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Integrated people-centred eye care, including preventable vision impairment and blindness

The Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly, having considered the consolidated report by the Director-General, ¹

Decided to endorse the global targets for effective coverage of refractive errors and effective coverage of cataract surgery to be achieved by 2030, considered by the Executive Board at its 148th session,² and reproduced in the Annex to this decision.

¹ Document A74/9.

² See document EB148/15, Annex; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 148th session, twelfth meeting (section 3) and fourteenth meeting (section 3).

ANNEX

RECOMMENDATIONS ON FEASIBLE GLOBAL TARGETS FOR EFFECTIVE COVERAGE OF REFRACTIVE ERROR AND EFFECTIVE COVERAGE OF CATARACT SURGERY TO BE ACHIEVED BY 2030

- 1. The recommended feasible global target for effective coverage of refractive error is:
 - a 40 percentage point increase in effective coverage of refractive error by 2030:
 - countries with a baseline effective coverage rate of 60% or higher should strive for universal coverage;
 - countries should aim to achieve an equal increase in effective coverage of near and distance refractive error in all relevant population subgroups, independent of baseline estimates.
- 2. The recommended feasible global target for effective coverage of cataract surgery is:
 - a 30 percentage point increase in effective coverage of cataract surgery by 2030:
 - countries with a baseline effective coverage rate of 70% or higher should strive for universal coverage;
 - countries should aim to achieve an equal increase in effective coverage of cataract surgery in all relevant population subgroups, independent of baseline estimates.

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