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### **1. Opening of the Conference and welcome**

The Conference will be opened and chaired by the NDPHS Chair, Ms. Susanna Huovinen, the Finnish Minister of Health and Social Services.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The Conference will be invited to **adopt** the provisional agenda (cf. document PAC 10/2/1).

### **3. Roundtable discussions and adoption of the NDPHS Statements:**

#### **3.1 Ten years of the NDPHS cooperation**

The Chair will make introductory remarks regarding the ten years of the NDPHS cooperation and will introduce a draft statement (cf. document PAC 10/3.1/1).

The Heads of Delegations will be invited to **express** their views regarding the ten years of the NDPHS cooperation. Further, the Conference will be invited to **adopt** the draft statement, as appropriate. It should be noted that the Chair has decided that four minutes will be allocated for each intervention.

#### **3.2 Impact of the HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis on people and economies of the Northern Dimension Countries – status quo and the way forward**

The HIV/AIDS&AI Expert Group Chair will present the outcome of the PAC side-event, the conference “Combating HIV and TB through a joint regional action,” that will take place the day before the PAC and introduce the draft NDPHS Statement “Impact of the HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis on people and economies of the Northern Dimension Countries – status quo and the way forward” (cf. document PAC 10/3.2/1). The statement had been drafted by the HIV/AIDS&AI Expert Group and was subsequently consulted with the respective parties (countries, organizations and the NDPHS Expert Groups and Task Groups) and, finally, discussed at the PAC side-event.

The Conference will be invited to **discuss** the key issues presented by the HIV/AIDS&AI Expert Group Chair. It should be noted that the Chair has decided that four minutes will be allocated for each intervention.

Following the discussions, the Conference will be invited to **adopt** the NDPHS Statement, as appropriate.

#### **4. Injury at work – a hidden tragedy**

The OSH Task Group Chair will introduce the document “Injury at work – a hidden tragedy” (cf. document PAC 10/4/1). The document was prepared by the OSH Task Group as a part of the implementation of the NDPHS Health at Work Strategy. The Group reviewed the reliability of the reporting of occupational accidents in the NDPHS member states and concluded that some countries are facing a challenge of a severe underreporting. The document summarizes the present situation and intends to raise awareness of the exposed problem. It is a part of a broader effort to develop a comparative report (on a state of play), a survey of the reporting systems and related problems and, finally, a parallel in-depth study to occupational injuries compiled based on inputs from hospitals.

The Conference will be invited to **take note** of the document “Injury at work – a hidden tragedy” and **express** support towards continuation of the work in the field of underreporting of the occupational accidents.

#### **5. Regional cooperation for better health and social well-being – appraising the past and setting priorities for the future**

##### **5.1 Conclusions from the NDPHS’ five-year evaluation**

The NDPHS Strategy adopted in 2009 stipulates that the Partnership would undergo an evaluation approximately every five years, which would be aided by an external consultant. The evaluation took place in 2013. The evaluation was facilitated by the NDPHS Evaluation Team chaired by Germany and was supported by an external consultant.

The Evaluation Team Chair will inform about the key conclusions and recommendations from the NDPHS’ five-year evaluation.

The Conference will be invited to discuss the information provided and **conclude**, as appropriate.

##### **5.2 Setting priorities: the NDPHS Strategy 2014-2020**

The current NDPHS Strategy expires in 2013. To that end, the CSR 22 Meeting discussed the process and aspects to take into consideration while developing the new NDPHS Strategy (the NDPHS Strategy 2014-2020), established the Strategy Working Group and agreed on the timeline for its development. The CSR agreed that political guidance provided during the PAC 10 would serve as the point of departure when developing the NDPHS Strategy 2014-2020.

The Heads of Delegations will be invited to **express** their views regarding political priorities to be followed during the development of the NDPHS Strategy 2014-2020. It should be noted that the Chair has decided that five minutes will be allocated for each intervention.

#### **6. Election of the next Chair and Co-Chair Countries**

As stated in the Oslo Declaration, “the PAC will elect a Chair and a co-Chair among its member governments to lead the Partnership for a period of two years.” To that end, it should be recalled that, during the CSR Meeting on 16-17 October 2013, Germany informed

that she was prepared and willing to take the NDPHS chairmanship for the next term, and Estonia confirmed her readiness to become the co-Chair.

In accordance with the above, the Conference will be invited to consider the above and **elect** the Chair and co-Chair for the next term.

### **7. Conclusions by the Chair**

The Chair will introduce the Chair's Conclusions from the Conference.

The Conference will be invited to **endorse** the Conclusions.

### **8. Closing of the Conference**

The Conference is expected to terminate on 22 November 2013 at 15:15 hours.