Reflection in Proposed programme budget 2006-2007 of achievement in, and obstacles to, implementing Health Assembly resolutions: assessment for 2001-2004

1. All resolutions adopted by the Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh World Health Assemblies were reviewed. For each of the 63 Health Assembly resolutions that requested or urged specific action of the Director-General, a summary was prepared noting achievements and impediments to implementation of the resolutions; cross references to documents submitted to the Health Assembly and Executive Board reporting on the action taken by the Director-General in complying with the resolutions; and the specific expected results in the Proposed programme budget 2006-2007 which build upon the achievements or address the impediments identified.2

2. Of the 63 Health Assembly resolutions that requested or urged specific action of the Director-General, 15 are the subject of reports submitted to the Board at its current (115th) session; 42 have been the subject of previous Health Assembly and Executive Board reports; only six had not been the subject of reports.

3. The scope of most of the resolutions is quite broad; often they cannot be considered as time-limited, covering actions that could extend into a foreseeable future. For example, resolution WHA54.2 requests the Director-General “to give greater emphasis to infant and young child nutrition ...”; resolution WHA55.11, “to provide support to countries to implement strategies and interventions aimed at achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration ...”; resolution WHA55.12, “to continue to ensure that WHO plays a key role in providing technical leadership, direction and support to the health system’s response to HIV ...”; resolution WHA57.2, “to continue to refine control strategies so as to make maximum use of national and international resources and to prevent further epidemic spread;”. Consequently, although achievements in implementing all resolutions have been significant, most resolutions adopted since 2001 continue to be reflected in the Proposed programme budget’s expected results.

1 Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly: 12 of 22 resolutions.
Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly: 16 of 25 resolutions.
Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly: 21 of 35 resolutions.
Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly: 14 of 19 resolutions.

2 Document GMG/PRP/2005.1, available on request.