

PLAN OF ACTION
ON HEALTH COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE NATIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA

Plan of Action for the Years 2019-2021

The Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

taking into consideration the Three-Year Plan of Action adopted in Beijing on 16th May 2017, which has identified the health sector as one of the five priorities for bilateral collaboration;

considering the Memorandum of Understanding between the Parties signed in Rome on 19th April, 2000 and the subsequent Plan of Action for the years 2004-2006 signed in Milan on 9th May 2004 (and its Addendum signed in Beijing on 30th August 2004) and the Plan of Action for the years 2011-2014, signed in Rome on 23rd June 2011 and the Plan of Action for the period 2016-2018, signed in Beijing on 28th January 2016;

have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I
(PRIORITY COOPERATION AREAS)

The Parties will cooperate in the following priority areas:

1. Healthcare Reform;
2. Essential Drug Policy;
3. Prevention of infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases, with a focus on cancer and obesity;
4. Public health risk assessment and surveillance (i.e. food, blood transfusion);
5. Medical services and healthcare management;
6. Traditional Chinese Medicine;
7. Healthcare for the elderly;
8. Sports medicine, sports care and rehabilitation.

ARTICLE II
(MEANS OF COOPERATION)

The Parties will cooperate by the following means:

1. Organization of seminars or academic meetings ;
2. Promotion of exchanges on health technology and joint medical research;
3. Support to exchanges, education and training of healthcare professionals and managers;
4. Promotion of joint collaborations in projects implementing integrated technological innovative solutions;
5. Encouragement to the utilization of E-Health to improve consistency and quality of care;
6. Furtherance of direct contacts and cooperation between research institutes,

universities and health facilities;

7. Support to public-private Sino-Italian healthcare partnerships in accordance with applicable Italian and Chinese laws and regulations;
8. This Plan of Action will be implemented in accordance with the Italian and Chinese legislations, as well as applicable international law and, as for the Italian Party, the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union.
9. The Parties will cooperate on the principles of equality, mutual benefit and results sharing, protection of intellectual property rights;
10. Potential health care activities will be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of the host country concerning medical care professions and other non-medical professions.

ARTICLE III

(FUNDING)

The activities foreseen under this Plan of Action will be implemented by the Parties according to their ordinary budget availability without any additional cost for the State budgets of the Italian Republic and the People's Republic of China. As for the travel expenses of the experts, the sending Party will bear the cost of the round-trip tickets.

ARTICLE IV

(EFFECTIVENESS, AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS, FOCAL POINTS)

This Plan of Action takes effect on the date of signature and it will remain valid for a period of three (3) years.

The Parties may amend and/or supplement this Plan of Action in writing by mutual consent.

Any difference in the interpretation and/or implementation of this Plan of Action will be settled amicably by means of direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

The Parties indicate as focal points: the Directorate General for Communication and European and International Relations for the Italian Ministry of Health and the Department of International Cooperation for the Chinese National Health Commission.

The Parties will decide on the renewal of the Plan of Action when it expires.

Signed in Rome on 23rd March 2019, in duplicate in the Italian, Chinese, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the text in English will prevail.

FOR
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