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WHA49.15 Infant and young child nutrition

The Forty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report by the Director-General on infant and young child nutrition;¹⁽¹⁾

Recalling resolutions WHA33.32, WHA34.22, WHA39.28, and WHA45.34 among others concerning infant and young child nutrition, appropriate feeding practices and other related questions;

Recalling and reaffirming the provisions of resolution WHA47.5 concerning infant and young child nutrition, including the emphasis on fostering appropriate complementary feeding practices;

Concerned that health institutions and ministries may be subject to subtle pressure to accept, inappropriately, financial or other support for professional training in infant and child health;

Noting the increasing interest in monitoring the application of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes and subsequent relevant Health Assembly resolutions,

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report;
2. STRESSES the continued need to implement the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes, subsequent relevant resolutions of the Health Assembly, the Innocenti Declaration, and the World Declaration and Plan of Action for Nutrition;
3. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to ensure that complementary foods are not marketed or used in ways that undermine exclusive and sustained breast-feeding;
 - (2) to ensure that the financial support for professionals working in infant and young child health does not create conflicts of interest, especially with regard to the WHO/UNICEF Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative;
 - (3) to ensure that monitoring the application of the International Code and subsequent relevant resolutions is carried out in a transparent, independent manner, free from commercial influence;
 - (4) to ensure that the appropriate measures are taken, including health information and

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education in the context of primary health care, to encourage breast-feeding;

(5) to ensure that the practices and procedures of their health care systems are consistent with the principles and aim of the International Code;

(6) to provide the Director-General with complete and detailed information on the implementation of the Code;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to disseminate as soon as possible to Member States the "Guiding principles for feeding infants and young children during emergencies".²⁽²⁾

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