



Preparations for EB156 & PBAC41

Member State Information Session

9 December 2024

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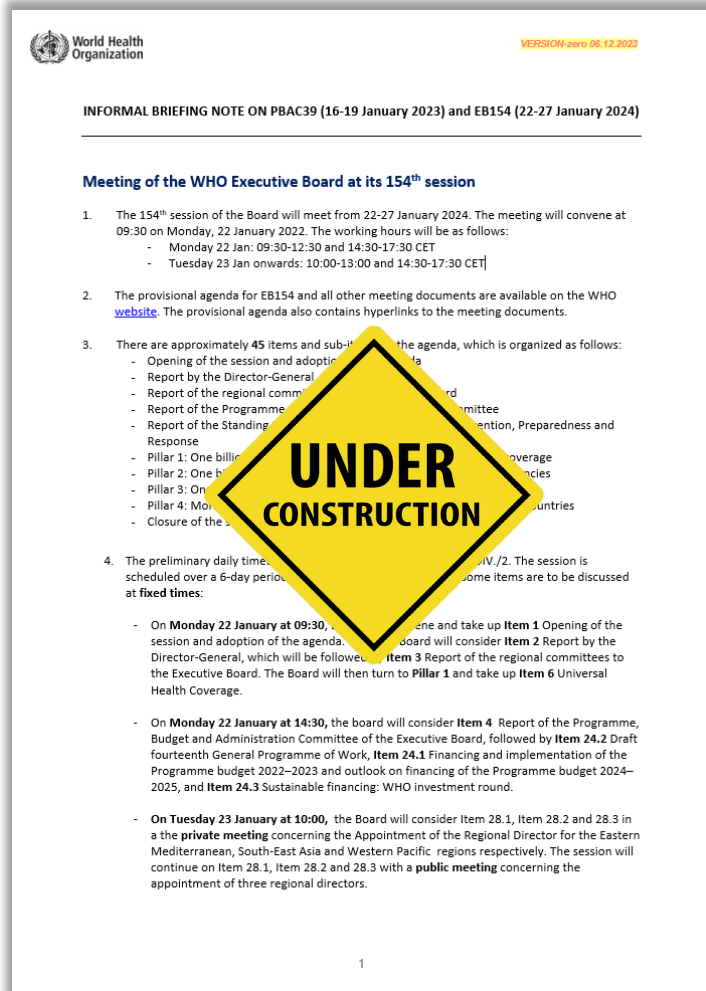
Agenda

Preparations for upcoming governing body meetings:

1. PBAC41

2. EB156

Draft Informal Briefing Note – Preview



- First draft will be shared within a week's time; an updated draft in early January.
- The informal briefing note will contain a draft table; each item listed by item number, title, summary of the item, and action by the Executive Board
- Relevant reports will be linked
- A summary of the action by the EB will be included
- Expected resolutions will be indicated by 
- Expected decisions will be indicated by 

PBAC41: Overview



PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Thirty-ninth meeting
16–19 January 2024

EBPBAC39/1
16 November 2023

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
Document EBPBAC39/1
2. Matters for information or action by the Committee
 - 2.1 Report of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee
Document EBPBAC39/2
3. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board
 - 3.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025
Document EB154/27
 - 3.2 Draft fourteenth General Programme of Work
Documents EB154/28 and EB154/INF./1
 - 3.3 Sustainable financing: WHO investment round
Document EB154/29
 - 3.4 Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance
Documents EB154/32; EB154/33, EB154/33 Add 1, EB154/33 Add 2, EB154/33 Add 3, EB154/34, EB154/34 Add 1; EB154/35
 - 3.5 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
Document EB154/30
 - 3.6 Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2024–2025
Document EB154/31

Dates: 29-31 January 2025

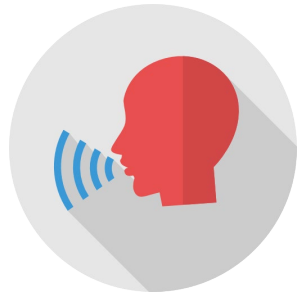
Working hours: 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30 CET

Agenda:

- 15 items and sub-items
- One specific PBAC item on the report of the IEOAC
- Remaining items are matters for review and/or recommendation to EB156
- Proposed order of items to be shared soon
- Items 3.3 and 3.12 proposed for deletion

Verbal Statements at PBAC41

The following speaking times are proposed:



- PBAC members: **3 minutes**
- Member States not represented on the PBAC and Associate Members: **2 minutes**
- Group statements: **4 minutes**

(In line with past practice)

PBAC41 Registration



- Registration can be initiated as of 16 December 2024 by going to the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/PBAC41>
- Each participant is invited to register her/himself. There is no single focal point for registrations.

