

DATE: 21 April 2022
TO: WMA Constituent Members, WMA Associate Members
FROM: O. Kloiber, Secretary General
C/C: WMA Official Advisers
RE: Follow up to the 220th WMA Council Session, Paris (hybrid), April 2022
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RESULTS OF MEETINGS DURING THE ONLINE COUNCIL SESSION, PARIS (HYBRID), APRIL 2022

The following reports and minutes from the meetings, can be found in the [WMA working document](#) depository under the folder “2022 WMA CS 220 Paris – Reports and Minutes to be approved”.

- Minutes of the 220th Council Session (Council 220/Minutes/Apr2022)*
- Report of Medical Ethics Committee (MEC 220/Report/Apr2022)
- Report of Finance and Planning Committee (FPL 220/Report/Apr2022)
- Report of Socio-Medical Affairs Committee (SMAC 220/Report/Apr2022)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 220TH COUNCIL SESSION:

- [WMA Council Resolution in support of Medical Personnel and Citizens of Ukraine in the face of the Russian invasion](#)

POLICY REAFFIRMED BY THE 220TH COUNCIL SESSION:

- [WMA Resolution on Economic Embargoes and Health](#)

DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BERLIN 2022:

The Council approved the following document and forwarded it to the General Assembly with the recommendation that it be adopted. The documents will be available in the ‘General Assembly Berlin 2022’ folder under the [WMA working document](#) depository as well.

MEC

- Proposed WMA Statement on Physicians Treating Relatives (MEC 220/Physicians Treating Relatives REV8/Apr2022)

*Those Minutes will be available later within two months of the meeting, according to the WMA Articles and Bylaws (32.2/Oct2018) Chapter IV, Section 10.

- Proposed revision of the WMA Statement on Professional and Ethical Use of Social Media (MEC 220/Social Media REV2/Apr2022)

FPL

- Financial Statement 2021 (FPL 220/FinStat 2021/Apr2022) – to be shared by email after audit
- The 76th General Assembly will be held from 7-10 October 2026.
- Proposed revision of the Rules Applicable to WMA Associate Membership (FPL 220/AM Rules Revision REV2/Apr2022)
- Amendments to the WMA Bylaws (FPL 220/WG Virtual Meeting/Apr2022)

SMAC

- Proposed revision of the WMA Statement on Guiding Principles for the Use of Telehealth for the Provision of Health Care (SMAC 220/E-Health REV6/Apr2022)
- Proposed revision of the WMA Statement on Health Hazards of Tobacco Products and Tobacco-Derived Products (SMAC 220/Health Hazards of Tobacco Products REV/Apr2022)
- Proposed revision of the WMA Resolution on Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety (SMAC 220/Occupational and Environmental Health REV2/Apr2022)
- Proposed WMA Declaration on Racism in Medicine (SMAC 220/Racism in Medicine REV2/Apr2022)
- Proposed WMA Declaration on Discrimination against Elderly Individuals within Healthcare Settings (SMAC 220/Elderly individuals REV2/Apr2022)
- Proposed revision of the WMA Statement on the Protection and Integrity of Medical Personnel in Armed Conflicts and Other Situations of Violence (SMAC 220/Protection of Healthcare Personnel REV/Apr2022)
- Proposed WMA Resolution for Providing Covid-19 Vaccines for All (SMAC 220/Covid-19 vaccines REV3/Apr2022)

For information:

- The 229th WMA Council Session will be held from 23-25 April 2026.
- The 226th WMA Council Session will be held in Seoul, Korea.
- Amendments to the WMA Procedures of Operating Policies as proposed in the report (FPL 220/WG Virtual Meeting/Apr2022) as well as the etiquette rules for facilitating virtual or hybrid meetings
- WMA Guidelines on LGBTQ Equity in Venues Hosting WMA Meetings and Functions (FPL 220/LGBTQ REV4/Apr2022)

POLICIES FORWARDED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE ARCHIVED AND RESCINDED:

- [WMA Resolution on Health and Human Rights Abuses in Zimbabwe](#)
- [WMA Resolution on Poland](#)

CALL FOR COMMENTS [DEADLINE: 15 JUNE]

The Council decided to circulate several documents to WMA constituent members for comments. These documents can also be found in [WMA working document depository](#) under the folder “2022 WMA GA 73 Berlin – Call for comments”:

