Proposed programme budget 2014–2015

The Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, at its extraordinary session in December 2012, having considered the proposals to improve WHO’s financing, decided to request the Director-General to provide further information on a draft resolution outlining approval of the entire programme budget, and information on changes to the WHO Financial Rules and Financial Regulations in relation to Proposal 1, to the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee and Executive Board in January 2013.1 The Director-General therefore provides the text attached below.

DRAFT PROGRAMME BUDGET RESOLUTION (MOCK-UP)

The Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly,

1. **APPROVES** the programme, as well as the total effective budget under all sources of funds, namely, assessed and voluntary contributions of US$ XXXX;

2. **ALLOCATES** the total effective budget for the financial period 2014–2015 among the following six categories:

   1. Communicable diseases US$ XXXX
   2. Noncommunicable diseases US$ XXXX
   3. Promoting health through the life course US$ XXXX
   4. Health systems US$ XXXX
   5. Preparedness, surveillance and response US$ XXXX
   6. Enabling functions/corporate services US$ XXXX

   as well as the emergencies segment of the budget US$ XXXX;

3. **RESOLVES** that the budget will be financed as follows:

   (1) by net assessments on Member States adjusted for estimated Member State non-assessed income;

   (2) from voluntary contributions;

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1 See document EB132/3, Decisions of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee.
4. **FURTHER RESOLVES** that the gross amount of the assessed contribution for each Member State shall be reduced by the sum standing to their credit in the Tax Equalization Fund; that reduction shall be adjusted in the case of those Members that require staff members to pay income taxes on their WHO emoluments, taxes which the Organization reimburses to said staff members; the amount of such tax reimbursements is estimated at US$ XXXX, resulting in a total net assessment on Members of US$ XXXXX;

5. **AUTHORIZES** the Director-General to spend the assessed contributions together with the voluntary contributions, subject to the availability of resources, to finance the budget as allocated in paragraph 2;

6. **FURTHER AUTHORIZES** the Director-General to make transfers between the six categories provided in paragraph 2 above, up to an amount not exceeding 5% of the amount allocated to the category from which the transfer is made taking into account the terms of donor agreements; the expenditure resulting from any such transfers shall be reported in the financial report for the financial period 2014–2015;

7. **FURTHER AUTHORIZES** the Director-General to incur expenditures in the emergencies segment of the budget beyond the amount allocated for this segment, subject to availability of resources, and requests the Director-General to report to the governing bodies on availability of resources and expenditures in this segment;

8. **DECIDES** to establish a financing dialogue to be convened by the Director-General and facilitated by the Chairman of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, with the following aims:

   (1) to improve the alignment of contributions across the programme budget;
   
   (2) to increase the predictability of WHO’s financing before the start of budget implementation;
   
   (3) to ensure transparency about the funding requirements of WHO and associate funding gaps;

9. **REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL:**

   (1) to submit regular reports on the outcome, achievements and challenges of the financial dialogue and coordinated resource mobilization through the Executive Board and its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, to the World Health Assembly;
   
   (2) to submit an initial assessment of the first financial dialogue to WHO’s governing bodies.