

**R E S O L U T I O N**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
THE WESTERN PACIFICCOMITÉ RÉGIONAL DU  
PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTALWPR/RC61.R7  
14 October 2010**VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES: MEASLES ELIMINATION,  
HEPATITIS B CONTROL, AND POLIOMYELITIS ERADICATION**

The Regional Committee,

Noting resolution WPR/RC56.R8 that called for the elimination of measles by 2012 and a reduction in the seroprevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) to less than 2% in 5-year-old children by 2012 as an interim milestone towards the final regional goal of less than 1% HBsAg;

Aware of the ongoing risk that importations of wild poliovirus pose to the maintenance of poliomyelitis-free status in the Western Pacific Region;

Noting resolution WPR/RC54.R3 that calls for the use of measles elimination and hepatitis B control strategies as means to strengthen the Expanded Programme on Immunization and other public health programmes, such as those intended to prevent the spread of congenital rubella syndrome;

Mindful of the positive impact of poliomyelitis eradication, measles elimination and hepatitis B control strategies in the Western Pacific Region on child health, immunization systems and overall health;

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Recognizing that many countries and areas have made dramatic progress towards the achievement of the 2012 goals of measles elimination and the reduction in seroprevalence of HBsAg to less than 2%, but that many others face substantial financial and operational challenges to achieve the 2012 goals,

1. REAFFIRMS the 2012 measles elimination goal and the hepatitis B control goal and milestone, and the maintenance of poliomyelitis-free status;
2. URGES Member States:
  - (1) to commit the human and financial resources necessary to achieve and sustain the measles elimination and hepatitis B control goals, and to maintain poliomyelitis-free status;
  - (2) to develop and implement workplans to ensure high immunization coverage against measles, hepatitis B and poliomyelitis, and sensitive and timely epidemiologic and laboratory surveillance to achieve measles elimination and maintain poliomyelitis-free status;
  - (3) to report measles and poliomyelitis, and where feasible rubella, surveillance data to the Regional Office in a regular and timely manner;
  - (4) to establish an independent national verification process for measles elimination following the establishment by the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific of standardized regional verification mechanisms;
  - (5) to accelerate control of rubella and the prevention of congenital rubella syndrome;
  - (6) to vigorously implement all activities to maintain poliomyelitis-free status;

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3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
- (1) to establish regional verification mechanisms for measles elimination;
  - (2) to strengthen technical cooperation with Member States to achieve regional immunization goals;
  - (3) to seek additional resources to achieve regional goals utilizing frequent interagency coordination committee meetings and other mechanisms;
  - (4) to report progress periodically to the Regional Committee.

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