

**DATE:** 16 May 2017  
**TO:** WMA Council Members  
**FROM:** O. Kloiber, Secretary General  
**C/C:** WMA Constituent Members  
**RE:** Follow up to the 206<sup>th</sup> Council Session, April 2017  
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## **RESULTS OF MEETINGS DURING THE 206<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL SESSION**

The following reports and minutes from the 206<sup>th</sup> Council session, held in Livingstone, 20-22 April 2017, can be found in the box.com through the working document section under the members area of the WMA website (<https://www.wma.net/members-area/working-documents/>) under the folder “2017 WMA CS 206 Livingstone – Council – Reports and Minutes (to be approved by next meetings)”.

- 206<sup>th</sup> Council Session (Council 206/Minutes/Apr2017)
- Report of Medical Ethics Committee (MEC 206/Report/Apr2017)
- Report of Finance and Planning Committee (FPL 206/Report/Apr2017)
- Report of Socio-Medical Affairs Committee (SMAC 206/Report/Apr2017)

## **DOCUMENTS REAFFIRMED BY THE 206<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL SESSION**

- [Resolution on Health and Human Rights Abuses in Zimbabwe](#), 2007

## **DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CHICAGO 2017**

The Council approved the following documents and forwarded them to the General Assembly with the recommendation that it be adopted. These documents will be available soon on the WMA website in the ‘General Assembly Chicago 2017’ folder under box.com.

### **MEC**

- Proposed WMA Declaration on Quality Assurance in Medical Education (MEC 206/Quality Assurance in Medical Education REV2/Apr2017)
  - Proposed WMA Statement on Medical Ethics in the Event of Disasters (MEC 206/Ethics and Disasters REV/Apr2017)
  - Proposed WMA Declaration of Malta on Hunger Strikers (MEC 206/Hunger Strikers REV2/Apr2017)
  - Proposed WMA Statement on Reproductive Technologies (MEC 206/Reproductive Technologies REV2/Apr2017)
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- Proposed WMA Statement on HIV/AIDS and the Medical Profession (MEC 206/HIV-AIDS REV/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Resolution on Prohibition of Forced Anal Examinations to Substantiate Same-Sex Sexual Activity (MEC 206/Forced Anal Examinations REV2/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Statement on Bullying and Harassment (MEC 206/Bullying and Harassment REV2/Apr2017)

### **SMAC**

- Proposal for a WMA Statement on Armed Conflict (SMAC 206/Armed Conflicts REV3/Apr2017)
- Proposed revision of WMA Statement on Boxing (SMAC 206/Boxing REV4/Apr2017)
- Proposal for a WMA Statement on Medical Cannabis (SMAC 206/Medical Cannabis REV2/Apr2017)
- Proposed revision of WMA Resolution on Medical Assistance in Air Travel (SMAC 206/Air Travel REV/Apr2017)
- Proposed revision of WMA Statement on Access to Health Care (SMAC 206/Access to Health Care REV2/Apr2017)
- Proposed revision of WMA Statement on Medical Education (SMAC 206/Medical Education REV2/Apr2017)
- Proposed revision of WMA Declaration on alcohol (SMAC 206/Revision Alcohol Declaration REV3/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Statement on Water and Health (SMAC 206/Water and Health REV/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Statement on the Cooperation of National Medical Associations during or in the Aftermath of Conflicts (SMAC 206/Cooperation of NMAs REV2/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Statement on Epidemics and Pandemics (SMAC 206/Epidemics REV2/Apr2017)

The following documents were forwarded to the General Assembly with the recommendation that they be rescinded and archived.

- WMA [Statement on Reducing the Global Impact of Alcohol on Health and Society](#), 2005
- [WMA Resolution on a minimum unit price for alcohol](#), 2012

### **CALL FOR COMMENTS**

The Council decided to circulate several documents to WMA constituent members for comments. These documents can also be found in the box.com through the working document section under the members area of the WMA website (<https://www.wma.net/members-area/working-documents/>) under the folder “2017 WMA GA 68 Chicago – Call for comments”.

- Proposed WMA Statement on Person Centered Medicine (MEC 206/Person Centered Medicine/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Statement on Child Abuse (MEC 206/Child Abuse/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Statement on Organ and Tissue Donation (MEC 206/Organ and Tissue Donation/Apr2017)

- Proposal for a WMA Statement on the Role of Physicians in Preventing Exploitation in Adoption Practices (SMAC 206/Trafficking with Minors REV2/Apr2017)
- Proposed revision of WMA Resolution on Tuberculosis (SMAC 206/Tuberculosis REV/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA statement on Women in Medicine (SMAC 206/Women in Medicine/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Statement on Fair Medical Trade (SMAC 206/Fair Medical Trade/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Statement on Curbing Consumption of Plastic Bags to Address Growing Ecological Issues (SMAC 206/Plastic Bags/Apr2017)
- Proposed WMA Declaration on Health and Climate Change (SMAC 206/Climate Change REV/Apr2017) will be revised by the rapporteur based on the comments exchanged during the Council and then directly circulated within constituent members for comments.

**Please send comments to the WMA office via [secretariat@wma.net](mailto:secretariat@wma.net) no later than 7 July 2017.** Please refer to the attached Annex A for the Guidelines for Submitting Comments.

## ANNEX A

### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON WMA DOCUMENTS

The WMA Secretariat will normally send to each NMA the electronic version of a proposed WMA declaration, statement or resolution for comments. The file will be in Word (DOC format). Please follow these guidelines when submitting your NMA's comments:

#### 1. Format

##### 1.1 General comments about the document

Provide concise and clear general comments regarding your NMA's view on the scope and content of the proposed document. If possible, indicate whether your NMA would be able to support the document in its current or amended form. If your NMA is of the opinion that the document should not be further pursued, clearly state the fact.

##### 1.2 Specific comments on the text of the document

Using the text of the electronic version provided (without altering the original paragraph numbers), indicate your NMA's suggested changes by:

- **Bold underlined** print to indicate ADDITIONS to the text. Use the exact language your NMA proposes for the final text.
- ~~Strikethrough~~ to indicate text that should be DELETED.
- When re-arrangement of paragraphs or sentences is suggested, use CAPITAL LETTERS to explain which paragraph or part of the text should be moved to another location.
- Track changes function in MS word can be used as well.

#### 2. Submission of comments

Please send your comments in one of two formats:

- an electronic version to [secretariat@wma.net](mailto:secretariat@wma.net) (if possible, make use of the same electronic version sent to you by the WMA to minimize transmission problems);
- if you do not have access to email, you can send a faxed copy to the WMA offices at fax number +33 450 40 59 37.

#### 3. Confirmation of receipt

The WMA Secretariat confirms, by email, receipt of your comments within 48 hours (during weekdays). IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THIS CONFIRMATION AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE CALL MS. SUNNY PARK AT THE WMA OFFICE TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE SUBMISSION (TELEPHONE NUMBER +33 4 50 40 75 75).