

Box 1 Recommendations of the Research Ethics Review Committee

To Member States

1. Develop/enforce national laws and regulations which govern bioethics and related research.
2. Urge vigilance by editors of scientific journals to avoid fraud and falsification of health research submitted for consideration for publication.
3. Develop / support/ accredit national bioethics committees which could oversee the work of institutional committees, including institutional review boards.
4. Establish ethical review committees according to need (e.g. for research on human subjects, on animals, etc.).
5. Support institutional clearance (in the absence of national clearance).
6. Establish national registries for clinical trials and research.
7. Regulate/monitor pharmaceutical companies' contributions to clinical studies.
8. Ensure a rigorous ethical review process on different levels (institutional, national, regional).

To WHO

9. Encourage/solicit research on public health priorities in the Region, especially on crises and emergencies.
10. Use the expertise of current global WHO collaborating centres for bioethics-related matters, including capacity building.
11. Establish a regional WHO collaborating centre on bioethics.
12. Support capacity-building activities in bioethics/ethical conduct of health research.