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Establishment of an agile Member States task group

The Executive Board, having considered the outcome of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, in particular the adoption of the recommendations of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing[1] through decision WHA75(8) (2022); and noting that paragraph 40 of the abovementioned recommendations provides for the establishment of an agile Member States task group by the Executive Board during its 151st session,

Decided:

(1) to establish an agile Member States task group, open to all Member States,[2] on strengthening WHO budgetary, programmatic and financing governance[3] to analyse challenges in governance for transparency, efficiency, accountability and compliance, and devise recommendations;

(2) that the task group would report to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 152nd session and the thirty-seventh meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board in January 2023, to recommend long-term improvements;

(3) to request the Director-General to convene the first meeting of the task group no later than the first week of July 2022, in order for the task group to determine its methods of work and focus, within the mandate identified by the recommendations of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing.

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[1] Document A75/9.

[2] And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

[3] Possible elements identified for the consideration of the task group include, but are not limited to: the role of governing bodies in prioritizing topics for inclusion on the provisional agenda of the Health Assembly; the strengthening of transparency and improvement of WHO's budgeting process based on best practices used in the United Nations system, including how the budget is presented; the costing of resolutions and decisions and other initiatives using a results-based approach; the use of guidelines and thresholds for earmarking and deadlines for achieving the thresholds; a review of how to include non-State contributors in accordance with the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors; the identification of possible efficiency gains; the formulation of guidelines for ensuring equity in resource allocation across all levels and departments of WHO; and the standardization of reporting procedures for small donors.