SUMMARY SHEET

Agenda Nr. 1.06-14.0  Subject  European Ministerial Forum

For Information  For Discussion  For Decision

Introduction
As mandated by the Coordinating Board in Assisi and in follow up to the letter of the Regional Director for Europe to European member states declaring TB to be a Regional Emergency, WHO (with support from the Stop TB Partnership) will be co-hosting (with the Finnish EU Presidency) a Ministerial Forum in Copenhagen, 16-17 October 2006. Participants will include Ministries of Health, Finance and Justice, along with Development agencies/Foreign Affairs ministries where appropriate.

The objectives are to:
- raise the political and financial commitment needed for effective TB control in the priority countries of eastern Europe, in line with the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015;
- address the threat that TB poses across Europe in the context of globalization, population movement and inner city living conditions;
- increase awareness and financial commitments by European and other international donors to the current TB emergency in the European Region;
- establish a Regional Stop TB Partnership, aimed at catalyzing political, financial and technical support to put Europe on the road to TB elimination.

Summary
3 Panel Discussions are proposed:

2) Solidarity and Partnership between Europeans (including Partnership, Cross Border Cooperation, Civil Society Engagement, Communication and Social Mobilization)

There are several controversial issues for discussion (incurable TB, migration, cross border cooperation) at the High Level Ministerial Forum.

Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board

1) To adopt a Board position on key political issues that may be raised at Copenhagen.
2) To assign a high level mission to participate in the Ministerial Forum.

Next steps and time frame

What: Ensure effective participation of Ministerial level
Who: All partners
Timeframe: by June 2006
Focal Point: Martien Borgdorff & Richard Zaleskis