

WHO reform: governance

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General on WHO reform,¹ decided:

- (1) to request the Director-General:
 - (a) with respect to each resolution and decision that is six or more years old and has an unspecified reporting requirement:
 - (i) to outline any related reporting requirements that might be considered as having superseded the original one(s); to provide an indication of when any reporting to the governing bodies has taken place in response to the relevant mandate; and to describe any ongoing work related to the subject matter of the resolution or decision;
 - (ii) to provide criteria for proposing exceptions to the six-year limitation on reporting;²
 - (iii) applying the criteria mentioned in paragraph (1)(a)(ii), to provide a list of resolutions and decisions in which the reporting requirements are recommended for sunseting;
 - (b) with respect to each resolution and decision that is less than six years old and has an unspecified reporting requirement:
 - (i) to outline any related reporting requirements that might be considered as having superseded the original one(s); to provide an indication of when any reporting to the governing bodies has taken place in response to the relevant mandate; and to describe any ongoing work related to the subject matter of the resolution or decision;
 - (ii) applying the criteria mentioned in paragraph (1)(a)(ii), to provide a recommendation with respect to the reporting cycle;
 - (c) with regard to reporting requirements on similar subjects, to make recommendations on the consolidation and streamlining of reporting requirements in the context of the sunseting exercise;

¹ Document EB146/32.

² Criteria could include reporting requirements in resolutions and decisions related to ongoing efforts for the eradication of diseases, such as poliomyelitis and dracunculiasis.

(d) to present the recommendations mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) at an informal consultation of Member States and submit a final list of recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board at its 148th session;

(2) to recommend to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following decision:

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General on WHO reform, decided:

(1) that comments and inputs on global strategies, policies and legal instruments such as conventions, regulations and codes, made in line with decision WHA65(9) (2012) on WHO reform, may be understood to include those provided by Member States in the context of technical meetings, informal consultations and other intergovernmental meetings in the regions;

(2) to request that the Director-General systematically include as substantive items on the agendas of meetings of the WHO governing bodies any global strategies or action plans that are scheduled to expire within one year in order to allow Member States to consider whether global strategies or action plans have fulfilled their mandates, should be extended and/or need to be adjusted.

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