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Plan of work to support the prevention and control of counterfeit medical products

Draft resolution proposed by the delegation of Ecuador on behalf of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)

The Sixty-third World Health Assembly,

PP1 Considering resolutions WHA41.16 and WHA47.13 on the need to provide guidelines to Member States on the development of their own structures and the adoption of national measures to prevent and control counterfeit medical products;

PP2 Bearing in mind the Conference of Experts on the Rational Use of Drugs (Nairobi, 25–29 November 1985) which first addressed this issue at the international level;

PP3 Aware of the risks that counterfeit medical products entail for the population;

PP4 Observing that the counterfeiting of medical products has an international dimension and that the prevention and control of this problem necessitates cooperation at the regional and subregional levels and between countries;

PP5 Reaffirming that health authorities must perform an important function in applying health regulations that strengthen a chain of safe, high-quality and efficacious medical products,

DECIDES:

(1) to establish an intergovernmental working group comprising delegates of Member States and the Secretariat to consider and implement cooperation at the regional and subregional levels and between countries, with a view to preventing and controlling counterfeit medical products from a public-health perspective, excluding commercial and intellectual property considerations;

(2) that the working group should examine the following topics:

(a) education measures such as training of consumers and public-health sector stakeholders;

(b) measures to strengthen the chain of production and distribution of medical products, specifically in relation to regulation and inspection;

(c) action strategies at the national, subregional and regional levels providing for mechanisms to improve sharing of information and experiences between countries;

(d) strategies to improve the capacity of the health sector to apply health regulation measures;

(3) that, with the approval of Member States, the working group should be authorized to form technical subgroups of an ad hoc and provisional nature, and to invite experts to examine specific issues.

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