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The role of contractual arrangements in improving health systems' performance

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report on the role of contractual arrangements in improving health systems' performance,

RECOMMENDS to the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Noting that the performance of health systems must be strengthened in order to further improve the health of the population, ensure equitable financing of health and meet the legitimate expectations of the population;

Considering that the reform of health systems has generally involved institutional restructuring, with a diversification of the agents involved in the field of health (in the public and private sectors and in nongovernmental organizations);

Recognizing the important role of government stewardship in regulation of contractual arrangements in the health sector,

1. URGES Member States to:

- (1) ensure that contractual arrangements in the field of health adopt rules and principles that are in harmony with the national health policy;
- (2) develop contractual policies that maximize impact on the performance of health systems and harmonize the practices of all parties in a transparent way, to avoid adverse effects;
- (3) share their experiences on contractual arrangements involving the public and private sectors and nongovernmental organizations in the provision of health services;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to:

- (1) develop an evidence base so as to permit the evaluation of the impact of differing types of contractual arrangements on the performance of health systems and the identification of best practices, taking account of sociocultural differences;
- (2) provide, in response to requests from Member States, technical support in developing capacities and expertise in the development of contractual arrangements;
- (3) develop, in response to requests from Member States, methods and tools to provide support to Member States in accreditation, licensing and registration of public and private sector and nongovernmental organizations in the health sector, establishing a system of supervision to ensure the provision of high-quality health services;
- (4) report to the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly in 2005 on the ways in which contractual arrangements improve the performance of health systems in the Member States of the Organization.

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