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### **RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE SIXTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY OF INTEREST TO THE PAHO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The 60th World Health Assembly was held out in Geneva, Switzerland, from 14 to 23 May 2007. Delegations from 32 Member States of the Americas were present. The Assembly elected Mrs. Jane Halton of Australia as President. Other officers from the Region of the Americas were: Dr. Caroline Chang, Minister of Health of Ecuador, Vice-President of the Assembly; Ambassador Dennis Francis, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago, Vice-Chairman of Committee B; and Dr. A. Funez, Vice Minister of Health of Honduras, Rapporteur of Committee A. The keynote speaker was Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of Norway, who called on the international community to develop a global plan to increase interventions that would save lives and make progress toward the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. Mrs. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), also addressed the Assembly.

2. The Committee on Credentials was created at the suggestion of the President, and pursuant to Article 23 of the Rules of Procedure, it was made up of the delegates of 12 Member States, among them Barbados and Guatemala from the Region of the Americas. The Committee on Nominations was also created, pursuant to Article 24 of the Rules of Procedure; of the 24 Member States that sit on the Committee, Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Panama, and Suriname were elected by the Region of the Americas. Finally, Ecuador, Cuba, Jamaica, Paraguay, and the United States were elected members of the General Committee.

3. The World Health Assembly opened on Monday, 14 May, with an optimistic assessment of the global health situation presented by the new Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Margaret Chan, who called on global leaders in the health sector to build a “health legacy” for the women and peoples of Africa. In her address, Dr. Chan noted with approval the importance accorded health and health policy

worldwide: health is now considered a key area of engagement for foreign policy and a fundamental aspect of corporate social responsibility.

4. Dr. Chan described her six-item agenda for WHO: health development; health security; strengthening health systems; using evidence to define strategies and measure results; managing partnerships to get the best results in countries; and improving the performance of WHO. She also said that she awaited with interest the 15 June entry into force of the revised International Health Regulations adopted by the World Health Assembly in 2005. The underlying strategy of these Regulations is preventive risk management and its aim is to stop an event at its source, before it has a chance to become an international threat.

5. Marking one year since his tragic death, on 22 May a special tribute was paid to the memory of Dr. Lee Jong-Wook, previous Director-General of WHO.

6. Prior to the opening of the Assembly, the first meeting of Heads of Delegation from the Region of the Americas discussed the matters of greatest interest for the Region's participation in the 60th Assembly. They included the Strategic Plan, malaria, drugs and intellectual property, and alcohol abuse. In addition, Panama's Minister of Health, Dr. Camilo Alleyne, gave a presentation summarizing the process involved in the drafting of the Health Agenda for the Americas to be launched in early June in Panama during the OAS General Assembly; discussion of the Agenda continued the next day until its approval.

7. Eighteen items were on the Agenda of the 60th World Health Assembly, the majority of them on health policy and the rest on administrative, budget, and institutional matters. As in earlier World Health Assemblies, these matters were discussed in the Commissions and the plenary session. The Assembly adopted 30 resolutions. The full text of these resolutions, as well as other documents related to the World Health Assembly, can be accessed on the WHO website: [http://www.who.int/gb/e/e\\_wha60.html](http://www.who.int/gb/e/e_wha60.html)

8. The majority of these resolutions are especially relevant for both the Member States of the Region of the Americas and the Regional Office; particularly important are the resolution on the Medium-term Strategic Plan 2008-2013, because of its implications for PAHO's Strategic Plan 2008-2012 and its necessary coordination with the Health Agenda for the Americas, and the resolutions on Public Health, Innovation and, Intellectual Property and Pandemic Flu Preparedness: Sharing of Influenza Viruses and Access to Vaccines and Other Benefits. Other resolutions deal with technical and health policy issues, and the rest, administrative and budget matters.

9. The respective resolutions are summarized in the table below.

**Other Matters: Executive Board**

10. The 121st Session of the Executive Board opened on 24 May.

11. During that session, the new Member States empowered to designate one person to sit on the Executive Board were elected. Bahamas, Paraguay, and Peru were elected to replace Bolivia, Brazil, and Jamaica, joining the United States of America (2006-2009), El Salvador (2006-2009), and Mexico (2005-2008) to complete the countries from the Region of the Americas. In addition, Dr. Sada Sivan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, was elected Chairman of the Executive Board, and Dr. José Maza Brizuela, Minister of Health of El Salvador, Vice Chairman.

