



## **WHA 70**

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#### **ITEM 17 Progress reports**

SUB-ITEM ON:

**“Global Strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015 (Resolution WHA 67.1)”.**

We welcome the progress report on TB- related Resolution WHA 67.1 adopted by the 67<sup>th</sup> WHA in 2014.

We also welcome the WHO actions following the adoption of the post-2015 Global TB Strategy by the 2014 WHA, defined as the “End TB Strategy” and its endorsement by WHO Regional Committees.

We are satisfied by the inclusion of the target aiming at ending the global TB epidemic in the SDGs for 2030 which will lead to concerned multisectoral actions to implement the “End TB Strategy”.

Nevertheless, Mr. Chairman, we wish to express our concern based on the 2016 global TB report, highlighting that – despite good progress made – approximately 5000 people still die of TB every day and many millions suffer from this disease.

The number of persons with multidrug Resistant TB who do not receive appropriate treatment is still very high.

At present, the uptake of new diagnostics and drugs is far from being adequate.

The adoption of molecular diagnostic tools has led to the identification of many more positive cases than expected and to new epidemiology of TB, that reinforces the call for additional renewed efforts.

We strongly welcome the WHO initiative of organizing a TG Global Ministerial Conference to be held in the Russian Federation in November 2017 as well as the fact that the UN General Assembly has called for a High-Level Meeting on TB to take place in 2018.

In this regard, as the delegation of the Russian Federation, we wish to request the Secretariat to present a Report to the 71<sup>st</sup> WHA on the outcomes of the Moscow Ministerial Conference and on the preparation of the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on TB.

We would also appreciate that the Secretariat could present to the 72<sup>nd</sup> WHA a Report on the outcomes of the UNGA High-Level Meeting on TB.

Thank you.