RESOLUTION

The Regional Committee,


Further recalling resolutions WPR/RC56.R4 on the Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases (APSED); WPR/RC57.R2 on APSED, including IHR (2005) and Avian Influenza; WPR/RC58.R3 on Avian and Pandemic Influenza, IHR (2005) and APSED; and WPR/RC61.R5 on APSED (2010) and IHR (2005);

Noting that an evaluation of 10 years of APSED implementation confirmed the importance and relevance of the strategy as a common framework for Member States to develop core capacities to deal with public health emergencies using a generic, step-by-step approach, in accordance with IHR (2005);
Recognizing that health security threats do not respect national borders and that their impact reaches far beyond the health sector;

Recognizing also that actions to address health security threats and their impact require a multisectoral approach and regional cooperation;

Acknowledging that the Western Pacific Region continues to experience outbreaks of emerging infectious diseases and other public health emergencies;

Reaffirming the need to continue to maintain and strengthen effective national and regional systems and capacities to prevent, detect, assess and respond to public health events;

Recalling an extensive consultative process to develop the updated strategy with Member States, experts and partners;

Welcoming the opportunity for the updated strategy to contribute to the further development of the global IHR (2005) implementation plan;

Having reviewed the updated draft *Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases and Public Health Emergencies* (APSED III),

1. **ENDORSES** the *Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases and Public Health Emergencies* (APSED III);

2. **URGES** Member States:

   (1) to use APSED III as a strategic framework to update and guide national action plans and coordinate initiatives and multisectoral efforts;

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(2) to use APSED III to implement the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, including Joint External Evaluations;

(3) to strengthen political commitment for investment in human and financial resources required to advance the implementation of IHR (2005);

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to provide technical support for Member States to implement APSED III, including developing or updating national action plans;

(2) to coordinate partner support for strengthening IHR core capacities using APSED III, which incorporates the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, including Joint External Evaluations;

(3) to report periodically on progress in implementing APSED III.

Seventh meeting, 13 October 2016