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RESOLUTION

INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE AFRICAN REGION: CURRENT SITUATION AND AGENDA FOR ACTION

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA27.59 on prevention of road traffic accidents and resolutions WHA49.25 and WHA50.19 on prevention of violence;

Recalling the International Convention on the Rights of the Child and the *WHO World report on violence and health*;

Concerned by the increase in cases of injury in the Region, due mainly to road traffic accidents, armed conflict and interpersonal violence;

Convinced that improvement in health requires a secure foundation in peace and prevention of conflicts;

Convinced also that through integrated action on environmental and behavioural factors at the individual and community levels, public health action can significantly reduce the burden of injuries on society;

Having carefully examined the Report of the Regional Director contained in document AFR/RC53/10 which outlines the agenda for action against injury in the African Region;

1. APPROVES the agenda for action proposed in document AFR/RC53/10 entitled “Injury prevention and control in the African Region: Current situation and agenda for action”.
2. URGES Member States:
 - (a) to undertake continuing advocacy for peace and non-violent resolution of conflicts;
 - (b) to sensitize individuals, communities, social services providers, regional and local governments and donors to the importance of public health hazards posed by injury and violence;
 - (c) to adopt and implement through consensus building, national policies and programmes on injury and violence prevention and control;

- (d) to improve national programmes on preparedness as well as pre-hospital care, hospital care and rehabilitation in order to reduce the immediate and remote consequences of injury;
- (e) to develop, implement and evaluate an information system for injury and violence prevention;
- (f) to encourage research that will bridge the information gap in matters concerning injury and violence.

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to provide the countries with guidelines and other tools for advocacy and action;
- (b) to support countries to mobilize the resources needed for injury and violence prevention and build networks and partnerships;
- (c) to support national and regional research on the causes, risk factors and consequences of injury and violence;
- (d) to document and disseminate examples of best practices in injury and violence prevention;
- (e) to assist Member countries to acquire adequate information systems and monitor their operation;
- (f) to report to the fifty-seventh session of the Regional Committee (2007) on the progress made in the implementation of this resolution.