

DECISIONS POINT

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 accordance with the terms of 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 for diseases that disproportionately affect developing countries, particularly the poor, and for which immediate action can be taken;
- 2) utilize collaborative approaches to R&D for coordination, including open-knowledge approaches;
- 3) emphasize the de-linkage of cost of R&D from product price; and
- 4) demonstrate voluntary and sustainable financing mechanism.

The demonstration projects should provide a model for future working and evidence for long term sustainable solutions.

The meeting will be open to all Member States. The Director-General shall invite experts from relevant health R&D fields and experts with experience in managing funds for research and development. The Director-General shall 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.

The meeting should be held in early 2014. It should be complementary to the Regional consultations referred to in operative paragraph 4(4) of Resolution A66/23.

A report of the meeting will be prepared and presented by the Director General to the 67th World Health Assembly.