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## **Resolution**

### **Vienna Declaration on nutrition and noncommunicable diseases in the context of Health 2020**

The Regional Committee,

Acknowledging the burden of disease related to poor nutrition, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity in the European Region;

Reaffirming its resolution EUR/RC56/R2, by which it adopted the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases as a strategic framework for action by Member States in the European Region to implement their country policies and engage in international cooperation;

Recalling its resolution EUR/RC57/R4 by which it adopted the Second European Action Plan for Food and Nutrition Policy (2007–2012);

Reaffirming the endorsement of the European Charter on Counteracting Obesity adopted in 2006;

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA66.10 that endorsed the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020;

Recognizing World Health Assembly resolution WHA63.23, calling for increased political commitment to prevent and reduce malnutrition in all its forms, to strengthen implementation of the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding and to scale up nutrition interventions;

Taking into account the new European policy framework for health and well-being – Health 2020;

Acknowledging document EUR/RC63/18 containing the progress report on nutrition, physical activity and obesity in the WHO European Region;

Having considered the outcome of the WHO European Ministerial Conference on Nutrition and Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020– the *Vienna Declaration*– adopted in Vienna, Austria, in July 2013;

1. ENDORSES the *Vienna Declaration*;
2. CALLS UPON Member States:<sup>1</sup>
  - (a) to consider the policy options presented in the *Vienna Declaration* as a significant contribution for building or strengthening national policies on nutrition and physical activity;
  - (b) to promote an evidence-based approach that includes all levels of government and engages all stakeholders;
  - (c) to ensure appropriate governance for implementation of actions towards the prevention of conditions related to poor nutrition and physical inactivity and to build intersectoral alliances and networks and foster citizen empowerment;
  - (d) to promote, engaging relevant stakeholders as appropriate, access and affordability to healthy nutrition and physical activity as a means to reduce inequalities;
  - (e) to strengthen national capacity for health systems to respond to nutrition and physical activity related health issues;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
  - (a) to develop, in close collaboration with Member States<sup>1</sup> and fully taking into account ongoing initiatives and regional and global plans and strategies, a European action plan on food and nutrition to be presented to the Regional Committee at its sixty-fourth session and a physical activity strategy, to be presented at its sixty-fifth session;
  - (b) to pursue the aims of the Vienna Declaration and promote its support.

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<sup>1</sup> And regional economic integration organizations, where applicable