

## **First report of Committee A**

**(Draft)**

Committee A held its First meeting on 17 May 2010 under the chairmanship of Dr Masato Mugitani, Japan.

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-third World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached resolution relating to the following agenda items:

11. Technical and health matters

11.1 Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

One resolution

## Agenda item 11.1

### **Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits**

The Sixty-third World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the report of the Open-Ended Working Group of Member States on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits that met in Geneva on 10–12 May, 2010;<sup>1</sup>

PP2 Recalling resolutions WHA60.28 and WHA62.10, which relate to the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the Sharing of Influenza Viruses and Access to Vaccines and Other Benefits,<sup>2</sup> as well as resolutions WHA56.19 and WHA59.2 on pandemic influenza preparedness;

PP3 Taking note of all experiences and lessons from the pandemic (H1N1) 2009, the ongoing work of the IHR Review Committee, and lessons learnt from the ongoing outbreaks of influenza H5N1;

PP4 Recognizing the continued challenge of improving pandemic influenza preparedness, notably to increase: national and global preparedness and response capacities; improved laboratory and surveillance capacity; global influenza vaccine, antivirals and diagnostics production capacity, and access to vaccines, antivirals and diagnostics, particularly in affected and developing countries, and with special attention to least developed countries;

PP5 Recognizing the need to implement a fair and transparent, equitable, efficient and effective system for the sharing of viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits on an equal footing;

PP6 Recognizing that the solutions to address these challenges involve the implementation of multiple tools, interlinked as necessary, which may include: separate, but complementary Standard Material Transfer Agreements for relevant materials, one within the WHO Network, and one for transfers outside the WHO Network; strengthening support for WHO's Global Pandemic Influenza Action Plan to Increase Vaccine Supply;<sup>3</sup> surveillance capacity building under the International Health Regulations (2005); and ensuring sustainable financing and solidarity mechanisms;

PP7 Recognizing the role of industry as an important contributor to addressing the above challenges in a sustainable and predictable manner;

PP8 Considering that some of the remaining elements require further consideration, and studies, as necessary, in order to reach final agreement,

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<sup>1</sup> Document A63/48.

<sup>2</sup> See document A62/5 Add.1.

<sup>3</sup> Document WHO/IVB/06.13 – WHO/CDS/EPR/GIP/2006.1.

1. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue to work with Member States and relevant regional economic integration organizations, on the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the Sharing of Influenza Viruses and Access to Vaccines and Other Benefits<sup>1</sup> as decided in resolution WHA62.10 and to convene the Open-Ended Working Group before the 128th session of the Executive Board;

(2) to undertake technical consultations and studies as necessary in order to support the work of the Open-Ended Working Group in reaching a final agreement;

2. DECIDES that the Open-Ended Working Group shall report through the Executive Board at its 128th session to the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> As contained in document A62/5 Add.1.