

WHO Executive Board 154th session Item 22 – Climate change and health

Honourable chairperson, distinguished delegates,

We welcome the WHO report inviting the health community to address the climate crisis, and strongly support developing a resolution. For true effectiveness, Member States must aim for an intersectoral approach, ensuring health inclusion in all policies, and integrating climate change education into the curricula of health professionals.

We urge Member States to meet carbon neutrality by 2030 and support addressing health consequences of climate change, encompassing the burden of disease and climate-sensitive illnesses. Additionally, greater regulation of industries contributing to climate change is crucial and will also produce health co-benefits.

Finally, it is essential to clearly state that fossil fuels are the main source of greenhouse gas emissions in order to give the resolution the scope it deserves.

Thank you