
White paper on governance reform- Parts 3 and 4 (FOR INFORMATION)

The Executive Board at its 143rd session took up agenda item 4.1 WHO reform: governance and considered several proposals.¹ The Chairperson of the Executive Board identified the matters appearing under Part 3 as requiring further information or clarification, and the matters appearing under Part 4 as requiring both changes to the Rules of Procedure of the governing bodies and further information or clarification.

The Chairperson then proposed the following way forward and the Executive Board gave its agreement. Between one and three informal consultations would be held in Geneva to discuss items 3(a) and 4(a-e) and the outcome would be reported to the Executive Board at its 144th session in January 2019. The consultations would be chaired by the Chairperson.

Part 3: Matters requiring further information or clarification for informed decisions in the future:

- a) Whether and how the Secretariat should propose end dates for resolutions and decisions with unspecified reporting requirements and streamline resolutions and decisions with multiple reporting requirements. The Secretariat may start by exploring best practices and taking stock of resolutions and decisions that would be subject to such an exercise.

Part 4: Matters that would require both changes to the Rules of Procedure and further information or clarification:

- a) Proposal to require that items proposed for direct inclusion on the provisional agenda of the Health Assembly under Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum, analogous to the procedure used to prepare the provisional agenda of the Board.
- b) Proposal to introduce stricter time-limits for the submission of draft resolutions and decisions, which allows for the time limits to be waived in case of emergency situations.
- c) Proposal to align the terminology in the Rules of Procedure of the governing bodies with the terminology used in the Framework of Engagement with non-State actors.
- d) Consideration of possible further steps concerning the provision of written statements during governing body meetings.
- e) Consideration of possible changes to the way that non-state actors participate in the Executive Board and World Health Assembly

Consultations on Parts 3 and 4 above will be based on document "Governance Reform – Paper for consultation with Member States".

¹ see documents EB143/2 and EB143/3 at http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_eb143.html