12. The Agenda of the 121st Session of the Executive Board included six items on technical matters: Health Technologies; Avian Influenza; Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual property; Management, Budget, and Financial Matters; Staffing Matters; and Matters for Information. The Board adopted two resolutions: 1) Methods of Work of the Executive Board; and 2) Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines: establishment of a subcommittee. The full text of these resolutions, together with other related documents, can be accessed on the WHO website: [http://www.who.int/gb/s/s\\_eb121.html](http://www.who.int/gb/s/s_eb121.html)

**Action by the Executive Committee**

13. The Executive Committee is requested take note of these resolutions and consider their implications for the Region of the Americas.

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Annex A: TECHNICAL AND OF HEALTH POLICY MATTERS

RESOLUTION	ITEMS (and corresponding documents)	SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN WHA 60	PAHO Resolutions and Documents (2000-2006)
<p><b>WHA60.1</b> Document A591/10, EB120/11, EB120/11 Add.1, EB120/39, and Resolution EB120.R8</p>	<p><b>Smallpox eradication: destruction of <i>variola virus</i> stocks</b></p>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution reiterating the decision that variola virus stocks should be destroyed.</p> <p>In addition, through this resolution, It requests WHO to undertake a review in 2010 of the results of the research conducted and the plans for new research, and to continue the work of the WHO Advisory Committee on Variola Virus Research, disseminate its recommendations, conduct biannual inspections of the repositories, ensure that the research undertaken does not involve genetic engineering of the virus, submit a detailed report through the Executive Board on the research to the WHA, and finally, report on the measures that promote in Member States the widest and most equitable access to the outcomes of such research, vaccines, and diagnostic tools.</p>	<p>- Vaccines and Immunization: CSP26.R9</p>
<p><b>WHA60.13</b> Document EB118/4 and Resolution EB118.R3</p>	<p><b>Control of leishmaniasis</b></p>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to intensify their efforts to strengthen prevention, detection, and treatment of cutaneous and visceral leishmaniasis in order to decrease the disease burden and strengthen collaboration between countries that share common foci or disease threats, as well as interinstitutional collaboration, and encourage initiatives with the private sector.</p> <p>It further urges Member States to advocate high quality affordable medicines, appropriate national drug policies, and research on the control of this disease.</p> <p>It calls on partner bodies to maintain and expand national leishmaniasis prevention and control programs.</p> <p>It requests WHO to raise awareness about the global leishmaniasis burden, strengthen collaborative efforts among multisectoral stakeholders, and basically, to define a leishmaniasis control policy, with technical support from WHO experts in this field.</p>	
<p><b>WHA60.14</b> EB120/4Rev.1 Document and Resolution EB120.R1</p>	<p><b>Poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication</b></p>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to enhance their political commitment to and engagement in polio eradication activities, to update national recommendations on immunization against poliomyelitis to reduce the risk of the international spread of the disease, to maintain the level of immunization coverage at higher than 90%, to strengthen surveillance, and finally, to prepare for long-term biocontainment of the poliovirus by implementing the measures contained in the WHO action plan for laboratory containment of the wild poliovirus .</p>	<p>- Vaccines and immunization: CD42.R8 - Vaccines and Immunization: CD43.R1 - Regional Strategy for Sustaining National Immunization Programs in the Americas: CD47. R10</p>

