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Governing body matters

Executive Board retreat: Chairman's report

1. An informal retreat of members of WHO's Executive Board was held in Accra, on 19 and 20 November 2003, at the invitation of the Director-General. Twenty-five Board members and alternates attended.
2. The retreat presented an opportunity for Board members, the Director-General and WHO senior staff to have a frank and open exchange of views on four main topics: the Millennium Development Goals and health targets; partnerships; country focus; and financing of the Organization. Discussion papers on these issues were made available to Board members in the six official languages and are accessible at the following address on the WHO web site: <http://www.who.int/gb/ebmr/>.
3. At the end of the retreat, the Ministry of Health of Ghana arranged a field visit for Board members and WHO staff to several local health centres and research institutes.¹
4. The Chairman of the Executive Board will give an oral report on the retreat to the Board at its 113th session.

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