



EXECUTIVE BOARD 124th Session Agenda item 7.3

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

1. **Resolution** Relations with nongovernmental organizations¹

2. Linkage to programme budget

Strategic objective:

International Medical Corps

5. To reduce the health consequences of emergencies, disasters, crises and conflicts, and minimize their social and economic impact.

Organization-wide expected result:

- 5.2. Norms and standards developed, capacity built and technical support provided to Member States for a timely response to disasters associated with natural hazards and to conflict-related crises.
- 5.3. Norms and standards developed, capacity built and technical support provided to Member States for assessing needs and for planning and implementing interventions during the transition and recovery phases of conflicts and disasters.
- 5.6. Effective communications issued, partnerships formed and coordination developed with other organizations in the United Nations system, governments, local and international nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions and professional associations at the country, regional and global levels.

(Briefly indicate the linkage with expected results, indicators, targets, baseline)

The Organization-wide expected results are linked as follows: under 5.2, activities in the area of emergency response and operations, namely, providing effective support in crisis management; under 5.3, work in the area of recovery and transition, namely, supporting the work of the Global Health Cluster;² and under 5.6, work to strengthen interagency health partnerships.

¹ In accordance with the Principles governing relations between WHO and nongovernmental organizations (adopted by the Fortieth World Health Assembly in its resolution WHA40.25) and, inter alia, on the basis of a three-year plan for collaboration based on mutually agreed objectives, the Executive Board may decide, as appropriate, to admit a nongovernmental organization into official relations with WHO, and to maintain or discontinue existing relations. Document EB124/25 contains a draft resolution expressing such decisions. The general costs connected with the application of the Principles, including informing nongovernmental organizations that relations have been discontinued, are subsumed under strategic objective 12 of the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013.

However, the costs, if any, of the collaboration plans are incurred by the technical department with which the plans were agreed. Therefore, this report refers to the relevant strategic objective for each nongovernmental organization that will be admitted into official relations with WHO if the Executive Board adopts the resolution set out in document EB124/25. The plans for collaboration appear in the restricted document EB124/NGO/1.

² The Inter-Agency Standing Committee was established in June 1992 in response to United Nations General Assembly resolution 46/182 on the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance in the United Nations. The Standing Committee was instrumental in organizing a cluster approach to improve the effectiveness of humanitarian response. WHO is the lead agency for the Health Cluster, which is one of 11 clusters working towards common objectives.

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)

Nil.

(b) Estimated cost for the biennium 2008–2009 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000 including staff and activities, and indicating at which levels of the Organization the costs will be incurred, identifying specific regions where relevant)

Not applicable.

(c) Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities for the biennium 2008–2009?

Not applicable.

(d) For the amount that cannot be subsumed under existing programmed activities, how will the additional costs be financed? (indicate potential sources of funds)

Not applicable.

4. Administrative implications

(a) Implementation locales (indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken, identifying specific regions where relevant)

At headquarters and in the regional offices, and in countries and areas affected by crises and disasters.

(b) Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff – full-time equivalents – by levels of the Organization, identifying specific regions where relevant and noting necessary skills profile)

Not applicable.

(c) Time frames (indicate broad time frames for implementation)

Three years for implementation, after which the Executive Board will evaluate the relations, in accordance with resolution WHA40.25.

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