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Subject

Confidential: Draft EWG Report

Dear Colleagues,

As discussed last week during our teleconference, please find attached the draft report of the EWG. We received this document confidentially and we would kindly advise you to not share it outside of our industry network. We also attach the “comparative analysis” that constituted the basis for the Report. As you see from the Report, the section on recommendations is blank as these should come from the third and last meeting of the group (from today to Dec 3rd). As the full report cannot be translated in time for the January EB, the EWG will probably send to WHO EB Members a “long” executive summary that will contain recommendations and some of the findings. This would make possible to have substantive discussion at the Executive Board.

A full version in English of the Report will be anyway transmitted to the EB but for procedural reasons this document should not be under discussion because there will be no translation into the other five official languages. Discussions on the full report (methodology, etc. may then be postponed to the WHA).

We have analyzed the Executive Summary of the Report as well as the Comparative Analysis document. These documents are attached for your convenience:

1. PowerPoint slide “EWG Draft Final Report” Æ includes in one slide the main findings of the EWG work
2. Word Document “Overview of EWG Comparative Analysis” Æ includes a more narrative summary/analysis on the EWG Draft Report

While the overall result is in line with most of the industry positions on this matter, please note that the EWG is currently meeting and there is still room for them to introduce new language. We will update you as new information become available, and will keep monitoring closely the process in these days, should any input be requested from friendly EWG Members.

Best,

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