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CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH SYSTEM SAFETY AND RESILIENCE

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the World Health Assembly resolution (WHA77.14) on Climate change and health, the 2025 adoption of the *Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health* by the World Health Assembly and the Region's shared vision, *Weaving Health for Families, Communities and Societies (2025–2029)*;

Affirming that the Western Pacific Region faces an escalating climate and health crisis – including sudden-onset extreme weather events such as typhoons, storms, heatwaves and wildfires, as well as slow-onset sea-level rise – that disproportionately affects vulnerable populations and strains health systems;

Acknowledging that the health sector is responsible for approximately 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions, largely from supply chains, highlighting the importance of decarbonization alongside comprehensive adaptation efforts;

Recognizing that the Region's diverse environments – from small island settings to populous urban centres – pose unique challenges for building climate-resilient and low-carbon health systems;

Emphasizing that effectively addressing climate-related health risks requires multisectoral collaboration, robust policies, strengthened health workforce capacity, enhanced surveillance and early warning systems, adequate financing and the empowerment of communities;

Appreciating the efforts of Member States and stakeholders in advancing climate and health actions at national and subnational levels and addressing feedback and suggestions provided in consultations with Member States,

1. ENDORSES the draft *Implementation of the Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health in the Western Pacific Region*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to use the regional implementation plan as a guide to accelerate climate adaptation and mitigation in the health sector and place health at the centre of climate policies and actions;
 - (2) to participate in the WHO-led Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health and foster collaboration across sectors and stakeholders;
 - (3) to invest in climate-resilient health systems, including water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities, workforce capacity, surveillance and early warning systems, and urban and community resilience;
 - (4) to leverage financing mechanisms and share experiences and lessons learnt to accelerate progress towards climate-resilient and low-carbon health systems;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (1) to provide technical support for Member States in implementing the regional plan;
 - (2) to facilitate regional collaboration, evidence and knowledge-sharing, and dissemination of experiences and innovations;
 - (3) to report periodically on progress made in addressing climate-related health risks, including the acceleration of climate adaptation and mitigation in the health sector, in the Western Pacific Region.