

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING

**WHO headquarters, Geneva
Tuesday, 7 February 2023, scheduled at 14:30**

Chair Dr K. V. PETRIČ (Slovenia)

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PILLAR 4: MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT WHO PROVIDING BETTER SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES

1. GOVERNANCE MATTERS: Item 23 of the agenda (continued)

WHO reform: Item 23.3 of the agenda (continued)

- **Involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies** (documents EB152/38 and EB152/38 Add. 1) (continued)

At the invitation of the CHAIR, the SECRETARY read out the proposed amendments to the draft decision contained in document EB152/38, which would read:

The Executive Board, having examined and noted the report on WHO governance reform, involvement of non-State actors in WHO governing bodies,

Decided:

- (1) that the constituency statements will continue to be implemented during all WHO governing body meetings, in accordance with the modalities outlined in paragraphs 15 to 17 of document EB152/38;
- (2) that the Secretariat regularly consults Member States and non-State actors in official relations with a view to improving these modalities based on such consultations, and that the results of the first consultation be presented for consideration to the 156th session of the Executive Board;
- (3) to request the Director-General to explore the implications of this decision for statements delivered by observers and report to the 153rd session of the Executive Board, through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board.

The CHAIR took it that the Board wished to adopt the decision, as amended.

The decision, as amended, was adopted.¹

2. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION: Item 27 of the agenda

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL thanked the Board for its support for the draft Proposed Programme budget 2024–2025, which focused on strengthening WHO's work at the country level and its normative and standard-setting work. He also welcomed Member States' support for sustainable, flexible and predictable financing, the idea of a replenishment mechanism and the Secretariat's implementation plan

¹ Decision EB152(29).

on reform, as well as the discussions that had taken place on WHO's continued efforts to enhance governance, accountability and transparency and to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. The Board's engagement on strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience was also welcome, and it was vital to maintain the focus on that critical issue. The unfolding tragedy in Türkiye and the Syrian Arab Republic following the recent earthquake underlined the importance of strengthening international emergency preparedness and response. In that regard, medical supplies and surgical trauma kits would arrive in Türkiye imminently, and a high-level delegation would be sent to the affected area to coordinate and oversee WHO's response.

The agenda set for the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly reflected the huge scope of WHO's work and the scale of the health challenges around the world. While WHO's 75th anniversary year brought great challenges, it also brought great opportunities, such as the negotiations on the new WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and on amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), as well as the three high-level meetings due to take place on health. Health was one area in which Member States could come together to find shared solutions to shared problems. Highlighting the importance of health for peace and peace for health, he looked forward to working with Member States on promoting, providing, protecting, powering and performing for health.

After the customary exchange of courtesies, the CHAIR declared the 152nd session of the Executive Board closed.

The meeting rose at 15:00.

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