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Annex to the Issues paper

The EU role in global health

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Question 1: In your opinion, does the proposed concept ‘global health’ cover the most relevant dimensions? If not, which other essential factors would you suggest?

Question 2: Are the effects of globalisation on health, on the spread of diseases (whether communicable or life-style non-communicable) and on equitable access to health care sufficiently described?

Question 3: Do you consider the health-related MDGs a sufficient framework for a global health approach? If not, what else should also be considered?

Question 4: In your opinion, which are the main strengths and weaknesses of the current EU policy on health and development cooperation, and which dimensions should be given greater attention in order to face the challenges ahead?

Question 5: Could you identify health problems that have been neglected by the EU and international health research agenda and propose the best means to support innovation to address them, especially in low- and middle-income countries?

Question 6: Do you think that ODA commitments for health should increase, and how do you think that other sources of financing could contribute to addressing global health and universal access?

Question 7: How do you think fragmentation of aid for health could be reduced, with a view to increasing aid effectiveness and preventing detrimental health spending?

Question 8: In the context of aid effectiveness and alignment of financing to national priorities, what can be done to make sure that adequate attention is paid to health priorities and to strengthening health systems?

Question 9: What are your suggestions for striking the right balance between addressing health priorities and providing support for developing health systems?

Question 10: What are the main opportunities for increasing the level and enhancing the effectiveness of health aid from the EU?

Question 11: In your opinion, what are the links between health, governance, democracy, stability and security and how could the right to health be put into operation?

Question 12: What impact will the global crisis (climate change, food prices and economic downturn) have on global health and what could be done to help mitigate their ill effects?

Question 13: What should be the role of civil society in the health sector, at national and local levels?

Question 14: Which action do you think the EU should take to stem the brain drain of health workers, while respecting their freedom of movement?

Question 15: What role do you see for new technologies (including telemedicine) in enabling developing countries to provide access to care even in remote areas and to allow better sharing of knowledge and expertise between health professionals, and how can the EU support this?

Question 16: What are the keys to ensuring equitable access to medicine and how could the EU help to do more on this, including by supporting innovation and management of intellectual property rights?

Question 17: What could the EU do to improve the research funding for global health?

Question 18: How, in your opinion, could the EU research funding effectively address the systemic weaknesses of health systems worldwide?

Question 19: How do you think national capacity and local scientists in low-income countries could be empowered to conduct research relevant to their countries' priorities?

Question 20: Which kinds of global public goods for health should be given priority and how should they be financed and managed?

Question 21: Which do you think are the priority areas for coherence on global health policies, and how should they be addressed?

Question 22: How could the legitimacy and efficiency of the present global health governance be improved and which role should the EU play in this?

Question 23: Do you think a definition of a universal minimum health service package would facilitate a rights approach and progress towards more equitable coverage of services? If so, how could such a universal minimum standard be defined?

Question 24: What, in your opinion, should be the main principles guiding equitable social protection for health?

Question 25: Which fair financing principles and mechanisms should apply to health system financing to ensure equitable and universal coverage of basic health care?

Question 26: What is the role of civil society in global and national health governance and how can potential conflicts of interest between advocacy and service provision be avoided?

Question 27: What, in your view, is the main added value offered by the EU in the field of global health?

Question 28: Do you think that an EU social model could inspire global health equity?