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Consolidated report by the Director-General[1]

PILLAR 1: ONE BILLION MORE PEOPLE BENEFITING FROM UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

13.1 Universal health coverage

- **Reorienting health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage and preparations for a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage**

1. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on reorienting health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage and preparations for a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage.[2] It adopted decisions EB152(3) on integrated emergency, critical and operative care for universal health coverage and protection from health emergencies, EB152(4) on increasing access to medical oxygen, EB152(5) on preparation for the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage and EB152(6) on strengthening diagnostics capacity.[3]

13.2 Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

- **Draft updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases**

2. At its 152nd session, the Executive Board noted the report on the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health. It adopted decision EB152(11) in which it recommended to the Health Assembly the endorsement of the draft updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases. It also recommended that the Health Assembly request the Director-General to submit a draft updated menu of policy options and

[1] In the present document the texts under each agenda item should be read in conjunction with the corresponding reports considered by the Executive Board at its 151st or 152nd session, as appropriate. The summary records of those sessions are available at the following link: http://apps.who.int/gb/or/.

[2] Document EB152/5; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, fifth meeting, section 3, and sixth meeting, section 2.

[3] For a substantive report on reorienting universal health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage and preparations for a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage, see document A76/6.

cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases for consideration by the Eightieth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 160th session, and to incorporate revised interventions to Appendix 3 of the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2030 on a continuous basis, when data are available.[1]

3. Additional information on the acceleration plan to support Member States in implementing the recommendations for the prevention and management of obesity over the life course is provided in a separate document.[2]

13.3 Substandard and falsified medical products

4. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on substandard and falsified medical products, containing the reports of the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Member States mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products.[3] It also adopted decision EB152(9) in which it recommended to the Health Assembly that an independent evaluation of the Member State mechanism take place.

5. The twelfth meeting of the Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products is scheduled to take place in the week beginning 30 October 2023. This date now conflicts with the forthcoming session of the Regional Committee for South-East Asia, which was moved from September 2023 to the week beginning 30 October 2023 for logistical reasons. To ensure that all Member States have an equal opportunity to participate in the Member State mechanism, it is proposed that the twelfth meeting of the mechanism be rescheduled. The week of 13 November 2023 has been identified as the potential new date, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Member State mechanism.

13.4 Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems

6. At its 152nd session, the Executive Board noted the report on strengthening rehabilitation in health systems.[4] It also adopted decision EB152(10) on strengthening rehabilitation in health systems.

13.5 Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control

7. At its 152nd session, the Executive Board noted the report on the draft global strategy on infection prevention and control.[5] It adopted decision EB152(7) in which it decided that informal consultations with Member States on the draft WHO global strategy on infection prevention and control would continue to be facilitated by the Secretariat prior to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.[6]

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[1] Document EB152/6; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, sixth meeting, section 3, and ninth meeting, section 2.

[2] Document A76/7 Add.1.

[3] Document EB152/7; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, eighth meeting section 2.

[4] Document EB152/8; see also the summary records of the Executive Board, eighth meeting, section 3 and ninth meeting, section 1.

[5] Document EB152/9; see also the summary records of the Executive Board, seventh meeting, section 1.

[6] The latest version of the draft WHO global strategy on infection prevention and control is available at the following link: https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/draft-global-strategy-on-infection-prevention-and-control.

13.6 Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030

8. At its 152nd session, the Executive Board noted the report on the global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030.[1] It also adopted decision EB152(8), in which it requested the submission of the next report on progress in implementing resolution WHA73.9 (2020) on the global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030 to the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly in 2025, through the Executive Board at its 156th session. In the discussions, Board members emphasized the relevance of encouraging region-to-region and country-to-country collaboration.

13.7 Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

9. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on standardization of medical devices nomenclature.[2] In the discussions, Board members emphasized the relevance of medical devices nomenclature to support patient safety, enhance access of devices for diagnosis and treatment in case of emergencies and for universal health coverage. They also discussed the challenges and technical difficulties of dealing with multiple nomenclature systems. They requested the Secretariat to continue sharing information on its work in this area and organizing consultations with Member States and related stakeholders.

PILLAR 2: ONE BILLION MORE PEOPLE BETTER PROTECTED FROM HEALTH EMERGENCIES

15. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

15.1 Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies

- **Strengthening clinical trials to provide high-quality evidence on health interventions and to improve research quality and coordination**

10. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on strengthening clinical trials to provide high-quality evidence on health interventions and to improve research quality and coordination.[3] In the discussions, Board members welcomed the Secretariat's efforts to establish the baseline of the existing clinical trial ecosystem and expressed support for the proposed development of a self-assessment tool for clinical trial ecosystems.

