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## Health, environment and climate change

The Executive Board, taking note of the report on health, environment and climate change,<sup>1</sup> the commitment by the Director-General “to address health effects of climate change in small island developing States and other vulnerable states” as a platform within the draft thirteenth general programme of work 2019–2023, and the launch of work to develop that platform at the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Bonn, Germany, 6–17 November 2017); and welcoming the United Nations Environment Assembly resolution L.8/Rev.1 on environment and health, decided to request the Director-General:

- (1) to develop, as a priority and in consultation with Member States and other stakeholders as appropriate, and in coordination with the regional offices, a draft action plan for the platform to address the health effects of climate change initially in small island developing States, and to submit the draft action plan for consideration by the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in May 2019, through the Executive Board at its 144th session in January 2019;
- (2) to develop, in consultation with Member States and other stakeholders, as appropriate, and in coordination with the regional offices and with other relevant United Nations programmes and specialized agencies such as the United Nations Environment Programme, a draft comprehensive global strategy on health, environment and climate change, to be considered by the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in May 2019, through the Executive Board at its 144th session in January 2019;
- (3) to ensure that, in accordance with decision WHA65(9) (2012), the regional committees are asked to comment and provide input on the draft comprehensive global strategy on health, environment and climate change;
- (4) bearing in mind the state of knowledge review by WHO and secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>2</sup> to prepare a report on actions taken on the interlinkages between human health and biodiversity for consideration by the Seventy-first World Health Assembly in order to prepare WHO’s contribution to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention of Biological Diversity.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB142/12.

<sup>2</sup> Connecting global priorities: biodiversity and human health: a state of knowledge review. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2015.