

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between**

**The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**

**and**

**the Chinese Center for Disease Prevention and Control**

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, hereinafter referred to as the ECDC, and the Chinese Center for Disease Prevention and Control, hereinafter referred to as the CCDPC;

Considering that it is within their common interest to enhance their co-operation;

TAKING NOTE with satisfaction of the progress achieved so far on the identification of possible areas of mutual interest concerning an enhanced effort on joint co-operation;

AGREEING, within their respective mandates, in the joint need to develop information exchange and better mutual understanding between both Organizations;

AGREEING on their joint interest to increase co-operation between both Organizations, relating to different topics including epidemiological issues and infectious diseases prevention and control;

Agree as follows:

#### Article 1

##### Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this Memorandum is to enhance the co-operation between the ECDC and the CCDPC on matters of mutual interest in particular through efforts at information exchange, better mutual understanding and increased co-operation.

#### Article 2

##### Areas to which the Memorandum of Understanding applies

1. Co-operation between the two Organisations shall relate to communicable disease matters, including epidemiological issues and infectious diseases prevention and control in accordance with their respective mandates.
2. The ECDC and the CCDPC, where possible and appropriate:
  - (a) Shall endeavour to co-ordinate their efforts to exchange information;
  - (b) Shall endeavour to facilitate collaboration and co-operation in the interest of their respective activities.

### Article 3

#### Mutual Consultation

The ECDC and the CCDPC:

- (a) shall endeavour to consult each other regularly and endeavour to keep each other informed on strategic matters of common interest, for the purpose of achieving their respective objectives;
- (b) shall endeavour to consult each other to ensure a degree of co-ordination in regard to questions in which both Organisations have an interest;
- (c) will each consider the designation of one or more staff members for the maintenance of close, direct and continuing contacts with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding;
- (d) shall endeavour to consult each other in the event of an emerging health threat that may affect or concern China or Europe.

### Article 4

#### Exchange of Information

Exchange of information between the ECDC and the CCDPC may take place for the purpose of and in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

### Article 5

#### Confidentiality of information

Each Party shall ensure that information received on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to its confidentiality and security standards for the processing of information.

### Article 6

#### Amendments

1. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent between the ECDC and the CCDPC at any time in accordance with their respective requirements.
2. The ECDC and the CCDPC shall enter into consultations with respect to the amendment of this Memorandum at the request of either of them.

## Article 7

## Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum may be terminated by each party with three months' notice.

## Article 8

## Entry into force

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Done in .....on..... 2007 in two copies in the Chinese and English languages.

For the ECDC



Zsuzsanna Jakab  
Director

For the CCDPC



Director