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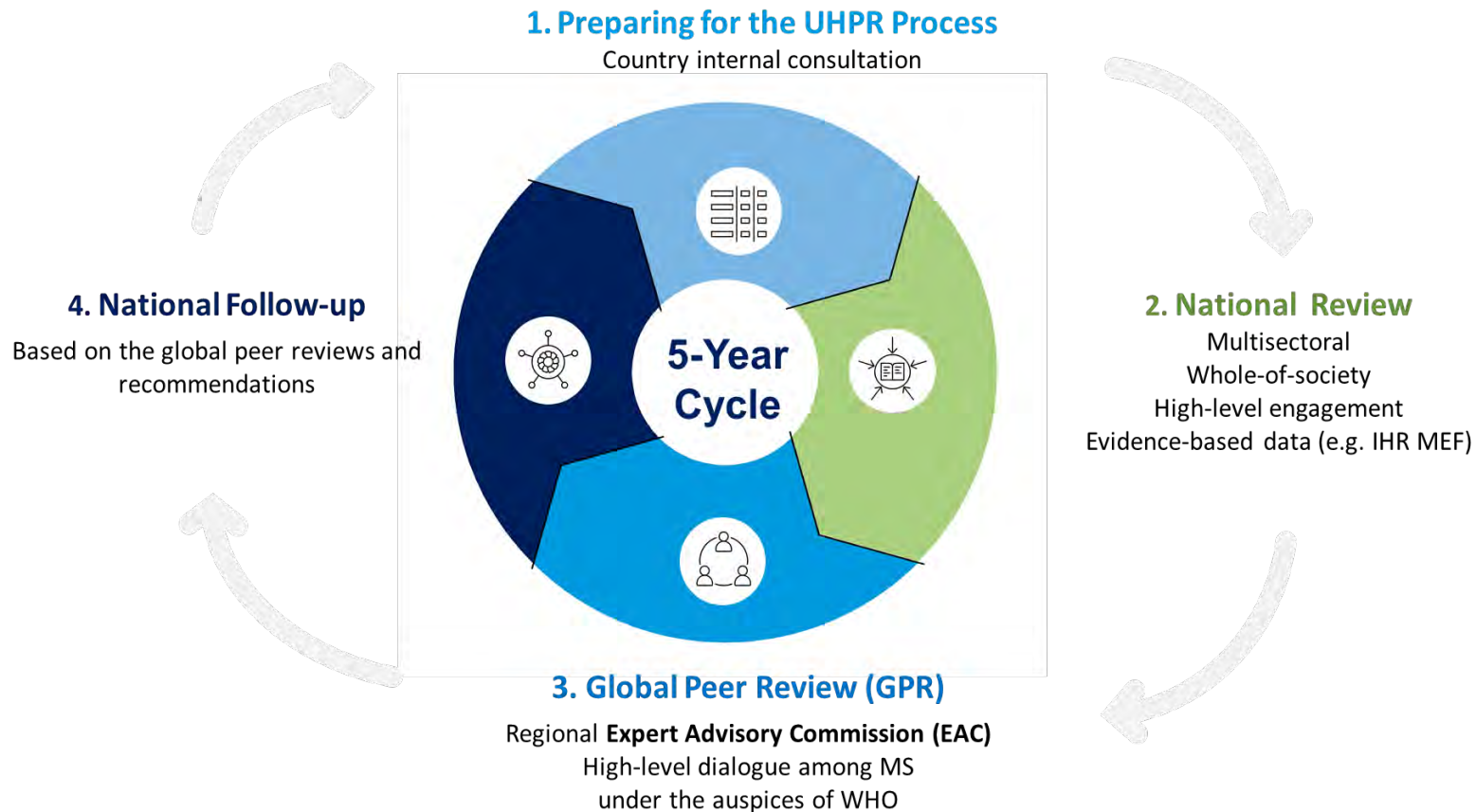


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Update from the WHO Secretariat

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Overview of the UHPR



Announced in November 2020 by the WHO Director-General as a Member State-led initiative.

