

Proposals for improving the effectiveness of the WHO governing bodies

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General on proposals for improving the effectiveness of the WHO governing bodies,¹ and having also considered the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board,²

Decided:

- (1) to request the Director-General, in consultation with Member States and taking note of paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 of document EB154/33 Add.1, to hold informal consultations with Member States to further elaborate on the end-to-end design of the governing bodies meeting cycle, including the respective roles of the Executive Board and existing committees, before any further proposals are presented;
- (2) to request the Director-General to update the model memorandum for Member States seeking to propose new items for inclusion on the provisional agenda of the Executive Board in line with paragraph 13 of document EB154/33 Add.1; and to provide the updated memorandum to Member States to use in preparation for the 156th session of the Board in 2025;
- (3) to request the Director-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States and taking into account paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of document EB154/33 Add.1, draft terms of reference to strengthen the effectiveness of the functioning of the Officers of the Executive Board, for consideration by the Board at its 156th session in 2025;
- (4) to grant the Chair of the Executive Board a discretionary mandate starting at the 155th session of the Board to consider, in consultation with the Officers of the Board, the postponement of agenda items with late documentation (published, in the six official languages of the Board, later than three weeks prior to the opening of those sessions respectively) in which case the Secretariat would publish a revision to the provisional agenda reflecting any proposed change, as an addendum to the provisional agenda;
- (5) to request the Director-General to submit a report on the implementation of the discretionary mandate in paragraph 4, for consideration by the Executive Board at its 157th session.

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¹ Document EB154/33 Add.1.

² Document EB154/4.