EB156: Overview as per C.L.47.2024

- **C.L.47.2024 on EB156 will be sent out on 09 December**
- **Dates:** 3-11 February 2025
- **Working hours (CET):**
 - Monday 3 February: 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30
 - Tuesday 4 February onwards: 10:00-13:00 and 14:30-17:30

EB156: Overview as per C.L.47.24

- Registration for EB156 can be initiated as of 16 December 2024 by going to the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/EB156>; registration should be completed by 20 January.
- EB156 will be held in person.
- No limit on the number registering as part of Member State delegations.
- Two people per EB MS delegation and one person per non-EB MS delegation may be present in the meeting room.
- Review the C.L.47.2024 for full details (registration, credentials, access to WHO, visas, etc.)
- **Visa support letter can be requested when registering in INDICO**

EB156: Overview

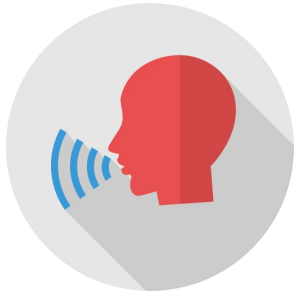
The provisional agenda for EB156 and all other meeting documents are on the WHO [website](#) as they become available in the six official UN languages. The provisional agenda also contains hyperlinks to the meeting documents.

There are 47 items and sub-items on the agenda, which is organized as follows:

- **Opening** of the session and adoption of the agenda
- **Report by the Director-General**
- Report of the **Regional Committees** to the Executive Board
- Report of the **Programme, Budget and Administration Committee**
- Report of the **Standing Committee** on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from **universal health coverage**
- Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from **health emergencies**
- Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying **better health and well-being**
- Pillar 4: More **effective and efficient WHO** providing better support to countries
- Closure of session

Discussions at EB156

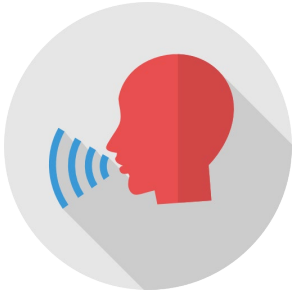
Pillar 1: One billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage; 9 discussions; ♦ = 1 discussion



- ♦ **Item 6** UHC **R R R R R**
- ♦ **Item 7** Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of NCDs **R R R R**
- ♦ **Item 8** Mental health and social connection **D R**
- ♦ **Item 9** Communicable diseases **R**
- ♦ **Item 10** Substandard and falsified medical products **D**
- ♦ **Item 11** Standardization of medical devices nomenclature **R**
- ♦ **Item 12** Health and care workforce **D R**
- ♦ **Item 13** Draft global traditional medicine strategy (2025–2034) **D**
- ♦ **Item 14** Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health **R R**

Discussions at EB156

Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies; 6 discussions; ♦ = 1 discussion



♦ **Item 5** Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

♦ **Item 15** WHO's work in health emergencies **D** **R**

♦ **Item 16** Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)

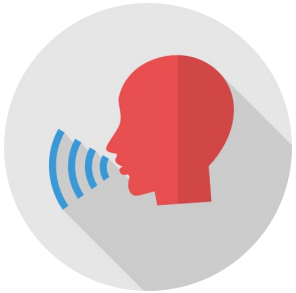
♦ **Item 17** Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem

♦ **Item 18** Universal health and preparedness review

♦ **Item 19** Poliomyelitis

Discussions at EB156

Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being; 3 discussions; ♦ = 1 discussion



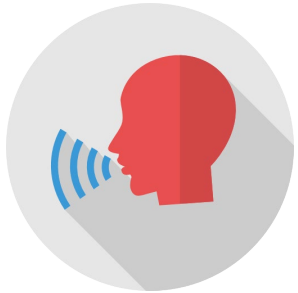
♦ **Item 20** The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health **R** **R**

♦ **Item 21** Updated road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution **D**

♦ **Item 22** Climate change and health **D**

Discussions at EB156

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 17 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); ♦ = 1 discussion



♦ **Item 4.** Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

Item 23. Budget and finance matters

♦ **Item 23.1** Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025

♦ **Item 23.2** Proposed programme budget 2026–2027

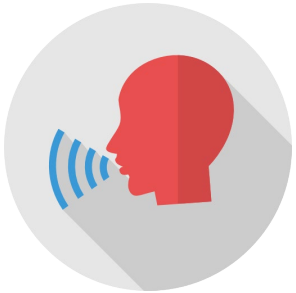
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Item 24. Management and governance matters

