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Guiding principles for strategic resource allocations

Note by the Secretariat

1. Intensive work has been under way over the past few months in response to decision WHA57(10) relating to the strategic allocation of resources across the Organization. During October 2004, all Member States were given the opportunity to comment on draft guiding principles using a dedicated WHO web site. The Secretariat is currently developing a practical approach to applying the draft guiding principles.
2. The nature of this issue is complex and of critical importance to the Organization. It should also be seen as part of the broader managerial framework, which is currently undergoing review. A proposal has been drawn up for a renewed results-based management framework, with the aim of adopting a more strategic approach to planning in the Secretariat and of simplifying key processes. These developments should have an impact on the process for the strategic allocation of resources.
3. Bearing in mind these considerations, an information document will be submitted to the Board that reflects Member States comments on the draft guiding principles and progress to date on work carried out within the Secretariat by an Organization-wide working group.
4. Further guidance by the Board will allow the Secretariat to continue elaborating sound guiding principles and an appropriate approach to the strategic allocation of resources, in consultation with Member States.

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