ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the Action Agenda for Antimicrobial Resistance in the Western Pacific Region (WPR/RC65.R4) and the Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (WHA68.7);

Acknowledging that Member States have identified health security, including antimicrobial resistance (AMR), as a priority for WHO’s work in the Region in the coming years;

Emphasizing that AMR is an ever-present threat to the achievement of universal health coverage, the Sustainable Development Goals and our future security;

Alarmed that the spread of AMR is outpacing national and global containment efforts, with new resistant mechanisms emerging as the pipeline of antibiotic development remains inadequate to mitigate AMR threats;

Noting that the implementation of regional and national action plans is uneven across countries and that AMR adds to enormous pressures Member States already face in addressing competing health challenges;
Stressing the urgent need to accelerate action on AMR by adopting new ways of working to enable Member States to implement long-term, future-oriented, evidence-based, sustainable solutions that use existing systems and programmes whenever possible,

1. ENDORSES the *Framework for Accelerating Action to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance in the Western Pacific Region*;

2. URGES Member States:

   (1) to utilize the Framework to accelerate the implementation of existing global, regional and national action plans;

   (2) to raise the level of commitment and action against AMR through: long-term, evidence-based and future-oriented planning; integrating AMR interventions into existing programmes and systems; ensuring multisectoral engagement and societal participation; and strengthening local resilience;

   (3) to utilize global and regional mechanisms and partnerships to strengthen overall country capacity to combat AMR;

   (4) to accelerate development of universal health coverage as a sustainable platform for combating AMR in the context of health systems strengthening;

   (5) to capitalize on the momentum of the Sustainable Development Goals to catalyse multi-stakeholder approaches that recognize the importance of addressing AMR in overall development goals;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

   (1) to provide strategic and technical support to Member States in combating AMR;
(2) to work with Member States to operationalize the regional Framework, including on the development of guidelines and tools;

(3) to report periodically on progress in accelerating action to fight AMR in the Western Pacific Region.

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