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In this revision process, the traditional form and uses of the ICD for mortality and morbidity reporting will be maintained for continuity and compatibility purposes. To assist additional needs for different users, the revised classification will have three interoperable formats for primary care, clinical specialty care and research. To implement ICD in computerized health information systems, meaningful linkages to standardized health care terminologies will be incorporated to facilitate standardized data processing and communication.

The Organization looks forward to receiving the views of Member States and Associate Members on the proposed ICD revision process and invites interested stakeholders to take part in the revision activities by participating in different phases of the related work.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of her highest consideration.

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