- Proposed revision of the WMA Declaration of Venice (MEC 220/Declaration of Venice REV/Apr2022)
- Proposed revision of the WMA Declaration of Edinburgh on Prison Conditions and the Spread of Tuberculosis and Other Communicable Diseases (SMAC 220/Declaration of Edinburgh/Apr2022)
- Proposed revision of the WMA Statement on the Global Burden of Chronic Disease (SMAC 220/Chronic Disease REV2/Apr2022)

Please send comments to the WMA office via secretariat@wma.net no later than: **15th of June 2022**. **Please do not use track changes function** in MS word. For further information, you can refer to the attached Annex A for the Guidelines for Submitting Comments.

WORKGROUPS / COMMITTEES

NEW WORKGROUP:

WG on the Declaration of Helsinki (DoH)

United States (Chair), China, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, South Africa, Taiwan, UK, Uruguay, Vatican

CONTINUATION OF WORKGROUPS

- **WG on Advocacy and Communications**
South Africa (Chair), China, Israel, Malaysia, UK and AM
- **WG on International Code of Medical Ethics**
Germany (Chair), Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Japan, Kuwait, Nigeria, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, Chair of MEC and CPME (Observer)
- **WG on Reproductive Technologies**
South Africa (Chair), Denmark, France, Kenya and Vatican
- **WMA Review Committee**
Mervi Kattelus (Finland - Chair), Mvuyisi Mzukwa (South Africa), Elizabeth LaRocca (United States), Malke Borow (Israel), Clarisse Delorme (WMA Secretariat)
- **WG on E-Health**
China (Chair), Finland, Israel, Malaysia, Uruguay, Associate Members.
- **WG on Medical technology**
Israel (Chair), Denmark, China, Netherlands, Malaysia, South Africa and Associate members as observer
- **WG on Organ Procurement**
Spain (Chair), China, China, India, Taiwan, Thailand, Uruguay
- **WG on Health Emergencies**
Taiwan (chair), China, France, India, Israel, Italy, Kuwait, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Junior Doctors Network, Associate Members

CLOSURE OF WORKGROUPS

- **WG on AM Rules**
David Barbe, immediate Past-President (Chair), Finland, Japan, United-States, Associate Members
- **WG on Virtual Meeting Procedures**

Brazil (chair), China, Finland, South Africa, Taiwan, United States, CPME, Legal advisor

- **WG on LGBTQ Equity in WMA Venues**

India (Chair), Pakistan, Philippine, Uruguay, Associate Members

ANNEX A

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON WMA DOCUMENTS

The WMA Secretariat will normally send to each NMA the electronic version of a proposed WMA declaration, statement or resolution for comments. The file will be in Word (DOC format). Please follow these guidelines when submitting your NMA's comments:

1. Format**1.1 General comments about the document**

Provide concise and clear general comments regarding your NMA's view on the scope and content of the proposed document. If possible, indicate whether your NMA would be able to support the document in its current or amended form. If your NMA is of the opinion that the document should not be further pursued, clearly state the fact.

1.2 Specific comments on the text of the document

Using the text of the electronic version provided (without altering the original paragraph numbers), indicate your NMA's suggested changes by:

- **Bold underlined** print to indicate ADDITIONS to the text. Use the exact language your NMA proposes for the final text.
- ~~Strikethrough~~ to indicate text that should be DELETED.
- When re-arrangement of paragraphs or sentences is suggested, use CAPITAL LETTERS to explain which paragraph or part of the text should be moved to another location.
- **PLEASE DO NOT USE** track changes function in MS word.

2. Submission of comments

Please send your comments in one of two formats:

- an electronic version to secretariat@wma.net (if possible, make use of the same electronic version sent to you by the WMA to minimize transmission problems);
- if you do not have access to email, you can send a faxed copy to the WMA offices at fax number +33 450 40 59 37.

3. Confirmation of receipt

The WMA Secretariat confirms, by email, receipt of your comments within 48 hours (during weekdays). IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THIS CONFIRMATION AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE CALL MS. SUNNY PARK AT THE WMA OFFICE TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE SUBMISSION (TELEPHONE NUMBER +33 4 50 40 75 75).