

Second report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its fourth meeting on 11 November 2020, chaired by Mr Amadou Thiam (Mali).

It was decided to recommend to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached three decisions relating to the following agenda items:

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

20. Financial matters

- 20.1 WHO programmatic and financial report for 2018–2019, including audited financial statements for 2019

One decision

- 20.2 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

One decision

Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage

12. WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel

One decision, entitled:

- Human resources for health

Agenda item 20.1

WHO programmatic and financial report for 2018–2019, including audited financial statements for 2019

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the WHO Results Report for the Programme budget 2018–2019 and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019;¹ and having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly,² decided to accept the WHO Results Report for the Programme budget 2018–2019 and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

¹ Documents A73/24, A73/25 and A73/INF./3.

² Document A73/37.

Agenda item 20.2

**Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States
in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that
would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution**

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly decided to defer a decision on on the Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly, on the understanding that the World Health Assembly would take up this matter on the basis of a report updating the situation and providing any pertinent additional information, by the Executive Board, through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee.

Agenda item 12

Human resources for health

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,¹ together with the report of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;² acknowledging also the synergies with the global agenda on nursing and midwifery in the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, and the role of health and care workers at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic of coronavirus (COVID-19), decided:

- (1) to commend the successful conclusion of the work of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, the leadership of its Co-Chairs, and the dedication of its distinguished members;
- (2) to note the report of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;
- (3) to encourage Member States and all relevant stakeholders to implement the recommendations of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;²
- (4) to request that a WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel conduct a further assessment of the Code's relevance and effectiveness following the fifth round of national reporting in 2023–2024, with a report thereon to be submitted for consideration by the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 158th session;
- (5) to acknowledge the tireless efforts of health and care workers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and designate 2021 as the International Year of Health and Care Workers;
- (6) to request the Director-General:
 - (a) to promote effective implementation of the recommendations of the WHO Expert Advisory Group on the Relevance and Effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;
 - (b) to engage WHO at all levels, with Member States and other relevant stakeholders, in making best use of the International Year of Health and Care Workers to advance progress on Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages);

¹ Document A73/9.

² Document A73/9, Annex.

- (c) to engage with all WHO regions to update the *Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2016–2020*¹ and, following consultations with Member States, submit this to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly for its consideration.

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¹ Global strategic directions for strengthening nursing and midwifery 2016–2020. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2016.