

## **Polio transition planning**

The Executive Board, having considered the report on polio transition planning,<sup>1</sup>

- (1) decided:
  - (a) to acknowledge the Director-General's establishment of a polio transition planning and management team and the elaboration of a vision and a strategic framework for transition planning, and encourage allocation of adequate resources;
  - (b) to note that the current report partially fulfils the Health Assembly's request in the decision WHA70(9) (2017); and, accordingly, to request the Director-General to submit to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly a detailed strategic action plan on polio transition, aligned with the priorities and strategic approaches of the draft thirteenth general programme of work 2019–2023;
  - (c) to recall the Health Assembly's request to the Director-General in decision WHA70(9) (2017) for a strategic action plan on polio transition that clearly identifies the capacities and assets that are required to maintain a polio-free world after eradication, to sustain progress in other programmatic areas, and that provides a detailed costing of these capacities and assets, to be submitted for consideration by the Seventy-first World Health Assembly;
  - (d) to acknowledge the progress made in the development of draft national polio transition plans in the priority countries, reiterating the urgency of finalizing and approving national plans by governments in all countries that have stopped poliovirus transmission;
  - (e) to request the Director-General to ensure regular communication to all Member States on the progress made in polio transition planning efforts, through regular updates on the dedicated polio transition planning webpage and the organization of an information session before the Seventy-first World Health Assembly;
  - (f) to further request the Director-General to ensure that the subject areas of polio transition planning and polio post-certification are standing items on the agenda of all sessions of WHO's governing bodies during the period 2018–2020, and that the Secretariat provides detailed progress reports on these technical subjects during those sessions;

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB142/11.

(2) decided also to take note of the draft Global Polio Eradication Initiative post-certification strategy, urging all Member States to take appropriate measures to ensure that their short- and long-term health sector plans reflect the need to sustain the polio-essential functions necessary to ensure a polio-free world.

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