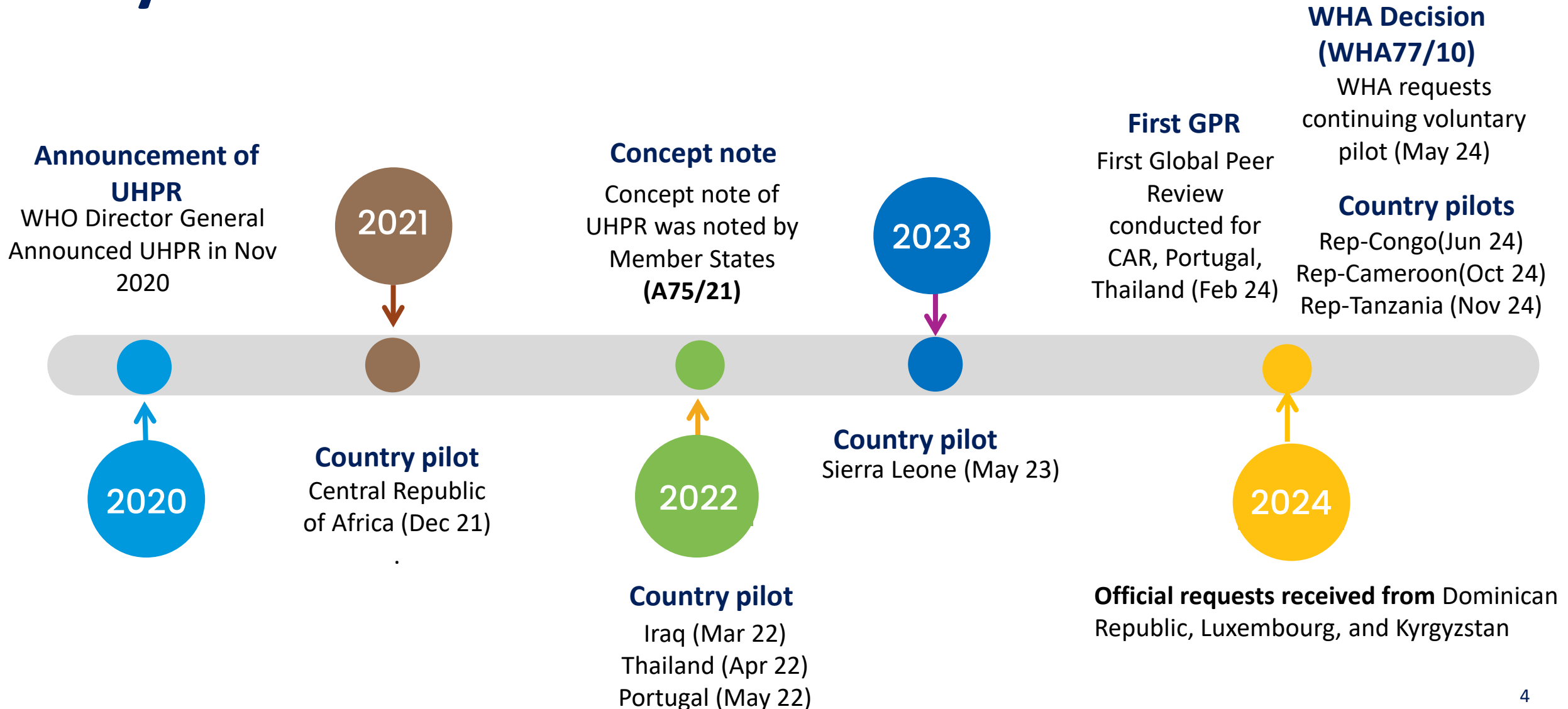
Resolution WHA74.7 (2021) requested a detailed concept note for a voluntary pilot phase.

Concept note was noted at WHA75 ([A75/21](#)), forming the foundation for the development of the UHPR process.

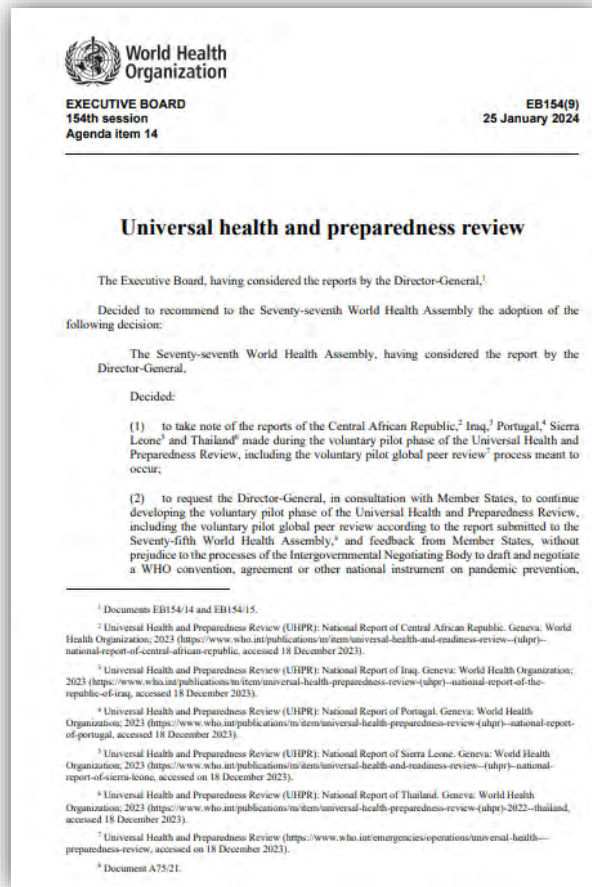
Operates on a structured 5-year cycle that enables Member States to engage in inclusive dialogue and sharing of best practices at the highest level of decision making.

Eight countries have completed the national review of the UHPR process and three have finished the global peer review.

