Promoting the health of refugees and migrants

The Executive Board, taking note of the report on promoting the health of migrants,¹ recalling resolution WHA61.17 (2008) on the health of migrants, and reaffirming the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, in particular its annexes on the global compact on refugees and on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, decided to request the Director-General:

(1) to prepare, in full consultation and cooperation with Member States,² and in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration and UNHCR and other relevant stakeholders, a draft framework of priorities and guiding principles to promote the health of refugees and migrants, to be considered by the Seventieth World Health Assembly;

(2) to make every possible effort, in close collaboration with Member States, and based on the guiding principles, to ensure that health aspects are adequately addressed in the development of the global compact on refugees and the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, in close collaboration with relevant international organizations, and to report thereon to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly;

(3) to conduct a situation analysis by identifying and collecting experiences and lessons learned on the health of refugees and migrants in each region, in order to provide inputs for the development of the framework of priorities and guiding principles to promote the health of refugees and migrants, and to report thereon to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly;

(4) to develop, in full consultation and cooperation with Member States,² and in cooperation with other relevant stakeholders, such as the International Organization for Migration and UNHCR, a draft global action plan on the health of refugees and migrants, to be considered for adoption by the Seventy-second World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 144th session.

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¹ Document EB140/24.
² And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.