Public health dimension of the world drug problem

Draft decision proposed by Argentina, Australia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Georgia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and Zambia

The World Health Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretariat,1

(1) Welcomed the progress to strengthen and expand existing cooperation on the public health-related aspects of the world drug problem, including the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the World Health Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in February 2017;

(2) Recognized 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) Requested the Director-General to continue efforts to improve coordination and collaboration of the WHO with the UNODC and INCB, within their existing mandates, in addressing and countering the world drug problem;

(4) Requested 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.