
Public health dimension of the world drug problem

The Seventieth World Health Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretariat on the public health dimension of the world drug problem,¹ decided:

- (1) to welcome the progress made in strengthening and expanding existing cooperation on the public health-related aspects of the world drug problem, including the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between WHO and UNODC in February 2017;
- (2) to recognize the need for intensified efforts to support Member States, upon request, in addressing and countering the world drug problem in accordance with a comprehensive, integrated and balanced approach;
- (3) to request the Director-General to continue efforts to improve the coordination and collaboration of WHO with UNODC and the International Narcotics Control Board, within their existing mandates, in addressing and countering the world drug problem;
- (4) to further request the Director-General to report on the implementation of this decision to the Seventy-first, Seventy-third and Seventy-fifth World Health Assemblies, and to continue to keep the Commission on Narcotics Drugs, considering its treaty-based mandates, appropriately informed of relevant programmes and progress.

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¹ Document A70/29.