

WHO reform

Draft decision proposed by the Secretariat

Further to the submission of the six reports on WHO reform (documents A65/5, A65/5 Add.1, A65/5 Add.2, A65/40, A65/43 and A65/INF.DOC./6), the Health Assembly is invited to consider the following draft decision.

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having considered the documents on WHO reform presented to the World Health Assembly;¹

PP2 Having taken into account the deliberations held and the decisions made on WHO reform during the 129th session of the Executive Board in May 2011, the special session on reform of the Executive Board in November 2011, the 130th session of the Executive Board in January 2012, and the meeting of Member States on programmes and priority setting in February 2012;

DECIDED:

Programmatic reforms

- (1) (a) to endorse the Chairman's report on the meeting of Member States on programmes and priority setting and the criteria, categories and timeline set out in its three appendices;²
- (b) to request the Director-General to use the agreed framework³ and guidance provided by the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly in the formulation of the draft Twelfth General Programme of Work and the Proposed programme budget 2014–2015;

¹ Documents A65/5, A65/5 Add.1, A65/5 Add.2, A65/40, A65/43 and A65/INF.DOC./6.

² See document A65/40.

³ See document A65/5 Add.2.

Governance reforms

(2) to endorse the decision of the Executive Board at its special session in November 2011¹ to strengthen, streamline and improve the methods of work and roles of the governing bodies;

(3) (a) [to maintain the present schedule of the governing bodies meetings];

OR

(b) [to move the meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board and the session of the Executive Board to early February];

OR

(c) [to increase the interval between meetings of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee and sessions of the Executive Board];

OR

(d) [to revise the annual cycle to start with Regional Committees in January and end with the Health Assembly in the last quarter of the year];

(4) to endorse the proposals for enhancing alignment between the Regional Committees and the Executive Board;

(5) to endorse the proposals for increasing harmonization across the Regional Committees in relation to the nomination of Regional Directors, the review of credentials, and participation of observers;

(6) to note that the revised terms of reference for the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee will be presented to the Executive Board at its 131st session;

(7) to endorse the proposals for streamlining decision-making and to improve governing body meetings;

(8) to request the Director-General:

(a) to present a paper on WHO's engagement with nongovernmental organizations to the Executive Board at its 132nd session in early 2013;

(b) to present a draft policy paper on the relationships with private commercial entities to the Executive Board at its 133rd session in May 2013;

(c) to present a report on WHO's hosting arrangements of health partnerships and proposals for harmonizing work with hosted partnerships to the Executive Board at its 132nd session in early 2013;

¹ Decision EBSS2(2).

And further, in support of the development of the documents described in subparagraphs (8)(a)(b) and (c), that the Director-General be guided by the following principles:

- (i) the intergovernmental nature of WHO's decision-making remains paramount;
- (ii) the development of norms, standards, policies and strategies, which lies at the heart of WHO's work, must continue to be based on the systematic use of evidence and protected from influence by any form of vested interest;
- (iii) any new initiative must have clear benefits and add value in terms of enriching policy or increasing national capacity from a public health perspective;
- (iv) building on existing mechanisms should take precedence over creating new forums, meetings or structures, with a clear analysis provided of how any additional costs can lead to better outcomes;

Managerial reforms

- (9) to note progress made in relation to strengthening technical and policy support to all Member States;
- (10) to note progress made in relation to staffing policy and practice;
- (11) to request the Director-General, based on guidance received from the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, to further develop the proposals to increase the transparency, predictability and flexibility of WHO's financing for presentation to the Executive Board at its 132nd session;
- (12) to note progress on developing WHO's internal control framework;
- (13) to note progress made in the areas of accountability, risk management, conflict of interest, and the establishment of an ethics office;
- (14) to note that the draft WHO Evaluation Policy will be presented to the Executive Board at its 131st session;
- (15) (a) to note the findings and recommendations of the Stage one evaluation report presented by the External Auditor;¹
- (15) (b) to proceed with the second stage of the independent evaluation in line with the terms of reference as outlined in the report of the External Auditor;
- (16) to note progress made in the area of strategic communications;
- (17) to endorse the decisions and conclusions reached by the Board at its special session on reform with regard to organizational effectiveness, alignment and efficiency; financing of the

¹ Document A65/5 Add.2.

Organization; human resources policies and management; results-based planning, management and accountability, and strategic communications;¹

(18) to request the Director-General to report each year, through the Executive Board, to the Health Assembly on progress in the implementation of WHO reform.

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¹ Decision EBSS2(3).