

**Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly and the 131st Session of the Executive Board**

<b>RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE SIXTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY</b>		
<b>Decision/ Resolution no.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Regional implications</b>
<b>WHA65(8)</b>	Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases: follow-up to the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases	The Eastern Mediterranean Region is projected to have the largest and fastest relative increase in incidence, mortality and overall burden of noncommunicable diseases in the coming few decades.
<b>WHA65(9)</b>	WHO reform	A detailed paper on the topic will be presented to the Fifty-ninth Regional Committee.
<b>WHA65.3</b>	Strengthening noncommunicable disease policies to promote active ageing	The regional strategy on active and healthy ageing (2006–2015) includes a component on planning and evaluating national progress towards healthier ageing.
<b>WHA65.4</b>	Global burden of mental disorders and the need for a comprehensive, coordinated response from health and social sectors at the country level	The resolution provides an opportunity to contribute towards finalization of a comprehensive mental health action plan that identifies concrete actions based on best available evidence and is supported by a framework of measurable outputs and outcomes.
<b>WHA 65.5</b>	Poliomyelitis: intensification of the global eradication initiative	A detailed progress report on the topic has been prepared for the Fifty-ninth Regional Committee.
<b>WHA65.6</b>	Maternal, infant and young child nutrition	Member States are urged to put into practice the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition.
<b>WHA65.7</b>	Implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health	The Commission's recommendations have been translated into a multistakeholder workplan that identifies priority areas of focus for strengthening country accountability. The Regional Office will hold a workshop in 2012 to develop roadmaps for enhancing accountability in ten countries.
<b>WHA65.8</b>	Outcome of the World Conference on Social Determinants of Health	The Health Assembly called on Member States and the international community to support the implementation of the pledges made in the Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health.
<b>WHA65.9</b>	Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan	The Palestinian Authority is facing a growing financial crisis which is directly affecting the health sector including the supply of medicines and consumables. Financial support from Member States of the Region, as well as from donors, will be essential to address this.

<b>WHA65.10</b>	Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2010 – 31 December 2011	The trend of highly specified contributions related to individual projects and having various reporting requirements continues to constrain WHO's ability to allocate financing towards its priorities. A substantial part of the increase in recorded expenses is due to inflation and currency depreciation as a result of the global financial crisis.
<b>WHA65.11/ WHA65.12</b>	Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears, and Special arrangements for the settlement of arrears	Two Member States of the Region are in arrears or not in compliance with special arrangements for the settlement of arrears to the extent that they are at risk of losing their voting privileges.
<b>WHA.65.13</b>	Report of the External Auditor	During the financial period 2010–2011, audits were performed at all regional offices of WHO. Results of the audit of the financial statements for the financial period 2010–2011 showed no weaknesses or errors which are considered material to the accuracy, completeness and validity of the financial statements as a whole and therefore an unqualified audit opinion was issued.
<b>WHA65.16</b>	Agreements with intergovernmental organizations	Seven countries in the Region are members of the African Union.
<b>WHA 65.17</b>	Global vaccine action plan	The goals of the global vaccine action plan are in line with the regional eradication and elimination targets. The action plan provides direction for Member States to achieve the vision and goals of the Decade of Vaccines.
<b>WHA65.18</b>	World Immunization Week	In 2012 all countries in the Region participated. Countries are encouraged to allocate resources to continue implementing Immunization Week during the last week of April every year.
<b>WHA65.19</b>	Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/ counterfeit medical products	Member States are encouraged to participate effectively in the mechanism for international collaboration on substandard/spurious/ falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products.
<b>WHA65.20</b>	WHO's response, and role as the health cluster lead, in meeting the growing demands of health in humanitarian emergencies	Ministries of health need to be familiar with the cluster approach and its implications for the management of disasters.
<b>WHA65.21</b>	Elimination of schistosomiasis	Sudan, South Sudan, Yemen and some areas of Somalia remain hyper-endemic for schistosomiasis. Since 2010, Yemen has been implementing an elimination programme with financial support from the World Bank. Similar initiatives are required in Sudan, South Sudan and Somalia, where the WHO-recommended elimination strategy is not yet in place.
<b>WHA65.22</b>	Follow up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination	Implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group report should be mainstreamed with that of the strategic directions for scaling up research for health in the Region.

<b>WHA65.23</b>	Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)	A detailed paper on the topic will be presented to the Fifty-ninth Regional Committee.
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<b>EB131(2)</b>	Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits	It is expected that over the next five years (2012–2016), the low- and middle-income countries in the Region will receive funding support from the partnership contributions of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework to strengthen public health preparedness as well as response measures for pandemic influenza. Approximately 70% of the contributions will be required to be used for preparedness measures and the remaining 30% for response measures.
<b>EB131(3)</b>	Radiation protection and safety of radiation sources: International Basic Safety Standards	During 2012–2013, the Regional Office will disseminate the radiation protection and safety document to all Member States, conduct a consultation meeting on radiation preparedness aspects and assist Member States to adopt the International Basic Safety Standards on radiation.
<b>EB131.R2</b>	Revised terms of reference for the Programme, Budget and Administrative Committee of the Executive Board	Revisions to the terms of reference included: clarification of the composition of the Committee, its relationship with the Executive Board and the periodicity of the Committee meetings; an addition to the role of the Committee, on behalf of the Board, to examine the financial, administrative and programmatic implications of proposed resolutions; and clarification of the wording regarding the application of Article 7 of the Constitution.