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<p><b>WHA60.15</b> Document 120/14 and Resolution EB120.R15</p>	<p><b>WHO's role and responsibilities in health research</b></p>	<p>It requests WHO to continue providing technical support to the Member States where poliomyelitis is still prevalent, to mobilize financial resources to eradicate poliomyelitis from the areas where the poliovirus is circulating, to work with other organizations of the United Nations system on security issues; and to examine and disseminate measures that reduce the risk and international spread of the virus, including the recommendations within the framework of the IHR 2005.</p> <p>Recalling the Ministerial Summit on Health Research and role and responsibilities of WHO in health research, through this resolution the Assembly urges Member States to consider implementing the recommendation made by the Commission on Health Research for Development in 1990 that a proportion of the national health budget be devoted to research and research capacity strengthening; and that a percentage of project and program aid from development aid agencies be earmarked for research and research capacity strengthening.</p> <p>It furthermore urges the States to integrate research in national program activities and plans, strengthen ethics committees, train and encourage professionals in this field, and strengthen national research capacity in different areas.</p> <p>It requests the international community to lend support for health, medical, and behavioral research.</p> <p>It requests WHO to promote and advocate research in neglected areas, develop a reporting system on WHO's activities in health research, improve the coordination of such activities, review the use of research evidence for decision-making, advise Member States on the organization of research systems, provide support for the development of capacities for health systems research and health policy, and finally, convene a Ministerial Conference on Health Research open to all Member States in Bamako, in November 2008.</p>	<p>- Vaccines and Immunization: CSP26.R9 - Poliomyelitis Outbreak: SPP35/Other matters.</p> <p>- Report of the Advisory Committee on Health Research: CD47/19, CD45/15, CD43/28 - Report of the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation, and Public Health: CD47/20 - Public Health, Health Research, Production and Access to Essential Medicines: CD47.R7</p>

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<p><b>WHA60.16</b> EB118/6, EB120/7, and EB120/37 Resolution EB120.R12</p>	<p><b>Progress made in the rational use of medicines</b></p>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to invest financial and human resources to strengthen the institutional capacity to ensure the appropriate use of medicines in both the public and private sector, to consider the possibility of establishing or strengthening a national drug regulatory authority and a full national program in this area; to study the possibility of promoting or strengthening the application of an essential medicines list in the benefits package of insurance funds, and finally, to develop and implement policies and programs to improve the use of medicines.</p> <p>It requests WHO to strengthen its promotion and coordination activities to promote the rational use of medicines; to strengthen its technical support to Member States and the coordination of international technical and financial support for the rational use of medicines; and to promote research and discussion on the rational use of medicines among health authorities, professionals, and patients.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to Medicines: CD45.R7</li> <li>- WHO Proposal for Revising the Model List of Essential Drugs: Discussion of the Process for Involving Member States: CD43/5</li> <li>- Drug Regulatory Harmonization: CD42.R11</li> <li>- Access to Medicines: SPP38/6</li> <li>- Pharmaceutical Regulatory Harmonization: SPP34/8</li> </ul>
<p><b>WHA60.17</b> Document EB120/10 Resolution EB120.R5</p>	<p><b>Oral health: action plan for promotion and integrated disease prevention</b></p>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to adopt measures to ensure that oral health is incorporated into policies for the integrated prevention and treatment of chronic noncommunicable and communicable diseases and into maternal and child health policies; to study mechanisms for providing basic oral health care to populations; to incorporate oral health into the framework of primary health care; to ensure the prevention of oral disease associated with HIV/AIDS and the promotion of oral health among people living with the virus; to implement national noma programs within integrated management of childhood illness programs; and to increase the budgetary provisions for these policies and strengthen partnerships among relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>It requests WHO to provide advice and technical support for Member States that request it; to promote international cooperation and interaction with partners in the application of oral health action plan, and to strengthen WHO's technical leadership in this area, including increasing human and budgetary resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposed 10-year Regional Plan on Oral Health for the Americas: CD47.R12</li> </ul>

