

Research and development: financing and coordination

Draft Resolution

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the report on the consultative expert working group on research and development: financing and coordination;

PP2 Recalling 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;

PP3 Further recalling resolution WHA63.28 which requests the Director-General to establish a Consultative Expert Working group on research and development to take forward the work of the former Expert Working Group, with a view to submitting its final report to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly;

PP4 Noting previous and ongoing work on innovative financing for health, research and development and the need to build on this work as relevant;

PP5 Emphasizing the importance of public funding of health research and development and the role of the Member States in coordinating, facilitating and promoting health research and development;

PP6 Reaffirming the importance of other relevant actors in health research and development;

PP7 Recognizing the necessity to supplement the existing intellectual property rights system where the current system is not working as incentive for research and development.

PP8 Noting that the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group recommends the adoption of a globally binding instrument on research and development which would incorporate a mechanism for resource distribution, polling of funds and global coordination;

PP9 Considering that the recommendations of the report require further analysis and discussion among Member States and with the Director General;

PP10 Expressing concerns regarding the short period of time between the publication of the Consultative Expert Working Group's report and the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly and the impossibility for Member States to complete a substantive analysis of its recommendations before the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly;

1. WELCOMES the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group and expresses its appreciation to the Chair and Members of the Group for their work;
2. URGES Member States to analyse thoroughly and consider the feasibility, at national level, of the recommendations proposed by the Consultative Expert Working Group in its report;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to hold informal, in-depth consultations with Member States on the appropriateness and feasibility of the recommendations contained in the report, in particular concerning a globally binding instrument on research and development, together with the funding implications of such an instrument;
 - (2) To put a debate on the recommendations of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on research and development to the agenda of the regional committees in 2012.
 - (3) To compile the views expressed during the consultations and regional committees in a document to be presented under a substantive item dedicated to the follow up to the Consultative Expert Working Group's report, which shall be included in the agenda of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly through the 132nd session of the Executive Board.

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