

I, Jesper Fisker, the director of the National Board of Health, on behalf of all at the National Board of Health in Denmark, in Copenhagen on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2007,

Recognizing the serious disease burden and significant economic impact that health care-associated infection places on patients and health systems throughout the world,

Considering that the majority of these infections are treatable and avoidable,

Appreciating the momentum that the Global Patient Safety Challenge programme of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety is bringing to reduce health care-associated infection at the global level,

Emphasizing that a unique opportunity now exists to reverse the incidence of health care-associated infection in Denmark, especially through the promotion of hand hygiene,

**I resolve to work to reduce health care-associated infection through actions such as:**

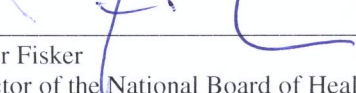
- Acknowledging the importance of health care-associated infection;
- Support and facilitate campaigns to promote and improve hand hygiene among health care providers;
- Making reliable information on health care-associated infection available to all health personnel
- Sharing experiences and where possible surveillance data, with the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety;
- Considering the use of WHO strategies and guidelines to tackle health care-associated infection, in particular in the areas of hand hygiene and clinical procedures safety

**I resolve to work with health professionals and associations in this country:**

To promote the highest standards of practice and behaviour to reduce the risks of health care-associated infection;

To foster and support collaboration with research institutions, training schools, educational centres, universities and health care settings of other WHO Member States to ensure full utilization of knowledge and experience in the field of health care-associated infection;

To encourage senior management support and role-modeling from key staff to promote the implementation of interventions to reduce health care-associated infection.

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