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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and has the honour to refer to decision WHA69(8) (2016)¹ paragraph (10) and document EB154/34 Add.1² and would like to inform Member States of the upcoming vacancy of the position of Assistant Director-General for Antimicrobial Resistance at WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland for a duration of two years. Assistant directors-general play a crucial role in advancing WHO's mission and objectives in the area concerned.

The Assistant Director-General for Antimicrobial Resistance is a pivotal position with a primary focus on providing strategic leadership in the global effort to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This includes formulating and implementing comprehensive policies and guidelines, fostering collaboration with Member States and international organizations, and overseeing research and surveillance initiatives to understand and address the complex challenges posed by AMR.

The incumbent is entrusted with the task of developing and maintaining effective partnerships, advocating for AMR awareness, and mobilizing resources to support capacity-building programmes for Member States. Additionally, the role involves crisis management, ensuring the development of contingency plans and prompt responses to emerging threats and outbreaks related to AMR. The Assistant Director-General will also be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the impact of interventions, maintaining accountability, and reporting regularly to the Director-General and other stakeholders.

Qualifications for this role include an educational background in medicine, public health, or a related field, coupled with extensive leadership experience, preferably within global health organizations. In-depth knowledge of antimicrobial resistance, infectious diseases, and public health is crucial. The successful candidate will not only spearhead the formulation of evidence-based policies but also lead a multidisciplinary team, fostering a culture of continuous learning and development. This role underscores the urgency and importance of addressing AMR at a global scale and calls for qualified individuals to contribute to this critical mission within the realm of global health.

The Director-General takes this opportunity to renew to Member States the assurances of his highest consideration.

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¹ Decision WHA69(8) based on the agreed recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Meeting on Governance Reform (Geneva, 8 and 9 March 2016 and 28 and 29 April 2016).

² Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance Follow-up to decision WHA69(8) (2016), operative paragraph (10).