

Standing Committee on Health Emergency (Pandemic) Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Draft decision proposed by Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Slovenia, Switzerland and United States of America

The Executive Board, having considered the report on a Standing Committee on Pandemic Emergency Preparedness and Response,¹ decided:

(OP1) in accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, to consider establishing a standing committee, to be called the Standing Committee on Health Emergency (Pandemic) Prevention, Preparedness and Response, until the closure of the Health Assembly in May 2025, which will hold its first meeting at a date to be determined by the Board, following the adoption of its terms of reference by the Board;

(OP2) to request the Director-General:

(a) to facilitate further informal consultations in an inclusive, transparent manner among Member States² to finalize the draft terms of reference of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency (Pandemic) Prevention, Preparedness and Response, taking into account the deliberations at the 150th Executive Board, with a view to submit the terms of reference for consideration by the 151st Executive Board in May 2022; and

(b) to report on the functions and impact of the Standing Committee and present the results and possible recommendations based thereon for the consideration of the Executive Board at its 156th meeting in January 2025.

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¹ Document EB150/17.

² And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.