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**DATE:** 4 June 2018  
**TO:** WMA Constituent Members, Associate Members  
**FROM:** O. Kloiber, Secretary General  
**C/C:** WMA Council Members, Advisers  
**RE:** Follow up to the WMA Council Session, Riga, April 2018  
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## **RESULTS OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL SESSION, RIGA 2018**

The following reports and minutes from the meetings held in Riga, April 2018, 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 “2018 WMA CS 209 Riga – Reports and Minutes (to be approved by next meetings)”.

- 209<sup>th</sup> Council Session (Council 209/Minutes/Apr2018)
- Report of Medical Ethics Committee (MEC 209/Report/Apr2018)
- Report of Finance and Planning Committee (FPL 209/Report/Apr2018)
- Report of Socio-Medical Affairs Committee (SMAC 209/Report/Apr2018)

## **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 “2018 WMA GA Reykjavik – Call for comments”.

- Proposed WMA Statement on Licensing of Physicians Fleeing Prosecution for Serious Criminal Offences (MEC 209/Licensing Physicians Fleeing Prosecution REV2/Apr2018)
  - Proposed WMA Statement on Biosimilar Medicinal Products (MEC 209/Biosimilar Medicinal Products/Apr2018)
  - Proposed revision of the WMA Statement on Environmental Degradation and Sound Management of Chemicals (SMAC 209/Environmental Degradation REV/Apr2018)
  - Proposed revision of the WMA Declaration of Madrid on Professionally-led Regulation (SMAC 209/Declaration of Madrid REV/Apr2018)
  - Proposed WMA Statement on the Development and Promotion of a Maternal and Child Health Handbook (SMAC 209/Maternal and child Handbook/Apr2018)
  - Proposed WMA Declaration on Pseudoscience, Pseudotherapies, Intrusion and Sects in the field of health (SMAC 209/Pseudoscience/Apr2018)
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- Proposal to introduce a self-declaration statement to the nominating process for WMA Presidency (FPL 209/Nominating process/Apr2018)

Please send comments to the WMA office via [secretariat@wma.net](mailto:secretariat@wma.net) no later than **20 July 2018**. Please refer to the attached Annex A for the Guidelines for Submitting Comments.

## WORKGROUPS

The following workgroups were established:

- **WG on Genetics and Medicine** – Denmark (Chair), Turkey, Japan, Associates, Iceland, United States
- **WG on International Code of Medical Ethics** – *Core Group*: Germany (chair), United States, Japan, Brazil, Australia, South Africa – *Workgroup*: Germany, United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Kuwait, Japan, Brazil, Australia, Nigeria, South Africa, Denmark, Chair of MEC, CPME (Observer)

## CONTINUATION OF WORKGROUPS

- **WMA Advocacy and Communications Advisory Panel**  
Malaysia (Chair), South Africa, Israel, Spain, United States, Japan, France, JDN

## WORKGROUPS WITH MANDATES ENDED

- **WG on Governance Review**  
Netherlands (Chair), Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nigeria, Russia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, Chair of Associate Members, JDN, PPCN
- **WMA Workgroup on Therapeutic Abortion**  
South Africa (Chair), Australia, Denmark, Korea, Chair of Associate Members (Dr Joseph Heyman)
- **WG on Sustainable Development**  
Japan (Chair), Brazil, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Portugal and JDN.

## 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.
- **PLEASE DO NOT USE** track changes function in MS word.

**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).