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RESOLUTION

REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IMMUNIZATION 2014–2020

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The Regional Committee,

Having carefully examined Document AFR/RC64/5 entitled “Regional Strategic Plan for Immunization 2014–2020”;

Recognizing the importance of immunization as one of the most cost-effective interventions in public health;

Reaffirming resolution WHA 65.17 that commits Member States to apply the vision and strategies of the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) and to allocate adequate human and financial resources to achieve vaccination goals;

Noting that, although there has been some progress in improving routine vaccination coverage in the African Region during the period 2006–2009, a significantly high number of children are still missed every year and should be vaccinated if the agreed regional and global targets are to be met;

Concerned that the current levels of national budgetary allocation to vaccination programmes cannot sustain the progress made in the introduction and scaling up of new vaccines that are more expensive than the traditional vaccines;

Having considered the proposed strategies for accelerating the achievement of EPI goals for the period 2014–2020;

1. ENDORSES Document AFR/RC64/5 entitled *Regional Strategic Plan on Immunization 2014–2020*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (a) to develop and implement comprehensive multi-year plans (cMYPs) with integrated annual operational plans in line with the Global and Regional Vaccination Plans;
 - (b) to commit themselves to allocating adequate human and financial resources to achieve the vaccination goals and other relevant key milestones;

- (c) to mobilize, involve and empower communities to effectively demand and utilize vaccination services;
- (d) to enhance and sustain multisectoral collaboration and partnerships in the implementation of key approaches;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to provide the necessary technical support to Member States for the development, and implementation of cMYPs as well as annual operational plans in order to achieve the set objectives and targets;
- (b) to develop, in consultation with Member States, monitoring, evaluation and accountability mechanisms for the implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan for Immunization 2014–2020;
- (c) to foster continued collaboration with international and multilateral agencies, donor organizations and EPI partners to harmonize policies and efficient and sustainable utilization of resources;
- (d) to report to the Regional Committee beginning in 2015 and thereafter every year on the progress made, remaining challenges and updated actions towards the achievement of the set objectives and targets.