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TERMS OF REFERENCE

WORKING GROUP 1

TOPIC: SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS ON DDT PRODUCTION AND USE

The Group will undertake a situational analysis on the production and use of DDT, and the conditions of such use. This will include a review of the country responses to the questionnaire.

The assessment will cover:

- Availability and use of DDT (source, quality, factors determining use, diseases targeted, population covered, etc.);
- Efficacy of DDT as used by countries (epidemiological/entomological efficacy - including susceptibility, resistance management practices etc.);
- Current management practices (Current stocks/stock management practices, regulatory/control, limitations faced and opportunities for improvement etc.);
- Issues relating to human & environmental safety.

Based on the above, the Group will develop priority recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. Recommendations should cover:

- Management aspects relating to export/import regulation, stock management, management, use and disposal of obsolete stocks of DDT;
- Policy and institutional framework needed for effective management;
- Role of government and international partners;
- Any other aspect the group may consider relevant and important.

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GROUP 2

TOPIC: SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS ON AVAILABILITY, RELEVANCE, COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND DEPLOYMENT OF CHEMICAL AND NON-CHEMICAL ALTERNATIVES TO DDT

The Group will undertake a situational analysis on the availability, suitability and implementation of alternative products, methods and strategies, as well as opportunities for strengthening capacity of endemic countries to reduce reliance on DDT use for disease vector control. This will include a review of the country responses to the questionnaire.

The assessment will cover:

- A review of the existing and new products (including those under development), methods and strategies;
- Current limitations to and opportunities for using the alternatives;
- Review of the needs and opportunities for sustainable transition to the alternatives by countries.

Based on the above, the Group will develop priority recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. Recommendations should cover:

- Opportunities for accelerating the development and deployment of alternatives (enhancing/facilitating targeted research, role of international partners etc.);
- Opportunities for increasing access of endemic countries to the alternative tools, methods and strategies (role of multilateral donors, governments, enhancing cooperation in malaria vector control funding e.g. GFATM/GEF);
- Opportunities for strengthening the capacity of countries to reduce reliance on DDT;
- Any other aspect the group may consider relevant and important.