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<p><b>WHA60.18</b> Document EB120/5, Resolution EB120.R16 and EB120.R16 Corr.1</p>	<p><b>Malaria, including proposal for establishment of World Malaria Day</b></p>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to apply the evidence-based policies, strategies, and instruments recommended by WHO and performance-based monitoring and evaluation to expand coverage with the major preventive and curative interventions for populations at risk. Furthermore, to assign resources for the provision of technical support to ensure that the appropriate strategies are applied to the different populations and to increase access to basic health services, antimalarial drugs, and prevention technologies to reduce the disease burden.</p> <p>It requests the international organizations and financing bodies to provide support for capacity building in the developing countries to expand the use of reliable diagnostics and treatments; to increase funding for malaria control, and adjust their policies so as to progressively cease to fund the provision and distribution of oral artemisinin monotherapies; and to join in campaigns to prohibit the production of counterfeit antimalarial medicines.</p> <p>It requests WHO to provide support for the development of tools for diagnostics, therapy, prevention, and control of the disease; to estimate the burden of disease and determine trends; and to build up WHO's current research on malaria and those of the special program on tropical diseases; and to provide technical support to Member States and mobilize resources. Finally, it requests that WHO support sound management of DDT use for vector control and share data on such use with the Member States.</p> <p>This resolution furthermore resolves that World Malaria Day be held on 25 April of every year, or on such other day or days as each State may decide, to provide education on the disease.</p>	<p>- Roll Back Malaria in the Region of the Americas: CD42.R15</p> <p>- Report on the Status of Malaria Programs in the Americas (based on 2000 data): CD43/INF/1</p> <p>- Status Report on Malaria Programs in the Americas (based on 2002 data): CD44/INF/3</p> <p>- Malaria and the Internationally Agreed upon Development Goals, including Those Contained in the Millennium Declaration: CD 46.R13</p> <p>- Status Report on Malaria Programs in the Region: CSP26/INF/3</p>
<p><b>WHA60.19</b> Document EB120/8 and Resolution EB120.R3</p>	<p><b>Tuberculosis control: progress and long-term planning</b></p>	<p>Aware of the need to build on progress and overcome constraints to reaching the international targets for tuberculosis control for 2015 set up by the Stop TB Partnership, the Assembly urges Member States to develop and implement long-term plans for tuberculosis prevention and control in line with the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015, in collaboration with other programs (particularly those on HIV/AIDS, child health, and the strengthening of health systems); to accelerate progress toward the international targets for tuberculosis control for 2015, and full and rapid implementation of the Stop TB strategy, with particular attention to vulnerable groups highly at risk; to accelerate improvement of health</p>	<p>- Regional Strategy for Tuberculosis Control: CD46.R12</p>

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<p><b>WHA 60.20</b> Document EB118/6, EB120/7 and EB120/37, and Resolution EB120.R12 and EB120.R13</p>	<p><b>Better medicines for children</b></p>	<p>information systems; to increase access to quality-assured second-line drugs at affordable prices through the Stop TB Partnership's Green Light Committee; and to accelerate collaborative interventions against HIV infection and tuberculosis.</p> <p>It requests WHO to intensify support to Member States in expanding implementation of the Stop TB Strategy by developing capacity and improving the performance of the national tuberculosis control programs, particularly the quality of DOTS activities, and by implementing infection control precautions within the broad context of strengthening health systems, in order to achieve the international targets for 2015.</p>	<p>- Access to Medicines: CD45.R7 - Public Health, Health Research, Production, and Access to Essential Medicines: CD47.R7 - Access to Medicines: SPP38/6</p>
		<p>Through this resolution, the Assembly urges Member States to take steps to determine appropriate dosage forms and strengths of medicines for children and to encourage their manufacture and licensing; to investigate whether currently available medicines could be formulated to make them suitable for use in children; to conduct surveillance of resistance to locally available antimicrobial drugs commonly prescribed for children; to encourage the development of appropriate medicines for diseases that affect children and ensure that high-quality clinical trials for these medicines are conducted in an ethical manner; and to promote access to essential medicines for children through the inclusion of these drugs in national medicine lists and procurement and reimbursement schemes.</p> <p>It requests WHO to promote the development, harmonization, and use of standards for clinical trials of medicines for children; to revise and regularly update the Model List of Essential Medicines to include missing essential medicines for children; to ensure that all relevant WHO programs, including that of essential drugs, contribute to making safe and effective medicines as widely available for children as for adults; to promote the development of international norms and standards for the quality and safety of formulations for children and of the regulatory capacity to apply them.</p>	

