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Regional Office of the
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ROLE OF WHO IN FOSTERING TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES

Wednesday, 21 May 2007, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

17:30 to 19:00 p.m. Salle XVI

Dear Delegates:

You are cordially invited to participate in a meeting where we will share PAHO/WHO's experience in applying the strategy of Technical Cooperation among Countries (TCC) and its achievements, as well as lessons learnt. The role of WHO/Secretariat in facilitating and fostering TCC will be discussed.

The 61st World Health Assembly represents a unique opportunity to share information and concerns about the challenges faced within the framework of TCC and the role of the donor community in identifying resources to complement ("triangulation mechanisms") collaboration already taking place among countries.

The expected outcomes of the meeting will be to:

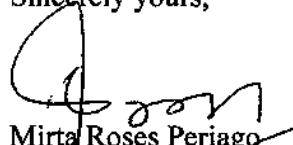
- Share PAHO/WHO's experience in applying the strategy of TCC, its achievements and lessons learnt.
- Present specific cases of know-how transfer and human resources support, including intra and inter-regional experiences, particularly between AMRO and AFRO.
- Explore possibilities of further expanding inter-regional cooperation with WHO's support in light of the Director General stated priorities.

As the Director General, Dr. Margaret Chan, expressed many times when referring to the impact of WHO's work in Africa: "This commitment concerns performance, the relevance of our work and its impact on those in greatest need. The impact of our work on the health of African people is another essential measure of our performance."

It is expected that Ministers of Health of the countries in both regions, AMRO and AFRO, will participate and share their thoughts and experiences.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely yours,



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