Report of the EAG on the review of the relevance and effectiveness of the WHO Code of Practice – a civil society view

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“WHO Global Code of Practice: A tool for health workforce development and health systems sustainability.”
When is the right moment to revisit the text of the Code in order to keep it relevant?**

**Realities of integrated economic regions (EU, ASEAN)

**Growing influence of international trade agreements (including trade in services)

**The burning issue of “return of investment”, or call it compensation.
Challenges:
- ownership by member states
- leadership by WHO
- information sharing, transparency and accountability
- involving all stakeholders in the global and national policy dialogue and the implementation of the Code

An effective instrument for change? – not yet...
NOW: Designate a national authority and report on the implementation of the Code. All WHO member states!

NOW: Invest in capacity of WHO Secretariat and WHO Regional Offices to support Member States and stakeholders

(1) Develop an overarching global governance framework on health workers migration and mobility

(2) Integrate the health workforce issue into a broader instrument (a non-binding code or binding convention) on international obligations for strengthening national health systems
THE Code – a real instrument for change!

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