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<b>WHA60.21</b>	<b>Sustaining the elimination of the iodine deficiency disorders</b>	<p>Concerned that iodine deficiency can prevent the development of children's brains, through this resolution the Assembly urges Member States to redouble their efforts to reach people not yet protected from iodine deficiency disorders and sustain successful programs on a continuous basis; and to implement the recommendation to establish multidisciplinary national coalitions in order to monitor the state of iodine nutrition every three years.</p> <p>It requests WHO to strengthen its cooperation with other organizations to support the Member States in fighting iodine deficiency and to report on the situation every three years.</p>	
<b>WHA 60.22</b> Document EB120/7, EB120/38, EB120/38 Add.1 and Resolution EB EB120.R4	<b>Health systems: emergency-care systems</b>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to assess comprehensively the prehospital and emergency care context; to ensure the involvement of ministries of health in the review and strengthening of trauma and emergency care, and to that end, the availability of a mechanism for intersectoral coordination; to develop methods for assuring and documenting that such services are provided appropriately to all who them need; to consider creating incentives for training and to improve working conditions for the health care providers concerned; to ensure that data are sufficient to monitor objectively the outcome of efforts to strengthen trauma and emergency-care systems; and finally, to review and update relevant legislation, including, the financial mechanisms and management aspects so as to ensure that a core set of trauma and emergency-care services are accessible to all people who need them.</p> <p>It requests WHO to devise standardized tools and techniques for assessing the need for prehospital and facility-based capacity in trauma and emergency care; to develop techniques for reviewing policy and legislation related to the provision of emergency care, and use such institutional capacity to provide support to Member States, on request, for reviewing and updating their policies and legislation. In addition, to offer guidance for the creation and strengthening of mass-casualty management systems; work with the Member States to design strategies for providing, on a regular basis, optimal, non-emergency and emergency care to all those in need, and provide support for mobilizing adequate resources from donors and development partners to achieve this goal.</p>	- Health Systems Performance Assessment CD43/18

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<p><b>WHA60.23</b> EB120/22 document resolution EB120.R17</p>	<p><b>Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy</b></p>	<p>The Assembly has adopted this resolution urging Member States to strengthen national and local political will to prevent and control noncommunicable diseases as part of a commitment to reducing mortality from noncommunicable diseases; to develop and implement a national multisectoral action plan for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases that provides the basis for coordinating the work of all stakeholders; to increase the resources for programs for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases; to implement and increase support for existing global initiatives and the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control; strengthen the capacity of health systems for prevention, monitoring, and evaluation, including country-level epidemiological surveillance mechanisms, in order to compile evidence for informing policy decisions; and to incorporate into their national health programs strategies for public health interventions designed to reduce the incidence of obesity in children and adults, together with measures to prevent and control diabetes mellitus;</p> <p>It requests WHO to prepare an action plan, to be submitted to the 61st World Health Assembly, that sets out priorities, actions, a time frame, and performance indicators for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases between 2008 and 2013 at global and regional levels, and to provide support when needed for elaboration, intensified implementation, and monitoring of national plans for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, including the further development of an intervention to manage the conditions of people at high risk of such diseases; raise further awareness among the Member States of the importance of drawing up, promoting, and funding national multisectoral coordination and surveillance mechanisms, health promotion programs and plans for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases; to strongly promote dialogue between among Member States with a view to implementation of concrete actions to prevent obesity and diabetes mellitus within the framework of resolution WHA53.17 on prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and of the Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity, and Health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet and Physical Activity: CD47.R9</li> <li>- Cardiovascular Disease, Especially Hypertension: CD42.R9</li> <li>- Public Health Response to Chronic Diseases: CSP26.R15</li> <li>- Regional Strategy on an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, Including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health: SPP40/11</li> <li>- Obesity, Diet, and Physical Activity: SPP37/8</li> <li>- Public Health Response to Chronic Diseases: SPP36/10</li> </ul>

