

## **TEMPLATE FOR THE EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOR THE INCLUSION OF ITEMS ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, as amended by the Seventy-second World Health Assembly,<sup>1</sup> provides that any proposal for inclusion on the provisional agenda of the Health Assembly of any item proposed by, inter alia, a Member State or an Associate Member, must be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

The explanatory memorandum must reach the Director-General no later than four weeks before the commencement of the session of the Board at which the provisional agenda of the Health Assembly is to be prepared.

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly further decided to recommend that the explanatory memorandum be limited to 500 words.<sup>2</sup>

In accordance with decision EB144(3) (2019), the Secretariat has developed the following template to assist Member States in submitting the explanatory memorandum referred to above.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision WHA72(22) (2019), operative paragraph (1). The text of the amended Rule is set out in the Annex to document A72/51.

<sup>2</sup> Decision WHA72(22) (2019), operative paragraph (1).

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In completing this memorandum, you are kindly invited not to exceed 500 words.

1. Member State or Associate Member submitting the proposal.

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2. Title of the proposed item.

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3. Rationale behind the proposal to include the-above mentioned item. Information in this regard may relate, inter alia, to:

- the link of the proposed item to the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023;
- the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- the triple billion targets as expressed in the Programme budget 2022–2023;
- other relevant programmatic documents; and/or
- the criteria for inclusion of proposed additional items in the provisional agenda of the Executive Board, namely, proposals that address a global public issue, or involve a new subject within the scope of WHO or an issue that represents a significant public-health burden.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly.