RESOLUTION

THE AFRICAN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FUND:
STOCKTAKing (Document AFR/RC65/9)

The Regional Committee,


Recalling Regional Committee Resolution AFR/RC64/R6 urging Member States to honour their commitments to the African Public Health Emergency Fund (APHEF) as well as previous related resolutions;

Further recalling Resolution AFR/RC61/R3 on APHEF Membership and Document AFR/RC62/4 reassigning the Republic of South Sudan to the African Region;

Noting with apprehension the sharp increase in declared public health emergencies in the Region and the need for immediate and timely response;

Greatly concerned by the very low level of contribution from Member States to the APHEF so far; and

Taking into account the provision of the APHEF Operations Manual on the Fund Governance Structure, and on the creation and membership of the APHEF Monitoring Committee;

1. APPROVES the proposal by the WHO Secretariat to renew the membership of the Monitoring Committee of the Fund as follows:

(a) Ministers of Health: Cabo Verde, Chad and Zimbabwe;
(b) Ministers of Finance: Benin, Congo and Swaziland.

2. WELCOMES South Sudan as a new Member State of APHEF.

3. URGES Member States to honour their commitments to APHEF by paying their contributions.
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

(a) Strengthen the APHEF Secretariat as appropriate such that it fully plays its role, particularly for advocacy and resource mobilization.

(b) Carry out an assessment to understand the underlying factors that impede Member States’ contribution.

(c) Establish a multidisciplinary expert group to:
   (i) review the current format of APHEF and propose alternatives;
   (ii) review the criteria for determining each Member State’s contribution; and
   (iii) reconsider eligibility criteria.

(d) Intensify high-level advocacy and facilitate consultations between Ministers of Health, Ministers of Finance and other relevant ministers, with a view to prioritizing the payment of Member States’ contributions.