

Mexico Ministerial Statement for the Promotion of Health: From Ideas to Action

Fifth Global Conference on Health Promotion, Health Promotion: Bridging the Equity Gap, Mexico City, 5-9 June 2000

Statement

Gathered in Mexico City on the occasion of the Fifth Global Conference on Health Promotion, the Ministers of Health who sign this Statement:

1. Recognize that the attainment of the highest possible standard of health is a positive asset for the enjoyment of life and necessary for social and economic development and equity.
2. Acknowledge that the promotion of health and social development is a central duty and responsibility of governments, that all sectors of society share.
3. Are mindful that, in recent years, through the sustained efforts of governments and societies working together, there have been significant health improvements and progress in the provision of health services in many countries of the world.
4. Realize that, despite this progress, many health problems still persist which hinder social and economic development and must therefore be urgently addressed to further equity in the attainment of health and well being.
5. Are mindful that, at the same time, new and re-

emerging diseases threaten the progress made in health.

6. Realize that it is urgent to address the social, economic and environmental determinants of health and that this requires strengthened mechanisms of collaboration for the promotion of health across all sectors and at all levels of society.
7. Conclude that health promotion must be a fundamental component of public policies and programmes in all countries in the pursuit of equity and better health for all.
8. Realize that there is ample evidence that good health promotion strategies of promoting health are effective.

Actions

Considering the above, we subscribe to the following:

- a. To position the promotion of health as a fundamental priority in local, regional, national and international policies and programmes.
- b. To take the leading role in ensuring the active participation of all sectors and civil society, in the implementation of health promoting actions

which strengthen and expand partnerships for health.

- c. To support the preparation of country-wide plans of action for promoting health, if necessary drawing on the expertise in this area of WHO and its partners. These plans will vary according to the national context, but will follow a basic framework agreed upon during the Fifth Global Conference on Health Promotion, and may include among others:
- ♦ The identification of health priorities and the establishment of healthy public policies and programmes to address these.
 - ♦ The support of research which advances knowledge on selected priorities.
 - ♦ The mobilization of financial and operational resources to build human and institutional capacity for the development, implementation,

monitoring and evaluation of country-wide plans of action.

- d. To establish or strengthen national and international networks which promote health.
- e. To advocate that UN agencies be accountable for the health impact of their development agenda.
- f. To inform the Director General of the World Health Organization, for the purpose of her report to the 107th session of the Executive Board, of the progress made in the performance of the above actions.

*Signed in Mexico City, on 5 June 2000, in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, all texts being equally authentic.**

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* Jointly organized by the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/AMRO) and the Ministry of Health of Mexico.

Signing countries

This Ministerial Statement was signed by the following countries:

Algeria	Czech Republic	Jamaica	Nicaragua	South Africa
Angola	Denmark	Korea	Niger	Spain
Argentina	Dominica	Kuwait	Norway	Sudan
Aruba	Dominican Republic	Lao PDR	Oman	Swaziland
Australia	Ecuador	Lebanon	Pakistan	Sweden
Austria	El Salvador	Madagascar	Panama	Switzerland
Bangladesh	Egypt	Malaysia	Paraguay	Thailand
Belize	Finland	Maldives	Poland	Turkey
Bhutan	France	Malta	Portugal	United Kingdom
Bolivia	Gabon	Marshall Islands	Puerto Rico	United States
Brazil	Germany	Mexico	Russian Federation	Uruguay
Bulgaria	Guatemala	Morocco	Rwanda	Vanuatu
Cameroon	Haiti	Mozambique	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Venezuela
Canada	Hungary	Myanmar	Saint Lucia	Yugoslavia
China	India	Namibia	Samoa	Zambia
Colombia	Indonesia	Nepal	Slovakia	Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	Iran	Netherlands	Slovenia	
Cuba	Israel	New Zealand		

The Bangkok Charter for Health Promotion in a Globalized World

7-11 August 2005

The 'Bangkok Charter for Health Promotion in a globalized world' has been agreed to by participants at the 6th Global Conference on Health Promotion held in Thailand from 7-11 August, 2005.

Introduction

Scope

The Bangkok Charter identifies actions, commitments and pledges required to address the determinants of health in a globalized world through health promotion.

Purpose

The Bangkok Charter affirms that policies and partnerships to empower communities, and to improve health and health equality, should be at the centre of global and national development.

The Bangkok Charter complements and builds upon the values, principles and action strategies of health promotion established by the *Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion* and the recommendations of the subsequent global health promotion conferences which have been confirmed by Member States through the World Health Assembly.

Audience

The Bangkok Charter reaches out to people, groups and organizations that are critical to the achievement of health, including:

- governments and politicians at all levels
- civil society
- the private sector
- international organizations, and
- the public health community.

Health promotion

The United Nations recognizes that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without discrimination.

Health promotion is based on this critical human right and offers a positive and inclusive concept of health as a determinant of the quality of life and encompassing mental and spiritual well-being.