Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

[Ending inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children]

**Resolution proposed by Ecuador**

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly.


(PP2) Further recalling resolution WHA65.6 (2012) on maternal, infant and young child nutrition, in which the Health Assembly requested the Director-General to provide guidance on the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children cited in resolution WHA63.23; agreed

(PP3) Convinced that guidance on ending the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children is needed for Member States, the private sector, health systems, civil society and international organizations; agreed

[(PP3bis) Recognizing that milk and nutrient rich complementary foods from a variety of sources when introduced in accordance with national dietary guidelines, WHO’s and FAO’s dietary guidelines or recognized expert advices are nutritious foods and may play a role in optimal complementary feeding practices] (USA, EU, New Zealand, Canada) (DEL: India, Nicaragua, Mexico, Colombia, Nepal, Bolivia, Finland, Thailand, Norway, Switzerland, Panama, Zimbabwe, Canada, Bangladesh, Costa Rica)
[(PP3bis) Recognizing the need to promote optimal complementary feeding practices based on WHO’s and FAO’s dietary guidelines or [recognized] (Canada) expert advices and in accordance with national dietary guidelines] (Norway, Tanzania, (Canada, Finland, EU, Indonesia)

[(PP3ter) Recognizing that the Codex Alimentarius [Commission is an intergovernmental body which is the principal [executive] (Secretariat, Guatemala) organ of the FAO/WHO food standards program and that the] (India) [is the appropriate body for establishing the international standards on food products, and that reviews of] (DEL India) Codex standards and guidelines should [be consistent with all [give full consideration to] (EU, NZ) WHO guidelines and recommendations, including the international code of marketing of breast milk substitutes and subsequent relevant WHA resolutions] (India) (DEL: New Zealand) have regard to the WHO guidance recommendations] (New Zealand, EU, Guatemala, UK) [DEL PP3ter: Mexico, Nicaragua, Nepal, Bolivia, Panama, Thailand, India, Bangladesh, Norway, Tanzania, Lettonia, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Finland, Poland, Colombia, Indonesia, Tchad)

OR

[(PP3ter) Considering that the Codex Alimentarius Commission is the appropriate body for establishing the international standards on food products based on the [independent] (USA) scientific advice [provided by expert bodies provided by] (USA) FAO and WHO [and that this guidance for inappropriate… is not an international standards] (USA) a primary source] (Canada, USA)

OR

[(PP3ter) Acknowledging that the Codex Alimentarius Commission plays a pivotal role in providing guidance to Member States on the proper regulation [, for the safety and security] (Mexico) of foods, including foods for infants and young children] (Zimbabwe, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Zambia)

(OP1) ENDORSES [takes note of] (Costa Rica) the technical guidance on ending the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children (Support: Nepal, India, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Switzerland, Canada, Botswana, Finland, Colombia, Zimbabwe, Norway, Thailand)

(OP2) URGES [INVITES] (USA) (DEL: Zimbabwe, Nepal, Nicaragua, Thailand, Panama, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Tchad, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Canada, Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, Botswana) Member States: [as appropriate to national context] (Canada, USA, Australia, UK, China, Guatemala)

1 and, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations
2 taking into account the context of federated states
(OP2.a) to [take all necessary measures to implement] (DEL: USA) [draw from] (USA) (DEL: Jamaica, Tanzania, Canada, Zambia, Thailand, Panama, Nicaragua, Botswana, Mexico, Haiti, Indonesia) [take all necessary measures for the implementation of the] (Jamaica) guidance recommendations on ending the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children, [as a minimum requirement] (DEL: Australia, USA, Canada, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan), (RETAIN: India, Nepal, Haiti) [as appropriate] (USA, Guatemala, Canada, Jamaica, Japan) (DEL: Zimbabwe, India) [as a minimum requirement, as appropriate,] (Zimbabwe, Nicaragua,) while taking into account existing legislation and policies, [as well as international obligations] (USA, Canada, Jamaica, Guatemala, Australia). [Retain original text] (Mexico, Bolivia, Nepal, Thailand, Panama, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe)

(OP2.b) to establish a system for monitoring, and evaluation of the implementation of the guidance recommendations; agreed

(OP2.bbis) to end inappropriate promotion of food for infants and young children, and to promote policy, social and economic environments that enable parents and care givers to make well informed infant and young child feeding decisions and further support appropriate feeding practices by improving health and nutrition literacy; agreed

(OP2.bter) to continue to implement the international code of marketing of breast milk substitutes and WHO set of recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children; agreed

(OP2.c) DEL agreed

(OP3) CALLS UPON manufacturers and distributors of foods for infants and young children to end all forms of inappropriate promotion as set forth in the guidance recommendations; agreed ad ref

(OP4) CALLS UPON health care professionals to fulfil their essential role in providing parents and other caregivers with information and support on optimal infant and young child feeding practices and to implement the guidance recommendations; agreed ad ref

(OP5) INVITES the media and creative industries to ensure that their activities across all communication channels and media outlets, in all settings and using all marketing techniques comply with the guidance recommendations on ending the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children; agreed ad ref

(OP6) Calls upon civil society to support ending inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children, including activities to advocate for, and monitor Member States progress towards the guidance’s aim; agreed

(OP7) REQUESTS the Director-General; agreed

(OP7.a) to provide technical support to Member States [upon request] (USA) in implementing
the guidance recommendations on ending the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children and in monitoring and evaluating its implementation; agreed ad ref

[(OP7.a bis) to provide technical support to Member States in handling Conflict of Interest with private sector] (Indonesia);

(OP7.b) to review national experiences with implementing the guidance recommendations in order to build the evidence on its effectiveness and consider changes, if required; agreed

[(OP7.c) to assess the use and marketing impact of vitamin and mineral supplement and home fortification products, such as micronutrient powders and small quantity lipid-based nutrition supplements, and provide guidance on the inappropriate promotion of such products to the 71st WHA in 2018 for its consideration]; (DEL: Canada, Australia, USA) (Retain original text: India, Indonesia, Tchad, Panama, Haiti, Thailand, Bolivia)

(OP7.d) to strengthen international cooperation with United Nations organizations, most notably [CODEX,] (USA) FAO, UNICEF and WFP, in promoting national [action to end] (USA) [implementation of the guidance on ending] (DEL:USA) the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children [as set forth in the guidance recommendations] (USA);

(OP7.e) to report on implementation of the guidance recommendations on ending the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children as part of the report on progress in implementing the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition to the Seventy-first and Seventy-third World Health Assemblies in 2018 and 2020; agreed

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