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National core capacities for the International Health Regulations (2005): meeting the 2014 deadline

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on national core capacities for the International Health Regulations (2005): meeting the 2014 deadline;¹

Recognizing that difficulties remain in the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), especially regarding points of entry and chemical and radionuclear-related hazards;

Recalling resolutions WHA64.1 and WHA65.23 on implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) and WHA64.10 on strengthening national health emergency and disaster management capacities and the resilience of health systems;

Noting the decision of many States Parties to seek a two-year extension, in which to fulfil their obligations;

Concerned that all States Parties are at risk of not meeting the technical obligations for implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) by 15 June 2014;

1. **URGES** States Parties to:

- 1.1 Review and implement the national plans based on the gaps identified, and take all the required steps, including putting in place supportive legislation and adequate human and financial resources, to implement the national plans;
- 1.2 Strengthen and empower the National IHR Focal Points, to enable effective performance of all core functions as required under articles 4, 6, 8, 22 and 27 and Annex 1 of the International Health Regulations (2005);

¹ Document no. EM/RC59/4

- 1.3 Establish mechanisms for intrasectoral and multisectoral coordination and effective communication to facilitate implementation of core public health capacities, including by addressing risk management for all hazards, particularly the requirements for chemical and radionuclear-related hazards ;
 - 1.4 Establish mechanisms of coordination and collaboration among neighbouring countries to ensure implementation of core public health capacities of surveillance and response, specifically those related to points of entry;
 - 1.5 Provide technical, logistical and financial support to other States Parties, to the extent possible, upon their request, to build and maintain their public health core capacities as required under Article 44 of the International Health Regulations (2005);
 - 1.6 Report annually to WHO on the progress in strengthening and maintaining national core public health capacities required under Articles 5.2 and 13.2 of the International Health Regulations (2005) and in line with the national implementation plan;
2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
- 2.1 Provide technical and logistical support, and facilitate mobilization of resources to States Parties, upon request, for building and sustaining the public health core capacities for surveillance and response;
 - 2.2 Foster partnership and engagement of States Parties with international organizations, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and institutions to facilitate the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005);
 - 2.3 Facilitate experience sharing and information exchange between States Parties, including by posting a relevant summary of the country information collected through the IHR monitoring framework on the restricted WHO web site for National IHR Focal Points;
 - 2.4 Monitor the progress made in the implementation of, and the sustainability in achieving, the national core capacities required under the International Health Regulations (2005) in all States Parties.
 - 2.5 Report annually to the Regional Committee on the progress of States Parties in implementing the International Health Regulations (2005).