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Internal coordination should address itself to two levels: the first one being the internal coordination between the various major programme areas of the Sixth General Programme of Work; the second being the internal coordination between the various echelons of the organization. This coordination and cooperation in the elaboration and implementation of programmes has already been referred to in Annex 3 of the Provisional Working Guidelines for WHO Medium Term Programme, page 3, but it was felt recently at a meeting of the HPC that this point should be emphasized and that the Medium-Term Programming Working Group may find it appropriate to elaborate the proper mechanisms to do so. Under this item we would like to list the following points for your consideration:-

- Need for a monitoring mechanism for the implementation of medium-term programmes (for example, creation of a sub-group or sub-groups which could report to the Medium-Term Programming Working Group).
- Regular discussions in already set up working groups, (such as the Executive Board Programme Committee, the Global Programme Committee, the Headquarters' Programme Committee and the Medium-Term Programming Working Group) on the implementation of one or two major programmes at regular intervals.
- Systematic review by the programming groups created for each major programme area of each medium-term programme to synchronize specific points calling for coordination, and to monitor the implementation of their programmes.
- Guidance given by the Medium-Term Programming Working Group for regular revision of medium-term programmes in collaboration with countries (to be part of the iterative process).

These coordinating and monitoring mechanisms should also be used to detect:

- unnecessary overlapping and how to avoid it,
- possibilities for cooperation amongst the regional offices in the elaboration and implementation of programmes and their modality,
- possibilities of promoting TCDC in specific programme areas.

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