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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR STRATEGIC RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS

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#### Summary

1. The “Guiding principles for strategic resource allocations” is presented in the context of proposed changes to the results-based managerial framework of WHO. The proposal seeks to emphasize the need to allocate resources based on the Organization's programmes, functions and perspectives. The document suggests the development of three main instruments to be used for determining resource allocation:

- (a) medium-term strategic plan (2008–2013)
- (b) strategic resource allocation principle and criteria
- (c) validation mechanism.

2. The strategy and the resource allocation formula will direct the ways of working between and across different levels of the Organization. The priorities for strategic allocation will be based on a limited number of “high level goals taken from the Eleventh General Programme of Work” given specific indexed weightings. Seven principles with three perspectives—programmatic, functional and organizational—guide the entire exercise. The emphasis is on organization-wide efforts for “doing the right things, in the right way, in the right place, and at the right time”.

3. The practical aspirations of the validation mechanism are to ensure balance in three components:

- (a) The core component determines the core functions;
- (b) The engagement component reflects what additional resources might be required for administrative functions;
- (c) The needs-based component uses a need-based index to inform additional resource allocation.

4. The Regional Committee is invited to review the report.

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