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Governing body matters:

**Key issues arising out of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly and
the 136th and 137th sessions of the WHO Executive Board**

The High-Level Preparatory (HLP) Meeting held in the WHO Regional Office in New Delhi from 29 June to 2 July 2015 reviewed the working paper (SEA/RC68/19) and recommended that a concise and analytical write-up on each of the resolutions included in the working paper be submitted to the Regional Committee for consideration.

The concise write-up in a tabular form with key actions required with possibility of implementation on short-term or long-term duration has been prepared on all resolutions of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly on technical matters as an addendum to the main working paper (SEA/RC68/19).

The attached addendum is submitted to the Sixty-eighth Session of the Regional Committee for its review and noting, as appropriate.

Critical actions emanating from an analytical review of WHA68 technical resolutions

Resolution	Subject	Key actions required*	Timeline (Short-term/ Long-term)
WHA68.2	Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030	Update the national malaria strategic plan and annual operational plan, taking into account the global technical strategy for malaria 2016–2030 and the local determinants of the disease, and estimate the costs per year	Short-term (to be done now)
		Strengthen health systems, including both the public and private sectors, and devise plans for achieving and maintaining universal access on the part of at-risk populations to WHO-recommended core malaria interventions, focusing on the following key areas: human resources, surveillance and response, logistics management; adequate and sustained financing	Long-term (to sustain action)
		Strengthen WHO capacities at regional and country levels to support Member States; train/orient a core group or roster of experts who could be tapped to support Member States	Short- and long-term
		Conduct regional/biregional/intercountry training and support national training to strengthen national capacities in malaria elimination	Short- and long-term
WHA68.3	Poliomyelitis	Implement appropriate surveillance, immunization and outbreak response preparedness strategies by all Member States to maintain polio-free status in the South-East Asia Region (SEAR) until global polio-free certification is achieved	Short-term
		Introduce inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) in the routine immunization programme of all Member States in preparation of the withdrawal of type-2 component of oral polio vaccine (OPV) by switching from trivalent OPV to bivalent OPV as a part of the polio endgame strategy	Short-term

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		Finalize and implement national plans for a synchronized switch from trivalent OPV to the bivalent OPV and appropriate activities for containment and certification of all type-2 polioviruses	Short-term
		Develop national plans to ensure that polio assets, lessons learnt and knowledge acquired during polio eradication are applied to support other health priorities and the potential legacy of polio is fully realized	Long-term
WHA68.4	Yellow fever risk mapping and recommended vaccination for travellers	Comply with the WHO recommendation for the definition of areas at risk of yellow fever and of the yellow fever vaccination recommendations for travellers	Long-term
		Inform WHO if countries voluntarily accept to extend the validity of a certificate of vaccination against yellow fever for the life of the person, in accordance with Article 59 of the International Health Regulations (IHR-2005) until the amended Annex 7 of the IHR enters into force in June 2016	Short-term
WHA68.5	Recommendations of the Review Committee on Second Extensions for Establishing National Public Health Capacities and on IHR Implementation	Assess readiness and preparedness of Member States on EVD in the context of IHR	Short-term
		Ensure that all Member States comply with IHR (2005) requirements	Continuous
WHA68.6	Global vaccine action plan	Allocate adequate financial and human resources for the introduction of vaccines into national immunization schedules and for sustaining strong immunization programmes in accordance with national priorities	Long-term

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		Provide, where possible and available, timely vaccine price data to WHO for publication, with the goal of increasing affordability through improved price transparency, particularly for new vaccines	Long-term
		Support the ongoing efforts of various partners coordinated by WHO to design and implement the strategies to address the vaccine and immunization gaps faced by low- and middle-income countries that request assistance	Long-term
		Improve and sustain vaccine purchasing and delivery systems in order to promote the uninterrupted and affordable safe supply of all the necessary vaccines and their availability to all immunization service providers	Long-term
		Strengthen immunization advocacy and provide training to health professionals and information to the public regarding immunization issues in order to achieve a clear understanding of the benefits and risks of immunization	Long-term
WHA68.7	Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance	Develop national action plan on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in consonance with actions enunciated in the global action plan on AMR	Short-term
		Mobilize resources from bilateral and multilateral sources for implementation of national action plans on AMR	Long-term
		WHO to implement global antimicrobial surveillance system (GLASS)	Continuous support
		WHO to undertake actions ascribed in the global action plan on AMR	Continuous support
		WHO to coordinate actions of other stakeholders including UN agencies for providing comprehensive support to Member States	Continuous support

