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The GCG created a set of principles intended to guide its activities as it answers requests for information and responds to non-ICH regulators and industry.

PRINCIPLES OF THE GLOBAL COOPERATION GROUP:

1. ICH will not seek to impose its views on any country, region, or company, but will serve as a resource for information and data.
2. ICH will provide non-ICH member countries or companies with any document related to the GCG initiative without charge.
3. This ICH subcommittee will work as closely as possible with WHO and other international organizations to achieve these goals.
4. This subcommittee will not cause or require any change to the current ICH structure or procedures of operation.
5. While some non-ICH countries are not in a position to utilize ICH guidelines at present, these guidelines will be used as the basis of ICH's response whenever information is requested.
6. The Global Cooperation Group will provide information upon request from non-ICH countries and will make information available about the existence of the ICH web site, the address for communications, and related information.

Comments or questions are welcome. For further information contact us at:

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