The World Health Organization (WHO), acting through its Global Malaria Programme (GMP), will establish a Strategic Advisory Group that will advise the organization on malaria eradication, building on the goals and targets set by the WHO Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030, adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2015, and in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Overarching objective**

The Strategic Advisory Group, through a process of analysis and discussion, will advise WHO on the feasibility, potential strategies and cost of eradicating malaria over the next decades.

**Functions and Activities**

The Strategic Advisory Group on Malaria Eradication shall have the following functions and activities:

1. To prepare an analysis of future trends of malaria, taking into consideration a broad set of determinants, including socioeconomic development, population growth and movement, agricultural patterns, urbanization, and potential products of innovation.

2. Based on these analyses of the determinants described in item (1), above, to provide advice to WHO on the feasibility, expected cost and potential strategies of malaria eradication over the next decades, including through provision of a final report.

**Duration**

The Strategic Advisory Group will be established for an initial two-year period, commencing with its first formal meeting, and may be extended for an additional period of two years.

**Composition**

1. History shows how several factors have a profound impact on the progress and failures of malaria control and elimination efforts. As such, in the selection of Members, consideration will be given to attaining an adequate technical distribution of expertise across a wide range of disciplines including and beyond malaria. These disciplines include, but are not limited to, policy and finance, economics, population growth and movement, urbanization, agricultural use and changing patterns, socioeconomic development, environmental and climate change, mobility and communication.

2. The number of Members of the Strategic Advisory Group shall be no fewer than 10 and no more than 16.

3. The Strategic Advisory Group will include Members as key global leaders with one or several different disciplines stated above.
4. Members shall serve in their personal capacities to represent the broad range of disciplines relevant to the work requested by WHO under these Terms of Reference.

5. Members shall be selected and appointed by WHO. In the selection of Members, consideration will be given to attaining an adequate technical distribution of expertise, geographical representation and gender balance.

6. The Chair (and Alternate Chair) of the Strategic Advisory Group shall be selected and appointed by WHO. Their responsibilities will include to chair meetings of the Strategic Advisory Group and liaise with the WHO Secretariat between meetings.

7. Strategic Advisory Group Members shall be appointed to serve for a period of two years, and shall be eligible for reappointment. Their appointment, and, if applicable, designation as Chair or Alternate Chair, may be terminated at any time by WHO if WHO’s interest so require or as otherwise specified in these Terms of Reference or letters of appointment.

8. Representatives from inter-governmental organizations, as well as nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO, may be invited by WHO to participate in Strategic Advisory Group meetings as observers. Upon invitation of the Chair, they may present the views and policies of their organizations and contribute to the discussions of the Strategic Advisory Group. They will not participate in the process of adopting the final decisions or recommendations of the Strategic Advisory Group.

9. Members of the Strategic Advisory Group must respect the impartiality and independence required of WHO. In performing their work, they may not seek or accept instructions from any Government or from any authority external to the Organization. They must be free of real, potential or apparent conflict of interest. To this end, proposed Members / Members will be required to complete a declaration of interest form and their appointment, or continuation of their appointment, will be subject to the evaluation of completed forms by the WHO Secretariat, determining that their participation would not give rise to a real, potential or apparent conflict of interest.

**Operation**

1. The Strategic Advisory Group shall normally meet for two-day sessions, at least once annually, with up to four such meetings during the initial two-year term.

2. The Strategic Advisory Group may convene working groups on specific subjects within the scope of these Terms of Reference. Such working groups shall be established on an ad hoc basis, with the prior approval of WHO. They will be convened by WHO and can be organized in the form of face-to-face meetings (to be paid for by WHO), teleconferences and/or videoconferences.

3. Members are expected to attend meetings. If a Member misses two consecutive meetings, WHO may end his/her appointment as a Member. WHO may decide to appoint a Member in replacement of that Member.

4. Members will not receive any remuneration from WHO for their work on the Strategic Advisory Group. However, when attending meetings by invitation of WHO, WHO will cover
airfare/transportation costs and provide daily subsistence allowance during such meetings, in compliance with WHO policies, including its travel policies.

5. WHO will act as Secretariat to the Strategic Advisory Group and thereby provide support to it, including by facilitating its work, preparing agendas and background documents, in consultation with the Chair.

6. The Strategic Advisory Group will report regularly to WHO, including through reports of each meeting.

7. All recommendations of the Strategic Advisory Group are advisory to WHO, who retains full control over any subsequent decisions or actions regarding any proposal, policy issues or other matters considered by the Strategic Advisory Group. WHO also retains full control over the publication of the reports of the Strategic Advisory Group, including whether or not to publish them.

8. Information and documentation to which Members may gain access in performing Strategic Advisory Group-related activities will be considered as confidential and proprietary to WHO and/or parties collaborating with WHO. Strategic Advisory Group Members shall not purport to speak on behalf of, or represent, the Strategic Advisory Group or WHO to any third party. All proposed Members will be required to sign and submit to WHO an appropriate confidentiality undertaking and agree to provisions on ownership.

**Rules of Procedure**

1. A majority of the Members needs to be present to conduct a meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group and adopt recommendations, and/or to take any other decisions within these Terms of Reference.

2. Decisions of the Strategic Advisory Group will normally be taken by consensus. In the event that a consensus cannot be reached, the minority views and dissenting opinions must be noted in the relevant report / documentation.

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