Key milestones of UHPR



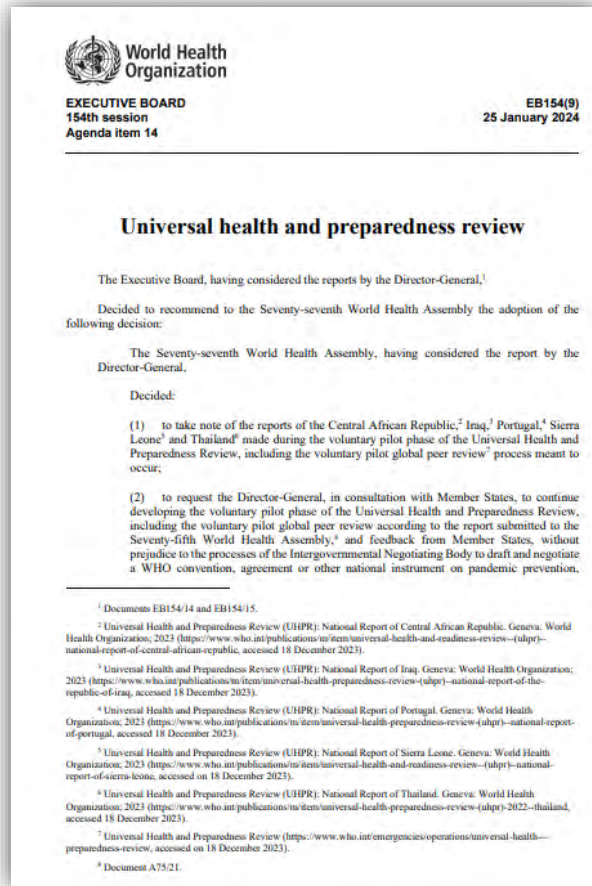
EB decision, document EB154(9)



Continue developing the voluntary pilot phase of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review

- in consultation with Member States
- according to report A75/21 and feedback from Member States
- without prejudice to the INB and the WGIHR processes
- building on existing mechanisms
- complementary to and non-duplicative of existing modalities and evaluation tools and processes used by Member States

EB decision, document EB154(9)



To report on lessons learned, implications, benefits, challenges, and options for the next steps through EB156 to the WHA78 in 2025. The following questions are proposed as a guide for discussion during the EB in January:

- (1) How can the Secretariat, guided by Member States, further improve awareness and understanding of the UHPR and ensure broader participation while prioritizing health security for those most in need?
- (2) What are the best ways to integrate the UHPR with existing global health frameworks and regional initiatives to enhance its impact and coherence?
- (3) What partnerships and collaborations with other global health initiatives or funding mechanisms would best support the UHPR's goals?

Updates since the last Member States briefing

- The UHPR in countries engaged and obtained the political commitment of the heads of government, line ministries, Parliamentarians, local authorities, partners and CSOs to address highest priorities.
 - improved internal coordination across sectors;
 - alignment of partner support;
 - advocate for increased domestic resources for health emergency preparedness;
 - strengthening of health system capacities.
- The UHPR Technical Advisory Group (TAG) provided expert recommendations on technical documents, including the UHPR national and global methodologies.
 - new membership includes a broader range of expertise including health financing, health diplomacy, CSO engagement and health system strengthening.
 - meeting in next quarter, Q1 of 2025.
- **Guidance Documents**
 - CSO Guidance fostering a whole-of-society approach to health emergency preparedness
 - Policy alignment with community needs
 - Transparency through Dialogue
 - Enhancing trust in health systems
 - Revised national guidance
 - Simplified and streamlined

High-level missions in Congo, Cameroon and Tanzania



Updates since the last Member States briefing

Regionalization

Developing the regional components of the UHPR to ensure alignment with regional organizations and integration of regional contexts. This seeks to enhance learning, coordination, and harmonization with regional policies on preparedness and response.

- o Role of regional institution and Stakeholder
- o Role of regional institutions and entities in this UHPR process
- o Role of countries in the regional process

• Advocacy

- A UHPR public webinar was hosted to share information ahead of 77 WHA, and close to 400 participants from NGOs organizations and institutions from 147 countries .
- Regular Monthly Operational Updates
- Working on stakeholder engagement strategy
- Community of practice under development.

Lessons Learnt, Implications, Benefits

- The updated UHPR **national methodology** is simpler and more streamlined to the country context
- **Multisectoral Engagement of stakeholders beyond health** (parliamentarians, international organizations, non-state actors, civil society), fostering broader commitment and alignment in preparedness efforts.
- **Engaging senior government leadership** to prioritize health emergency preparedness.
- **Enhancing global health security and governance** through greater solidarity, inclusivity, and coherence amongst Member States.
- **Fostering trust through transparent peer reviews**, enabling the open sharing of best practices and challenges amongst Member States.
- **Collaborating with Member States to document experiences** showcasing the process' value and refining the methodology.
- **Implementation** of the UHPR priority actions and integration of these into the national action plans.

Next steps

- Develop the regional components of the UHPR to enable stronger regional peer-to-peer learnings and exchange of lessons.
- Planning of the second Global Peer Review in late Q1 2025.
- Organize the first meeting of the TAG, continue onboarding new members.
- Members states to consider the EB report and discussion points.
- Continue supporting and onboarding new Member States to the UHPR process.
- Updating and refining the UHPR process based on lessons learnt and experiences from pilot countries.

Thank you!



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