

Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance

Report by the Director-General

The Director-General has the honour to transmit to the Executive Board at its 154th session an alternative version of the draft decision contained in document EB154/33 Add.1 (the report by the Director-General on proposals for improving the effectiveness of the WHO governing bodies). This alternative version has been proposed by the former co-facilitators of the Agile Member State Task Group following consultation with Member States. Annex 1 presents the alternative version showing the changes proposed to the text of document EB154/33 Add.1. To assist the reader, Annex 2 sets out the final text without the changes showing.

ANNEX 1

PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WHO GOVERNING BODIES

Draft decision proposed by the former co-facilitators of the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General on proposals for improving the effectiveness of the WHO governing bodies,¹ decided:

(OP)(1) to request the Director-General, in consultation with Member States and taking ~~into account~~ **note of paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 of document EB154/33 Add.1, to develop hold informal consultations with Member States to further elaborate on the draft terms of reference for a new committee end-to-end design of the governing bodies meeting cycle, including the respective roles of the Executive Board and, for consideration by the Board at its 156th session in 2025, to enable the Board, should it so wish, to establish existing committees, before any further proposals are presented the new committee at the same session;**

(OP)(2) to request the Director-General to update the **model** memorandum for **Member States seeking to propose** ~~proposing~~ new items for inclusion on the provisional agenda of the Executive Board in line with paragraph 13 of document EB154/33 Add.1. ~~The Director-General is requested; and~~ to provide the updated memorandum **to Member States to use** in preparation for the 156th session of the Board in 2025;

(OP)(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;

(OP)(4) to ~~mandate~~ **grant** the Chair of the Executive Board **a discretionary mandate, starting at the 155th session of the Board to consider,** in consultation with the ~~Director-General, to impose a limit on the number of items and sub-items to be included on the agenda of each session of 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; starting from its 156th session;~~

(OP)(5) to request the Director-General to prepare a report for the Executive Board at its 157th session **on the implementation of the discretionary mandate in paragraph 4.** ~~to revise the deadline for the receipt of documentation such that documents are to be posted on the web at least three weeks in advance of a session of the Executive Board;~~

¹ Document EB154/33 Add.1.

~~(6) — on the basis of paragraph 5 above, and in accordance with Rule 64 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, to amend Rule 5 of the aforementioned Rules of Procedure, as outlined in the Appendix, with the amendment to come into effect immediately following the closure of the Board's 154th session;~~

~~(7) — to mandate the Chair of the Executive Board to propose the postponement of agenda items with late documentation, starting from the 156th session of the Board.~~

Appendix

**AMENDMENT TO RULE 5 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rule 5

~~The Board shall hold at least two sessions a year. It shall determine at each session the time and place of its next session.~~

~~Notices convening the Board shall be sent by the Director General eight weeks before the commencement of a regular session to the members of the Board, to Member States and Associate Members and to the organizations referred to in Rule 4 invited to be represented at the session.~~

~~Documents for the session shall be dispatched by the Director General not less than six weeks **at least three weeks** before the commencement of a regular session of the Board. They shall be made available in electronic form in the working languages of the Board on the internet site of the Organization.~~

~~Documents for the session should conform to the functions of the Board and contain the information required by Rule 21 and clear recommendations for Board action.~~

ANNEX 2

**PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE WHO GOVERNING BODIES****Draft decision proposed by the former co-facilitators of the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance**

The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General on proposals for improving the effectiveness of the WHO governing bodies,¹ decided:

(OP)(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 its existing committees, before any further proposals are presented;

(OP)(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;

(OP)(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;

(OP)(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;

(OP)(5) to request the Director-General to prepare a report for the Executive Board at its 157th session on the implementation of the discretionary mandate in paragraph 4.

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