MALARIA

The Regional Committee,

Acknowledging the progress made by Member States in the fight against malaria, including the achievement of the malaria-related targets of the Millennium Development Goals;

Recognizing the commitment of leaders at the 2014 East Asia Summit and the support of the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance to achieve an Asia Pacific region free of malaria by 2030;

Recalling resolution WPR/RC60.R5 that endorsed the Regional Action Plan for Malaria Control and Elimination in the Western Pacific (2010–2015);

Acknowledging that further efforts are necessary to ensure universal access to malaria prevention and control interventions and services;

Recognizing the need for increased investments in surveillance to improve the targeting of malaria prevention and control services;

Acknowledging the need to accelerate elimination of drug-resistant malaria strains, especially those resistant to artemisinin;
Recognizing the need to strengthen the human resource capacity and training in malaria prevention and control;

Guided by the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030, endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2015 (WHA68.2);

Noting the renewed commitment of the international community, as evidenced in the Sustainable Development Goal target to end the malaria epidemic;

Having reviewed the draft Regional Action Framework for Malaria Control and Elimination in the Western Pacific 2016–2020,

1. ENDORSES the Regional Action Framework for Malaria Control and Elimination in the Western Pacific 2016–2020;

2. URGES Member States:

   (1) to update national malaria control and elimination strategies and operational plans in accordance with the recommendations in the Regional Action Framework for Malaria Control and Elimination in the Western Pacific 2016–2020;

   (2) to mobilize and invest the financial and human resources necessary to accelerate control and elimination of malaria;

   (3) to ensure equity in access to malaria prevention and control services to all at-risk populations;

   (4) to prevent the reintroduction of malaria to areas where indigenous transmission has been eliminated;

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3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to disseminate and provide technical support to implement the *Regional Action Framework for Malaria Control and Elimination in the Western Pacific 2016–2020*;

(2) to promote control and elimination of malaria as a regional common agenda for which collective actions are needed, particularly in cross-border collaboration and action;

(3) to report periodically on progress in implementing the *Regional Action Framework for Malaria Control and Elimination in the Western Pacific 2016–2020*.

Fifth meeting, 12 October 2016