Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

Draft decision proposed by Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Peru, Portugal, South Africa and Uruguay

The Executive Board, having considered the report on Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property,¹ RECOMMENDS to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following decision:

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the report by the Secretariat on the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;

PP2 Recalling resolutions WHA61.21, WHA62.16, WHA68.18 and WHA72.8, and decisions WHA71(9) and WHA73(11) on the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property that aims to promote new thinking on innovation and access to medicines;

PP3 Reiterating the essential role the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property plays in directing and coordinating WHO’s policies and programme on this interface, including the World Health Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization (WHO-WIPO-WTO) trilateral cooperation;

PP4 Stressing that the relationship, including the balance, among public health, innovation and intellectual property is a critical component of sustainable and resilient health systems as well as but not limited to the prevention, preparedness and response to health emergencies, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and future pandemics;

PP5 Acknowledging the continued value of the principles and elements of work enshrined in the global strategy, which guide and frame the work of WHO on access to medicines and other health products;

¹ Document EB150/36.
PP6 Reaffirming the goals and objectives of the global strategy and action plan, and recognizing the important contribution and prioritization effort made by the Overall Programme Review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;

PP7 Renewing our common concern about the pace of implementation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property by stakeholders as defined in the Appendix of the global strategy, which was further hindered by the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic;

PP8 Noting the contribution that several activities within the Plan of Action might have in helping to meet targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals,

OP1. DECIDES to extend the time frame of the plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property from 2022 until 2030;

OP2. URGES Member States to:

OP(2.1) reinforce the implementation, as appropriate and taking into account national contexts, of the recommendations of the review panel that are addressed to Member States to the extent they are consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;

OP(2.2) identify and share, through informal consultations to be convened by WHO at least every two years, best practices related to the implementation of actions within the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property (GSPA-PHI);

OP3. REITERATES to the Director-General the importance of allocating the necessary resources to implement the recommendations of the review panel addressed to the WHO Secretariat as prioritized by the review panel, to the extent they are consistent with the GSPA-PHI;

OP4. REQUESTS the Director-General to:

OP(4.1) continue to provide technical assistance and knowledge sharing that could enable countries to implement actions consistent with the GSPA-PHI;

OP(4.2) promote collaboration and coordination within and among countries and with relevant stakeholders, for the implementation of actions consistent with the GSPA-PHI;

OP(4.3) identify potential synergies of and challenges to ongoing work within the Secretariat for the implementation of actions consistent with the GSPA-PHI;

OP(4.4) conduct, in 2023, a review of the indicators included in the 2017 report of the expert review panel of the plan of action in consultation with Member States,¹ and to

¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.
develop proposed revisions to align indicators with the new term of validity of the plan of action;

OP(4.5) report biennially to the World Health Assembly in 2024, 2026, and 2028 on the implementation of the GSPA-PHI and the present decision;

OP5. ENCOURAGES non-State actors in official relations with WHO to engage with countries in the implementation of actions consistent with the GSPA-PHI.