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## **Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013: interim assessment**

### **Third report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly**

1. The fourteenth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board was held in Geneva on 12 and 13 May 2011 under the chairmanship of Dr Ali Jaffer Mohamed (Oman).<sup>1</sup>
2. The Committee welcomed the report on the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013: interim assessment, and thanked the Secretariat for its initiative to involve Member States actively in the assessment process. The Committee noted the limitations inherent in a methodology based on self-assessment by Member States. Nevertheless, the report was considered to be useful in highlighting areas that would need to be set as priorities for technical support in the next medium-term strategic plan.
3. Observations were made on the extent to which the results adequately represent the views of WHO's collective membership, given the response rate of 54%. It was further noted that the level of aggregation presented may limit the use of the interim assessment for effective organizational learning purposes.
4. The Committee noted the relative progress reported by responding Member States in regard to strategic objectives 1 and 2, while concern was expressed in regard to progress on some health system-related issues and noncommunicable diseases. Analysis had also shown that progress had been achieved in the areas of partnerships and technical cooperation. It was suggested that the results of the interim assessment should inform future budgets and priority setting for the Organization.

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

5. The Committee recommended, on behalf of the Executive Board, that the Health Assembly note the interim assessment of the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013.

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<sup>1</sup> For list of participants, see document A64/45, Annex.