Framework of engagement with non-State actors

Draft decision proposed by Argentina and resulting from a drafting group

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Secretariat on the “Framework of engagement with non-State actors” (document EB136/5) and having taken note of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee report to the Executive Board (document EB136/3) and the “Framework of engagement with non-State actors: Information on regional committee debates” (document EB136/INF./2),

NOTES that important progress has been made in the elaboration of the Framework of engagement with non-State actors, but that further improvements are needed especially but not limited to the issues listed in the annex to this decision, with a view to its adoption by consensus at the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

DECIDES to:

(OP)1. Invite Member States to submit to the Director-General specific proposals for amendments, inclusions or deletion of text from the draft overarching framework of engagement with non-State actors and the four specific policies contained in the annex of EB136/5 by 16 February 2015;

(OP)2. Requests the Director-General to:

(1) compile these proposals and to make them available to Member States by 9 March 2015;

(2) convene an open-ended intergovernmental meeting from 30 March to 1 April 2015 with a view to discussing the textual proposals submitted by Member States;

(3) submit, based on the outcome of the above intergovernmental meeting, a revised version of the Framework of Engagement with non-State actors to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee.
ANNEX

NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF ISSUES WHICH SEEM TO NEED MORE WORK AMONGST MEMBER STATES

Conflict of Interest (including individual conflict of interest)
Criteria of due diligence and process of risk management
Transparency
Secondments and provision of personnel
Role of private sector (acceptance of funds, pooling mechanism, evidence generation and advocacy)
Engagement with particular industries
Criteria for attribution to type of non-State actors, including criteria applied to classify some nongovernmental organizations as international business associations
In which kind of meetings can non-State actors participate
Use of funds provided by non-State actors to support the salary of WHO staff
Official relations (some aspects)
Policy, norms and standard setting
Applicability of the Framework to all levels of the Organization and all 6 regions
General principles that guide collaboration
Definitions of terms (“arm’s length”, “resources”, etc.)
Support to policy making at national level.