HARNESSING E-HEALTH FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the diversity of Member State e-health contexts in the Western Pacific Region;

Recalling the Regional Committee resolution (WPR/RC66.R2) guiding Member States in accelerating progress towards universal health coverage and the health-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

Recalling also World Health Assembly resolutions on m-health (WHA71.7) recognizing the potential of mobile wireless and digital technologies to advance the Sustainable Development Goals and, in particular, to support health systems; on e-health (WHA58.28) urging Member States to use information and communication technology for health; and on e-health standardization and interoperability (WHA66.24);

Recognizing the potential value of e-health solutions towards achieving universal health coverage, by ensuring access to adequate quality health services and improving health system performance and outcomes;

Considering progress in the development and implementation of e-health strategies and e-health applications in Member States, and their continued commitment to strengthen e-health for improved service delivery,
1. ENDORSES the *Regional Action Agenda on Harnessing E-Health for Improved Health Service Delivery in the Western Pacific*;

2. URGES Member States:

   (1) to develop or strengthen national e-health strategies, in line with national health priorities and cost and resource considerations;

   (2) to ensure key foundations and enablers for e-health are in place, including information and communication technology infrastructure and information-sharing mechanisms, including information standards, legal frameworks, and confidentiality and security measures;

   (3) to strengthen governance and leadership for e-health with broad multisectoral coordination, and monitor and evaluate progress to ensure continued learning and development of e-health;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

   (1) to work with partners to help advocate and raise awareness and support for e-health to strengthen health services towards achieving universal health coverage and health-related SDG targets;

   (2) to provide technical support and guidance to Member States for e-health development and implementation, including sharing of best practices to develop e-health strategies, assessment frameworks, information standards, confidentiality and security measures;

   (3) to report on progress in harnessing e-health for improved health service delivery in the Western Pacific Region.

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