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<p><b>WHA60.24</b> Document EB120/12 and Resolution EB120.R14</p>	<p><b>Health promotion in a globalized world</b></p>	<p>Considering the recommendations set out in the Bangkok Charter and based on the Declaration of Alma-Ata for health promotion, the Assembly has adopted this resolution urging Member States to increase investments in health promotion as an essential component of equitable social and economic development and to establish mechanisms for a multisectoral and interministerial approach to address effectively the social, political, economic, and environmental determinants of health; to foster the engagement of all actors in health promotion; and to reorient national public health systems towards healthier lifestyles.</p> <p>It requests WHO to strengthen its capacity for health promotion in order to provide support to Member States to strengthen national health systems, encourage the convening of conferences and multisectoral forums on health promotion, evaluate progress, and finally, promote regulatory and socioeconomic policies that impact positively on health.</p>	<p>- Health Promotion: Achievements and Aspirations Contained in the Ottawa and Bangkok Charters: CD47.R20 - Health Promotion in the Americas: CD43.R11 - Strengthening Health Promotion Planning for Action in the Americas: SPP35/9</p>
<p><b>WHA60.25</b> Document EB120/6 and Resolution EB120.R6</p>	<p><b>Integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO: draft strategy</b></p>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to include gender analysis and planning in strategic and budget planning; to formulate national strategies for addressing gender issues in health policies, programs, and research; to ensure that a gender-equality perspective is incorporated in all levels of health-care delivery and services; to collect and analyze sex-disaggregated data; to conduct research on the factors underlying gender disparities, and finally, to use the results to inform policies and programs.</p> <p>It requests WHO to assess and address gender differences and inequalities in the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of WHO's work; to include the gender perspective in all normative and programming activities in WHO; and to provide support to the Member States to build their capacity in this regard.</p>	<p>- PAHO Gender Equality Policy: CD46.R16 - Women, Health, and Development: SPP36/9 - Women, Health, and Development: CSP26.R21</p>
<p><b>WHA60.26</b> Document EB120/28 Rev.1</p>	<p><b>Workers' health: global plan of action</b></p>	<p>Having considered the draft global plan of action on workers' health 2008-2017, the Assembly endorses the plan through this resolution.</p> <p>It urges Member States to collaborate in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action and to establish mechanisms for its implementation, monitoring, and evaluation; to guarantee full coverage of all workers; to</p>	

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WHA60.27 EB118/16 Document EB11/R4 Resolution	Strengthening of health information systems	<p>establish and strengthen national capacities with regard to human resources; to develop guidelines for the establishment of health services and surveillance mechanisms that address risks and diseases; to encourage the incorporation of workers' health in national and sectoral policies for sustainable development; to encourage the development of mechanisms for regional, subregional, and national cooperation; and finally, to encourage the development of strategies aimed at reintegrating sick and injured workers into society.</p> <p>It requests WHO to promote implementation of the Global Plan at national and international levels with a definite timeline and indicators for the establishment of occupational health services at the global level; to intensify collaboration with ILO and other organizations; and to stimulate joint efforts in this area.</p>	<p>- 10-year Evaluation of Regional Core Health Data Initiative: CD45/14</p> <p>- 10-year Evaluation of the Regional Core Data in Health Initiative: SPP38/10</p> <p>- Information Technology at the Pan American Health Organization: SPP34/5</p>
		<p>Acknowledging that health information is critical in decision-making on interventions targeting those who need them most, the Assembly has adopted this resolution urging Member States to mobilize the necessary scientific, technical, social, political, human, and financial necessary resources in order to recognize, establish, and operationalize health information systems as a core strategy for strengthening their national health systems; to develop, implement, consolidate, and assess plans to strengthen their health information systems through collaboration between health and statistics sectors and other partners.</p> <p>The resolution also calls upon the health information and statistical communities, international organizations, the private sector, and civil society to provide support for strengthening information systems.</p> <p>It requests WHO to strengthen the information and evidence culture of the Organization and ensure the use of accurate health statistics in order to generate evidence for major policy decisions and recommendations within WHO; to increase WHO's activities in health statistics at the global, regional, and country levels; and to provide support to Member States to build capacities for the development of information systems and the generation, analysis, and dissemination of data.</p>	

