

## Infant and young child nutrition

### The Forty-first World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on infant and young child nutrition which highlights the contribution of optimal infant feeding practices to achievement of the internationally agreed health-related development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration; ([Document A59/13](#)).

Recalling the adoption by the Health Assembly of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes (resolution WHA34.22), resolutions WHA35.26, WHA37.30, WHA39.28, WHA41.11, WHA43.3, WHA47.5, WHA49.15, WHA54.2 and WHA58.32 on infant and young child nutrition, appropriate feeding practices and related questions;

Reaffirming in particular resolutions WHA44.33 and WHA55.25 which respectively welcomed the 1990 Innocenti Declaration on the Protection, Promotion and Support of Breastfeeding and endorsed theas the foundations for action in the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding;

Welcoming the Call for Action contained in the;

Mindful that 2006 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the *International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes* and recognizing its increased relevance in the wake of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, rising frequency of complex human and natural emergencies, and concerns about the risks of intrinsic contamination of powdered infant formula;

- 1. REITERATES** its support for the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding;
- 2. WELCOMES** the Call for Action made in the Innocenti Declaration 2005 on Infant and Young Child Feeding as a significant step towards achievement of the fourth Millennium Development Goal to reduce child mortality;
- 3. URGES** Member States to support action on this Call for Action and, in particular, to renew their commitment to policies and programmes related to implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and subsequent relevant Health Assembly resolutions and to the revitalization of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative to protect, promote and support breastfeeding;

4. **CALLS** on multilateral and bilateral donor arrangements and international financial institutions to direct financial resources for Member States to carry out these efforts;
5. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to mobilize technical support for Member States in the implementation and independent monitoring of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and subsequent relevant Health Assembly resolutions.

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