



# **Eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases**

## **Report by the Director-General**

1. In line with the course of action agreed by the Executive Board at its 144th session in January 2019,<sup>1</sup> the Secretariat convened informal consultations during the intersessional period in respect of a draft resolution on the eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases. The consultations took place in Geneva on 22 February, 7 March and 21 March 2019. The three sessions enabled the draft resolution to be revised.

### **ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

2. The Health Assembly is invited to consider the following draft resolution, which is the outcome of the informal consultations:

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly,

(PP1) Having considered the report of the Director-General on the eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases;<sup>1</sup>

(PP2) Recalling the WHO Nomenclature Regulations adopted by the Twentieth World Health Assembly on 22 May 1967;<sup>2</sup>

(PP3) Recalling also the resolution of the Forty-third World Health Assembly on 17 May 1990, adopting the tenth revision of the International Classification of Diseases with effect from 1 January 1993;<sup>3</sup>

(PP4) Acknowledging that development and maintenance of the International Classification of Diseases is a core normative function of WHO,

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<sup>1</sup> Document A72/29.

<sup>2</sup> See resolution WHA20.18.

<sup>3</sup> See resolution WHA43.24.

(OP1) ADOPTS the eleventh revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-11), to come into effect on 1 January 2022, subject to transitional arrangements, with the following constituents:

- (1) the detailed list of four-character categories and optional five- and six-character subcategories<sup>1</sup> with the short tabulation lists for mortality and morbidity;
- (2) the definitions, standards and reporting requirements related to maternal, fetal, perinatal, neonatal and infant mortality;<sup>2</sup>
- (3) the rules and instructions for underlying cause coding for mortality and main condition coding for morbidity;

(OP2) REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to allocate sufficient resources within the Organization for the regular updating and maintenance of ICD-11 and its eventual revision;
- (2) to publish the ICD-11 in the six official languages of the Organization and put in place the digital tools and support mechanisms for its maintenance, dissemination and use, including facilitation of linkages with existing clinical terminologies;
- (3) to provide support upon request to Member States in implementing ICD-11, including in building systems and capacity, and by providing the ICD-11 translation platform;
- (4) to provide transitional arrangements from 1 January 2022 for at least five years, and as long as necessary to enable Member States to compile and report statistics using previous revisions of the International Classification of Diseases;
- (5) to implement a regular updating process for ICD-11,<sup>3</sup> and to further develop and implement the family of disease- and health-related classifications, with the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems as the core classification linked to other related classifications, specialty versions and terminologies;
- (6) to report on progress in implementing this resolution, through the Executive Board, to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in 2023, the Eightieth World Health Assembly in 2027, and the Eighty-fifth World Health Assembly in 2032, and to include in the 2032 report an assessment of the need for revision of ICD-11.

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<sup>1</sup> See ICD-11 browser at <https://icd.who.int/browse11/l-m/en> (accessed 28 March 2019).

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://icd.who.int/docs/norms-eb2019.pdf> (page 14, accessed 28 March 2019).

<sup>3</sup> As described in Annex 3.8 of the Reference Guide of the ICD-11 (available at <https://icd.who.int/icd11refguide/en/index.html>, accessed 28 March 2019).