CAPACITY BUILDING OF MEMBER STATES IN GLOBAL HEALTH

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA59.26 on international trade and health, which urged Member States to create constructive and interactive relationships across the public and private sectors to promote coherence in national trade and health policies, and also requested WHO to support Member States to build capacity to understand the implications of international trade and trade agreements for health,

Recognizing that mainstreaming health into public policies is vital and that health interventions should move beyond national policies and boundaries, and also that the active collaboration and sharing of experience among partners in global health development has become essential for the development of healthy public policies,

Noting United Nations General Assembly resolutions A/RES/63/33 and A/RES/64/108 that highlighted the close relationship between foreign policy and global health and encouraged Member States to consider health issues in the formulation of foreign policy and to increase their capacity for training of diplomats and health officials on global health and foreign policy by developing best practices and guidelines, open-source information, and educational and training resources,

Acknowledging the importance of building and strengthening the capacity of health and health-related professionals of Member States in global health, which can lead to better collaboration and more active participation among them in preparing common regional statements and regional policy and strategy, taking into account the interests and concerns of all Member States in the Region,
Further acknowledging the successful innovation of the South-East Asia regional “One Voice” at the World Health Assembly in the last few years, reflecting regional solidarity and perspectives as a result of full engagement by Member States of the Region and support from the Regional Office; and

Considering the report on capacity building of Member States in global health (Document SEA/RC63/25),

1. URGES Member States:
   
   (1) to establish policies and programmes for capacity building in global health of concerned staff who would be representing their respective governments at high-level policy and programme meetings, by strengthening their skills to actively contribute and participate in global health issues;

   (2) to organize, with the support of the Regional Office, regional training courses and capacity-building on global health on a rotational basis;

   (3) to support and facilitate, as far as possible, an adequate number of competent members of a delegation, preferably those who attended regional training courses and related capacity-building programmes on global health, to represent the national and regional views at all sessions of the World Health Assembly and at similar global policy meetings and forums; and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

   (1) to provide support to Member States in organizing regional training courses and related capacity-building programmes on global health on a continuous basis;

   (2) to report to the Sixty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee in 2012 on the progress made in implementing this resolution; and


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