

## **Sustainable financing: report of the Working Group**

### **Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly**

1. The Chair of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing introduced the report of the Working Group,<sup>1</sup> which contained its recommendations to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, thanking Member States for their commitment to achieve a positive outcome.
2. The Committee commended the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Working Group, together with the Secretariat, for their tireless work. It expressed support for the recommendations, including the proposal to increase assessed contributions incrementally, with the aspiration to have them cover an amount equal to 50% of the approved base budget for the biennium 2022–2023 by the time of the biennium 2030–2031, and if possible by the biennium 2028–2029. It also expressed support for the establishment of an agile Member State task group on strengthening WHO's budgetary, programmatic and financing governance, noting that governance reform went hand in hand with measures to improve financial sustainability. It noted the proposal in the report of the Working Group that the Executive Board at its 151st session should be asked to decide on a timely and efficient process for the task group's establishment.
3. The feasibility of a replenishment mechanism should also be assessed, in line with the recommendations in the report, and Member States indicated that they looked forward to seeing that assessment.
4. A number of speakers, referring to the recommendations on increasing assessed contributions, drew attention to the need to take account of the different financial situations of Member States, especially in the wake of the pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
5. The Regional Director for Africa stressed that sustainable financing was a moral, non-negotiable obligation for the Region that would greatly benefit the well-being and health of vulnerable populations. In parallel, she reiterated the commitment of the Secretariat to building a more transparent and accountable WHO.
6. The Director-General also commended the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Working Group for their hard work, and congratulated all Member States, and the Committee, for supporting the recommendations, which he described as truly historic.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A75/9.

## **RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

7. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the Health Assembly should adopt the draft decision contained in Appendix 1 of document A75/9 and thereby adopt the recommendations set out in Appendix 2 thereto. It proposed, as guidance for the Secretariat's implementation of existing mandates, that the Secretariat should prepare regular reports on the subject.

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