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		WHO to develop global stewardship framework for development and utilization of new diagnostics, antimicrobial agents and preserve existing diagnostics and antibiotics	Continuous support
		WHO to advocate with UNSG for a high-level meeting in 2016 during UNGA and work with UN agencies to mobilize financial resources for implementation of global action plans	Short-term
WHA68.8	Health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution	Redouble efforts to identify, address and prevent the health impacts of air pollution; enhance international cooperation and sharing of best practices and lessons learnt; (a key leadership role for the health sector is highlighted)	Long-term
		Identify planned regional and country actions that will help shape and contribute to the global roadmap that will be presented to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly	Short-term
		Identify and implement pilot projects in selected countries as part of Programme Budget 2016–2017 including demonstration projects on reducing household air pollution that are part of the NCD Action Plan	Short-term
WHA68.9	Framework of engagement with non-State actors	WHO to convene as soon as possible, and no later than October 2015, an open-ended intergovernmental meeting to finalize the draft framework of engagement with non-State actors on the basis of progress made during the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, as reflected in the Appendix	Short-term

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		WHO to submit the finalized draft framework of engagement with non-State actors for adoption to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 138th Session	Short-term
		WHO to develop the register of non-State actors in time for the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, taking into account progress made on the draft framework of engagement with non-State actors	Short-term
WHA68.15	Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage	Member States to consider the nine actions listed in the resolution, and implement those relevant to their own context, to facilitate provision of country-prioritized core set of emergency and essential surgery and anaesthesia services at the primary health care and first-referral hospital level	Short-term
		WHO Regional Office to support the 13 actions requested of WHO in the Resolution including multisectoral networks and partnerships, multidisciplinary policies, strategies, action plans and science-based approaches within the Region, to support national and subnational efforts for strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia in Member States.	Continuous support
		Report on progress in implementation to the Seventieth World Health Assembly in 2017	Short-term
WHA68.18	Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property	Extended timeframe for Global strategy and plan of action from 2015 to 2022.	Long-term
		Extended the deadline for the overall GSPA programme review, including recommendations on the way forward starting in November 2016, from 2018 until 2022; a progress report will be presented to the Seventieth World Health Assembly in May 2017.	Continuous support

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		The first assessment of the eight elements of GSPA is currently underway in SEAR and work is in progress with Member States. These outcomes will inform decision-making on the next steps for implementation of GSPA until 2022	Short-term
WHA68.19	Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition	Develop and implement national multisectoral nutrition action plans to promote nutrition security	Short-term
		Set national targets based on the global targets in the Comprehensive Implementation Plan on Maternal, Infant and Young Child nutrition by Member States	Short-term
		Establish nutrition surveillance systems in each Member State using indicators agreed in the Global Monitoring Framework	Long-term
		Develop a country strategy and action plan to implement WHO's recommendations for dietary prevention of childhood obesity and noncommunicable diseases	Short-term
WHA68.20	Global burden of epilepsy and the need for coordinated action at the country level to address its health, social and public knowledge implications	Improve surveillance and strengthen research capacity for epidemiological estimates of the burden of epilepsy in the Region	Continuous support
		Support scaling-up of the epilepsy treatment gap project. Train nonspecialist health-care providers in the prevention and management of epilepsy	Short-term
		Advocate for increase in accessibility, availability and affordability of antiepileptic medicines	Short-term
		Develop strong, functional referral system on epilepsy case management	Long-term

*Country-specific actions to be worked by WHO country offices.