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#### **PREFACE**

In September 2015, the Heads of State and government adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. This was a historic decision on a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative goals and targets.

All countries in the WHO South-East (SE) Asia Region are making efforts for the full implementation of this Agenda, including for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages by 2030.

In this endeavour, a pivotal role is played by a country's legal system. It is the bedrock that supports the important roles and necessary contributions of government, nongovernmental organizations, private sector, philanthropic foundations, academic institutions, service providers and communities towards achievement of the SDGs.

The present Regional Office for South-East Asia's seminal document "Regulation and laws promoting health and well-being goals (SDG 3) in WHO SE Asian countries" comprehensively maps the health-related legal support for SDG 3 in the Region.

The document maps countries' regulations and laws supporting achievement of health-related SDG 3 by 2030; and identifies seminal court decisions/best practices for achieving SDG 3. It is an evidence-based resource for all stakeholders involved in the implementation and follow-up of SDG 3. WHO continues to support Member States on the interface of public health, innovation and intellectual property for achievement of universal health coverage and other SDG 3 targets.

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