

Public health dimension of the world drug problem

Draft decision proposed by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay and Zambia

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

PP1 *Having* considered the report on the public health dimension of the world drug problem¹ and the outcome of the thirtieth special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the world drug problem held in New York from 19 to 21 April 2016, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

PP2 *Recognizing* that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental right of every human being as stated in the WHO Constitution and that WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system;

PP3 *Recalling* that the primary concern of the international drug control conventions is to protect the health and welfare of humankind and that WHO is one of their four treaty bodies;

PP4 *Welcoming* United Nations General Assembly resolution RES/S-30/1 (2016) that adopted the outcome document entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”, which provides a renewed commitment to a comprehensive, integrated and balanced approach to tackling the world drug problem, aiming to promote and protect the health, safety and well-being of all humanity;

PP5 *Recognizing* the need to strengthen health and welfare measures, as well as to enhance multisectoral cooperation at all levels, including cooperation with, and among, the UNODC, the International Narcotics Control Board, WHO and other relevant United Nations entities, to ensure effective implementation of the operational recommendations of resolution RES/S-30/1, in particular those related to health,

(OP.1) Decided to request the Director-General:

(OP1.1) to develop, within the existing mandate of WHO, a comprehensive strategy and action plan to strengthen action on the public health dimension of the world drug problem,

¹ Document A69/12.

including consultation with Member States, as well as other competent United Nations organizations, to be submitted to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly through the Executive Board at its 142nd session;

(OP1.2) to submit a progress report on the development of the comprehensive strategy and action plan on the public health dimension of the world drug problem to the Seventieth World Health Assembly.

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