WHA44.33 World Summit for Children: follow-up action

The Forty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report by the Director-General on action to follow up the World Summit for Children\(^1\) which was convened in New York on 30 September 1990 and which adopted the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and a related Plan of Action containing specific "goals for children and development in the 1990s";

Recognizing that the Summit goals and Plan of Action are in accord with the global policy and strategy of health for all by the year 2000, based on the primary health care approach, and that they reflect the international health priorities and goals adopted by the Health Assembly in recent years;

Expressing appreciation of the commitment made by heads of state or government to the goals and action for the health of children and women, particularly mothers, during the decade of the 1990s and beyond, as proclaimed at the World Summit for Children;

Emphasizing the importance of a holistic and integrated approach to action to be taken to implement the Declaration and Plan of Action;

Considering that breast-feeding:

(a) is the only natural method of infant feeding, and is ideal for the harmonious physical and psychosocial development of the child;

(b) helps to space births, protects women's health and fosters safe motherhood; and

(c) is a major factor in the promotion of infant health, and as the first immunization of the child, prevents diarrhoea as well as acute respiratory and other infections;
RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

Welcoming the Innocenti Declaration on the Protection, Promotion and Support of Breastfeeding,\textsuperscript{(2)} which is a basis for international health policy and action,

1. WELCOMES AND FULLY SUPPORTS the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and its related Plan of Action with its appeal for a "first call for children", recognizing that attainment of the goals for the 1990s is essential for the overall goal of health for all;

2. INVITES all Member States and other partners in the human development process to take concerted action and to give the political and economic priority necessary to implement the commitments set out in the World Declaration and Plan of Action, in particular paragraph 34 of the Plan of Action, which suggests action countries might take to give every child a better future;

3. URGES Member States that have not yet done so to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child and promote its urgent implementation;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General, in close cooperation with UNICEF and other competent organizations of the United Nations system, as well as bilateral and nongovernmental organizations, to implement the action outlined in his report to the Health Assembly and to monitor achievements in child health in all countries, including the targets of the Innocenti Declaration, keeping future Health Assemblies informed thereon, within the framework of WHO's established system for the monitoring and evaluation of international health work.

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Endnotes

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1. Document A44/27.

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