Epilepsy

Draft decision proposed by China, Eswatini, Guyana, North Macedonia, Russian Federation and Zambia

The Executive Board, having considered report on epilepsy,\(^{1}\) and noting the highly treatable nature of epilepsy, for which urgent action is needed; the many outstanding gaps in the prevention and treatment of the condition; its frequent occurrence as a comorbidity of neurological disorders; and the potential for scaling up implementation of synergistic, proven cost-effective measures to reduce the burden of epilepsy and other neurological disorders, decided:

(PP1) to note the global report, *Epilepsy as a public health imperative*,\(^{2}\) published in 2019;

(PP2) to request the Director-General:

(a) to expand the scope of the report to be submitted for consideration by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, by adding a new section entitled “Synergies in addressing the burden of epilepsy and other neurological disorders”;

(b) to finalize the WHO technical policy brief on Epilepsy, including a set of essential immediate actions to strengthen country actions against epilepsy and its comorbidities, for publication on WHO’s website;

(c) to encourage Member States to contribute to ongoing discussions on the draft resolution on epilepsy and other neurological disorders, based on the report mentioned in subparagraph (a) to be submitted for consideration by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly;

(PP3) to propose that the Seventy-third World Health Assembly consider relevant further action on epilepsy and other neurological disorders.

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