

Primary health care towards universal health coverage

Draft resolution proposed by Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Moldova, South Africa, Turkey and the United States of America

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report Primary health care towards universal health coverage,¹

RECOMMENDS to the Seventy-second World Health Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly,

(PP1) Recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015, in particular Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 which calls on stakeholders to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all individuals at all ages;

(PP2) Reaffirming the ambitious and visionary Declaration of Alma-Ata of 1978 in pursuit of Health for All;

(PP3) Welcoming the convening of the Global Conference on Primary Health Care: from Alma-Ata towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the SDGs on 25–26 October 2018 in Astana, Kazakhstan, during which Member States renewed their commitment to PHC through a whole-of-society approach around PHC as a cornerstone of a sustainable health system for UHC and health-related SDGs, in particular target 3.8;

(PP4) Recalling the approach regarding PHC and UHC contained in resolution WHA69.11 entitled “Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”;

(OP1) WELCOMES the Declaration of Astana adopted at the Global Conference on PHC on 25th October 2018;

¹ Document EB144/12.

(OP2) URGES Member States¹ to:

(OP2.1) Take measures to implement the vision and commitments of the Declaration of Astana according to national contexts;

(OP3) REQUESTS the Director-General to:

(OP3.1) Support Member States, as appropriate, in strengthening PHC, including on the implementation of the vision and commitments of the Declaration of Astana in coordination with all relevant stakeholders;

(OP3.2) Develop, in consultation with Member States by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, an “Operational Framework for Primary health care”, to be taken fully into account in the WHO programme of work and budget to strengthen health systems and support countries in scaling-up national implementation efforts on PHC;

(OP3.3) Report regularly through the Executive Board to the World Health Assembly on progress made in strengthening PHC, including implementation of the vision and commitments of the Declaration of Astana, as part of all reporting on progress towards achieving universal health coverage by 2030;

(OP3.4) Ensure that WHO promotes the vision and commitments in the Declaration of Astana in its work and overall organizational efforts, enhances the institutional capacity and leadership across WHO at all levels of the organization, including regional and country offices, to support Member States in strengthening PHC;

(OP4) CALLS UPON all relevant stakeholders to:

(OP4.1) Align their actions and support to national policies, strategies and plans in the spirit of partnership and effective development cooperation in implementing the vision and commitments of the Declaration of Astana on PHC;

(OP4.2) Support Member States in mobilizing human, technological, financial and information resources to help build strong and sustainable PHC as envisaged in the Declaration of Astana.

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¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.