

Implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA63.15 on monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals and WHA64.12 on WHO's role in the follow-up to the United Nations High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals (New York, September 2010);

Expressing deep concern at the inadequate progress in achieving Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 on reducing child mortality and on improving maternal health, respectively;

Acknowledging that much more needs to be done in achieving the Millennium Development Goals as progress has been uneven among regions and between and within countries, despite the fact that developing countries have made significant efforts;

Acknowledging the pledges and commitments made by a large number of Member States and partners to the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health since it was launched in September 2010;

Welcoming the final report of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health and its set of bold recommendations for strengthening accountability for resources and results in women's and children's health;

Commending the work and contributions of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health, including in particular the development of an accountability framework built on three interconnected processes – monitoring, reviewing and acting;

Noting that the key recommendations relate to strengthening national accountability processes both with regard to resources as well as monitoring of results;

¹ Document A65/15.

Welcoming the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health, including the development of a multistakeholder workplan for the implementation of the accountability framework;

Welcoming the establishment of a global review mechanism that will report annually to the United Nations Secretary-General;

Reaffirming WHO's key role in the implementation and follow-up of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health and acknowledging the crucial role of the Director-General in particular,

1. URGES Member States to honour their commitments to the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health and to further strengthen efforts to improve women's and children's health;

2. ALSO URGES Member States to implement the recommendations provided by the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health to improve the accountability of results and resources by:

- (1) strengthening the accountability mechanisms for health in their own countries;
- (2) strengthening their capacity to monitor, including utilizing local evidence, and evaluate progress to improve their own performance;
- (3) contributing to the strengthening and harmonization of existing international mechanisms to track progress on all commitments made;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to work with and provide support to Member States in implementing the full scope of the recommendations;
- (2) to ensure WHO's effective engagement in collaboration with all stakeholders in the workplan to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health;
- (3) to provide support to the independent Expert Review Group in its work of assessing progress in the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health and implementation of the accountability framework;
- (4) to report annually until 2015 to the World Health Assembly through the Executive Board on progress achieved in the follow-up of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health in connection with the agenda item concerning the Millennium Development Goals.

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