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Report on administrative and financial implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board or Health Assembly

1. Resolution International trade and health	
2. Linkage to programme budget	
Area of work	Expected result
Policy-making for health in development	Increased capacity at country, regional and global levels and within the Organization to measure, assess and act on cross-border risks to public health in the context of globalization, focusing on implications for population health of multi- and bilateral trade agreements. This result covers: (1) expansion and increased dissemination of the globalization, trade and health knowledge-base, including preparation of clear policy perspectives and technical guidance on the implications of trade agreements for public health; (2) development and introduction of tools, training materials and delivery of technical support in order to build capacity in ministries of health to analyse and act on the health implications of globalization and trade rules; (3) promotion of policy coherence across WHO on trade and health issues, and development of global strategic partnerships to ensure that public health concerns are addressed in trade policy and trade rules.
(Briefly indicate the linkage with expected results, indicators, targets, baseline)	
Successful implementation of this resolution will contribute to increasing capacity to assess and act on the health implications of globalization, focusing on trade liberalization and trade agreements. Countries with active interministerial mechanisms for trade and health are expected to increase to four in each region. Staff time in regions dedicated to issues related to trade and health is expected to increase to one half-time trade and health adviser in four regional offices.	
3. Financial implications	
(a) Total estimated cost for implementation over the “life-cycle” of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities) US\$ 4 940 000 for a four-year life-cycle. Implementation would not require a change in present staffing (four professional staff and one general staff).	
(b) Estimated cost for the biennium 2006-2007 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities) US\$ 2 470 000. No additional resources foreseen for related activities undertaken by other areas of work. Likewise, resources currently allocated at regional level should be adequate for achievement of the targets for the Organization-wide expected results.	
(c) Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities? All	
4. Administrative implications	
(a) Implementation locales (indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken and identify the specific regions where relevant)	
At headquarters, activities are coordinated by a technical working group on globalization, trade and health, which includes staff from the regional offices. Staffing and support for country missions provided at regional level.	
(b) Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile)	
None	
(c) Time frames (indicate broad time frames for implementation and evaluation)	
This is an ongoing activity, subject to requirements for reporting to the governing bodies.	

