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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
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NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Regional Committee,

Recognizing that noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and their main risk factors are a serious threat to the health and equitable development of Member States in the Western Pacific Region;

Acknowledging the commitments made in the *Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases* in 2011;

Reiterating the role of governments in ensuring political commitment and leadership, as well as human and financial resources, for NCD prevention and control;

Emphasizing the critical roles of development partners, social groups, civil society, professional organizations, academia, industry and the private sector in ensuring effective NCD prevention and control through multisectoral policies and plans;

Underscoring that the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases requires not only strengthening of health systems towards universal health coverage, but also strong action from non-health sectors;

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Recognizing that women and children's health is inextricably linked with NCDs, and life-course approaches to address NCDs should be integrated with the global maternal, neonatal and child health agenda;

Noting the comprehensive global monitoring framework, including indicators, and voluntary global targets for the prevention and control of NCDs;

Further noting the endorsement of the global action plan for NCD prevention and control (2013-2020) through resolution WHA66.10;

Recalling resolution WHA65.3 on strengthening noncommunicable disease policies to promote active ageing;

Acknowledging the progress in implementing the Western Pacific Regional Action Plan for Noncommunicable Diseases (2008–2013);

Noting the relevance of “Health in All Policies” and reaffirming the importance of health promotion and healthy settings, particularly Healthy Islands and Healthy Cities;

Recalling resolution WPR/RC62.R2 on Expanding and Intensifying Noncommunicable Disease Prevention and Control,

1. ENDORSES the *Western Pacific Regional Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (2014-2020)*;

2. URGES Member States:

(1) to implement the regional action plan as appropriate to the country context;

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- (2) to develop national targets that are aligned with voluntary global targets for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;
 - (3) to invest in strengthening health systems throughout the life course, and to work with non-health sectors, to promote health and to prevent and control NCDs;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
- (1) to strengthen advocacy for investment in the prevention and control of NCDs, including as part of the development agenda;
 - (2) to extend technical support to Member States to strengthen evidence-based policy and prioritization, and to build capacity for sustainable NCD prevention and control programmes, including integration into the broader health system;
 - (3) to report periodically to the Regional Committee on the implementation of the action plan.