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Reproductive health

Strategy to accelerate progress: process of development

Report by the Secretariat

1. By resolution WHA55.19, the Health Assembly requested the Director-General “to develop a strategy for accelerating progress towards attainment of international development goals and targets related to reproductive health ...”.
2. A progress report setting out the key elements of the strategy and summarizing the Board’s comments thereon was reviewed by the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly.¹
3. In order to ensure maximum involvement of Member States and broad ownership of the strategy, the following regional consultations were held: a joint meeting of the South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions (Colombo, 2 to 4 June 2003), European Region (Copenhagen, 5 to 7 June 2003), Region of the Americas (Washington, DC, 11 to 13 June 2003), and a joint meeting of the African and Eastern Mediterranean regions (Harare, 7 to 9 July 2003).
4. The aims of the consultations were to review country-level experiences and lessons learned in implementing reproductive health strategies, policies and programmes, and to review, and make recommendations on, the draft global reproductive health strategy.
5. WHO subsequently convened a meeting of experts (Geneva, 18 and 19 September 2003) to provide final input into the draft strategy.
6. The draft strategy is submitted to the Executive Board in document EB113/15 Add.1.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

7. The Executive Board is invited to review the draft strategy for accelerating progress towards reproductive health, and to consider forwarding it for endorsement by the Health Assembly.

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¹ Document A56/11.