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5 (j) Roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Health 2020, the European policy for health and well-being (resolution EUR/RC67/R3)

Universal access to safe anaesthesia and safe surgery is crucial to Sustainable Development Goal 3.8 on Universal Health Coverage, and yet 5 out of the world's 7 billion people lack access to safe, affordable and timely anaesthesia and surgical care. Good health and well-being cannot be achieved without a scale up of surgical services worldwide, as outlined in the unanimously-passed WHA Resolution 68.15: *Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage*.

The WFSA therefore suggests three recommendations to the 69th session of the Regional Committee for Europe:

- 1) Show leadership, as urged in the Roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in the highest attainable standard of health and well-being, recognising that this cannot be achieved without safe and affordable anaesthesia care.
- 2) Include safe anaesthesia and safe surgery in the discourse of the SDGs: it is estimated that, each year, more than four times as many people die from surgical conditions than HIV, tuberculosis and malaria combined.
- 3) Promote the formulation and implementation of National Surgical, Obstetric and Anaesthesia Plans within countries, demonstrating commitment to achieving SDG Goal 3, target 3.8 on achieving Universal Health Coverage, and reminding them of the important role of safe anaesthesia and surgery in reaching this objective.

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