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Mechanisms and Processes of the Health Assembly

Constituencies of the National Health Assembly have followed up the processes of convening the National Health Assembly,

Being worried that the mechanisms and the processes of convening the National Health Assembly may affect the desirable Health Assembly namely systematic, flexible and evidencebased and promotes inclusive participation from all sectors. At present, convening the National Health Assembly tends to adhere to rules and regulations and lacks flexibility and creativity.

Being concerned by witnessing the tendency of convening the National Health Assembly in the way that may make the values, spirits and nature of the desirable Health Assembly distorted and lacks for building collective faith, power, brainstorming and ownership.

Has, therefore, adopted the following resolutions:

1. Requesting convening the National Health Assembly, the issue-based Health Assembly and the area-based Health Assembly to adhere to the principles and concepts of the desirable Health Assembly and the principles of the participatory development of healthy public policies meaning that capacity of partners is strengthened so that they enable to actively participate, the evidence supporting system for developing main documents and draft resolutions is put in place, and most importantly the National Health Assembly is convened in the systematic manner, opens to innovation and functions as continuous learning processes. In this way, the National Health Assembly will be active, developed and be one of the key models of participatory democracy.

2. Requesting the Secretary-General of the National Health Commission to communicate with all commissions and relevant partners, so that they are understood and bring Clause 1 into action for the tangible results, and report the progress of the action to the National Health Assembly annually until the practice becomes the norm and culture of convening the National Health Assembly or until the National Health Assembly decides otherwise, and

3. Requesting the Secretary-General of the National Health Commission to develop the guidelines for convening the National Health Assembly in a systematic manner and the guidelines for revising National Health Assembly's resolutions that were already endorsed, so that the endorsed resolutions can continue implementing better.