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Report on administrative and financial implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board or Health Assembly

1. Resolution Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment	
2. Linkage to programme budget	
Area of work	Expected result
Surveillance, prevention and management of chronic, noncommunicable diseases	Support provided for strengthened capacity of targeted countries to eliminate avoidable visual impairment as a public health problem
(Briefly indicate the linkage with expected results, indicators, targets, baseline)	
The resolution will provide resources to achieve the expected result by the year 2007, the target of 120 national plans to eliminate avoidable blindness and subsequent full implementation of the Global Initiative for the Elimination of Avoidable Blindness (the Vision 2020 initiative).	
3. Financial implications	
(a) Total estimated cost for implementation over the “life-cycle” of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities) US\$ 45 000 000 until 2020 would be needed to address all probable requirements proposed by Member States.	
(b) Estimated cost for the biennium 2006-2007 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities) US\$ 5 400 000 which would extensively cover requests from Member States.	
(c) Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities? US\$ 1 500 000 already included in the Programme budget 2006-2007 would address the issue substantially, and enable progress to be made in support of the elements proposed for Member States in the resolution.	
4. Administrative implications	
(a) Implementation locales (indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken and identify the specific regions where relevant) The Vision 2020 initiative is a global programme requiring country support in all six regions with coordination at headquarters.	
(b) Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile) Five professional staff in the regional offices (one already in place at the Regional Office for the Americas) and one professional staff member at headquarters.	
(c) Time frames (indicate broad time frames for implementation and evaluation) The lifespan of the Vision 2020 initiative is 14 years. The monitoring committee is to meet every two years.	