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<b>WHA60.28</b> Document EB120/15, EB120/16, EB120/INF.DOC.3 and Resolution EB120.R7	<b>Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits</b>	<p>Reaffirming obligations of States Parties under the International Health Regulations, the Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to continue to support and strengthen the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Network through the timely sharing of viruses or specimens with WHO Collaborating Centers to formulate and strengthen influenza vaccination policies.</p> <p>It requests WHO to identify and propose mechanisms that aim to ensure equitable access by Member States to financing mechanisms for the procurement of vaccines and access to vaccines and their producers, and to provide technical assistance to increase research and surveillance capacity.</p> <p>It also requests WHO to establish, in consultation with Member States, an international stockpile of vaccines for H5N1 and other influenza viruses of pandemic potential; to mobilize financial and technical support from the Member States, and to convene an interdisciplinary working group to revise the terms of reference of WHO Collaborating Centers, H5 reference laboratories, and the national influenza centers, devise oversight mechanisms, and formulate draft standard terms and conditions for sharing viruses.</p> <p>Finally, it request WHO to commission an expert report on the patent issues related to influenza viruses and their genes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Influenza Pandemic: Progress Report: SPP40/5</li> <li>- International Health Regulations: CD43.R13</li> <li>- Influenza Pandemic: Preparation in the Hemisphere: CD44.R8</li> <li>- International Health Regulations: Perspectives from the Region of the Americas: CD45/12</li> <li>- Influenza Pandemic: Progress Report: CD47/INF/5</li> <li>- Review of the IHR: Progress Report: SPP35/INF/1</li> <li>- Influenza Pandemic: Preparation in the Western Hemisphere: SPP37/9</li> </ul>
<b>WHA60.29</b> Document EB118/15, EB118/15 Corr.1, and Resolution EB120.R21	<b>Health technologies</b>	<p>The Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Member States to collect, verify, update, and exchange information on health technologies, in particular medical devices, as an aid to their prioritization of needs and allocation of resources; to formulate national strategies and plans for the establishment of systems for the assessment, planning, procurement, and management of health technologies, in collaboration with personnel involved in health technology assessment and biomedical engineering; to draw up guidelines for good manufacturing and regulatory practices, and establish surveillance systems to ensure the quality, safety, and efficacy of medical devices; to establish, where necessary, regional and national institutions of health technology, to build partnerships with other stakeholders in this field; and to collect information that interrelates medical devices, which deal with priority health public conditions at different levels of care.</p> <p>It requests WHO to work on the development of guidelines and tools relating to health technologies; to provide support to Member States in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical Devices: CD42.R10</li> <li>- Medical Devices: SPP34/7</li> </ul>

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<p><b>WHA60.30</b> Document EB120/INF.DOC/1, EB120/INF.DOC/4 and EB120/INF.DOC/5</p>	<p><b>Public health, innovation, and intellectual property</b></p>	<p>establishing mechanisms to assess national needs in this regard; to provide technical guidance and support to Member States in this area; to collaborate with other actors, including academic institutions and professional bodies, in order to provide support to Member States in the selection and use of health technologies; to establish and update a health technologies database; and to provide support to Member States with vulnerable health-care systems so as to identify and put in place health technologies.</p> <p>Recalling resolution WHA59.24 creating an intergovernmental working group with the purpose of elaborating a draft global strategy and plan of action to provide a medium-term framework based on the recommendations of the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation, and Public Health and to secure a basis for research and development activities, the Assembly urges Member States to support the work of this group and provide adequate resources to WHO.</p> <p>WHO is furthermore requested to ensure technical and financial support for the Intergovernmental Group in order to facilitate completion of its report to the 61st World Health Assembly; to provide technical and policy support to the countries that intend to make use of the flexibilities contained in the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and other international agreements; to encourage the development of proposals for research and development activities; and to prepare background documents on each of the eight proposed elements of the plan of action, as identified by the Intergovernmental Working Group.</p>	<p>- Regional Program on Bioethics: CD42.R6 - Access to Medicines: CD45.R7 - Report of the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation, and Public Health: CD47/20 - Public Health, Health Research, Production and Access to Essential Medicines: CD47.R7 - Access to Medicines: SPP38/6</p>

