

Epilepsy

The Executive Board, having considered the report on epilepsy,¹ and noting the highly treatable nature of epilepsy, for which urgent action is needed; the many outstanding gaps in the prevention and treatment of the condition; its frequent occurrence as a comorbidity of neurological disorders; and the potential for scaling up implementation of synergistic, proven cost-effective measures to reduce the burden of epilepsy and other neurological disorders, decided:

- (1) to note the global report, *Epilepsy: a public health imperative*,² published in 2019;
- (2) to encourage Member States to discuss a possible draft resolution on further action on epilepsy and other neurological disorders for consideration by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly;
- (3) to request the Director-General:
 - (a) to expand the scope of the report to be submitted for consideration by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, by adding a new section entitled “Synergies in addressing the burden of epilepsy and other neurological disorders;”
 - (b) to develop technical guidance on strengthening country actions against epilepsy and its comorbidities, and make this available on WHO’s website.

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¹ Document EB146/12.

² *Epilepsy: a public health imperative*. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2019 (https://www.who.int/mental_health/neurology/epilepsy/report_2019/en/, accessed 4 February 2020).