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Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

Draft decision proposed by Croatia on behalf of the 28 European Union Member States

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Secretariat on maternal, infant and young child nutrition,

(1) noted the report on the progress in carrying out the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition and achieving the six Global Nutrition Targets endorsed by the Health Assembly in resolution WHA65.6; on the global strategy for infant and young-child feeding endorsed in resolution WHA55.25 in 2002; and on the status of national measures to give effect to the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes, adopted in resolution WHA34.22 in 1981 and updated through subsequent related World Health Assembly resolutions;

RECOMMENDED to the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly to consider to:

(2) request the Director-General to convene informal consultations with Member States to complete the work, before the end of 2017, on risk assessment and management tools for conflicts of interest in nutrition, for consideration by Member States at the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly;

(3) decide to endorse the seven indicators of global targets as part of the core set of indicators of the global monitoring framework on maternal, infant and young child nutrition and request the Director-General to establish a working group composed of representatives and experts appointed by Member States and United Nations bodies to complete the work, before the end of 2015, to develop a core set indicators for the Comprehensive Implementation Plan on Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition, building on tracer indicators for policy and programme implementation in health and other sectors relevant to the achievement of global nutrition targets, as well as to develop an extended set of indicators to track processes that have an impact on global targets in specific country settings, for consideration by Member States at the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly;

(4) note the work carried out by the WHO Secretariat in response to resolution WHA65.6, requesting the Director-General "to provide clarification and guidance on the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children cited in resolution WHA63.23, taking into consideration the ongoing work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission" and recalling resolution WHA63.23, urging Member States " to end inappropriate promotion of food for infants and young children" and request the

Director-General to complete the work, before the end of 2017, on the development of recommendations for Member States on how to ensure appropriate marketing of complementary foods, for consideration by Member States at the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly;

The Executive Board, taking note of the decision of FAO Council in December 2013 requesting the FAO secretariat to work closely with the World Health Organization in developing the road map that would allow for both an intergovernmental process and consultation with civil society and private sector organisations, for the development of an outcome document for the 2nd International Conference on Nutrition, containing general principles on how to reshape the food system to better respond to the needs of the world population, considering emerging health, nutritional and environmental challenges and a framework for action for different sectors;

(1) requests the Director-General to work with the Director-General of FAO, taking into account the guidance of the Executive Board, to set up a Joint Working Group and develop modalities for its work, for the development, by the end of September 2014, of a draft outcome document on the basis of a zero draft prepared by the two Secretariats;

(2) recommends that the Joint Working Group has a balanced participation from both WHO and FAO and that WHO Member States are represented by one or two members from each WHO region as well as by one of the two co-chairs of the Joint Working Group;

(3) calls for developing the draft outcome document in a fully transparent manner engaging with Member States through appropriate measures, including video conferences and public web consultations;

(4) requests the Director-General to work with the Director-General of FAO, to jointly explore the possibility to convene, within the available resources, one meeting of an open-ended working group of Member States for the finalisation of the outcome document;

(5) requests the Director-General to work jointly with the Director-General of FAO to ensure consultations with all relevant stakeholders, including nongovernmental organizations and the private sector, before the draft outcome document is submitted to the open-ended working group;

(6) requests the Director-General to report, for further guidance, to the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly on WHO's role and progress made in the preparation for the 2nd International Conference on Nutrition; and

(7) further requests the Director-General to report to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly on the outcome of ICN2 through the 136th session of the Executive Board.

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