## Introduction

The reassignment of the Sec. Health Pakistan leaves the position of Vice Chair of the Board open.

The Board will recall that Dr. Constantin Bilenge was runner up in the elections, held during the Coordinating Board meeting in Beijing China, for this position.

## Summary

The Executive Committee discussed the matter of the Appointment of the Vice Chair during their teleconferences on the 26th January 2005 and 9th March 2005.

The Executive Committee confirmed that 2 reasonable options were available to fill this position:

- a) nomination of the runner up from the previous election
- b) new election process

The Executive Committee empowered the Executive Secretary to speak with Dr. Constantin Bilenge, General Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Democratic Republic of Congo regarding his interest in the position of Vice Chair of the Coordinating Board. The General Secretary has indicated he would agree to serve as Vice Chair of the Coordinating Board, should the Board formally offer him the position.

## Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

a) to decide on the process of appointing a new Vice Chair in this situation

b) to either formally offer the position to Sec. Bilenge or to empower the Secretariat to start a new election process

## Next steps and time frame

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