Appropriate measures for the physical protection of medical and health personnel, their means of transport and installations;

Other appropriate measures, such as national legal frameworks where warranted, to effectively address violence against medical and health personnel;

Collection of data on obstruction, threats and physical attacks on health workers;

14. Requests the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director General of the World Health Organization, to submit a report on the protection of health workers, which compiles and analyses the experiences of Member States and presents recommendations for action to be taken by relevant stakeholders, including appropriate preventive measures.

On 29 December (decision 69/554), the General Assembly decided that agenda item “Global health and foreign policy” would remain for consideration during its resumed sixty-ninth (2015) session.

International Day of Yoga

On 11 December, the General Assembly considered a draft resolution, introduced by India and co-sponsored by 175 Member States, proposing an International Day of Yoga to raise global awareness of the many health benefits of practicing yoga.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION

On 11 December [meeting 69], the General Assembly adopted resolution 69/131 [draft: A/69/L.17 & Add.1] without vote [agenda item 124].

International Day of Yoga

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 66/2 of 19 September 2011 on the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases and 68/98 of 11 December 2013 on global health and foreign policy,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries,

Noting the importance of individuals and populations making healthier choices and following lifestyle patterns that foster good health,

Underscoring the fact that global health is a long-term development objective that requires closer international cooperation through the exchange of best practices aimed at building better individual lifestyles devoid of excesses of all kinds,

Recognizing that yoga provides a holistic approach to health and well-being,

Recognizing also that wider dissemination of information about the benefits of practising yoga would be beneficial for the health of the world population,

1. Decides to proclaim 21 June the International Day of Yoga;

2. Invites all Member and observer States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Yoga, in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities, in order to raise awareness of the benefits of practising yoga;

3. Stresses that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member and observer States and the organizations of the United Nations system.

Road safety

On 10 April, the General Assembly, in follow-up on resolution 66/260 [YUN 2012, p. 1166] and in consideration of an earlier report [YUN 2013, p. 1184] on improving global road safety, prepared by WHO, in consultation with the UN regional commissions and other partners of the UN Road Safety Collaboration [YUN 2005, p. 1334], called on Member States to implement road safety activities from the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011–2020 [YUN 2010, p. 1233].

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION

On 10 April [meeting 82], the General Assembly adopted resolution 68/269 [draft: A/68/L.40 & Add.1] without vote [agenda item 12].

Improving global road safety

The General Assembly,


Recalling also the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and its outcome document, entitled “The future we want”, in which Member States took into account road safety as part of their efforts to achieve sustainable development,

Recalling further the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, convened by the President of the General Assembly on 25 September 2013, and its outcome document,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on improving global road safety and the recommendations contained therein,

Noting that road traffic injuries are a major public health and development problem that has a broad range of social and economic consequences which, if unaddressed, may affect the sustainable development of countries and hinder progress towards the Millennium Development Goals,

Expressing its concern that the number of road traffic deaths still remains unacceptably high, with an estimated 1.24 million lives lost in 2010, and that only 7 per cent of the world’s population is covered by adequate laws that address