



## **Normative profile of the Technical Health Group of the CPLP**

### **1. Context and Justification**

In accordance with the “Resolution on the Elaboration of the Strategic Plan in Health Cooperation of the CPLP (PECS/CPLP)”, approved on the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Health Ministers of the CPLP, held in Praia, in April 2008, the Focal Points of the PECS/CPLP are experts in the field of health nominated by the Health Department of the Member States of the CPLP.

Also, in accordance with the provisions of the same Resolution, the Focal Points integrated the Technical Group to elaborate the PECS/CPLP which, in turn, operated under coordination of the Executive Secretariat of the CPLP and with the technical support of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation and the Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, both Advisory Observers of the CPLP.

On the other hand, the “Base Document of the PECS/CPLP”, approved by the Health Ministers of the CPLP during the Extraordinary Meeting held on 20 September 2008, in Rio de Janeiro, attributing to the Executive Secretariat of the CPLP the responsibility “to elaborate Normative for the organization and performance of the Focal Points”.

In light of the above referred facts and taking into consideration the necessity to guarantee the effective operation and monitoring the PECS/CPLP after its approval, it is necessary to define the competences and the mandate of the Technical Group in addition to the provisions established in the above mentioned Resolution creating the Technical Health Group of CPLP<sup>1</sup>.

Thus, this communication intends to respond to this concern, having as main objective the guarantee of the effective operation of the Technical Health Group of the CPLP.

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<sup>1</sup> After approval of the strategy it will probably be necessary to redefine the best method to assure the effective implementation and monitoring of the SPHC. Perhaps, it will be necessary to create other workgroups at the national level and/or thematic with specific terms of reference.



## **2. Profile of the Technical Health Members of the CPLP**

In light of the above referred facts and according to the referred “Base Document of the PECS/CPLP”, the main role of the Focal Points nominated by the Member States will be:

- a) To participate in the coordination, formularization and monitoring of the PECS/CPLP;
- b) To harmonize, communicate and consolidate the activities of the networks, both structuring and thematic research, and follow the implementation of the SPHC cooperation projects of the respective Health Department of each country.”

Thus, with the objective of harmonizing the profile of the future Members of the Technical Health Group and to guarantee its good operation, it is important that these satisfy the criteria listed below, regardless of the assignment sector of each Member inside the respective Health Ministries:

- Be a senior officer of the Health Ministry;
- Have direct and regular contact with the Health Minister or designated deputy;
- Detains decision power in the respective Health Ministry within the scope of the Health topics in the multilateral framework of the CPLP.

The Members of the Technical Health Group of the CPLP shall also assume, within their respective countries and before the CPLP, the following responsibilities:

- To participate in health related technical and ministerial meetings in the scope of the CPLP;
- To follow-up the implementation of the PECS/CPLP projects in the respective countries;
- To identify the countries and/or institutions responsible for the coordination of the approved projects;
- To comment on the newly submitted projects outside the scope of the PECS/CPLP - being that the final approval is the responsibility of the Meeting of the Health Ministers of the CPLP;
- To identify, inside of the respective Health Ministries means of technical and advisory support in the areas covered for the PECS/CPLP;



- To articulate with other ministerial services, promote the free flow of information, assure the spread of the technical and administrative documentation of the PECS/CPLP;
- To disclose all national relevant documentation related to the SPHC, to be posted on the CPLP Website and awareness of the potential multilateral contribution in the scope of the CPLP;
- To maintain regular contact with the Executive Secretariat of the CPLP and with its counterparts in the other Member States;
- To provide support to the Technical Group in all activities related to the PECS/CPLP being carried out in their respective countries;
- To regularly coordinate, internally and through the Executive Secretariat of the CPLP, with the Focal Points of Cooperation of the CPLP at the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs and External Affairs, for mutual exchange of information on the respective scopes of intervention.
- To approve in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting an operational regulation, in accordance with the regulation of the meeting of the Health Ministers to be approved.

Furthermore, it is recommended that at least one substitute Member of the Technical Health Group of the CPLP be appointed by each Member State.

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