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## **Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005): five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response, 2018–2023**

The Seventy-first World Health Assembly, having considered the draft five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response; recalling decision WHA70(11) (2017), in which the Seventieth World Health Assembly took note of the report contained in document A70/16 on implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005):<sup>1</sup> global implementation plan and requested the Director-General, *inter alia*, “to develop, in full consultation with Member States, including through the regional committees, a draft five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response, based on the guiding principles contained in Annex 2 of document A70/16, to be submitted for consideration and adoption by the Seventy-first World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 142nd session”; recalling that Member States may use any voluntary monitoring and evaluation instruments, including those referenced in the five-year global strategic plan; and appreciating the contribution of Member States to the extensive consultative process to develop the draft five-year global strategic plan, including discussions at the sessions of all six regional committees in 2017, the web-based consultation conducted by the Secretariat between 19 September and 13 October 2017, and the consultation of Member States, through the Permanent Missions in Geneva, organized on 8 November 2017,

(1) decided:

(a) to welcome with appreciation the five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response, noting that this does not create any legally binding obligations for Member States, and mindful of the legally binding nature of the International Health Regulations (2005) obligations;

(b) that States Parties and the Director-General shall continue to report annually to the Health Assembly on the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), using the self-assessment annual reporting tool;

(2) requested the Director-General:

(a) to provide the necessary financial and human resources to support the implementation of the five-year global strategic plan, and, as necessary, its adaptation to regional contexts and existing relevant frameworks;

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<sup>1</sup> Document A71/7.

- (b) to continue to submit every year a single report to the Health Assembly on progress made in implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), containing information provided by States Parties and details of the Secretariat's activities, pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 54 of the International Health Regulations (2005);
- (c) to continue to provide support to Member States to build, maintain and strengthen core capacities under the International Health Regulations (2005).

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