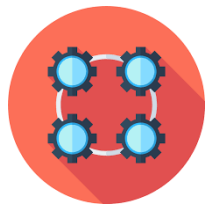




Member State Information Session on Governance Reform

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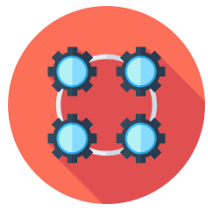
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In Decision EB158(21) Member State-led Governance Reform, the Board decided *inter alia*:

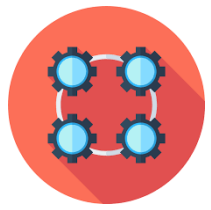
- (1) to **pilot the agreed reforms** referenced below in paragraph 2 (a) from the reform measures led by the Officers of the Executive Board contained in the Appendix to document EB158/36;
- (1) to continue a **Bureau-led process with inclusive Member State consultations at the global and regional levels:**
 - (a) **on the design phase of the pilot**, centring on updates to the timeline, checklist and template process for proposing draft resolutions and draft decisions to align with the provisions outlined in the Appendix in paragraphs 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 (a)–(c), and 14 (f) **for application ahead of and during the Eightieth and Eighty-first World Health Assemblies**; and on clear parameters for implementing the pilot, including an implementation timeline, reporting and assessment intervals, and metrics for assessing the measures piloted;
 - (b) to encourage co-sponsorship from three countries across two regions during the zero draft phase for draft resolutions and draft decisions as a criteria for the pilot;
 - (c) to discuss further through an all-Member State consultation process on the elements referenced in paragraphs 14 (d) and (e), 24, 26 and 29, and whether they might be included at a later stage of the pilot;
- (3) to **request the current sitting Officers of the Board to report on future modalities of the pilot, for consideration by the Executive Board at its 159th session**, following which an all-Member State group should lead feedback on the pilot, including contributions to an evaluation, which would cover the full duration of the pilot;



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(4) to request the Director-General:

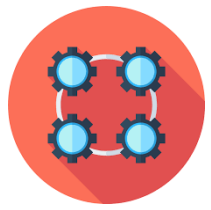
- (a) to **support Member State informal discussions** outlined in paragraph 2 by providing expert technical advice, financial and administrative implications, inputs and logistic support;
- (b) to **conduct a review of existing governing bodies reporting mandates**, including providing advice on those that could be consolidated, delayed or sunset, **and to report back to the Eighty-first World Health Assembly in 2028, through the Executive Board at its 162nd session;**
- (c) to **prepare options for consolidating follow-up reporting of adopted resolutions and decisions on governing bodies agendas, for consideration by the Eighty-first World Health Assembly in 2028, through the Executive Board at its 162nd session.**



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Decision EB158(22) Sustainable model for Member State-led governance reform decided:

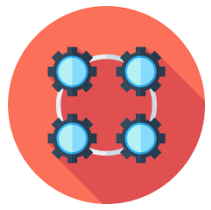
- (1) to welcome the proposal to evolve the existing arrangements for discussions on ongoing Member State-led governance reform, open to all Member States, into a more sustainable model;
- (2) to support the principles and design features of such a model, as presented in document EB158/37;
- (3) to request Member States with interest and capacity to meet by 15 April 2026, at which meeting a subset of participants, such as an advocacy group, would present themselves to lead the wider membership, with a view to updating a rolling informal workplan for Member States under the model, updating an analysis of progress in implementing the recommendations of the Agile Member States Task Group, all within the scope of championing work to implement the remaining Task Group recommendations;**
- (4) to request such an advocacy group to convene and coordinate discussions on ongoing Member State-led governance reform, and **to report to the Executive Board at its 160th session** on their progress in tracking the achievement and/or implementation of the remaining Task Group recommendations;



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PBAC recommendations (as outlined in document EB158/4 paragraph 26) include to:

- a) extend the application of the current timeline, checklist and template for proposing draft resolutions and/or decisions, refining them as necessary, in consultation with Member States, to the 159th session of the Executive Board and to future sessions of the Board.
- b) conduct a pilot on a consolidated presentation of cost estimates in the form of a single overview document instead of individual annexes on the financial and administrative implications of resolutions and decisions as outlined in paragraph 13 of document EB158/39, subject to the approval of the Member States and following inclusive Member States consultation.



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Secretariat's role includes to:

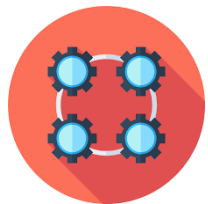
- Support EB Bureau led reform and the sustainable model for Member State-led governance reform

The Secretariat proposes that in line with decision EB158(22) a meeting be held for Member States to present themselves to lead on Monday 30 March at 12:00

- review of existing governing body reporting mandates and prepare options for follow-up reporting of adopted resolutions and decisions and report to WHA81 thru EB162
- extend the current timeline, checklist and template

In the event Member States wish to propose draft resolutions or decisions for the consideration of EB159, it is proposed that any concept notes and zero draft EB159 proposals reach the Secretariat by 27 March

- conduct a pilot on a consolidated presentation of cost estimates in the form of a single overview document instead of individual annexes on the financial and administrative implications of resolutions and decisions as outlined in paragraph 13 of document EB158/39, subject to the approval of the Member States and following inclusive Member States consultation.

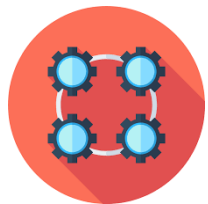


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A pilot on a consolidated presentation of cost estimates (1):

- A summary table was provided as an inf doc to EB156 (EB156/INF) and an upgraded version to EB158 (EB158/INF)
- Included indicative resource requirements, financing status, GPW outputs involved, and implementation assumptions
- Also included summary graphs to give at a glance view of all costings

Agenda Item Doc No.	Title	Implementation Period	Estimated cost (US\$ m)	Financial note (current biennium)	GPW14 Results	Micro-narrative
Provisional agenda item 6; EB158/6 Add.1	Follow-up to the political declaration of the high- level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases	2026 - 2030	US\$ 0.19m (US\$ 0.06m for 26/27)	The requirements to deliver the results called for by this decision are not large, given the largely political nature of the work. The indicative amount for 26/27 is already available.	2.2.1 3.1.1 4.1.1 4.1.2	Scope. WHO should support Member States through an advisory and coordinating role on their delivery of results called for under the political declaration which followed the UN General Assembly's high-level meeting on NCD prevention and control. This would then inform the convening of the next high- level meeting in 2031. Staff The specific work to be carried out for reporting on the progress of the political declaration should be conducted by a small number of staff in HQ. Activities. There is no need for activity costs specifically programmed for this work since it would derive from existing NCD work already programmed. Delivery assumptions. This work is integrated entirely with and dependent on WHO work on NCDs which is already approved under the Programme budget. That work would need to be funded and implemented to a reasonably high level for the meaningful delivery of the results approved here.



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1 Usefulness

- Does this summary help provide a clearer overview of the **financial implications of resolutions and decisions**?
- Does it help in understanding the **overall resources**?

2 Format and clarity

- Is the **table format and level of detail** appropriate?
- Are the **key elements** included?

3 Additional information

- Is there **any information missing** that would help Member States better assess the financial implications of proposed mandates?

4 Future consultations

- How would Member States prefer to be **consulted or informed on the consolidated summary**?
- Would this type of **summary overview** be useful in future governing body sessions?