

A world with optimal oral health

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Global advocacy updates

Oral health in UNHLM4 Political Declaration

Zero draft

Political declaration of the fourth high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being

Equity and integration: transforming lives and livelihoods through leadership and action on noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being

We, Heads of State and Government and representatives of States and Governments, assembled at the United Nations on 25 September 2025 to review progress achieved in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being, commit to accelerating a priority set of evidence-based, cost-effective and affordable actions, and in this regard we:

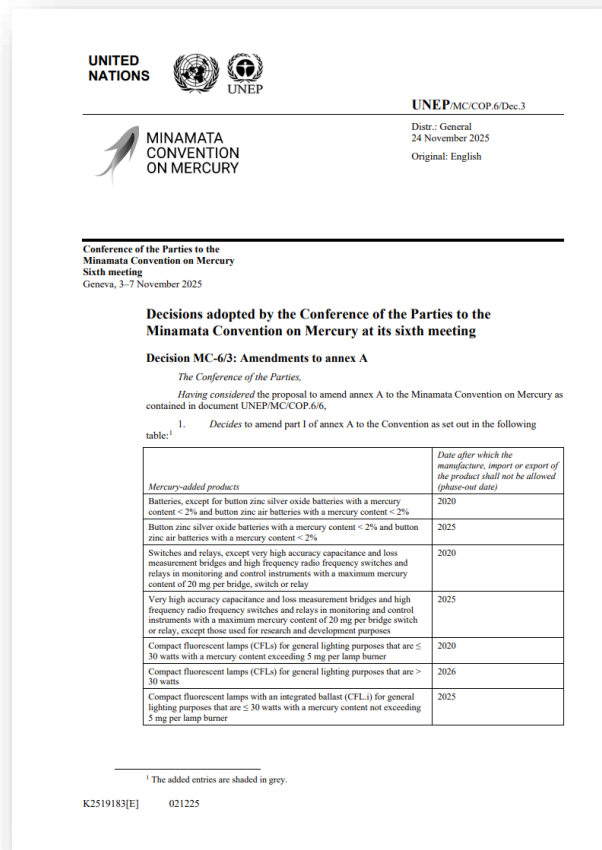
1. Reaffirm our commitment to reduce by one third premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases by 2030, through prevention and treatment, and promote mental health and well-being through addressing risk factors and the determinants of health and by accelerating the implementation of the political declarations and outcome document approved by the previous high-level meetings of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases held in 2011¹, 2014², and 2018³ and the political declarations approved by the high-level meetings on universal health coverage held in 2019⁴ and 2023⁵;
2. Reaffirm General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", stressing the need for a comprehensive and people-centred approach, with a view to leaving no one behind, reaching the furthest behind first, and the importance of health across all the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which are integrated and indivisible;
3. Reaffirm General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which reaffirmed strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity; *(will be updated after Seville)*
4. Take note of the Secretary-General's report⁶ entitled "Progress on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being" and recognize that while some progress has been made, there are many areas

¹ Resolution 66/2
² Resolution 68/300
³ Resolution 73/2
⁴ Resolution 74/2
⁵ Resolution 78/4
⁶ A/79/762

- FDI played an active and influential role at the **UN HLM4 on NCDs and Mental Health** in New York
- **Oral health included for the first time** in the Political Declaration
- Recognition that **oral diseases share risk factors** with other NCDs
- The message is clear: **Oral health is health**



Dental amalgam phase out date agreed for 2034



- Secured a **2034 global phase-out date** for dental amalgam
- Ensured inclusion of a **key clinical exemption, keeping patient needs at the centre of decision-making** and safeguarding access to care.
- Advocated for a **balanced approach** that supports all countries

Our advocacy continues in 2026: WHO EB158 outcomes

- Feb 2–7
- EB158 discussed **53 items and sub-items**
- **FDI led statements on:**
 - NCDs
 - Primary healthcare
- **Supported statements led by WHPA**
 - Economics of health for all (*Constituency*)
 - Digital health
 - International recruitment of health personnel
- NCDs: Oral health referenced in 7 national statements and WHO AFRO and WPRO statements

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EB158/1

Provisional agenda

1. **Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
Documents EB158/1 and [EB158/1 \(annotated\)](#)
2. **Report by the Director-General**
Document EB158/2
3. **Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board**
Document [EB158/3](#)
4. **Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
Document EB158/4
5. **Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response**
Document [EB158/5](#)

Provide health

6. **Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases**
Document [EB158/6](#)
7. **Mental health**
Document [EB158/7](#)
8. **Communicable diseases**
 - Immunization Agenda 2030
Document [EB158/8](#)



- Read comments [here](#)
- Supporting attachments are also available.

WHO World Health Assembly: 18–23 May



- **Agenda items will include:**

- NCDs (including oral health)
- Primary healthcare
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Economics of health for all
- Digital health and more

- **Side events to note:**

- FDI-led side event on occupational oral health
- WHPA side event on investing in health professionals
- WHO event to launch the WHO Global Coalition on Oral Health

WHA79: FDI-led side event



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79th World Health Assembly
FDI side event

Oral Health at Work:

A Roadmap for Prevention, Productivity
and Workforce Well-being

Save the date

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 18.30 - 20.30 CEST
Hotel Royal Geneva, Rue de Lausanne 41-43, 1201 Geneva



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Title: Oral Health in the workplace: a strategic investment in workforce productivity and well-being

Date: Tuesday 19 May

Time: 18:30 to 20:30

Venue: Royal Manotel Geneva, Rue de Lausanne 41-43, Geneva.

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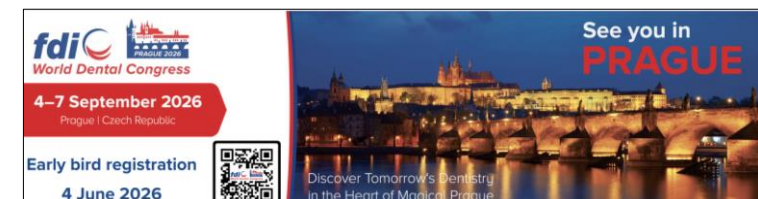
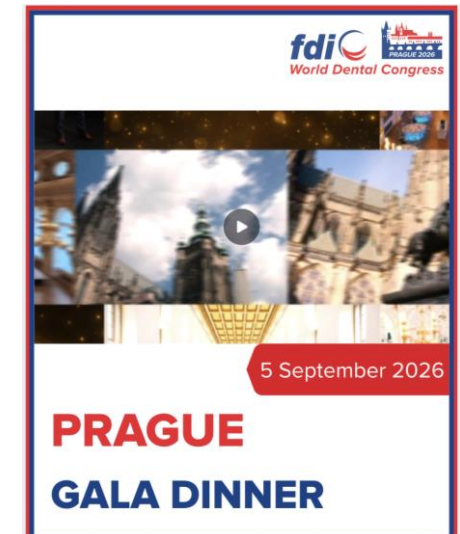
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