish and strengthen systems to monitor implementation of tuberculosis control efforts, including reliable surveillance systems, as well as mechanisms to monitor catastrophic cost incurred by tuberculosis patients and their families;

(3) to mobilize and invest technical and financial resources for establishing and sustaining quality tuberculosis care and control as an essential health system competency;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to disseminate and provide technical support to implement the *Regional Framework for Action on Implementation of the End TB Strategy 2016–2020*;

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- (2) to promote tuberculosis control as a regional common agenda for which collective actions are needed and to foster collaboration including cross-country cooperation to address tuberculosis among migrants and international travelers;
- (3) to report periodically on progress in implementing the *Regional Framework for Action on Implementation of the End TB Strategy 2016–2020*.

Sixth meeting, 15 October 2015