

Written silence procedure: template for proposals

(to be submitted to the Secretariat by 17 June 2020 at 18:00 CEST)

<p><i>Full text of the proposal</i></p>	<p>STRENGTHENING GLOBAL IMMUNIZATION EFFORTS TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND</p> <p>The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the progress report on the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP), decided:</p> <p>(1) to endorse the new global vision and overarching strategy for vaccines and immunization “Immunization Agenda 2030” (IA2030),</p> <p>(2) to request the Director-General:</p> <p>(a) to finalize the operational elements outlined in IA2030, in consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders, to present to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board;</p> <p>(b) to continue to monitor progress and to report biennially, through the Executive Board, to the World Health Assembly starting at the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, as a substantive agenda item on the achievements made towards the global goals of the Immunization Agenda 2030.</p>
<p><i>Date of submission</i></p>	<p>Submitted May 15th, and resubmitted with template June 17th and with an additional co-sponsor.</p> <p>Co-Sponsors: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Mozambique and United States of America</p>
<p><i>Agenda item</i></p>	<p>GVAP</p>
<p><i>Information on informal consultations</i></p>	<p>In Fall 2019, the United States began socializing its interest in leading an immunization resolution for consideration by the 146th WHO Executive Board (EB) and adoption at 73rd World Health Assembly (WHA). In early January 2020, the United States with co-sponsors initiated a consultation process on a draft immunization resolution, meeting twice before the 146th EB. The draft immunization resolution was comprehensive, seeking to highlight lessons learned from GVAP implementation, identify gaps and barriers in results and achievement and adoption of the new immunization strategy, the Immunization Agenda 2030. In response to Member State interest and support, the U.S. facilitated the adoption of related decision points at the EB which tasked the DG to finalize the IA2030 and asked Member States to continue intercessional work on the draft immunization resolution. The U.S. had convened informal</p>

	<p>consultations on the resolution and worked through the full text on February 26th, receiving further edits by March 6th. When the COVID disruption occurred, Member States from all regions requested that informal consultations on the text be paused given the focus on capital-based colleagues on national outbreak response measures. In an effort to balance the need to advance global technical work on immunizations with the COVID-19 global pandemic, the U.S. and co-sponsors agreed to modify the draft immunization resolution and essentially distilling it down to focus on core decision points which are the critical elements needed to adopt the IA2030 and create a reporting framework. In April 2020, the U.S. and co-sponsors circulated the modified decision points and invited feedback from Member States on the draft text. To ensure transparency and awareness, the U.S. also briefed Member States in the lead-up to the May WHA meeting about the process and draft text. No additional text or substantive objections were received during the comment period. As noted above, the U.S. was in active dialogue with co-sponsors, Member States, and the Secretariat from late March through early May inviting feedback on the text and approach from all Member States by the May 7th deadline. The U.S. undertook numerous bilateral calls with Member States who sought clarification on the IA2030 and secured their support for the revised Decision Points. The U.S. and co-sponsors submitted the decision points on May 15th in advance of the 73rd WHA.</p>
<p><i>Rationale for its adoption without discussion at WHA</i></p>	<p>The United States and co-sponsors have been in active dialogue on the resolution and modified decision points for over 5 months. While the broader resolution actually had extensive support for the vast majority of the document, the U.S. intentionally modified its focus to ensure the distilled decision points were streamlined to confidently enable the core consensus area which was endorsing the IA2030 work and the follow up reporting. Member State consensus is driven by the shared view that the IA2030 needs to be endorsed immediately to avoid further delays and having a situation where adoption of the global strategy is out of sequence with the operationalization of IA2030 occurring at the regional level.</p>