Promoting the health of refugees and migrants

Draft resolution proposed by Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Switzerland and Thailand

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the report on promoting the health of refugees and migrants,¹ and following decision EB140(9);²

PP2 Recalling resolution WHA61.17 (2008) on the health of migrants³ and reaffirming the health-related commitments made within the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants;⁴

PP3 Recalling the need for international cooperation to support countries hosting refugees and recognizing the efforts of the countries hosting and receiving large populations of refugees and migrants;

OP1 ADOPTS [WELCOMES/TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION] the framework of priorities and guiding principles to promote the health of refugees and migrants;

OP2 URGES Member States,⁵ in accordance with their national context, priorities, and legal frameworks:

(1) to promote consider promoting the framework of priorities and guiding principles, as appropriate, at global, regional and country levels including using it to inform discussions among Member States and partners engaged in the development of the global compact on refugees and the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration;

(2) to utilize this framework of priorities and guiding principles in their efforts to adapt their national health policies and programmes to address the health needs of refugees and migrants, as appropriate;

¹ Document A70/24.
³ Resolution WHA61.17.
⁵ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.
(32) to provide, identify and collect and disseminate evidence-based information, best practices and lessons learned in addressing the health needs of refugees and migrants in order to provide contribute input towards the development of a draft global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants;

(43) to strengthen international cooperation on the health of refugees and migrants in line with paragraphs 11 and 68 and other relevant paragraphs of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants;

(4) to consider providing necessary health-related assistance through bilateral and international cooperation to those countries hosting and receiving large populations of refugees and migrants.

OP3 REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to use the framework of priorities and guiding principles to increase advocacy at all levels to promote the health of refugees and migrants, including their health rights as appropriate;

(2) to develop, reinforce and maintain the necessary capacities to provide health leadership and provide support to Member States and partners in promoting the health of refugees and migrants in close collaboration with IOM, UNHCR, other international organizations and relevant stakeholders, in line with the “One UN” principle avoiding duplication;

(3) to conduct a situation analysis by identifying and collecting identify best practices, experiences and lessons learned on the health of refugees and migrants in each region, in order to provide contribute inputs for to the development of a draft global action plan on the health of refugees and migrants, to be considered for adoption at the Seventy-second World Health Assembly, and to report thereon to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly;

(4) to submit to the Seventy-first, and Seventy-second World Health Assemblies a report on progress of the implementation of this resolution.