

**Report of the open-ended meeting of Member States on the follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination
Geneva, 26–28 November 2012**

1. The open-ended meeting of Member States on the follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG) met from 26 to 28 November 2012 in Geneva and was chaired by Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand). The session was attended by representatives from [xx] Member States, and one regional economic integration organization.
2. Member States decided to open the morning session of the 26 November 2012 to nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in official relationship with WHO and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and to invite The Wellcome Trust, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the South Centre.
3. Member States considered the outcomes of the national and regional consultations and the regional committee meetings on the CEWG report and the feasibility of the recommendations proposed by the CEWG, taking into account related studies. Member States also considered the Report of the Secretariat (A/CEWG/3) on proposals and options relating to (1) research coordination, (2) financing and (3) monitoring of R&D expenditures.¹
4. Member States, acknowledging the urgent need to address the R&D needs to improve access to health products in relation to Type II and Type III diseases and the specific diseases of Type I in developing countries and agreed to address this need in a phased approach by endorsing a strategic work plan which encompasses monitoring, coordination, prioritization and financing.
5. Member States agreed in principle that a Global Health Observatory should be set up in WHO. The Secretariat was requested to develop, for consideration by the World Health Assembly, a proposal on how such an Observatory could be set up, including the scope of the Observatory, its relationship with mechanisms at regional and national levels, as well as management, timeframe and financial implications of such an Observatory.
6. It was also agreed, as a first step, as part of the strategic work plan, to develop a number of health R&D projects to address research gaps, effective coordination at all levels and secure financial needs for implementation of these projects. This will be assessed to generate lessons for further appropriate action.
7. Member States also requested the Director-General to develop a proposal for an effective financing vehicle based on voluntary contributions by Member States and other stakeholders.
8. The attached draft resolution was discussed.

¹ A/CEWG/3

9 The Director-General was requested to submit this report and attached draft resolution to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 132nd session, for its consideration.

ANNEX

[DRAFT RESOLUTION]

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