# 106th Session of the TDR Standing Committee

18 November 2019, Via audio/teleconference

## Summary of decisions and recommendations

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<td>Welcome and opening remarks</td>
<td>• Professor Debra Jackson, Dr Soumya Swaminathan and Dr John Reeder welcomed everybody to the teleconference</td>
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<td>Follow-up to the 105th session of the Standing Committee (SC) and recommendations from JCB42</td>
<td>• All follow-ups from the previous session were addressed and some of them further discussed during this session.</td>
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<td>Update on TDR activities</td>
<td>• Welcomed progress made by the Special Programme including high level of implementation of activities.</td>
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<td>• Recommended monitoring external and internal developments that may affect financial or programmatic capacity of the Programme by mitigating risks (e.g. Brexit, exchange rate fluctuations, any changes at WHO)</td>
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<td>Financial update</td>
<td>• Welcomed the clear update on the financial situation at the close of the current biennium, as well as the financial forecast planning for 2020-2021.</td>
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<td>Any other business</td>
<td>• Agreed to hold the next session of the SC on 23 and 24 April in New York, hosted by UNDP who will chair the SC in 2020.</td>
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## Participants

### Members
- Professor Debra Jackson, UNICEF (Chair)
- Dr Tenu Avafia, UNDP
- Dr Toomas Palu, World Bank
- Dr Soumya Swaminathan, WHO
- Dr Modest Mulenga, Chair JCB
- Dr Xiao Ning, Vice-Chair JCB
- Professor Hannah Akuffo, representative of the JCB resource contributor group
- Professor Babatunde Salako, representative of the JCB disease endemic country group
- Professor Charles Mgone, Chair STAC

### Special Programme (TDR)
- Dr John Reeder, Director
- Dr Garry Aslanyan, Manager of Partnerships and Governance
- Dr Beatrice Halpaap, Portfolio and Programme Manager

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1 Not able to attend