

## Yellow fever risk mapping and recommended vaccination for travellers

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005): responding to public health emergencies;<sup>1</sup>

Recalling the adoption by the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly of the updated Annex 7 of the International Health Regulations (2005);<sup>2</sup> and the report of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization,<sup>3</sup> which concluded that a single dose of yellow fever vaccine is sufficient to confer sustained immunity and life-long protection against yellow fever, that a booster dose of yellow fever vaccine is not needed, and that the validity of a certificate of vaccination against yellow fever shall extend for the life of the person vaccinated;

Highlighting the fact that States Parties may immediately apply these changes even though Annex 7 of the International Health Regulations (2005), as amended, is expected to enter into force in June 2016, in accordance with Article 59 of the Regulations;

Noting that, for the purposes of Annex 7 of the International Health Regulations (2005), vaccination against yellow fever may be required of any traveller leaving an area where the Organization has determined that a risk of yellow fever transmission is present,

1. URGES Members States:<sup>4</sup>

(1) during the interim period until June 2016, to inform WHO if they voluntarily accept to extend the validity of a certificate of vaccination against yellow fever for the life of the person vaccinated;

(2) to comply with the WHO recommendation for the definition of areas at risk of yellow fever and of the yellow fever vaccination recommendations for travellers;

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<sup>1</sup> See document A68/22.

<sup>2</sup> See resolution WHA67.13 and document WHA67/2014/REC/1, Annex 5.

<sup>3</sup> Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization, April 2013 – conclusions and recommendations. Weekly Epidemiological Record, 2013; 88(20): 201–216 (<http://www.who.int/wer/2013/er8820.pdf?ua=1>, accessed 4 May 2015).

<sup>4</sup> And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to publish, and update in real time, an online list of countries accepting a certificate of vaccination against yellow fever for the life of the person vaccinated;
- (2) to establish a formal scientific and technical advisory group on geographical yellow fever risk mapping, with the participation of countries with areas at risk of yellow fever, to: (i) maintain up-to-date yellow fever risk mapping; and (ii) provide guidance on yellow fever vaccination for travellers in ways that facilitate international travel.

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