



To the Constituent Members
of the World Medical Association

Observers and Guests of the
2014 WMA General Assembly

20 October 2014

2014 General Assembly in Durban, 8-11 October 2014

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Friends,

With your help and enthusiasm our 2014 General Assembly in Durban was a great success.

We are proud to have Dr. Xavier Deau from France as our new President for the period 2014-2015 and Sir Michael Marmot from United Kingdom as President-Elect. We are most grateful to our outgoing President Dr. Margaret Mungherera from Uganda for her prominent work as President 2013-2014, the guidance and friendship she has given to us. Dr. Mungherera will remain active as Immediate-Past President for the next year.

We have important new policies and as well as some revisions of existing policies that have been updated to reflect the latest consensus opinions of the global profession.

Please find the list of adopted policies from this meeting and these are available in html at the WMA website (<http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/index.html>). You will be able to download these policies in pdf formats in the members' area in next weeks:

- [Declaration on the Protection of Healthcare Workers in Situations of Violence](#)
Adopted by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa, October 2014
- [Statement on Aesthetic Treatment](#)
Adopted by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa, October 2014
- [Statement on the Ethical Guidelines for the International Migration of Health Workers](#)
*Adopted by the 54th WMA General Assembly, Helsinki, Finland, September 2003
and revised by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa, October 2014*
- [Statement on the Prevention of Air Pollution and Vehicle Emissions](#)
Adopted by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa, October 2014
- [Statement on Solitary Confinement](#)
Adopted by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa, October 2014
- [Statement on Water and Health](#)
*Adopted by the 55th WMA General Assembly, Tokyo, Japan, October 2004
and revised by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa 2014*

- [Resolution on Ebola Viral Disease](#)
Adopted by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa, October 2014
- [Resolution on Unproven Therapy and the Ebola Virus](#)
Adopted by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa, October 2014
- [Resolution on the Non-Commercialization of Human Reproductive Material](#)
Adopted by the 54th WMA General Assembly, Helsinki, Finland, September 2003 and revised by 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa 2014
- [Resolution on Migrant Workers' Health and Safety in Qatar](#)
Adopted by the 65th WMA General Assembly, Durban, South Africa, October 2014

These are strong policies and we encourage you to promulgate them actively among your membership. We hope that your organizational leadership and your membership will discuss them and use them as guidance resources in the development of your national policies and apply their principles in your daily work as physicians serving your patients.

You may also find the following document regarding the Dues of Constituent Members in the members' area:

- **WMA Dues Categories 2015**

In Durban, we welcomed five medical associations from **Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Rwanda, and Zambia** as our new Constituent Member and now the total number of Constituent Members of the WMA is 111.

This message would be incomplete without thanking all those who have assisted in the work of the WMA since last year's Assembly in Fortaleza, be it financially, with voluntary efforts or in other ways. Special thanks go to the South African Medical Association for being a wonderful host of our General Assembly.

With kind regards,



Dr. Otmar Kloiber
Secretary General
World Medical Association

P.S. The next meetings the WMA organizes from are as below and you may find them at [webcal-WMA Event Calendar](#):

- **Celebration of 50th anniversary of DoH** in Helsinki, 11 November 2014
- **H20 International Health Summit** in Melbourne, 13-14 November 2014
- **200th WMA Council Session** in Oslo, 16-18 April 2015. The Council meeting is usually open to all constituent members participating as observers.
- Members of Council and guests are advised that the **WHO World Health Assembly** opens on **Monday, 18 May 2015** in Geneva. On the **first** and **second day of the WHA** we are traditionally holding **receptions for the delegates** to the World Health Assembly, the first of which is together with the World Health Professions Alliance (www.whpa.org). Of course the delegates of our constituent members are cordially invited.
- **One Health conference** co-organizing with WVA in Spain, 21-22 May 2015
- **WMA General Assembly, Moscow 2015**, 14-17 October 2015