15.3 Global Health for Peace Initiative

11. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on the Global Health for Peace Initiative.[4] In the discussions, Board members welcomed the progress on the draft road map for the Global Health for Peace Initiative and highlighted the importance of national contexts and ownership. They requested the Secretariat to continue consultations on the draft road map with Member States and

[1] Document EB152/10; see also the summary records of the Executive Board, seventh meeting, section 2.

[2] Document EB152/11, see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, seventh meeting, section 3.

[3] Document EB152/13, see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, thirteenth meeting, fifteenth meeting, section 4, and sixteenth meeting, section 1.

[4] Document EB152/17, see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, thirteenth meeting, section 1.

other relevant stakeholders during the intersessional period. Additional information on the development process, including the consultations and an updated version of the draft road map, is available online.[1]

PILLAR 3: ONE BILLION MORE PEOPLE ENJOYING BETTER HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

16. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

16.1 Well-being and health promotion

12. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on well-being and health promotion.[2] In the discussions, Board members welcomed the draft global framework for achieving well-being and highlighted a need for greater emphasis on mental health and on environmental determinants. They requested the Secretariat to organize further consultations on the draft framework during the intersessional period.[3] Consultations were subsequently held on 9 and 20 March 2023, based on a revised draft sent to Member States on 7 March.[4]

16.2 Ending violence against children through health systems strengthening and multisectoral approaches

13. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on ending violence against children through health systems strengthening and multisectoral approaches.[5] In the discussions, Board members emphasized the importance of integrating violence prevention into health service provision and highlighted the need for training of health workers, multisectoral collaboration and improved data.

16.3 Social determinants of health

14. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on social determinants of health.[6] It also adopted decision EB152(12) on accelerating action on global drowning prevention. In the discussions, Board members welcomed the draft operational framework for monitoring social determinants of health equity,[7] and the consultative process undertaken for its development.

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[1] The latest version of the draft road map is available at the following link: https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/roadmap-for-the-global-health-for-peace-initiative--draft (accessed 26 April 2023).

[2] Document EB152/20; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, tenth meeting, section 1.

[3] Please see document A76/7 Add.2 for a draft decision.

[4] The latest version of the draft global framework is available at the following link: https://www.who.int/teams/health-promotion/enhanced-well-being.

[5] Document EB152/21, see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, tenth meeting, section 2.

[6] Document EB152/22; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, tenth meeting, section 3, and eleventh meeting, section 1.

[7] The latest version of the draft operational framework is available at the following link: https://www.who.int/initiatives/action-on-the-social-determinants-of-health-for-advancing-equity/monitoring-framework/member-state-consultation-on-draft-operational-framework-for-monitoring-social-determinants-of-health-equity.

16.4 The highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities

15. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities.[1] In the discussions, Board members welcomed WHO's Global report on health equity for persons with disabilities[2] and its proposed actions to reduce health inequities for persons with disabilities. They expressed support for the development of a guide for action on disability inclusion in the health sector and welcomed the Secretariat's efforts to strengthen capacity in country and regional offices, in particular, in order to drive forward the agenda on disability inclusion.

16.5 United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025)

16. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025).[3] It also adopted decision EB152(13) on accelerating efforts for preventing micronutrient deficiencies and their consequences, including spina bifida and other neural tube defects, through safe and effective food fortification.

16.6 Behavioural sciences for better health

17. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on behavioural sciences for better health.[4] It also adopted decision EB152(23) in which it recommended to the Health Assembly, inter alia, the mainstreaming of behavioural science approaches in the work of the Organization.

PILLAR 4: MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT WHO PROVIDING BETTER SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES

19. Budget and finance matters

19.3 Scale of assessments for 2024–2025

18. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on the scale of assessments for 2024–2025.[5] It also adopted resolution EB152.R3.

19.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

19. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on the amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules.[6] It adopted resolution EB152.R4 confirming the amendments to the

[1] Document EB152/23; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, eleventh meeting, section 2.

[2] Available at https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/364834.

[3] Document EB152/24; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, eleventh meeting, section 3.

[4] Document EB152/25; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, eleventh meeting, section 4, and sixteenth meeting, section 2.

[5] Document EB152/29; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, third meeting, section 2, and fourth meeting, section 1.

