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Overview of Reform Implementation

Draft decision proposed by Mexico and Panama

The Executive Board,

Recalling WHO relevant documents and agreements on WHO Reform,

Having considered the report of the Secretariat on the Overview of Reform Implementation,

(PP1) Recognizing that the pillar of WHO governance reform is essential to bringing the transformational reform process to the desired outcome that the governing bodies have been working on for more than four years;

(PP2) Recognizing also that a comprehensive, integrated and holistic approach is critical in the WHO Reform agenda;

(PP3) Recognizing further that significant progress has been made in areas of the WHO Reform such as priority setting, planning and budgeting, while the governance pillar should benefit from the same progress through dedicated Member State and Secretariat engagement;

(PP4) Having considered also the recent IEOAC report that states that slow progress on Governance Reform could impede the overall WHO reform agenda, decided the following,

(1) TO ESTABLISH an Open-Ended Working Group on Governance Reform/OEWG, to complete its work by the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, and to provide any recommendations to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, with the following mandate:

(a) to review the progress made in the governance reform agenda of the Organization and its coherence with other reform processes;

(b) to address, but not be limited to, the working methods of the Governing Bodies, including the proposals brought from the Secretariat to the 136th Executive Board which require further discussion, and also the functioning of the Executive Board Bureau and agenda-setting issues;

(c) to follow up on the strategic resource and budget space allocation working group recommendation to examine the role and functions of all three levels of the Organization, in particular looking at improving practices around regional director selection;

(d) to present recommendations, through governing bodies, on the areas of opportunity within the institutional framework to strengthen the coherence and the alignment to the priorities of the Organization.

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