

SIXTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY WHA 63.XX

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Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

Establishment of a Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination

The Sixty-third World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the reports on public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action, and the report of the Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Coordination and Financing (EWG);¹

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 Noting that although the EWG made some progress in examining proposals for financing of, and coordination among, research and development activities, as called for in resolution WHA61.21, there was divergence between Member States’ expectations and the output of the group, underlining the importance of a clear mandate;

¹ Document A63/6 Add.1.

PP4 Considering that, in its recommendations, the EWG states the need to conduct an in-depth review of the recommended proposals;

PP5 Recognizing the need to further “explore and, where appropriate, promote a range of incentive schemes for research and development including addressing, where appropriate, the de-linkage of the costs of research and development and the price of health products, for example through the award of prizes, with the objective of addressing diseases which disproportionately affect developing countries”.²

PP6: Noting previous and ongoing work on innovative financing for health, research and development and the need to build on this work as relevant.

PP7: Emphasizing the importance of public funding of health research and development and the role of the Member States³ in coordinating, facilitating and promoting health research and development;

PP8: Reaffirming the importance of other relevant actors in health research and development.

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to support the work of the Consultative Expert Working Group by:

- a. providing, where appropriate, information, submissions or additional proposals;
- b. organizing and/or supporting, where appropriate, regional and sub-regional consultations
- c. proposing names of experts for the roster

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to make available electronically by the end of June 2010:

² Document WHA.61.21, Annex, element 5, paragraph 5.3a.

³ For the purpose of this resolution, the term “Member States” should be understood to include regional economic integration organizations, as appropriate.

- a. all the proposals considered by the EWG including their source;
- b. the criteria used to assess the proposals;
- c. the methodology used by the EWG;
- d. the list of the stakeholders that were interviewed and those who contributed information;
- e. sources of statistics used.

(2) to establish a Consultative Expert Working Group. The Consultative Expert Working Group shall

- a. take forward the work of the EWG;
- b. deepen the analysis of the proposals in the EWG report, and in particular,
 - 1. examine the practical details of the four innovative sources of financing proposed by the EWG report⁴
 - 2. review the five promising proposals⁵ identified by the EWG report
 - 3. further explore the six proposals that did not meet the criteria applied by the EWG⁶
- c. consider additional submissions and proposals from Member States, any regional and sub-regional consultations, and from other stakeholders
- d. in carrying out b. and c., examine the appropriateness of different research and development financing approaches and the feasibility of implementation of these approaches in each of the six WHO regions, with sub-regional analysis, as appropriate.

⁴ Chapter 5.3 of the report of the EWG.

⁵ Chapter 5.6 of the report of the EWG.

⁶ Annex 2 of the report of the EWG.

(3) To provide, upon request, within available resources dedicated to the financing of the Consultative Expert Working Group, technical and financial support for regional consultations, including meetings, in order to seek regional views to help inform the work of the Consultative Expert Working Group.

(4) a. to invite Member States to nominate experts who, following consultations within regional Committees to achieve gender balance and diversity of technical competence and expertise, shall be submitted to the Director-General through the respective regional directors

- b. to establish a roster of experts comprising all the nominations submitted by the regional directors
- c. to propose to the Executive Board for its approval a composition of the Group drawing on the roster of experts taking into account regional representation according to the composition of the Executive Board, gender balance and diversity of expertise
- d. upon approval by the Executive Board, to establish the Group and facilitate its work including its consultation with the Member States and other relevant stakeholders, where appropriate

(5) To put particular emphasis on the transparent management of potential conflicts of interest by ensuring full compliance with the mechanisms established by the Director-General for that purpose.

(6) to ensure full transparency for Member States the Consultative Expert Working Group will provide regular updates on the implementation of its workplan. All the documentation used by this Consultative Expert Working Group will be made available at the conclusion of the process.

(7) to submit the workplan and inception report of the Consultative Expert Working Group to the 129th Executive Board, a progress report

to the 130th Executive Board with a view to submitting the final report to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly.