Synthesis of Financing Dialogue Discussions Since the 24 June 2013
Financing Dialogue Launch at
Regional Committees, Geneva Mission Briefings and in Bilateral Meetings
November 2013

Regional Committees
1. In response to World Health Assembly Decision WHA66(8), the Director-General on 24 June convened the Launch of WHO’s Financing Dialogue, a Dialogue that continued during each of the six Regional Committees in September – October 2013, either as part of Reform or 2014/2015 Programme Budget agenda items. The Regional Committee discussions re-affirmed commitments of the 24 June meeting relating to improving the alignment, predictability, flexibility and transparency of funding and reducing its vulnerability.

Geneva mission briefings and bilateral discussions
2. The June meeting commitment to continue the financing dialogue discussion also took the form of six Secretariat briefings and discussions with different Geneva mission groups, 19 bilateral financing dialogue meetings with Member States and other contributors.

3. Two key messages emerged from these meetings: (i) there is strong support for the Financing Dialogue and the principles that underpin it, and (ii) there is an evolving understanding that full operationalization of the principles, by Member States and other contributors and by the Secretariat, will take time: the Financing Dialogue is a journey, not a one-off event.

4. Several Member States and other contributors, though unable to confirm their 2014-2015 funding by the time of the November meeting because of the timing of their approval processes, will share firm funding projections (subject to final approvals) ahead of the meeting, to help provide an additional level of granularity to the funding shortfall analysis.

5. Feedback received during the course of these meetings was most helpful in shaping the agenda for the follow-up Financing Dialogue meeting in November. In addition to tackling the challenges that may exist to improving the alignment, predictability, flexibility and transparency of funding and to broadening the contributor base, recurring interest was expressed in having additional information on (i) allocation of flexible resources, (ii) coordinated resource mobilization, (iii) the financing of administrative and management costs of the organization, (iv) monitoring, assessment and results reporting and (v) the evaluation of the Financing Dialogue and the resource mobilization experience.

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