WHO reform processes, including the transformation agenda, and implementation of United Nations development system reform

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General on WHO reform,\(^1\) decided:

(1) to amend its Rules of Procedure in line with the examples set out in the Annex to document EB144/33 in order to replace or supplement gender-specific language so as to indicate both feminine and masculine forms in the English language only and to follow United Nations’ practice for the other five official and working languages of WHO’s governing bodies;

(2) that the amendments shall come into effect at the moment when the Director-General renumbers the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization in accordance with decision EB143(7) (2018); and

(3) to recommend that the Seventy-second World Health Assembly:

(i) amend its Rules of Procedure in line with the examples set out in the Annex to document EB144/33 in order to replace or supplement gender-specific language so as to indicate both feminine and masculine forms in the English language only and to follow United Nations’ practice for the other five official and working languages of WHO’s governing bodies; and

(ii) decide that the amendments shall come into effect at the moment when the Director-General renumbers the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly in accordance with, and subject to the adoption by the Health Assembly of, the draft decision recommended by the Board in decision EB143(7) (2018).

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\(^1\) Document EB144/33.