

COMMENTS FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE AFRICA REGION

THE FRAMEWORK OF ENGAGEMENT WITH NON-STATE ACTORS

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The Member States of Africa Region would like to firstly thank the Secretariat for the work done incorporating some of the issues raised by the Region from the previous discussions on this document.

General Comments

1. We support the proposal that WHO should not accept secondments from non-State actors as presented in paragraph 46 page 19. In view of this, all reference made of '*personnel*' under Resources to be deleted i.e.
 - paragraph 8 page 14
 - paragraph 7 page 25
 - paragraph 15 page 29
 - paragraph 7 page 35
 - paragraph 8 page 38
2. We submit reservations on the earmarking of funds from NSA's as well as the use of such funds to pay staff salaries.
3. We are concerned regarding the influence of NSA's on WHO's normative and standard setting work. More clarity is required on

this matter on how the description provided in **paragraphs 42 and 43 page 18** is linked or delinked with

- paragraph 31 page 32
- paragraph 17 page 36

4. Conflict of interest policy to be included in the framework. The current information provided in **paragraphs 23,24,25,26** is not clearly reflecting a definitive policy on Conflict of Interest.

5. The framework needs clear operational definitions.

Specific Comments

1. We support that there should be boundaries on engagement with the tobacco and arms industry. However, the framework should explicitly list the types of industries that WHO will deal cautiously with and the reasons for the cautious engagement. Industries such as the alcohol, food and beverage industries should be engaged with caution.
2. **Technical collaboration, Page 14, paragraph 21 third bullet** reading *'support to policy-making at the national level'* to be deleted.