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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

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RESOLUTION

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND AMENDMENT TO RULE 52 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA (Document AFR/RC68/14)

The Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee for Africa,

Having examined document AFR/RC68/14 on the Proposal for a Draft Code of Conduct for the nomination of the Regional Director;

Recalling Resolution AFR/RC63/R2 by the Sixty-third session of the Regional Committee for Africa which amended the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee, including Rule 52 to define the qualification criteria and a selection and voting procedure;

Further recalling World Health Assembly decision WHA69(8) which addressed, inter alia, the increasing harmonization across the Regional Committees in relation to the nomination of Regional Directors in accordance with decision WHA65(9), and which invited each Regional Committee to consider measures to improve the process of nomination of Regional Directors taking into consideration best practices from the six regions;

Recognizing that other Regional Committees and the World Health Assembly have adopted codes of conduct for the nomination of the Regional Directors and Director-General in order to improve the transparency, credibility and effectiveness of the nomination process;

Acknowledging that the overall process of nomination, including the activities carried out by candidates and by Member States nominating or supporting those candidates, will benefit from agreed principles of good conduct,

1. ADOPTS the Code of Conduct for the Nomination of the Regional Director of the African Region of the World Health Organization;

2. CALLS UPON Member States to implement and abide by the Code of Conduct, to make it widely known and easily accessible, and to bring it to the attention of persons they wish to propose for the post of Regional Director in future nomination processes;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to support the implementation of the Code of Conduct as envisaged in the Code;

4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Regional Director to impress upon the Secretariat of the Regional Office the importance of complying with the obligations laid out in the Staff Regulations and Rules with regard to the conduct to be observed during the process of

nomination of the Regional Director, as provided in the section on internal candidates in the Code of Conduct;

5. DECIDES that the Code of Conduct will become effective as of the closure of the Sixtyeighth session of the Regional Committee for Africa;

6. APPROVES the standard form for curriculum vitae, which shall be used in accordance with the Code of Conduct by Member States proposing persons for the post of Regional Director; and

7. ADOPTS the amendment to Rule 52.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Africa, to be effective from the closure of this Session.