The Regional Committee,

HAVING CONSIDERED the high-level Proposed Programme Budget 2020–2021, which translates the bold vision and strategy of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work 2019–2023 into concrete actionable plans that lead to results and impacts,

FURTHER NOTING that the Programme Budget 2020–2021 is being developed subsequent to, and not alongside, the adoption of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, thereby ensuring that the bottom-up country prioritization is the foundation for its development,

RECOGNIZING the importance of a consultative and iterative process with Member States that builds on prioritization and bottom-up planning taking into account previous experiences related to needs-based and results-driven planning and budgeting, and also reflecting the Regional Flagship Priority Areas, which in effect are a reflection of country priorities, for driving impacts at country level,

ALSO NOTING that the total Base Budget allocation for the Region has increased by US$ 104.7 million, of which about one third is aimed at increasing in-country capacity and data and innovation, while the other two thirds are for the transition of polio functions,
ENDORsing the recommendations of the Eleventh Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Policy and Programme Development and Management in August 2018 on the Draft Proposed Programme Budget 2020–2021,

1. URGES Member States:

(a) to continue active participation in the discussions related to the Programme Budget at the country, regional and global levels; and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(a) to continue working with Member States to develop the Programme Budget 2020–2021 and country support plans to implement the Thirteenth General Programme of Work;

(b) to convey the following views of the Regional Committee to the Director-General for his consideration while finalizing the Proposed Programme Budget 2020–2021:

(i) support the overall proposed Budget envelope of US$ 393.5 million in the Base Budget of the SEA Region, acknowledging the emphasis on building country capacity;

(ii) commend the proposed shifts in the high-level Programme Budget to regions and countries and encourage the Secretariat to continue this practice, consistent with the guiding principles and strategic shifts of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work;

(iii) take into account the disease burden and population size of the Region in the development of the full Programme Budget 2020–2021 and future Programme Budgets;

(iv) continue engaging Member States in the finalization of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work impact framework targets and its accountability framework; and

(c) to continue supporting the corporate resource mobilization efforts, particularly to attract un-earmarked funds and other voluntary contributions, to effectively respond to country and regional programmatic priorities.

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