

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

<b>1. Resolution</b> Essential health technologies	
<b>2. Linkage to programme budget</b>	
<b>Area of work</b>	<b>Expected result</b>
Essential health technologies	<p>2. Capacity strengthened and quality and safety of, and access to, appropriate diagnostics, medical devices, laboratory services (including basic laboratory tests and screening for HIV, hepatitis B and C) and cell, organ and tissue transplantation services improved.</p> <p>4. Support provided to capacity building and to development of standard procedures, and model lists of essential medical devices used.</p> <p>5. Establishment of appropriate components of electronic information for use in health-care systems promoted and effectively supported.</p> <p>Expected results 1 and 3 are also relevant.</p>
<b>(Briefly indicate the linkage with expected results, indicators, targets, baseline)</b>	
The resolution is fully consistent with the above-mentioned expected results and is linked to all indicators in the Programme budget 2006–2007. The establishment of a committee of experts on health technologies is in keeping with the strategic approach for this area of work, which includes policy and research work in essential health technologies in support of Member States. There are also considerable linkages to all technology-related indicators as the resolution calls for a broad-based technology programme that is not compartmentalized into specific technologies.	
<b>3. Financial implications</b>	
<p><b>(a) Total estimated cost for implementation over the “life-cycle” of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities)</b> US\$ 5.2 million are required per biennium (US\$ 4.1 million for staff costs and US\$ 1.1 million for operational costs, including technical assistance to Member States).</p> <p><b>(b) Estimated cost for the biennium 2006-2007 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities)</b> Estimated total cost is US\$ 3.9 million.</p> <p><b>(c) Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities?</b> US\$ 1.7 million can be subsumed under existing headquarters funds for human resources and activities.</p>	

**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)**

This will involve work throughout the Organization, in particular in the regions and countries that do not have the resources to support an effective health technology programme.

**(b) Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile)**

Seven additional full-time staff will be required across the Organization, together with six half-time support staff. One staff member in the professional category and one at 50% in the general service category will be required at headquarters to support the development of guidelines and standards for health technologies; six regional advisers and five support staff at 50% will be needed in the regional offices to facilitate regional and country work.

**(c) Time frames (indicate broad time frames for implementation and evaluation)**

Implementation of the resolution will be part of the continuing programmatic work in respect of essential health technologies and will therefore be subject to the same periodic evaluation as WHO's other activities in this area.

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