

First report of Committee A

(Draft)

Committee A held its first meeting on 21 May 2018 under the chairmanship of Mr Arun Singhal (India).

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Søren Brostrøm (Denmark) and Mrs Mónica Martínez Mendiño (Ecuador) Vice-Chairmen, and Dr Alain Etoundi Mballa (Cameroon) Rapporteur.

Committee A held its second and third meetings on 22 May 2018 and its fourth, fifth and sixth meetings on 23 May 2018 under the chairmanship of Mr Arun Singhal (India), Dr Søren Brostrøm (Denmark) and Mrs Mónica Martínez Mendiño (Ecuador).

It was decided to recommend to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached resolution and decisions relating to the following agenda items:

11. Strategic priority matters

11.1 Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023

One resolution

11.5 Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines

One decision

11.6 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

One decision entitled:

- Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property: overall programme review

Agenda item 11.1

Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023

The Seventy-first World Health Assembly,

Having considered the draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023,¹ and welcoming its ambitious vision as expressed by the aspirational “triple billion” goals;

Noting that approval of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023 does not imply approval of the financial estimate contained in document EB142/3 Add.2,

1. APPROVES the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023;
2. URGES Member States to support work towards achievement of the vision of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to use the Thirteenth General Programme of Work as the basis for the strategic direction of planning, monitoring and evaluation of WHO’s work during the period 2019–2023, and to develop programme budgets in consultation with Member States, based on a realistic assessment of income and WHO’s capacity;
 - (2) to take into consideration the changing state of global health in implementing the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, and to keep Member States informed of progress with implementation through regular updates to the governing bodies;
 - (3) to provide guidance and support to regional and country offices on the implementation of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, taking into account different contexts;
 - (4) to provide a report to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly to inform potential extension to 2025 of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work in order to align with the wider United Nations planning cycle.

¹ Document A71/4.

Agenda item 11.5

Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines

The Seventy-first World Health Assembly, having considered the report on addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines,¹ decided to request the Director-General:

- (1) to elaborate a roadmap report, in consultation with Member States, outlining the programming of WHO's work on access to medicines and vaccines, including activities, actions and deliverables for the period 2019–2023;
- (2) to submit this roadmap report to the Seventy-second World Health Assembly for its consideration in 2019, through the Executive Board at its 144th session.

¹ Document A71/12.

Agenda item 11.6

Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property: overall programme review

The Seventy-first World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General regarding the overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, and its annex, decided:¹

- (1) to urge Member States to implement, as appropriate and taking into account national contexts, the recommendations of the review panel that are addressed to Member States and consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
- (2) to urge Member States to further discuss the recommendations of the review panel not emanating from the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
- (3) to request the Director-General to implement the recommendations addressed to the Secretariat as prioritized by the review panel, in an implementation plan, consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
- (4) to further request the Director-General to submit a report on progress made in implementing this decision to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly in 2020, through the Executive Board at its 146th session.

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¹ Document A71/13.