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**Paragraph on primary health care**

Committee A noted the Operational framework for primary health care to guide the efforts of Member States and other stakeholders to strengthen primary health care in line with the vision and commitments in the [Declaration of Astana](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/primary-health/declaration/gcphc-declaration.pdf).

To roll-out the Operational Framework, WHO has established a Special Programme on Primary Health Care. This programme will draw together technical expertise from across the Organization and other stakeholders to support Member States in order to build people-centred, resilient and sustainable primary health care-based health systems that uphold the right to health, promote social justice, empower individuals and communities and address the determinants of health. The Director-General emphasized at the closing of the Committee A session today that primary health care is at the centre of WHO’s transformational agenda.