Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General on progress in implementation of decision WHA71(9) (2018), decided:

(1) to reiterate to the Director-General the necessity of presenting an implementation plan consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property in conformity with paragraph 3 of decision WHA71(9); and

(2) to recommend to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following decision:

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General on progress and implementation of decision WHA71(9), decided:

(1) to urge Member States to reinforce the implementation, as appropriate and taking into account national contexts, of the recommendations of the review panel that are addressed to Member States and consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;

(2) to reiterate the necessity for Member States to further discuss, in informal consultations to be convened by the Director-General in 2020, the recommendations of the review panel referred to in paragraph 2 of decision WHA71(9);

(3) to call on Member States to further discuss, in informal consultations to be convened by the Director-General in 2020, the recommendations of the review panel on promoting and monitoring transparency of medicines prices and actions to prevent shortages;

(4) to reiterate to the Director-General the necessity to allocate the necessary resources to implement the recommendations of the review panel addressed to the WHO Secretariat as prioritized by the review panel, consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property in conformity with paragraph 3 of decision WHA71(9); and

(5) to further request the Director-General to submit a report on progress made in implementing this decision, including the results of the consultations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly in 2021, through the Executive Board at its 148th session, as a substantive agenda item.