Dear members of the International Network of Health Technicians Education (RETS),

The 3rd General Meeting of the International Network of Health Technicians Education (RETS) held as prior activity to the 3rd Global Forum on Human Resources for Health (GHWA/WHO), in November 2013, in the city of Recife (Pernambuco-Brazil), has enabled the development of a new Work Plan for that Network, to be developed during the 2014-2017 period. This plan agreed on a number of objectives and actions that enable the integration and coordination of health technicians training education institutions within the RETS, in order to produce, systematize and disseminate knowledge that will subsidize the development of international cooperation policies, programs, plans and projects and strengthen the health systems of member countries.

The first outlined objective was to “*produce, disseminate and promote the exchange of knowledge in education and work of health technicians*”, with a corresponding action “*Development of a multicenter study to identify and analyze the quantitative and qualitative supply of health technicians education in member countries of the Network, with the establishment of a research group for the strengthening of health technicians education*.”

The document “Multicenter research project to identify and review the quantitative and qualitative supply of health technical workers education in member countries of the RETS” (Annex 1) seeks, therefore, to outline a first draft of how research can be constituted in order to be assessed and modified by the institutions available to participate in this research process, so that the particularities and specificities of each participating country may also be presented.

We emphasize the need for the participating institutions to rely on a research team to develop the study with a national coverage, involving own researchers or in partnership with other national institutions. Having more than one institution per country involved in the research is indicated, in which case, institutions should work in coordination and appoint an institution as national or regional coordinator. Finally, it is important to clarify that institutions can join all the research process or just one of its stages (quantitative and/or qualitative).

Therefore, we invite the interested and available institutions to reply to this correspondence by **April 3, 2015**, duly completing information of Annex 2 “Participation in the multicenter research agreement form”.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and please accept the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

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