

Polio eradication

The Executive Board, having considered the report on poliomyelitis: polio eradication;¹ noting with great concern the evolving public health emergency associated with the increase in new emergences due to circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2, particularly in parts of Africa; and noting the development of the draft Strategy for Control of cVDPV2 2019–2021, an addendum to the Polio Endgame Strategy 2019–2023,² to more effectively address the evolving circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 epidemiology, decided:

- (1) to request the Director-General to: (a) continue to ensure adequate and uninterrupted supply of oral polio vaccine type 2 to respond to such outbreaks, in line with existing mandates; (b) accelerate the assessment and roll-out of a novel oral polio vaccine type 2 including through the WHO Emergency Use Listing procedure; (c) initiate a transparent and evidence-based process for prioritizing the equitable allocation of limited supplies of novel oral polio vaccine type 2; and
- (2) to urge Member States to: (a) implement an expedited process for national approval of the importation and use of vaccines to respond to polio outbreaks, including novel oral polio vaccine type 2 on the basis of its emergency use listing which includes careful and rigorous analysis of available quality, safety and efficacy data; and (b) mobilize domestic financial resources to complement international financial and political commitments.

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¹ Document EB146/21.

² Available at <http://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/GPEI-cVDPV2-DRAFT-Outbreak-Strategy-20191218-1.pdf> (accessed 22 January 2020).