♦ **Item 24.1** Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

Item 24.2 Governance reform



♦ ***The following bullets will be taken together:***

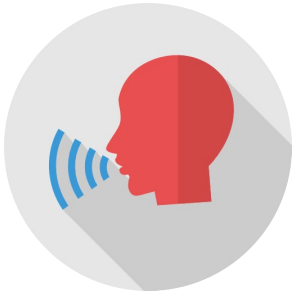
- Secretariat Implementation Plan on reform
- Member State-led governance reform
- Process of handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors General

♦ ***The following bullets will be taken together:***

- Draft terms of reference to strengthen the effectiveness of the functioning of the Officers of the Executive Board **D**
- Involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies

Discussions at EB156

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 17 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); ♦ = 1 discussion



- ♦ **Item 24.3** Global strategies or action plans that are scheduled to expire within one year
 - Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery 2021–2025 **D**
 - Global strategy on digital health 2020–2025 **D**
 - Global action plan on the public health response to dementia 2017–2025 **D**
 - Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition **D**
- ♦ **Item 24.4** Engagement with non-State actors
 - Report on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors
 - Non-State actors in official relations with WHO **D**
- ♦ **Item 24.5** International Health Regulations (2005): proposed procedure for the correction of errors in the text of the instrument **D**

Discussions at EB156

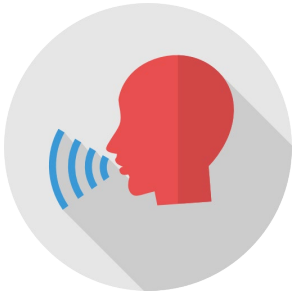
Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 17 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); ♦ = 1 discussion

♦ **Item 25.** Provisional agenda of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and date and place of the 157th session of the Executive Board **D**

♦ **The following sub-items will be taken together (26.1 and 26.3):**

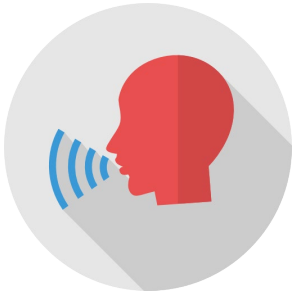
Item 26.1 Foundation committees and selection panels **D**

Item 26.3 Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response **D**



Discussions at EB156

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 17 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); *further details to be provided in due course*



Item 27. Staffing matters

Item 27.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for Africa (*process TBD*)

Item 27.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe

Item 27.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe (continued)

Regional statements only are strongly encouraged in line with previous practice.

Discussions at EB156

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 17 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); ♦ = 1 discussion

Item 27 Staffing matters

♦ *The following two sub-items will be taken together:
(27.3 and 27.4):*

Item 27.3 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

Item 27.4 Report of the Ombudsperson

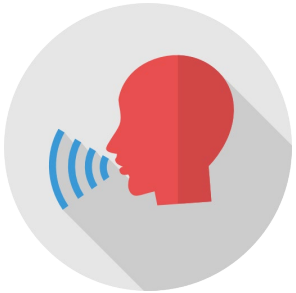
♦ *The following three sub-items will be taken together:
(27.5, 27.6 and 27.7):*

Item 27.5 Human resources: update

Item 27.6 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

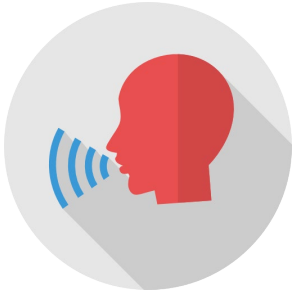


Item 27.7 Report of the International Civil Service Commission



Discussions at EB156

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 17 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); ♦ = 1 discussion



