

Follow up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG);¹

Recalling resolution WHA63.28 which requested the Director-General, inter alia, to establish the CEWG in order to take forward the work of the Expert Working Group earlier established under resolution WHA61.21, and to submit the final report to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly;

Further recalling resolutions WHA59.24, WHA61.21 and WHA62.16,

1. WELCOMES the analysis of the CEWG report and expresses its appreciation to the Chair, Vice-Chair and all the members of the Working Group for their work;
2. URGES Member States:²
 - (1) to hold national level consultations among all relevant stakeholders, in order to discuss the CEWG report and other relevant analyses, resulting in concrete proposals and actions;
 - (2) to participate actively in the meetings at regional and global level referred to in this resolution;
 - (3) to implement, where feasible, in their respective countries, proposals and actions identified by national consultations;
 - (4) to establish and/or strengthen mechanisms for improved coordination of research and development (R&D)³ in collaboration with WHO and other relevant partners, as appropriate;

¹ Documents A65/24; Annex and A65/24 Corr.1.

² And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

³ In the context of this resolution R&D shall refer to health research and development related to Type II and Type III diseases and the specific research and development needs of developing countries in relation to Type I diseases.

3. CALLS UPON Member States,¹ the private sector, academic institutions and nongovernmental organizations to increase investments in health research and development related to Type II and Type III diseases and the specific research and development needs of developing countries in relation to Type I diseases;
4. REQUESTS regional committees to discuss at their 2012 meetings the report of the CEWG in the context of the implementation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property² in order to contribute to concrete proposals and actions;
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to hold an open-ended meeting of Member States¹ that will thoroughly analyse the report and the feasibility of the recommendations proposed by the CEWG, taking into account, as appropriate, related studies as well as the results from national consultations and regional committee discussions, and will develop proposals or options relating to (1) research coordination, (2) financing and (3) monitoring of R&D expenditures,³ to be presented under a substantive item dedicated to the follow up of the CEWG report at the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 132nd session.

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² Resolutions WHA61.21 and WHA62.16.

³ As defined in the Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property.