[6] Document EB152/30; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, third meeting, section 2, and fourth meeting, section 1.

Financial Rules and containing a resolution for consideration by the Health Assembly. The Board also decided to request the Director-General, in relation to the application of Article 7 of the Constitution, to hold consultations with Member States on the proposed options for consideration by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.[1]

21. Staffing matters

21.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

20. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.[2] It adopted resolutions EB152.R6 and EB152.R7.

21.3 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

21. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report of the International Civil Service Commission.[3]

22. A separate report by the Director-General on amendments to the Statute of the International Civil Service Commission will be considered by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.[4]

22. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

Management, legal and governance matters

22.1 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

23. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment.[5] In the discussions, Board members welcomed the transition from the Management Response Plan to the new three-year strategy on preventing and responding to sexual misconduct[6] and the draft policy on preventing and addressing sexual misconduct.[7] They expressed support for WHO's investment in staff training and efforts to strengthen its investigative capacity.

24. Under a separate agenda item, the Board adopted decision EB152(1) in which it decided to extend the temporary suspension of Financial Rule XII, 112.1, in part, to enable the Chief, Investigations of Sexual Misconduct and other Abusive Conduct to have the same reporting lines, the same type of access,

[1] The outcome of those consultations, which included revisions to the draft resolution, are set forth in document A76/20.

[2] Document EB152/49; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, seventeenth meeting, section 1.

[3] Document EB152/50; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, seventeenth meeting, section 1.

[4] Document A76/27.

[5] Document EB152/31; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, fourth meeting, section 2.

[6] Preventing and responding to sexual misconduct: WHO's three-year strategy 2023–2025. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023 (https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/366300).

[7] The policy entered into force on 8 March 2023 and is available at the following link: https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/WHO-DGO-PRS-2023.4.

the same channels for reporting the results of work undertaken, including to the Executive Board, and the same authority as those currently granted to the Director, Internal Oversight Services, in this area. The extension will remain in effect until the 153rd session of the Executive Board.

22.2 Matters emanating from the Working Group on Sustainable Financing

- **Report of the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance**

25. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report of the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance.[1] It adopted decision EB152(15) in which it decided, inter alia, to request the Director-General to give effect to those recommendations of the Task Group where actions were proposed ahead of their consideration by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly. The Board also recommended to the Health Assembly the adoption of the recommendations of the Agile Member States Task Group contained in the Appendix to the report.

22.3 Global strategies and plans of action that are scheduled to expire within one year

- **WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023**

26. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023.[2] It also adopted decision EB152(17) on extension of the WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023 to 2030.

- **WHO traditional medicine strategy 2014–2023**

27. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on the WHO traditional medicine strategy 2014–2023.[3] It also adopted decision EB152(18) in which it recommended to the Health Assembly the extension of the current strategy until 2025 and the development of a draft new global traditional medicine strategy for the period 2025–2034.

23. Update on the Infrastructure Fund

- **Geneva buildings renovation strategy**

28. The Executive Board at its 152nd session noted the report on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy.[4]

[1] Document EB152/33; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, fourteenth meeting.

[2] Document EB152/36; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, fourteenth meeting and fifteenth meeting, section 2.

[3] Document EB152/37; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, fourteenth meeting and fifteenth meeting, section 2

[4] Document EB152/32; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 152nd session, fifteenth meeting, section 3.

ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

29. The Health Assembly is invited to note this report and the report contained in document A76/Add.1. The Health Assembly is further invited:

- under item 13.1, to adopt the resolutions recommended by the Executive Board in decisions EB152(3), EB152(4), EB152(5) and EB152(6);
- under item 13.2, to adopt the decision recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(11);
- under item 13.3, to adopt the decision recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(9);
- under item 13.4, to adopt the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(10);
- under item 13.5, conditional on the outcome of continuing consultations, to adopt the decision recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(7);
- under item 16.1, to consider the draft decision contained in document A76/7 Add.2;
- under item 16.3, to adopt the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(12);
- under item 16.5, to adopt the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(13);
- under item 16.6, to adopt the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(23);
- under item 19.3, to adopt the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in resolution EB152.R3;
- under item 19.4, to adopt the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in resolution EB152.R4;
- under item 21.2, to adopt the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in resolution EB152.R7;
- under item 22.2, to adopt the decision recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(15);
- under item 22.3, first bullet, to adopt the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(17);
- under item 22.3, second bullet, to adopt the decision recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB152(18).

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