Decision concerning the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the 2016 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework Review Group; recalling section 6.14.5 of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework, according to which the Director-General will propose to the Executive Board which proportion of partnership contributions should be used for inter-pandemic preparedness measures, and which proportion should be reserved for response activities in the event of a pandemic, based on the advice of the PIP Advisory Group; recalling also decision EB131(2) (2012), wherein it was decided that, over the next five years (2012–2016) approximately 70% of contributions should be used for pandemic preparedness measures and approximately 30% should be reserved for response activities, recognizing the need for and usefulness of flexibility in allocating funds; further recalling that in April 2016 the PIP Advisory Group recommended to the Director-General that all decisions relating to the implementation of partnership contributions be extended to 31 December 2017, including Executive Board decision EB131(2), and that the recommendation of the Advisory Group was therefore to extend also the proportional division between pandemic preparedness measures and response activities agreed through decision EB131(2); noting that the Director-General accepted this recommendation; noting also that the report of the 2016 PIP Framework Review Group will be submitted to the Seventieth World Health Assembly in May 2017 and that discussion on the report at the Health Assembly may be relevant to the development of the next proposal for the proportional division of funds between pandemic preparedness measures and response activities; having further considered documents EB140/15 and EB140/16 and the recommendations, in particular recommendation 36, of the 2016 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework Review Group contained in EB140/16, decided the following:

1. to extend until 28 February 2018 the application of decision EB131(2) (2012);

2. to request the Director-General to propose, in accordance with section 6.14.5 of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework, a new proposal on which proportion of partnership contributions should be used for inter-pandemic preparedness measures, and which proportion should be reserved for response activities in the event of a pandemic, based on the advice of the PIP Advisory Group, for consideration by the Executive Board at its 142nd session in January 2018;

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1 Document EB140/16, Annex 1.
(3) to request the Director-General to continue consultations with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other relevant international organizations, as appropriate, in the context of the existing international commitments, on access to pathogens and fair and equitable sharing of benefits, in the interest of public health, and to report thereon to the Seventieth World Health Assembly.

(Tenth meeting, 27 January 2017)