

Thank you, Chair, for the opportunity of speaking on behalf of Medicus Mundi International and the People's Health Movement, both members of the Democratising Global Health Coalition.

We appreciate the efforts made in developing the draft twelfth General Programme of Work and the Programme Budget and the inclusion of Social Determinants of Health among the strategic priorities. The exercise of priority setting alone is not sufficient to solve the problem of budget allocation if not associated with a bold discussion on sustainable financial mechanisms. Any success will depend upon overcoming the distortions of resource allocation arising from tied donor funding. Unfortunately, there is no clear explanation on how to fill the financial gaps in the current documents. The risk remains that key areas of WHO's work, not attracting donor funding, will remain underfinanced.

Concerning the proposed Programme Budget 2014-2015, this appears more of a classical fundraising instrument for financial dialogue than a well-thought budget. The document merely provides an overall allocation of resources under various subheads within six categories. No details are presented on the specific allocation of resources under each subheading. The one termed "access to medical products and strengthening regulatory capacity" is a critical case in point.

Proposed allocation of resources from the assessed and voluntary contributions are also missing. This is a striking change from the 2010-2011 budget, where allocation of resources was clearly itemized.

Another worrying perception is that both the General Programme of Work and the Programme Budget are built on unfinished work: many of the baselines and targets/indicators are to be finalized. We refer to Social Determinants of Health as an eloquent example.

Finally, several Member States asked for an increase in assessed contributions at the 65th World Health Assembly, an issue extensively resumed during the Monday discussion on PBAC.

Again, this question is nowhere addressed in the present document. With no commitment to a real increase of assessed contributions, any proposal for reform will remain ineffective in the long run. This is an issue for Member States; not for the Secretariat. We urge Member States to insist on sustainable financial mechanisms ensuring adequate untied funding of WHO, beyond reliance on voluntary contributions alone.

Thank you!