The Regional Committee,

Recognizing the commitment of Member States and collective efforts of partners to implement the Dengue Strategic Plan for Asia Pacific 2008-2015, endorsed by the Regional Committee in 2008;

Concerned about a doubling in the annual number of dengue cases in the Region between 2008 and 2015, while encouraged by Member State progress in reducing case fatality rates over the same period;

Recognizing continuing challenges for Member States posed by dengue and other arboviral diseases transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes, including the diseases' impact on health services;

Acknowledging that efforts are necessary to reduce case fatality rates by further strengthening diagnostics and clinical management;

Recognizing that there are limited tools available to control and contain dengue outbreaks;

...
Welcoming the incorporation of lessons learnt from evaluation of the *Dengue Strategic Plan for Asia Pacific 2008–2015* into the new action plan;

Emphasizing that effective risk communications, accompanied by strong community engagement and ongoing vector management, can help prevent and control dengue;

Acknowledging the importance of regional information-sharing regarding dengue cases and effective interventions;

Having reviewed the draft *Western Pacific Regional Action Plan for Dengue Prevention and Control (2016)*,

1. **ENDORSES** the *Western Pacific Regional Action Plan for Dengue Prevention and Control (2016)*;

2. **URGES** Member States:

   (1) to develop and strengthen national strategies and operational plans, in accordance with the *Western Pacific Regional Action Plan for Dengue Prevention and Control (2016)*;

   (2) to focus national efforts on mitigating the impact of dengue on health and health systems;

   (3) to further reduce the impact of dengue through early adoption of new tools proven to be safe and effective, monitor their cost-effectiveness and share the findings;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to disseminate and provide technical support to implement the *Western Pacific Regional Action Plan for Dengue Prevention and Control (2016)*;

(2) to promote prevention and control of dengue and other arboviral diseases as a regional common agenda for which collective actions beyond the health sector are needed;

(3) to report periodically on progress in implementing the *Western Pacific Regional Action Plan for Dengue Prevention and Control (2016)*.

Seventh meeting, 13 October 2016