

## **First report of Committee A**

**(Draft)**

Committee A held its third meeting on 19 May 2009 under the chairmanship of Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-second World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached resolution relating to the following agenda item:

12. Technical and health matters

12.3 Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment

One resolution

## Agenda item 12.3

### Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report and draft action plan on the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment;<sup>1</sup>

Recalling resolutions WHA56.26 on elimination of avoidable blindness and WHA59.25 on prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment;

Recognizing that the action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment complements the action plan for the global strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases endorsed by the Health Assembly in resolution WHA61.14,

1. ENDORSES the action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment;
2. URGES Member States to implement the action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment, in accordance with national priorities for health plans, policies and programmes;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
  - (1) to provide support to Member States in implementing the proposed actions for the prevention of blindness and visual impairment action plan, in accordance with national priorities;
  - (2) to continue to give priority to the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment, within the framework of the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013 and the programme budgets in order to strengthen capacity of the Member States and increase technical capacity of the Secretariat;
  - (3) to report to the Sixty-fifth and Sixty-seventh World Health Assemblies, through the Executive Board, on progress in implementing the action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A62/7.