

## **Chair's text**

### **Draft**

#### **PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS FRAMEWORK FOR THE SHARING OF INFLUENZA VIRUSES AND ACCESS TO VACCINES AND OTHER BENEFITS**

Annex 2 of the version of document A/PIP/IGM/WG/6 issued on 29 September 2008 indicated that draft terms of reference for the Advisory Mechanism would be submitted to the Intergovernmental Meeting at its resumed session.

The provisional terms of reference that were considered by the Advisory Mechanism at its meeting on 21 October 2008 in Geneva are reproduced overleaf.

The Advisory Mechanism had views with respect to the provisional terms of reference. These views are reflected in the report of the meeting of the Advisory Mechanism which may be found at Annex 2 of document A/PIP/IGM/8.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Provisional terms of reference**

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

#### **Advisory Mechanism established under the Interim Statement of the Intergovernmental Meeting**

### **1. Background**

The Interim Statement adopted by WHO Member States attending the 20–23 November 2007 Intergovernmental Meeting on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness called on the Director-General to establish an Advisory Mechanism to monitor, provide guidance to strengthen the functioning of the trust-based system needed to protect public health and undertake necessary assessment of that system. To carry out these duties, Member States specified that an advisory group will be appointed by the Director-General in consultation with Member States, based on equitable representation of the WHO regions and of affected countries.

### **2. Terms of reference**

Monitor, provide guidance to strengthen the functioning of the trust-based system needed to protect public health and undertake the necessary assessment of that trust-based system.

### **3. Nomination of members**

- 3.1 The Members are appointed by the Director-General in consultation with Member States, based on equitable representation of the six WHO regions and of affected countries.
- 3.2 Each representative will serve for two years. To allow for continuity, half of the Members appointed in the first year will serve only one year. The other half will serve for two years. In the event of resignation or incapacity of a representative for any reason, the Director-General will appoint a replacement member with a view to maintaining the equitable representation of the six WHO regions and affected countries. The alternate will complete the term of the previous representative. The Group will select from among its members, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will serve for two years after which another Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be selected by the Group members.
- 3.3 The Director-General will regularly accept nominations of representatives and will draw from this list to replace outgoing Members with a view to maintaining the equitable representation of the six WHO regions and affected countries.

#### **4. Working procedures**

The Director-General will apply to this Advisory Mechanism working procedures consistent with WHO practices and procedures.

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