CERVICAL CANCER

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the 2020 World Health Assembly resolution adopting the WHO *Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem* (WHA73.2) and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets 3.4 and 3.8 – calling for a one third reduction in premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) through prevention and treatment and the achievement of universal health coverage that leaves no one behind;

Affirming that safeguarding the health of women and girls and ensuring gender equality and access to health services – not only for their health today, but also for healthy societies in the future – necessitates a focus on cervical cancer prevention and control;

Affirming also that investing in women's health is essential for economic development and the achievement of the strategic vision for the Western Pacific presented in *For the Future: Towards the Healthiest and Safest Region*;

Recognizing the urgent need for integrated action to prevent the suffering and significant burden caused by cervical cancer, especially among women and girls more likely to develop cervical cancer – such as those living with HIV and sexually transmitted infections – and other vulnerable and hard-to-reach groups,
1. ENDORSES the *Strategic Framework for the Comprehensive Prevention and Control of Cervical Cancer in the Western Pacific Region 2023–2030*;

2. URGES Member States:
   
   (1) to use the Strategic Framework as a guide to develop or adapt national cervical cancer action plans, strategies and policies, according to local situations, capacities and resources;
   
   (2) to foster high-level commitment and intersectoral collaboration among government agencies as well as civil society organizations, in support of a coordinated approach integrated into other public health programmes at national and subnational levels;
   
   (3) to ensure adequate resources are dedicated to prevention and care for a sustainable cervical cancer elimination programme;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

   (1) to provide technical support to Member States in the implementation of the Strategic Framework;
   
   (2) to facilitate collaboration, advocacy, innovation and partnerships to strengthen cervical cancer elimination efforts;
   
   (3) to report periodically on progress in the implementation of the *Strategic Framework for the Comprehensive Prevention and Control of Cervical Cancer in the Western Pacific Region 2023–2030*.

Eighth meeting, 28 October 2022