



# Implementation of resolutions and decisions

## Report by the Director-General

### CORRIGENDUM

#### II. WHO COLLABORATING CENTRES

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**delete** paragraph 6

**insert** new paragraph 6, as follows:

6. The procedure for designation, redesignation and termination of WHO collaborating centres has been carefully worked out and revised several times in order to offer all possible guarantees both to the centres and to the Organization. The development team on WHO programme development and management established in 1994 following the report of the Executive Board working group on the WHO response to global change, reviewed the procedure and concluded that:

- Centres could be initially designated for a flexible duration, up to four years depending on the programme targets and outputs.
- The emphasis currently placed on academic and research institutions should be extended to programme delivery (such as advisory services, information, health care delivery, policy development, intersectoral cooperation, and humanitarian assistance).
- Other types of centres of excellence should be recognized. Research institutes associated with industry should not be excluded where ethically appropriate.
- The complexity of management of collaborating centres should be reduced, stressing the responsibility of technical managers.
- A better regional balance between centres should be established gradually (for example through twinning and networking arrangements).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB96/5, paragraph 61.