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In focus

In [A73/4](#) the DG advises:

The Board (EB146) noted two reports under the item on ending tuberculosis: a progress report on implementing the global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015 ([EB146/10](#)), and the draft global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation ([EB146/11](#)). The Board adopted resolution [EB146.R7](#), in which it recommended to the Health Assembly, inter alia, the adoption of the [global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation](#).

On 7 August, the [WHO News Room advised](#) that the draft resolution contained in [EB146.R7](#) had been adopted by the Assembly through the Silence Procedure. The news room advised:

The global strategy for TB research and innovation was developed to support efforts by governments and other partners to accelerate progress and to improve equitable access to the benefits of research in line with the commitments made in the WHO End TB Strategy, the [Moscow Declaration to End TB](#) and the [political declaration of the United Nations high-level meeting on TB](#).

It highlights 4 major areas for action are highlighted in the strategy: creating an enabling environment for TB research and innovation; increasing financial investments in TB research and innovation; promoting and improving approaches to data sharing; and promoting equitable access to the benefits of research and innovation. The strategy also makes the case for a unified and aligned response in which key partners and affected communities support Member States by undertaking the investments and partnerships that are necessary for accelerating innovation.

The resolution requests WHO to report biennially, until 2030, on the implementation of the strategy. The resolution calls for the support of the scientific community, international partners and other relevant stakeholders to undertake research and innovation aligned with the needs of the countries most affected by TB; to strengthen public-private

partnerships; and to facilitate knowledge sharing. Furthermore, it calls on WHO to provide technical and strategic assistance to Member States in the implementation of the strategy.

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