
Preparations for the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, following on the Moscow Conference¹

Draft resolution proposed by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Bolivia (Plurinational State of) Brazil, Canada, Chile, China (People's Republic of) Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Hungary on behalf of the 27 Member States of the European Union, Iraq, Kuwait, Mexico, Monaco, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Tanzania and Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen

The Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the report on WHO's role in the preparation, implementation and follow-up to the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases² (high-level meeting);

PP2 Deeply concerned that the global burden and threat of noncommunicable diseases continues to grow, in particular in developing countries, and convinced that global action is necessary and urgent response is needed, including by effectively addressing the key risk factors for noncommunicable diseases;

PP3 Reaffirming its commitment to the aim of the global strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases to reduce premature mortality and improve quality of life (resolution WHA53.17);

¹ First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Noncommunicable Disease Control (Moscow, Russian Federation, 28–29 April 2011).

² Resolution 64/265 – Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.

PP4 Further recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/265 in which the General Assembly decided to convene a high-level meeting of the General Assembly in September 2011, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, as well as resolution 65/238 on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting;

PP5 Recognizing the leading role of the World Health Organization as the primary specialized agency for health, and reaffirming the leadership role of WHO in promoting global action against noncommunicable diseases;

PP6 Noting with appreciation the first *WHO Global status report on noncommunicable diseases* launched on 27 April 2011, which may serve as an input into the preparatory process for the high-level meeting;

PP7 Noting the outcomes of the regional consultations which were held by WHO in collaboration with Member States, with the support of relevant United Nations agencies and entities, which will serve to provide inputs to the preparations for the high-level meeting, as well as to the meeting itself;

PP8 Welcoming the outcome of the First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Noncommunicable Disease Control, which was organized by the Russian Federation and WHO from 28 to 29 April 2011 in Moscow,

1. ENDORSES the Moscow Declaration, annexed to the present resolution, including as a key input for the preparations leading to the High-level Meeting;

2. URGES Member States:¹

(1) to continue to support the preparations at national, regional and international levels for the high-level meeting, including, where feasible and relevant, situation analysis of noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors, as well as an assessment of national capacity and health system response to address noncommunicable diseases;

(2) to be represented at the level of Heads of State and Government at the high-level meeting and to call for action through a concise action-oriented outcome document;

(3) to consider, as appropriate and where relevant, including in their national delegations to the high-level meeting parliamentarians, representatives of civil society, including nongovernmental organizations, academia and networks working on the control and prevention of noncommunicable diseases;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue exercising the leading role of WHO as the primary specialized agency for health working together in a coordinated way with the United Nations, its specialized agencies, funds and programmes, and other relevant intergovernmental organizations and international financial institutions, in supporting Member States, including:

¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

- (i) in undertaking concerted action and a coordinated response in order to promptly and appropriately address the challenges posed by noncommunicable diseases, including further building on available situation analyses on noncommunicable diseases and risk factors; and
 - (ii) in highlighting the social and economic impact of noncommunicable diseases, including financial challenges, in particular in developing countries;
- (2) to take into account the outcomes from the Moscow Conference into the preparations for the high-level meeting;
 - (3) to ensure adequate financial and human resources within the WHO to prepare for the high-level meeting and to respond swiftly to its recommendations;
 - (4) to report to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board, on the outcomes of the first Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Noncommunicable Disease Control and the high-level meeting, and to develop, together with relevant United Nations agencies and entities, an implementation and follow-up plan for the outcomes, including its financial implications, for submission to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board.