## ANNEX B: ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGET ITEMS

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<b>WHA60.3</b>	<b>Unaudited Interim Financial Report on the accounts of WHO for 2006 and comments thereon made by the Program, Budget, and Administration Committee of the Executive Board</b>	Through this resolution, the Assembly accepts the unaudited Interim Financial Report of the Director-General for 2006.	
<b>WHA60.4</b>	<b>Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution</b>	Noting that at the time of the opening of the 60th World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Guinea-Bissau, Kyrgyzstan, and Somalia were suspended and that Cape Verde was in arrears, the Assembly has decided that if on the date of the opening of the 61st World Health Assembly, Cape Verde continues in arrears in the payment of its contributions, its voting privileges shall be suspended.	
<b>WHA60.5</b>	<b>Scale of assessments 2008-2009</b>	Through this resolution, the Assembly adopts the new scale of assessments of Members for the biennium 2008-2009.	
<b>WHA60.7</b>	<b>Appointment of the External Auditor</b>	Through this resolution, the Assembly has resolved that the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India be appointed External Auditor of the World Health Organization for the financial periods 2008-2009 and 2010-2011.	
<b>WHA60.8</b>	<b>Financial period 2006-2007: implementation of resolution WHA58.4</b>	Through this resolution, the Assembly has decided that any surplus Miscellaneous Income in 2006-2007 over and above the initial US\$ 31.8 million authorization specified in resolution WHA58.4 (up to a maximum of US\$ 7 million) may be used for financing crucial information technology and other investment costs relating to the implementation of the global management system.	
<b>WHA60.9</b>	<b>Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules: Introduction of International Public Sector Accounting Standards</b>	Through this resolution, the Assembly endorses the introduction of International Public Sector Accounting Standards, notes that the Director-General shall submit proposals to amend the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules resulting from the adoption of the IPSAS, adopts the amendments to the paragraph concerning the operation of the exchange-rate facility and to the Financial Regulation related to permitting regular budget resources to be carried forward to pay for commitments made before the end of a financial period.  Finally, it deletes paragraphs 6.5 and 8.2 of the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules in order to terminate the financial incentive scheme that has failed to encourage prompt payment of Member States' assessments.	

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<b>WHA60.10</b>	<b>Amendments to the Staff Regulations and the Staff Rules</b>	<p>Through this resolution, the Assembly establishes the salary of the Assistant Directors- General and Regional Directors as from January 2007 at US\$ 168,826 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 122,737 (dependency rate) or US\$ 111,142 (single rate).</p> <p>It also establishes the salary of the Director-General and the Deputy Director-General.</p>	
<b>WHA60.11</b>	<b>Medium-term Strategic Plan 2008-2013</b>	<p>Recognizing the importance of replacing narrowly defined work areas with strategic objectives, which will provide a more flexible strategic program structure and at the same time better reflect the needs of countries and regions, the Assembly endorses the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 and calls upon Member States to identify their role and the actions to be taken in order to achieve the strategic objectives of the Plan.</p> <p>It invites the concerned organizations, partners, and private sector to study ways of cooperating to achieve these objectives and decides to review the Plan every two years in conjunction with the proposed program budget.</p> <p>It requests WHO to use the Plan in providing strategic direction to advance the global health agenda contained in the Eleventh General Program of Work, use the Plan to guide preparation of the biennial program budgets, and report on the progress made.</p>	
<b>WHA60.12</b>	<b>Appropriation resolution for the financial period 2008-2009</b>	<p>Noting that the total effective budget will be US\$ 4,227,480,000, through this resolution the Assembly has resolved to appropriate for the financial period 2008-2009 an amount of US\$ 1,038,840,000, financed by net assessments on Members of US\$ 928,840,000, estimated Miscellaneous Income of US\$ 30,000,000, and a transfer to Tax Equalization Fund of US\$ 80,000,000.</p> <p>It further resolves that the Director-General is authorized to make transfers between the appropriation sections of the effective budget, up to an amount not exceeding 10% of the amount appropriated for the section from which the transfer is made, to release the funds necessary for the payment of commitments made between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2009.</p> <p>It decides that the Working Capital Fund shall remain at US\$ 31,000,000 and notes that expenditures in the program budget for 2008-2009 shall be financed with voluntary contributions.</p>	