

Second report of Committee A

Committee A held its seventh meeting on 24 May 2012. This meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr Herbert Barnard (Netherlands).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached decision relating to the following agenda item:

13. Technical and health matters

13.1 Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

One decision entitled:

- Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: follow-up to the High-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases

Agenda item 13.1

Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: follow-up to the High-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Recalling the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (A/RES/66/2), in particular paragraph 62, to prepare recommendations, before the end of 2012, for a set of voluntary global targets for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the commitments made to address noncommunicable diseases, principally cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases, diabetes, and the underlying common risk factors, namely tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful use of alcohol;

Reaffirming the leading role of WHO as the primary specialized agency for health, as recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in the Political Declaration of the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases and its responsibility with the full participation of Member States¹ pursuant to paragraphs 61 and 62 of the Political Declaration toward development of a comprehensive global monitoring framework, including a set of indicators, capable of application across regional and country settings, and a set of voluntary global targets for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, before end 2012;

Recalling the commitment made in WHA60.23 to achieve the target of reducing death rates from noncommunicable diseases by 2% annually during the period 2006–2015,

1. DECIDED to welcome the report A65/6 on prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and its addendum 1 and recognized the significant progress made in close collaboration with Member States pursuant to paragraphs 61 and 62 of the Political Declaration;
2. DECIDED to adopt a global target of a 25% reduction in premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases by 2025;
3. EXPRESSED strong support for additional work aimed at reaching consensus on targets relating to the four main risk factors, namely tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet, and physical inactivity;
4. DECIDED to note wide support expressed by Member States¹ and other stakeholders around global voluntary targets considered so far including those relating to raised blood pressure, tobacco, salt/sodium and physical inactivity;
5. FURTHER noted that consultations to date, including discussions during the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, indicated support from among Member States¹ and other stakeholders for the

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development of targets relating to obesity, fat intake, alcohol, cholesterol and health system responses such as availability of essential medicines for noncommunicable diseases;

6. NOTED that other targets or indicators may emerge in the remainder of the process established by resolution EB130.R7;

7. URGED all Member States¹ to participate fully in all remaining steps of the noncommunicable diseases follow-up process described in resolution EB130.R7 including regional and global level consultations;

8. REQUESTED the Director-General to:

(1) undertake further technical work on targets and indicators and prepare a revised discussion paper on the comprehensive global monitoring framework which reflects all discussions and submissions to date and which takes into account measurability, feasibility, achievability and the existing WHO strategies in this area; and

(2) consult with Member States¹ including through Regional Committees, and where appropriate, regional technical/expert working groups which report to Regional Committees through the Secretariat, on this revised discussion paper;

(3) continue to consult with all relevant stakeholders in a transparent manner on this revised discussion paper;

(4) prepare a report summarizing the results of the discussions in each of the Regional Committees and the inputs from the above-mentioned dialogues with stakeholders;

(5) convene a formal Member States¹ meeting, to be held prior to the end of October 2012, to conclude the work on the comprehensive global monitoring framework, including indicators, and a set of global voluntary targets for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;

(6) submit a substantive report on the recommendations relating to paragraphs 61 and 62 of the Political Declaration through the Executive Board at its 132nd session to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly.

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