REHABILITATION

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolutions on disability (WHA66.9) and the WHO global disability action plan 2014–2021 (WHA67.7);

Noting the Rehabilitation 2030: A Call for Action global meeting in February 2017, which called attention to profound shortages in rehabilitation services globally and the need to prioritize rehabilitation in health services;

Recognizing that rehabilitation reduces the impact of noncommunicable diseases and improves the quality of life for ageing populations, as well as supporting recovery from illness and injuries;

Recognizing also that rehabilitation is integral to universal health coverage and the continuum of care for all who experience illness, injury or impairment;

Recognizing further that many Member States are facing growing demands for rehabilitation services related to people living longer with impairment, disability or chronic illness;

Acknowledging that achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals requires all people to be able to participate in school, work and community life with no one left behind,
1. ENDORSES the draft *Western Pacific Regional Framework on Rehabilitation*;

2. URGES Member States:

   (1) to recognize and prioritize rehabilitation as part of the continuum of care and universal health coverage;

   (2) to mobilize technical and financial resources to deliver rehabilitation integrated within health services;

   (3) to pursue the development of rehabilitation services, workforce and information, to promote healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages;

   (4) to promote regional collaboration and sharing of good practices in strengthening rehabilitation;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

   (1) to provide technical support to Member States for the implementation of the *Western Pacific Regional Framework on Rehabilitation*;

   (2) to advocate integration of rehabilitation within all levels of the health system to support achievement of universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals;

   (3) to report periodically on progress in the implementation of the Regional Framework.

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