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RESOLUTION

**THE WORK OF WHO IN THE AFRICAN REGION 2010 – 2011
BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (Document AFR/RC62/2)**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed and discussed the report of the Regional Director which highlights the implementation of the Programme Budget 2010-2011 by Country Offices and the Regional Office in support to Member States towards improving the health of people in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC62/2);

Recognizing the challenges faced by the African Region in mitigating the impact of the severe financial crisis affecting priority programmes such as health systems; HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; maternal, newborn and child health; health promotion and primary prevention including for noncommunicable diseases;

Concerned by the insufficient coverage of essential interventions and services required to make progress towards achieving regional and national health goals;

Concerned also by the persistent weakness of health systems such as insufficient human resources, weak procurement and supply management systems, inadequate data collection and information systems, ineffective accountability mechanisms and the inadequate engagement of communities in promoting their own health and influencing the quality of services delivered;

Recognizing the efforts made by Member States in scaling up interventions and services and achievements such as reducing the malaria burden, declines in HIV incidence, and increases in Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) coverage;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director and the entire Secretariat for a clear and concise report;
2. **ADOPTS** the report on “The Work of WHO in the African Region 2010-2011: Biennial report of the Regional Director”;

3. **CALLS UPON** Member States:

- (a) to strengthen the capacity of health training institutions to increase the production of health workers, strengthen regulatory frameworks and promote the retention of health workers;
- (b) to strengthen integrated health financial management information systems in order to improve health financing;
- (c) to strengthen national health insurance schemes to reduce inequities in health and ensure universal access;
- (d) to strengthen the collection, management and use of data in vital registration systems for planning purposes;

4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director:

- (a) to document and share the experiences of the eight countries which have reduced maternal, child and infant mortality;
- (b) to support the harmonization of the regulatory frameworks for production of health workers across countries in the Region.