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## **Global health-sector strategy for HIV/AIDS**

The Executive Board,

Having considered the draft global health-sector strategy for HIV/AIDS,<sup>1</sup>

RECOMMENDS to the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the draft global health-sector strategy for HIV/AIDS;

Mindful of WHO's role, as a cosponsor of UNAIDS, in ensuring that the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS of the United Nations General Assembly special session on HIV/AIDS (June 2001) is followed up;

Deeply concerned about the unprecedented burden the HIV/AIDS epidemic is placing on the health sector, and acknowledging the central role of that sector in providing an expanded, multisectoral response;

Conscious of the opportunities and challenges presented by the availability of new resources to Member States through mechanisms such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and from the World Bank, bilateral agencies, foundations and other donors;

Acutely aware of the need to strengthen health-sector capacity in order: (a) to absorb and manage resources; (b) to improve planning, prioritization, development of human resources, programme management, integration and implementation of key interventions, mobilization of nongovernmental organizations, and assurance of service quality; and (c) to support research as part of national responses;

Equally conscious of the need simultaneously to expand activities in prevention, treatment, care, support, surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, as essential and mutually supportive elements of a strengthened overall response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic;

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB111/4.

Aware of the corresponding increase in demand by Member States for technical support, normative guidance and strategic information in order to make optimal use of resources and to maximize the impact of interventions;

Recalling that resolution WHA53.14 requested the Director-General, *inter alia*, to develop a global health-sector strategy for HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections,

1. TAKES NOTE of the global health-sector strategy for HIV/AIDS;
2. URGES Member States, as a matter of urgency:
  - (1) to adopt and implement the strategy as appropriate to national circumstances as part of national, multisectoral responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic;
  - (2) to strengthen existing, or to establish new, structures, and to mobilize and to engage all concerned parties, within and beyond the health sector, to implement the strategy through the health and other concerned sectors, and for monitoring and evaluating its effectiveness;
  - (3) to take all necessary steps to fulfil their obligations under the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS of the United Nations General Assembly special session on HIV/AIDS;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
  - (1) to provide support to Member States, on request, in implementing the strategy and evaluating its impact and effectiveness;
  - (2) to assist those Member States which request technical support in the preparation of their submissions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

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