

Global Health & Peace Initiative

Esteemed Chair, your excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Sultanate of Oman first wishes to thank the Director General for the report on Global Health and Peace Initiative, as requested by decision WHA76 (12). And the EB 154 welcoming the progress on the GHPI and adopting an amended draft decision recommending that the health assembly adopt a resolution on the subject. We also commend the efforts undertaken by the secretariat and our partners (the federation of Switzerland) in continuing to engage member states and non-state actors in a consultative process.

The Sultanate continues to support the initiative and the consultation efforts required to reach a consensus. We continue to be committed to the vision and the goals of the GHPI road map and to the mainstreaming of the "Health and peace" approach in our work ensuring that programs are equitable, participatory, and sustainable.

We request the Secretariat to continue enhancing awareness about the importance and practical application of the proposed Initiative, capacity building through technical support and the development of an internal Who training handbook for programing purposes within WHO mandate.

We believe that with increased awareness and a better understanding of how this initiative, which is context specific, can work in different situations more countries will be ready to adopt the GHPI approach into its programs.

Our region, like many other around the world, continues to contend with the effects of acute and prolonged conflicts and emergencies. These have resulted in both internal and external displacement, the weakening of health systems and worsening the health of millions. Though the GHPI is not limited to acute humanitarian crises situations, achieving the health-related Sustainable Development Goals in these settings will be almost impossible if we do not adapt our response to ensure that we minimize the likelihood of worsening the situation on the ground and maximizing our ability to help.

Dear colleagues,

The public is losing faith in international organizations credibility and capacity to handle the continuous crises arising across the globe. We cannot be seen to normalize the attack of health care workers. We cannot justify the assassination of patients while lying in hospital beds. Nor should we accept the deliberate and systematic destruction of healthcare infra structure and the converting of hospital grounds to mass grave sites. The decisions and resolutions we take here need to be translated into action.

We have been repeating the phrase over the last few years that there is no health without peace and no peace without health.

Well neither can exist in the absence of justice.

Thank you.