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

<b>1. Resolution</b> WHO's role and responsibilities in health research	
<b>2. Linkage to programme budget</b>	
<b>Area of work</b>	<b>Expected result</b>
Health information, evidence and research policy	Strengthened national health research for health-systems development, within the context of regional and international research and engagement of civil society; WHO programmes and initiatives in research for health-systems development and for access to, and use of, knowledge effectively developed and implemented on the basis of strategic priorities.
<b>(Briefly indicate the linkage with expected results, indicators, targets, baseline)</b>	
The resolution is fully consistent with the expected result. At present, there is no common position on WHO's role and responsibilities in health research, and only minimal information on research activities is available. Proper assessment of WHO research activities will allow the Secretariat to develop a position paper on WHO's role and responsibilities in health research, which will be submitted to the Executive Board and the Health Assembly. Once WHO's role and responsibilities in health research have been defined and agreed, WHO's programmes will be able to coordinate better their activities, overall strategies and policies in order to achieve the objectives of the strategic priorities.	
<b>3. Financial implications</b>	
(a) <b>Total estimated cost for implementation over the "life-cycle" of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities)</b> US\$ 1 million over a five-year life-cycle	
(b) <b>Estimated cost for the biennium 2006-2007 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities)</b> US\$ 200 000	
(c) <b>Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities?</b> 100%	
<b>4. Administrative implications</b>	
(a) <b>Implementation locales (indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken and identify the specific regions where relevant)</b> Initially at headquarters, moving to regional offices in the next biennium.	
(b) <b>Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile)</b> No additional staff needed.	
(c) <b>Time frames (indicate broad time frames for implementation and evaluation)</b> 2006: commissioning reviews, identifying implementation processes and mechanisms 2007: implementation of identified mechanisms End 2007: initial/mid-stage evaluation.	