



## **Establishment of an intergovernmental working group to make progress in the development of innovative and sustainable funding mechanisms for research and development**

### **Draft resolution proposed by the delegation of Ecuador on behalf of the Union of South American Nations**

The Sixty-third World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the reports on public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action;<sup>1</sup>

PP2 Considering resolution WHA61.21 which requests the Director-General "to establish urgently a results-oriented and time-limited expert working group to examine current financing and coordination of research and development, as well as proposals for new and innovative sources of funding to stimulate research and development related to Type II and Type III diseases and the specific research and development needs of developing countries in relation to Type I diseases, and open to consideration of proposals from Member States, and to submit a progress report to the Sixty-second World Health Assembly and the final report to the Sixty-third World Health Assembly through the Executive Board";

PP3 Bearing in mind that the Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Coordination and Financing did not explore the intellectual property dimension, stating in the executive summary of its report<sup>2</sup> that "the relevance of the integrity of intellectual property rights is well documented with respect to the need to foster and favour research and development", a position that is at odds with the mandate established under resolution WHA61.21;

PP4 Emphasizing that the Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Coordination and Financing made some progress in analysis and proposals for coordination among research and development activities, as called for in resolution WHA61.21;

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<sup>1</sup> Documents A63/6, A63/6 Add.1 and A63/6 Add.2.

<sup>2</sup> Document EB126/6 Add.1, Annex.

PP5 Noting that because, according to the executive summary report of the Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Coordination and Financing,<sup>1</sup> "the financing of research and development was examined, dividing diseases into the noncommunicable and the communicable groups for ease of analysis and because the data sources lent themselves to this analysis more readily than if the taxonomy of Types I, II and III had been used", the Working Group failed to fulfil the mandate it had been given;

PP6 Considering that some of the proposals by the Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Coordination and Financing were discarded or were judged unsatisfactory, although the reasons for this conclusion were not stated in the report;

PP7 Further considering that, in its recommendations, the Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Coordination and Financing states the need to conduct an in-depth review of own proposals;<sup>1</sup>

PP8 Observing that the Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Coordination and Financing failed to address the disconnection between the cost of research and development activities and the price of health products;

PP9 Emphasizing the importance of public funding of health research and development and the role of the State in regulating health research and development;

PP10 Affirming that, for the reasons stated, the Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Coordination and Financing has not fulfilled its mandate in respect of the principles and objectives contained in resolution WHA61.21, and that the requirements that the Group was supposed to satisfy still need to be addressed,

DECIDES that an intergovernmental group should immediately be constituted in order to make progress towards the development of innovative and sustainable financial mechanisms for research and development, in accordance with element 7 of the Global strategy on public health, innovation and intellectual property; that this group should be given a fixed-term mandate; and that it should inform the Executive Board at its 128th session of any progress made and submit its conclusions to the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB126/6 Add.1, Annex.