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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
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NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

The Regional Committee,

Concerned that 15 neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in the Western Pacific Region continue to be public health challenges that mostly affect hard-to-reach and marginalized populations;

Recalling the Regional Committee resolution endorsing the *Regional Action Plan for Neglected Tropical Diseases in the Western Pacific (2012–2016)* (WPR/RC63.R4);

Building on significant progress on NTDs in the Region since 2016: validation of the elimination as a public health problem of lymphatic filariasis in nine more countries and trachoma in two more countries; and the control of schistosomiasis to the point that regional elimination is now within reach;

Recognizing Member State efforts to intensify preventive chemotherapy campaigns that accelerate the elimination of certain NTDs;

Further recognizing the need for a new complementary multisectoral approach to accelerate the control and elimination of other NTDs;

Noting the challenges that Member States face in enhancing interventions, services and surveillance capacity to combat NTDs;

Noting also that integrated efforts to control and eliminate NTDs would be the most cost-effective and sustainable approach in most settings;

Emphasizing that control and elimination of NTDs requires that health services reach marginalized and neglected populations, contributing to the achievement of universal health coverage,

1. ENDORSES the *Regional Action Framework for Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases in the Western Pacific*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to use the Framework to inform developing or updating comprehensive multisectoral national action plans for the control and elimination of NTDs;
 - (2) to ensure adequate technical, financial and human resources for the implementation of national action plans to combat NTDs;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (1) to provide technical support for Member States to develop or update national action plans for control and elimination of NTDs;
 - (2) to advocate and enhance collaboration to control and eliminate NTDs and support facilitation of multisectoral partnerships;
 - (3) to report periodically on progress in implementing the *Regional Action Framework for Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases in the Western Pacific*.