WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL FOOD SAFETY STRATEGY (2011–2015)

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolutions WHA53.15, which requested the Director-General to give greater emphasis to food safety; WPR/RC52.R2 on the Western Pacific Regional Strategy for Food Safety; WPR/RC55.R6 on the importance of multisectoral collaboration and sharing food safety information among Member States; and WHA63.3, which confirmed foodborne diseases as a serious threat and included a series of food safety initiatives;

Acknowledging that the increase in international trade in food and in international travel may impact food safety;

Recognizing the importance of new developments that, in part, address food safety issues, including the International Health Regulations (2005) and the Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases (2010);

Recognizing the importance and value of a common framework for effective planning and coordination of various capacity-building activities at both national and regional levels;

Having reviewed the draft Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015),
1. ENDORSES the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015);

2. URGES Member States:

   (1) to use the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015) as a framework for the strengthening of national food control systems to effectively protect public health, prevent fraud, avoid food adulteration, and facilitate safe and healthy food;

   (2) to strengthen or sustain, as appropriate, human and financial resources to facilitate the implementation of such systems;

   (3) to collaborate with other countries and areas to share information and experiences related to the development and implementation of national food control systems;

   (4) to participate in the International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) and Codex Alimentarius Commission in an effort to improve regional and global health security;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

   (1) to support Member States in capacity-building and in strengthening national food control systems based on the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015);

   (2) to advocate and disseminate the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015) to partner agencies to mobilize, coordinate and harmonize partner support in strengthening of national food control systems;

   (3) to enhance collaboration with partners to establish a food safety cooperation working group, as described in the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015);
(4) to report to the Regional Committee periodically on the implementation of the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy (2011–2015).

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