EXECUTIVE BOARD 154th session Agenda item 14 EB154(9) 25 January 2024

Universal health and preparedness review

The Executive Board, having considered the reports by the Director-General, ¹

Decided to recommend to the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly the adoption of the following decision:

The Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,

Decided:

- (1) to take note of the reports of the Central African Republic,² Iraq,³ Portugal,⁴ Sierra Leone⁵ and Thailand⁶ made during the voluntary pilot phase of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review, including the voluntary pilot global peer review⁷ process meant to occur;
- (2) to request the Director-General, in consultation with Member States, to continue developing the voluntary pilot phase of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review, including the voluntary pilot global peer review according to the report submitted to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, and feedback from Member States, without prejudice to the processes of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other national instrument on pandemic prevention,

¹ Documents EB154/14 and EB154/15.

² Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR): National Report of Central African Republic. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023 (https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/universal-health-and-readiness-review--(uhpr)-national-report-of-central-african-republic, accessed 18 December 2023).

³ Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR): National Report of Iraq. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023 (https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/universal-health-preparedness-review-(uhpr)--national-report-of-the-republic-of-iraq, accessed 18 December 2023).

⁴ Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR): National Report of Portugal. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023 (https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/universal-health-preparedness-review-(uhpr)--national-report-of-portugal, accessed 18 December 2023).

⁵ Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR): National Report of Sierra Leone. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023 (https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/universal-health-and-readiness-review--(uhpr)--national-report-of-sierra-leone, accessed on 18 December 2023).

⁶ Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR): National Report of Thailand. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023 (https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/universal-health-preparedness-review-(uhpr)-2022--thailand, accessed 18 December 2023).

⁷ Universal Health and Preparedness Review (https://www.who.int/emergencies/operations/universal-health---preparedness-review, accessed on 18 December 2023).

⁸ Document A75/21.

preparedness and response and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), building on existing mechanisms under and in support of the International Health Regulations (2005) in a manner complementary to and non-duplicative of existing modalities and evaluation tools and processes used by Member States, namely those in the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework;

(3) to request the Director-General to report to the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 156th session, on lessons learned, implications, benefits, challenges, and options for the next steps.

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