



## PHM and PSI Statement at the WHA78 – 17-29 May 2025

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### ***Agenda Item 18.1***

#### *Effects of Nuclear War on Public Health*

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The spectre of nuclear war haunts our increasingly divided world.

Any nuclear conflict would have cataclysmic effects, and would have the potential to be species-ending for humanity.

A nuclear war would inevitably be a mass-casualty event, and would cause monumental suffering from the fire, radiation, and the blast forces themselves. These acute effects would, however, be dwarfed by the unthinkable climatic effects that would follow, resulting in “nuclear famine” and mass starvation, unprecedented displacement, and death from disease and exposure.

We urge Member States to support the resolution and to empower WHO to report on the health effects of nuclear weapons and of nuclear war.

Moreover, nuclear-armed states should urgently organize to begin the process of full disarmament and all Member States should back the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.