

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

1. Resolution: Biological medicines: access to medicines and ensuring safety, quality and efficacy

**2. Linkage to the Programme budget 2014–2015 (see document A66/7
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66/A66_7-en.pdf)**

Category: 4. Health systems

Programme area: Access to medicines and health technologies and strengthening regulatory capacity

Outcome: 4.3
Output: 4.3.3

Additional links to Category 2. Noncommunicable diseases

How would this resolution contribute to the achievement of the outcome(s) of the above programme area(s)?

Biological medicines that treat a wide range of noncommunicable diseases are currently unaffordable for the majority of the world's population. The implementation of the resolution would facilitate access of biologicals of assured quality, safety and efficacy available to those who need them most, thus supporting the outcome mentioned above.

Does the programme budget already include the outputs and deliverables requested in this resolution? (Yes/no)

Yes.

3. Estimated cost and staffing implications in relation to the Programme budget

(a) Total cost

Indicate (i) the lifespan of the resolution during which the Secretariat's activities would be required for implementation and (ii) the cost of those activities (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000).

(i) Ten years (covering the period 2014–2023)

(ii) Total: US\$ 25.0 million (staff: US\$ 12.5 million; activities: US\$ 12.5 million)

(b) Cost for the biennium 2014–2015

Indicate how much of the cost indicated in 3(a) is for the biennium 2014–2015 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000).

Total: US\$ 3.0 million (staff: US\$ 1.5 million; activities: US\$ 1.5 million)

Indicate at which levels of the Organization the costs would be incurred, identifying specific regions where relevant.

Headquarters and three regional offices.

Is the estimated cost fully included within the approved Programme budget 2014–2015? (Yes/no)

Yes.

If “no”, indicate how much is not included.

(c) Staffing implications

Could the resolution be implemented by existing staff? (Yes/no)

No, but recruitment will take place against positions that are already included in the approved Programme budget.

If “no” indicate how many additional staff – full-time equivalents – would be required, identifying specific regions and noting the necessary skills profile(s), where relevant.

A total of 1.5 full-time equivalent staff would be required in the professional and higher categories (full-time equivalents in individual regions: 0.5, the Americas; 0.5, South-East Asia; and 0.5, Western Pacific). Staff members would need expertise and experience in biological regulation.

4. Funding

Is the estimated cost for the biennium 2014–2015 indicated in 3 (b) fully funded? (Yes/no)

No.

If “no”, indicate the funding gap and how the funds would be mobilized (provide details of expected source(s) of funds).

The gap is currently estimated at US\$ 2.5 million. This funding gap will be tackled as part of the Organization-wide coordinated resource mobilization plan to deal with funding shortfalls in the Programme budget 2014–2015.

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