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Resolution

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Follow-up on regional action regarding Executive Board decision EB130(1) on implementation of the action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment

Recognizing that more than 23 million people in the Region are visually impaired of whom 5 million are blind;

Mindful that 80% of all blindness and visual impairment is avoidable and that cost-effective interventions are available;

Recalling resolutions WHA56.26 on elimination of avoidable blindness, WHA59.25 and WHA62.1 on prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment, and EM/RC54/R.1 and EM/RC52/R.3 on prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment;

Aware of the zero draft “Universal access to eye health: a global action plan 2014–2019”;

1. **URGES** Member States to:

- 1.1 Support the development and adoption of the global action plan 2014-2019 for prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment and allocate the necessary resources for its implementation thereafter;
- 1.2 Include prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment in national development plans;
- 1.3 Further integrate eye care and prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment within the health care delivery system;
- 1.4 Encourage partnerships with civil society organizations and the private sector for prevention of blindness at all levels;

2. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to:

- 2.1 Include prevention of blindness as a priority area of work within the WHO reform;
- 2.2 Sustain technical support to Member States especially in the area of capacity-building for eye care.