

## **WHA75: Health emergency in Ukraine and neighbouring countries, stemming from the Russian Federation's aggression**

**Draft resolution proposed by Ukraine, Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

The Regional Committee,

(PP1) Recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolutions A/RES/ES-11/1 of 2 March 2022 entitled "Aggression against Ukraine", and A/RES/ES-11/2 of 24 March 2022 entitled "Humanitarian consequences of the aggression against Ukraine", and the UN Human Rights Council resolution A/HRC/RES/49/1 of 4 March 2022, entitled "Situation of human rights in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression";

(PP2) Reiterating the call of the United Nations Secretary-General to the Russian Federation to stop its military offensive, as well as his call to establish a ceasefire and to return to the path of dialogue and negotiations;

(PP3) Recalling the principles set forth in the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which are accepted by all Member States, including that:

- (a) Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity;

- (b) The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition; and
- (c) The health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security and is dependent upon the fullest cooperation of individuals and States;

(PP4) Highly concerned over the ongoing health emergency in Ukraine and neighbouring countries triggered by the unprovoked and unjustified military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, resulting in mass casualties, conflict-related trauma and injuries, disruption of essential health services and medical supply chains, as well as in increased risks of excess illness and death from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), of the emergence and spread of infectious diseases, of mental health and psychosocial health deterioration, of human trafficking, of gender-based violence, of radiological and chemical events, and of maternal health deterioration;

(PP5) Concerned about the direct and indirect health impacts of this aggression within and beyond the WHO European Region;

(PP6) Recalling Article 50 of the WHO Constitution, on the basis of which Regional Committees can tender advice, through the WHO Director-General, to the Organization on international health matters that have wider than regional significance;

(OP1) CONDEMNS in the strongest terms Russia's military aggression against Ukraine, including attacks on health care facilities in Ukraine;

(OP2) DEMANDS that the Russian Federation ensure respect for international humanitarian law, including protection of all medical personnel and humanitarian personnel exclusively engaged in medical duties, their means of transport and equipment, as well as hospitals and other medical facilities;

(OP3) INVITES Member States of the WHO European Region and of other regions of WHO to do whatever is possible to support the Government of Ukraine in protecting and promoting the health rights of the population of Ukraine and, further, to consider all appropriate actions, in consultation with the Government of Ukraine, to address and mitigate the above-referenced risks, as well as others that may be identified;

(OP4) REQUESTS the WHO Regional Director for Europe to explore options, in consultation with Member States of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, to safeguard the technical cooperation and assistance provided by the WHO European Office for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases, including the possible relocation of the aforementioned office to an area outside of the Russian Federation;

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(OP5) CALLS UPON the Regional Director to consider temporarily suspending all regional meetings in the Russian Federation, including technical meetings and meetings of experts, as well as conferences and seminars whose composition is set by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, until peaceful resolution of the conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine is implemented and the Russian Federation withdraws its military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders;

(OP6) INVITES the Regional Director to transmit this resolution to the Director-General with the request that:

- (a) it be brought to the attention of the World Health Assembly;
- (b) an assessment of the health emergency situation in Ukraine and of consequential international health risks, including those referenced above, as well as proposed responses thereto is provided to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, in a dedicated report during its consideration of WHO's work in health emergencies; and
- (c) the Director-General coordinates with relevant partners, including the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as well as others, as appropriate.

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