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## RESOLUTION

### DIABETES PREVENTION AND CONTROL: A STRATEGY FOR THE WHO AFRICAN REGION (document AFR/RC57/7)

The Regional Committee,

Having fully discussed the report of the Regional Director on diabetes prevention and control: A Strategy for the African Region;

Aware of the rapid increase in the prevalence of diabetes and its coexistence with other noncommunicable diseases and the burden of communicable diseases which constitute a double burden for health systems and a factor aggravating poverty among the people;

Recalling resolutions WHA42.36<sup>1</sup>, WHA53.17<sup>2</sup>, WHA57.16<sup>3</sup>, WHA57.17<sup>4</sup>, EB 120/22<sup>5</sup>, AFR/RC50/R4<sup>6</sup> and AFR/RC55/R4<sup>7</sup>, urging the intensification of measures to control diabetes and cardiovascular diseases and efforts by Member States and their partners in this area;

Recalling further the relevance of primary prevention and the integrated approach to noncommunicable disease surveillance and management, including the control of their common risk factors;

Acknowledging the need for sustainable community action to ensure better prevention and control of diabetes at all levels of the health system, especially the primary level;

Acknowledging further the importance of the continuing availability, accessibility, affordability and safety of medicines, particularly insulin, to diabetes patients;

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<sup>1</sup> WHA42.36 (1989) Prevention and control of diabetes.

<sup>2</sup> WHA53.17 (2000) Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

<sup>3</sup> WHA57.61 (2004) Health promotion and healthy lifestyles.

<sup>4</sup> WHA57.17 (2004) Global Strategy on diet, physical activity and health.

<sup>5</sup> EB 120/22 (2007) Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy.

<sup>6</sup> AFR/RC50/R4 (2000) Noncommunicable diseases: A Strategy for the African Region.

<sup>7</sup> AFR/RC55/R4 (2005) Cardiovascular diseases in the African Region: Current situation and perspectives.



1. **APPROVES** the present strategy which aims to ensure better prevention, management and control of diabetes in the Member States in order to reduce the morbidity and mortality burden and improve the quality of life of diabetes patients;
2. **URGES** Member States:
  - (a) to develop or strengthen national policies, plans, or programmes targeted at diabetes and chronic diseases among their populations;
  - (b) to develop and implement integrated surveillance and primary prevention activities for noncommunicable diseases, including diabetes, and based on the common risk factors approach;
  - (c) to strengthen the mobilization and allocation of resources for diabetes prevention and control, and to ensure the availability, affordability and safety of medicines;
  - (d) to conduct STEPwise surveys;
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director:
  - (a) to provide technical support to Member States for surveillance and the development and strengthening of national policies and programmes for the control of diabetes and other noncommunicable diseases;
  - (b) to increase support for the training of health professionals in control of diabetes and other noncommunicable diseases by evaluating the programmes implemented in the Region;
  - (c) to maintain and strengthen WHO's collaboration with all the partners involved in diabetes control;
  - (d) to promote the mobilization of additional financial resources for the implementation of the present strategy and bargain with partners and pharmaceutical companies on the availability and affordability of medicines.