♦ **Item 28.** Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

- Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

Item 29. Closure of the session

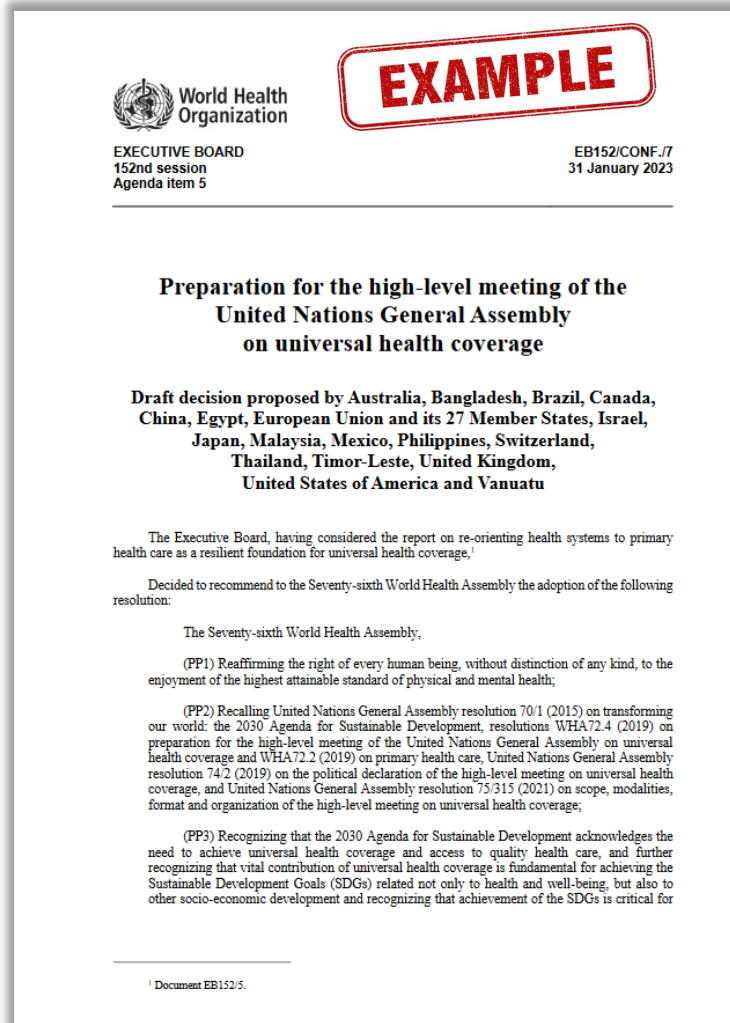
20 expected decisions/resolutions (proposed by Member States)

Expected Agenda Item	Decision/resolution topic or title	Member State lead(s)
Item 6. Universal health coverage	Enhancing Global Health Financing (R)	Nigeria
	Rare Diseases: A Priority for Global Health Equity and Inclusion (R)	Egypt and Spain
	Strengthening national capacities in evidence-based decision making for the uptake and impact of norms and standards (R)	Ethiopia
	Strengthening Medical imaging capacity (R)	Cameroon
	Accelerating the eradication of Dracunculiasis (Guinea worm) and strengthening cross-border collaboration (R)	Chad
Item 7. Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of NCDs	Establish World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day (R)	Nigeria, South Africa
	Promoting and Prioritizing Integrated Lung Health care Approach (R)	Egypt, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Palestine
	Primary prevention and integrated care for sensory impairments across the life course proposed (R)	Slovakia
	Reducing the burden of non-communicable disease through promotion of kidney health and strengthening prevention and control of kidney disease (R)	Guatemala
Item 8. Mental health and social connection	Mental health as a dedicated agenda item at WHO Governing Bodies (D)	Chile, Dominican Republic
	Fostering Global Health: The Essential Role of Social Connection in Combating Loneliness, Social Isolation and Inequities in Health (R)	Chile, United States of America

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Item 9. Communicable diseases	Skin diseases as a global public health priority (R)	Côte d'Ivoire
Item 12. Health and care workforce	Accelerating action on the global health and care workforce by 2030 (R)	Philippines and Morocco
Item 14. Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health	World Prematurity Day (R)	Tanzania
	Regulating the Digital Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes. Zero Draft (R)	Brazil, Mexico
Item 15. WHO's work in health emergencies	Strengthening the evidence-base for public health and social measures (R)	Norway
	Influenza preparedness (D)	United States
Item 20. The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health	Effects of nuclear weapons on health and health services (R)	Marshal Islands, Samoa and Vanuatu
	Galvanizing global support for a lead-free future (R)	United States
24.3 Global strategies or action plans that are scheduled to expire within one year	Extension of the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition (R)	Ireland, Ethiopia

Co-Sponsorship of Decisions/Resolutions



- Proposed decisions/resolutions are prepared as conference papers
- Conference papers include co-sponsors on the document
- The most efficient way to confirm co-sponsorship is for the Member States who submit draft resolutions to include a list of co-sponsors and then copy all co-sponsors on their email to governanceunit@who.int when making their submission – **recommended by 10 January 2025 per document EB153/4**
- Please also confirm cosponsorship by emailing cosponsorship@who.int
- Once decision/resolution text is submitted, the text goes into production (editing for WHO house style, translation, posting online) after which time co-sponsorship can be announced from the floor when the item is discussed
- Conference papers are temporary documents; co-sponsoring from the floor during the discussion will be noted in the permanent records



