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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE WESTERN PACIFIC

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ORAL HEALTH

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the World Health Assembly adoption of the WHO *Global strategy and action plan on oral health 2023–2030*; the 2024 Bangkok Declaration – No Health Without Oral Health; the 2024 Regional Committee panel discussion on oral health; and the September 2025 Political Declaration of the fourth high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being;

Recognizing that oral diseases are the most prevalent noncommunicable diseases in the Western Pacific Region – affecting more than 800 million people – and share modifiable risk factors with other noncommunicable diseases;

Concerned that oral diseases impose major health and economic burdens, particularly on vulnerable populations, and that services remain fragmented and often inaccessible;

Emphasizing that oral health is fundamental to overall health and well-being, and that integrating essential oral health services into primary health care is critical to achieve universal health coverage;

Appreciating the input and guidance of Member States in developing an effective, evidence-based plan to accelerate progress on oral health in the Region;

1. ENDORSES the draft *Western Pacific Regional Implementation Plan for the Global Strategy and Action Plan on Oral Health*;

2. URGES Member States:

- (1) to use the regional implementation plan as a guide to strengthen national health systems and integrate essential oral health services within primary health care, as appropriate to national context and capacity;
- (2) to ensure adequate and sustainable resources to build workforce capacity and expand access to essential oral health services as part of universal health coverage;
- (3) to foster high-level commitment and intersectoral collaboration among government agencies and stakeholders to accelerate implementation of the regional plan;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (1) to provide technical support to Member States in implementing the regional plan, including guidance on workforce models, essential oral health services and investment cases on oral health;
- (2) to facilitate collaboration and knowledge exchange among Member States and partners towards implementation of acceleration projects, innovations and lessons learnt;
- (3) to report periodically on progress in implementing the regional plan.

Seventh meeting, 23 October 2025