OEWG PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION

WHA63.XX Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

The Sixty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Open Ended Working Group that met in May 10-12, 2010;¹

Recalling resolutions 60.28 and 62.10, which relate to the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the Sharing of Influenza Viruses and Access to Vaccines and Other Benefits², as well as resolutions WHA56.19 and WHA59.2 which relate to pandemic influenza preparedness;

Taking note of all experiences and lessons from the H1N1 pandemic; the ongoing work of the IHR Review Committee; and lessons from the ongoing outbreaks of H5N1;

Recognizing the continued challenge of improving pandemic influenza preparedness, notably to increase: national and global preparedness and response capacities; improved laboratory and surveillance capacity; global influenza vaccine, antivirals and diagnostics production capacity, and access to vaccines, antivirals and diagnostics, particularly in affected and developing countries, and with special attention to least developed countries,

Recognizing the need to implement a fair and transparent, equitable, efficient and effective system for the sharing of viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits on an equal footing;

Recognizing that the solutions to address these challenges involve the implementation of multiple, interlinked as necessary, tools, which may include: separate, but complementary Standard Material Transfer Agreements for relevant materials, one within the WHO Network, and one for transfers outside the WHO Network; strengthening support for the WHO Global Vaccine Pandemic Influenza Action Plan to Increase Vaccine Supply; surveillance capacity building under the IHR; and ensuring sustainable financing and solidarity mechanisms;

Recognizing the role of industry as an important contributor to addressing the above challenges in a sustainable and predictable manner

Considering that some of the remaining elements require further consideration, and studies, as necessary, in order to reach final agreement;

1. REQUESTS the Director-General:

¹ A63/XX
² See 62.10
1.1 To continue to work with Member States and relevant regional economic integration organizations, on the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the Sharing of Influenza Viruses and Access to Vaccines and Other Benefits as decided in resolution WHA 62.10 and to convene the Open-Ended Working Group before the 128th Executive Board.

1.2 To undertake technical consultations and studies as necessary in order to support the work of the Open-Ended Working Group to reach a final agreement;

2 DECIDES that the Open-Ended Working Group shall report through the 128th Executive Board to the 64th World Health Assembly.

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3 As contained in A62/5 Add. 1