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## **RESOLUTION**

### **PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE HEALTH-RELATED MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE AFRICAN REGION**

(Document AFR/RC64/4)

The Regional Committee,

Having considered Document AFR/RC64/4: “Progress towards the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals in the African Region”;

Recognizing that countries in the African Region have made some progress over the past 10 years, but that one year away from the cut-off date, most countries are unlikely to achieve all the health-related MDGs;

Aware that progress is still possible if countries overcome the challenges and constraints of strengthening health systems, rapidly scaling up effective interventions, improving coordination, financial mobilization and management, and addressing health-related inequities;

Building upon the numerous global and regional opportunities in maternal, newborn and child health; AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; social determinants of health; and better harmonization of international partnerships through “Harmonization for Health in Africa” and such other mechanisms;

1. ENDORSES Document AFR/RC64/4: “Progress towards the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals in the African Region”;

2. URGES Member States:

- (a) to strengthen coordination mechanisms through strong leadership and good governance, and translate the commitments made into concrete actions;
- (b) to commit substantial financial and other resources and prioritize and reprogramme internal and external resources more efficiently, focusing on areas where progress has been limited, in order to accelerate progress and, for countries on track, to build on the gains already made to achieve and sustain the health-related MDGs;
- (c) to scale up interventions to attain the necessary reductions in maternal mortality and under-five mortality, increase efforts and funding to accelerate the reduction of the burden of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, and address major health and environmental priorities such as the provision of safe drinking water and sanitation;

- (d) to put in place the necessary structures and processes to move towards the post-2015 development agenda, which includes Universal Health Coverage and the unfinished business of MDGs;
  - (e) to improve the availability and quality of information to monitor and evaluate progress towards achieving the health MDGs and support effective planning for the post-2015 development agenda;
3. URGES international partners to improve the predictability and harmonization of resource allocation to country priorities, as set forth in the Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
- (a) to advocate for and facilitate the coordination of partners' action for adequate resource mobilization and efficient technical cooperation;
  - (b) to support Member States in monitoring progress on the health MDGs and in documenting and sharing best practices;
  - (c) to report to the Sixty-fifth session of the Regional Committee on the progress made in the implementation of this Resolution.