

Follow-up of the Recife Political Declaration on Human Resources for Health: renewed commitments towards universal health coverage

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on the follow-up of the Recife Political Declaration on Human Resources for Health: renewed commitments towards universal health coverage,¹ and the outcome document of the Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health (Recife, Brazil, 10–13 November 2013);²

Recognizing the leadership role of WHO in human resources for health, and the mandate given in this regard by resolution WHA63.16 on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, WHA66.23 on transforming health workforce education in support of universal health coverage, WHO's global policy recommendations on increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention³ (2010) and WHO's guidelines on transforming and scaling up health professionals' education and training (2013);⁴

Recalling the commitment to attain universal health coverage and the need for an improved health workforce to achieve it;

Reaffirming the importance of the Kampala Declaration and Agenda for Global Action, as well as the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, and recognizing the need to renew these commitments and take them forward in light of new developments with a view to progressing towards universal health coverage,

1. **ENDORSES** the call to action in the Recife Political Declaration on Human Resources for Health: renewed commitments towards universal health coverage;
2. **WELCOMES** the commitments made by Member States in the Recife Political Declaration on Human Resources for Health: renewed commitments towards universal health coverage;

¹ Document A67/34.

² Document A67/34, Annex.

³ Increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention: global policy recommendations. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2010.

⁴ Transforming and scaling up health professionals' education and training: World Health Organization guidelines 2013. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2013.

3. URGES Member States¹ to implement, as appropriate, and in accordance with national and subnational responsibilities, the commitments made in the Recife Political Declaration on Human Resources for Health: renewed commitments towards universal health coverage;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to take into consideration the Recife Political Declaration on Human Resources for Health: renewed commitments towards universal health coverage in the future work of WHO;
 - (2) to develop and submit a new global strategy for human resources for health for consideration by the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly.

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¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.