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Multilingualism: plan of action

Report by the Secretariat

CORRIGENDUM

Kindly replace paragraph 3 with the text below.

3. Progress has been made in promoting cultural and linguistic diversity in WHO's work. Governing body documentation, which has been available in all official languages in print since 1978, has been similarly available online since 1998. Simultaneous interpretation has also been provided at governing body sessions since 1978 and was recently introduced for meetings of drafting groups during the sessions. WHO is one of the few organizations of the United Nations system to have web sites, with user interface and navigation in the official languages. Since 2006 WHO has greatly increased the provision of multilingual health information, including information products in multiple languages, multilingual online interfaces and deep layers of multilingual content on the web. The WHO Regional Office for the Americas has a project to increase the provision of health information in indigenous languages and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean has produced a multilingual dictionary. The Secretariat offers free language training to all staff.

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