

Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolutions WHA53.17 on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and WHA60.23 on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy;

Reaffirming its commitment to the aim of the global strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases¹ to reduce premature mortality and improve quality of life;

Reaffirming also its commitment to addressing key risk factors for noncommunicable diseases through the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, adopted by the Health Assembly in 2003 (resolution WHA56.1) and the global strategy on diet, physical activity and health, endorsed by the Health Assembly in 2004 (resolution WHA57.17) and the evidence-based strategies and interventions to reduce the public health problems caused by the harmful use of alcohol (resolution WHA58.26);

Deeply concerned that the global burden of noncommunicable diseases continues to grow, in particular in low-income and middle-income countries, and convinced that global action is necessary, including by effectively addressing the key risk factors for noncommunicable diseases;

Reaffirming the leadership role of WHO in promoting global action against noncommunicable diseases, and the need for WHO to continue to cooperate with regional and international organizations in order to reduce effectively the impact of noncommunicable diseases,

1. ENDORSES the action plan for the global strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;

¹ Document A53/14.

2. URGES Member States:

- (1) to strengthen national efforts to address the burden of noncommunicable diseases;
- (2) to consider the proposed actions in the action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and implement relevant actions, in accordance with national priorities;
- (3) to continue to implement the actions agreed by the Health Assembly in resolution WHA60.23 on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy;
- (4) to increase provision of support to the work of the Secretariat to prevent and control noncommunicable diseases, including the implementation of the action plan;
- (5) to give high priority to the implementation of the elements of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to continue to give suitably high priority to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and to consider within the framework of the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013 allocating a higher proportion of budget to their prevention and control, with a focus on the development of core capacity of the Member States and increased technical capacity of the WHO Secretariat;
- (2) to report to the Sixty-third World Health Assembly, and subsequently every two years to the Health Assembly, through the Executive Board, on progress in implementing the global strategy on prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the action plan.

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