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WHA76 AGENDA ITEM 16.2

**ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN THROUGH HEALTH SYSTEMS
STRENGTHENING AND MULTISECTORAL APPROACHES (A76/7 Rev.1)**

WHO's work to support member states in ending violence against children is critically important.

But alcohol as major risk factor for violence against children remains a blind spot. Millions of children grow up in households with alcohol use problems. There is a clear and well-documented link between alcohol and child neglect, maltreatment, and violence against children.

Therefore, we remain concerned that alcohol is not included in the Global Initiative to Support Parents to prevent child maltreatment and optimize child development. We ask for WHO to develop parenting interventions that address alcohol. We also ask the Secretariat to support Member States to better help children from households with alcohol use problems.

The SAFER alcohol policy blue print holds untapped potential to help end violence against children.

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