Human resources for health

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,1 together with the report of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;2 acknowledging also the synergies with the global agenda on nursing and midwifery in the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, and the role of health and care workers at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic of coronavirus (COVID-19), decided:

(1) to commend the successful conclusion of the work of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, the leadership of its Co-Chairs, and the dedication of its distinguished members;

(2) to note the report of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;

(3) to encourage Member States and all relevant stakeholders to implement the recommendations of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;

(4) to request that a WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel conduct a further assessment of the Code’s relevance and effectiveness following the fifth round of national reporting in 2023–2024, with a report thereon to be submitted for consideration by the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 158th session;

(5) to acknowledge the tireless efforts of health and care workers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and designate 2021 as the International Year of Health and Care Workers;

(6) to request the Director-General:

(a) to promote effective implementation of the recommendations of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;

(b) to engage WHO at all levels, with Member States and other relevant stakeholders, in making best use of the International Year of Health and Care Workers to advance progress

1 Document A73/9.
2 Document A73/9, Annex.
on Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages);

(c) to engage with all WHO regions to update the *Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2016–2020*¹ and, following consultations with Member States, submit this update to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly for its consideration.

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