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Chapter 4: People's Health Movement Advisory Council

1. The PHM Advisory Council comprises people who, because of their expertise, experience and commitment to PHM, have been invited by the PHM Steering Council to join the Council with a view to their continued engagement in PHM decision-making.
2. The proposed role of the advisory council is to:
 1. Provide advice that helps to ensure that PHM upholds the values and works within the framework of the People's Charter for Health;
 2. Contribute to the conceptualising and development of position papers and policies;
 3. Promote the vision of PHM and raise PHM positions and voice within global, regional and country meetings and fora;
 4. Encourage AC members to read the Charter and to be more involved in Country Circles, Global Programs and Thematic Groups.
 5. Assist in networking and forming links with other like-minded movements and networks; and
 6. Seek and notify the secretariat about fundraising opportunities.
3. Criteria for inviting senior¹ PHM activists to join the Advisory Council include:
 1. Senior members of the movement who have contributed significantly to the work for PHM at global / regional and / or country level;
 2. Individuals who have shown commitment to PHM ideals and values consistently over a number of years and have the capacity and the willingness to provide guidance to the PHM on organisational and programmatic issues;
 3. Have been active in advocating and advancing the aims of PHM
 4. Members of the SC should not be concurrently members of the Advisory Council and it should not be automatic that people who have been on the SC are invited to join the Advisory Council.
4. The AC will nominate a Chairperson. The chairperson of the Advisory Council is a member of the SC. AC chairperson's membership of SC expires after two consecutive terms (of three year each).

¹ Where 'senior' reflects long term involvement in the Movement.

5. Meetings and communication within the Advisory Council (and with other units of PHM) is primarily through email and virtual video-conferencing platforms, but face to face meetings may be considered where the need arises and if funds are available.
6. In addition to Advisory Council members being an advocate for PHM when attending meetings and in their everyday communication, they would at time be asked to respond or advise about specific issues identified by CoCo, the SC or the secretariat.
7. New members will be nominated by at least two AC or SC members with an appropriate motivation/describing how the nominees meet the membership criterion.
8. The Advisory committee should meet preferably quarterly and *at least* once a year, and respond to urgent matters. The chairperson of the advisory committee with the support of the global secretariat would call for meetings of the Advisory Committee. At least one of the co-chairs and the global coordinator would attend the meeting. Other members of the Coordination Committee would be welcome to attend it. The chairperson can call in special invitees as required.
9. Members of the advisory committee can send in statements and share relevant information to other members of the advisory committee without any restriction. If they want to represent any issue in the steering committee, or circulate it to SC members, they can communicate it through the chairperson of the advisory committee any other steering council member.