



Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination

Outcome of the informal drafting group on the draft decision proposed by the delegation of USA

The World Health Assembly requested the Director-General, in order to take forward action in relation to monitoring, coordination and financing for health R&D and in line with Resolution A66/23, to convene a technical consultative meeting over 2–3 days in order to assist in the identification of demonstration projects that:

- (1) address identified R&D gaps related to discovery, development and/or delivery, including promising product pipelines, for diseases that disproportionately affect developing countries, particularly the poor, and for which immediate action can be taken;
- (2) utilize collaborative approaches, including open-knowledge approaches, for R&D coordination;
- (3) promote the de-linkage of the cost of R&D from product price; and
- (4) propose and foster financing mechanisms including innovative, sustainable and pooled funding.

The demonstration projects should provide evidence for long term sustainable solutions.

The meeting will be open to all Member States.¹ The Director-General shall invite experts from relevant health R&D fields and experts with experience in managing funds for research and development while safeguarding WHO and public health from undue influence by any form of real, perceived or potential conflicts of interest.

The Director-General shall consult with Regional Directors in accordance with established WHO practice to ensure regional representation and diversity of expertise and experience.

The meeting will be in two parts: firstly a technical discussion among the experts followed by a briefing to and discussion by Member States.

¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

The meeting should be held by the end of 2013. It should be complementary to the Regional consultations referred to in operative paragraphs 2(6) and 4(4) of Resolution A66/23.

A report of the meeting will be prepared and presented by the Director General to the 134th Executive Board.

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