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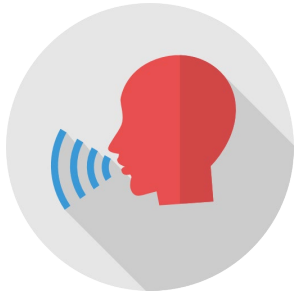
Date/Time		Location	Meeting/intergovernmental process
2-6 December	9:00-12:30/15:00-18:00/18:30-20:00	Hybrid	Resumed twelfth meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB12 resumed)
9 December	08:30-09:30	Virtual	Member State information session on Road Safety
	09:30-11:30	Hybrid	Member State Information session on the arrangements for the forthcoming PBAC41 and EB156
	12:00-14:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on Establishing world cervical cancer elimination day (organized by South Africa)
	16:00-18:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on galvanizing global support for a lead-free future (organized by the United States, Ghana, Bangladesh)
13 December	08:00-10:00	Virtual	Member State consultation draft resolution on integrated care for sensory impairments across the life course (organized by Slovakia)
	13:00-15:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft decision on Influenza Preparedness (organized by the United States of America)
	15:30-17:30	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on health and care workforce (organized by the Philippines and Morocco)
16 December	09:00-11:00	Virtual	Member State Consultation on a draft resolution on Rare Diseases: 'Rare Diseases – A Priority for Global Health Equity and Inclusion' (organized by the United Kingdom)
	12:00-14:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on a draft resolution on skin diseases as a global public health priority (organized by Côte d'Ivoire)
	14:30-16:30	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on regulating the digital marketing of breast-milk substitutes (organized by Brazil and Mexico)
	17:00-19:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on Establishing world cervical cancer elimination day (organized by South Africa)
17 December	09:00-11:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on Public Health and Social Measures (organized by Norway)
	11:30-13:30	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on the extension of the Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition (organized by Ireland and Ethiopia)
18 December	11:00-13:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on addition of an international day for premature babies to the WHO calendar (organized by Tanzania)
	13:30-15:30	Virtual	Member State consultation on a draft resolution on strengthening global health financing (organized by Nigeria)
	16:00-18:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on Social Connection (organized by Chile and the United States)
19 December	11:00-13:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on accelerating the eradication of Dracunculiasis (Guinea worm) and strengthening cross-border collaboration (organized by Chad)
	13:30-15:00	Virtual	Member State Information session - Update on respiratory viruses: COVID-19 and Influenza
	15:30-17:30	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on the effects of nuclear weapons on health and health services (organized by Marshall Islands, Samoa and Vanuatu)
20 December	13:30-15:30	Virtual	Member State consultation on a draft resolution on skin diseases as a global public health priority (organized by Côte d'Ivoire)
23 December	13:00-15:00	Virtual	Member State consultation on draft resolution on strengthening national capacities in evidence-based decision making for the uptake and impact of norms and standards (organized by Ethiopia)

Verbal Statements at EB156

The following speaking times are proposed:

- Executive Board members: **3 minutes**
- Member States not represented on the Board: **2 minutes**
- Group statements: **4 minutes**
- Observers, United Nations and other IGOs, NSAs: **1 minute**
- Constituency statements: **3 minutes**

(In line with past practice)



Written Statements at EB156



- EB reforms have included having guiding questions as part of the Secretariat's reports → focus the debate on expected outcomes
- According to [EB149\(3\)](#) , written statements should clearly identify the Member State (or region) submitting, as well as the governing body session and specific agenda item to which the statement relates.
- It is proposed for written statements to be posted up to 7 days before the start of the session, i.e. from 27 January 2025

Written Statements at EB156



- Registered Member States are further invited to focus their **written statements on their national context** and **oral statements on the guiding questions** (contained in Secretariat reports and will be projected onscreen)
- This will give the Members of the Executive Board a chance to review information submitted in writing prior to the relevant debate and to refer to it, if they so wish, in their interventions
- Expected outcome: More dynamic, meaningful and robust discussion of the pertinent issues at EB156; contribute to more efficient agenda management
- Written statements should be sent to statements@who.int and will be available on the WHO website: <https://apps.who.int/gb/statements/eb156/>

Interpretation for both EB156 and PBAC41



To facilitate accuracy and clarity in interpretation in the multilingual setting, Member States are kindly requested to send a copy of any statements to be delivered in session to interpret@who.int at least 30 minutes in advance of delivery

Preparations for PBAC41 and EB156

Next steps:

- Circular letters has been dispatched (registration details, etc.)
- Informal briefing note will be shared
- Informal meeting of PBAC members on 9 December
- **Second dedicated MS information session on PBAC41 and EB156 proposed to be held on 16 January**



Send any further questions to:

Governance/programmatic matters: governanceunit@who.int

Protocol/registration matters: hqgoverningbodies@who.int

Will the slides be shared?

Yes