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Unfortunately, the regional meeting in Porto at the invitation of the Portuguese Medical Association had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we would like to thank the Portuguese Medical Association for the invitation.

Based on the feedback received during these regional meetings, along with the Associate O go dgtuø'y gdlpct'hqewugf "qp"j g"ÆqO G"lp"Cr tkl4242"cpf "y qtni tqw "xkf gq conferences in April and May 2020, the workgroup prepared a revised draft which was submitted to the WMA Executive Committee for approval to be used as the basis for discussion during the meeting of the International Association of Bioethics (IAB) in June













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## 4. Public Health

### 4.1 Non-communicable diseases (NCDs)

#### 4.1.1 General

In response to the first **UN Political Declaration on Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases** from 2011, the WHO also established the **Global Monitoring Framework as a Global Coordination Mechanism (GCM)** on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases. The scope and purpose of the coordination mechanism is to facilitate and enhance the coordination of activities, multi-stakeholder engagement and action across sectors at local, national, regional and global levels. The WMA is an official member of this coordination mechanism, which was launched in March 2015.

The World Health Organization and the GCM organized a four-day Global Meeting to accelerate progress on SDG target 3.4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (to reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases (NCDs) by one third through prevention and treatment and the



Sciences (PAS) planned to hold an International Symposium on Vaccination on 4-5 May 2020 in Vatican City. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this conference was organized as a virtual / hybrid meeting on 1 July 2021.

The current pandemic has amplified some of the challenges already associated with vaccination ó from the hurdles that impede equitable global distribution of vaccine doses to unfounded vaccine scepticism and mistrust. The symposium addressed these issues and sent a clear message to the world about the necessity and life-saving potential of vaccines.

The WHO is revising its immunisation strategy, developing a vision and strategy for immunization from 2021-2030, Immunization Agenda 3(m)t 1 282 1 2AMCID 3/Lang (en-C



and that systematic attention is given to the most marginalized and vulnerable populations so that no one is left behind.

In the lead up to the United Nations High-Level Meeting (HLM) on UHC in 2023, the WMA, as a member of the UHC2030 network, has developed a [Health for All Advocacy Toolkit](#), a new, interactive tool for civil society advocates interested in kick-starting advocacy for universal health coverage (UHC). It includes key information and tools to make the case for UHC and hold policymakers to account on their commitments. The web tool aims to build capacity, inspire and mobilize civil society in support of the global movement for UHC. The Toolkit will be officially launched in September 2021 in English, French, and Spanish. A downloadable PDF will also be made available later this year.

The WMA submitted a [statement](#) to the WHO Executive Board, 148<sup>th</sup> session S10 G{S10 G{S10 G{S1







burden of work, discrimination and violence. For all the activities in which the WMA was involved, please see section 1 of this report on COVID-19.

The WHO has requested the cooperation of the World Health Professions Alliance through the International Council of Nurses and the World Medical Association to assist them in studying the health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health workforce. Together with our partner organizations, we are preparing to survey our members on this issue.

WHO designated 2021 as the International Year of Health and Care Workers (YHCW). In March 2021, the WHO set up a steering committee, with the first meeting taking place











	participates in various work groups on matters of research in resource poor settings, patient information and healthy research subjects.
<a href="#"><u>International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA)</u></a>	Internship program since 2013. Regular collaboration, mostly in relation to WHO statutory meetings. Participation of WMA officers and officials in the pre-World Health Assembly IFMSA conference in Geneva.
<b>International Federation of Associations of Pharmaceutical Physicians (IFAPP)</b>	Cooperation on issues of human experimentation and pharmaceutical development, the role of physicians in that process. A <a href="#"><u>Memorandum of Understanding</u></a> was signed at the WMA General Assembly, October 2017 (Chicago). Together with the WMA, IFAPP is exploring the possibility of a course on o f k e p g u o development for physicians in clinical research, ethics committees or regulation.
<a href="#"><u>University of Pennsylvania International Internship Program</u></a>	Annual internship program on health policy, public health, human rights, project management. 2-3 students usually come as interns to our office for the summer. The programme has been running since 2014.
<a href="#"><u>International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)</u></a>	Regular exchange of information and joint actions on specific cases or situations. During the reporting period, the WMA participated in a breakout session organised by the IRCT on so-called conversion therapy ( <i>see item 3.5</i> )
<a href="#"><u>Global Climate &amp; Health Alliance (GCHA)</u></a>	Regular exchange of information and ad hoc collaboration within the context of the UN climate change negotiations and the COVID-19 pandemic response.
<a href="#"><u>New Jersey Medical School Global TB Institute</u></a>	The WMA is working with the New Jersey Medical School Global TB Institute and the University Research Company (URC) to update its online TB refresher course for physicians with the support of the US Agency for International Development (USAID).
<b>World Veterinary Association</b>	Co-organisation of the Global Conference on One Health in 2015 (Madrid) and 2016 (Japan). Common advocacy on matters like AMR, zoonotic diseases and food safety.

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<a href="#"><u><b>World Coalition Against The Death Penalty</b></u></a>	Regular exchange of information, in particular regarding individual cases requiring international support.
<a href="#"><u><b>Medical Human Rights Network (IFHHRO)</b></u></a>	Regular exchange of information on human rights and health matters.



## **CHAPTER IV — OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

### **1. Advocacy**

Given the new WMA Strategic Plan 2020-2025, adopted in Tbilisi in October 2019, to refocus the activities of the WMA, including by redeploying outreach and advocacy work, the Chair of