

Second report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its third and fourth meetings on 26 May 2022, chaired by Mr Rajesh Bhushan (India) and Dr Firass Abiad (Lebanon).

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

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

21. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

Governance matters

21.6 Global strategies and plans of action that are scheduled to expire within one year

- Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

One resolution

21.5 WHO reform

- Written statements: guidelines for Member States

One decision

Staffing matters

21.7 Human resources: annual report

One decision

21.8 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

One resolution entitled:

- Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director-General

- 22. Budget and financial matters
 - 22.1 WHO programmatic and financial reports for 2020–2021, including audited financial statements for 2021
 - One decision
- 23. Agreement with intergovernmental organizations
 - One resolution
- 25. Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee
 - One decision
- 24. Audit and oversight matters
 - 24.1 Report of the External Auditor
 - One decision
- 27. Updates and future reporting
 - 27.1 Availability, safety and quality of blood products
 - One decision
 - 27.2 Human organ and tissue transplantation
 - One decision
 - 27.3 Traditional medicine
 - One decision
 - 27.4 Public health dimension of the world drug problem
 - One decision

Agenda item 21.6

Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the consolidated report by the Director-General;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA61.21 (2008), WHA62.16 (2009), WHA68.18 (2015) and WHA72.8 (2019) and decisions WHA71(9) (2018) and WHA73(11) (2020) on the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property that aims to promote new thinking on innovation and access to medicines;

Reiterating the essential role that the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property plays in directing and coordinating WHO's policies and programme on this interface, including the WHO–WIPO–WTO trilateral cooperation;

Stressing that the relationship, including the balance, between public health, innovation and intellectual property is a critical component of sustainable and resilient health systems, as well as but not limited to the prevention of, preparedness for and response to health emergencies, including the continuing pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and future pandemics;

Acknowledging the continued value of the principles and elements of work enshrined in the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, which guide and frame the work of WHO on access to medicines and other health products;

Reaffirming the goals and objectives of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, and recognizing the important contribution and prioritization effort made by the overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;²

Renewing the expression of Member States' shared concern about the pace of implementation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property by stakeholders as defined in the global strategy,³ which was further hindered by the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic;

Noting the contribution that several activities within the plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property might have in helping to meet targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals,

¹ Document A75/10 Rev.1.

² Overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property. Report of the review panel. November 2017 (https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/essential-medicines/intellectual-property/gspa/gspa-phi3011rev.pdf?sfvrsn=c66f768b_5, accessed 6 April 2022).

³ Document A61/9, Appendix to Annex 1; see also resolution WHA61.21 (2008), Annex, resolution WHA62.16 (2009) and document A62/16 Add.3.

1. DECIDES to extend the time frame of the plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property from 2022 until 2030;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to reinforce the implementation, as appropriate and taking into account national contexts, of the recommendations of the review panel that are addressed to Member States to the extent they are consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
 - (2) to identify and share, through informal consultations to be convened by WHO at least every two years, best practices related to the implementation of actions within the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
3. REITERATES to the Director-General the importance of allocating the necessary resources to implement the recommendations of the review panel of the overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property¹ addressed to the WHO Secretariat as prioritized by the review panel, to the extent they are consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to continue to provide technical assistance and knowledge sharing that could enable countries to implement actions consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
 - (2) to promote collaboration and coordination within and among countries and with relevant stakeholders, for the implementation of actions consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
 - (3) to identify potential synergies in and challenges to ongoing work within the Secretariat for the implementation of actions consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;
 - (4) to conduct, in 2023, a review of the indicators included in the overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property¹ in consultation with Member States,² and to develop proposed revisions to align indicators with the new term of validity of the plan of action;
 - (5) to report biennially to the Health Assembly in 2024, 2026 and 2028 on the implementation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property and the present resolution;

¹ Overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property. Report of the review panel. November 2017 (https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/essential-medicines/intellectual-property/gspa/gspa-phi3011rev.pdf?sfvrsn=c66f768b_5, accessed 6 April 2022).

² And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

5. ENCOURAGES non-State actors in official relations with WHO to engage with countries in the implementation of actions consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property.

Agenda item 21.5

Written statements: guidelines for Member States

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the report on WHO reform – written statements: guidelines for Member States,¹

Decided that the guidelines contained in the Annex to the present decision shall henceforth be applied to written statements relating to sessions of the Health Assembly submitted by Member States.

ANNEX

WRITTEN STATEMENTS – GUIDELINES FOR MEMBER STATES

1. The following guidelines apply to written statements by Member States, relating to sessions of the World Health Assembly and Executive Board, to be posted on the dedicated WHO webpage.
2. Written statements are made available for information purposes. They are intended to stimulate debate and enable delegations to complement their oral interventions during the meetings of the WHO governing bodies. For example, they may expand upon the information provided by the Member State concerned during the discussion or may describe country experiences relevant to the agenda item concerned. Written statements may be submitted independently from the delivery of an oral intervention during the meeting, provided that they relate to an item on the agenda.
3. Member States may submit written statements by sending them to the following email address: statements@who.int. Statements intended for oral delivery must be submitted separately to the email address: interpret@who.int.
4. Written statements may be submitted until the closure of the relevant session of the Health Assembly or Executive Board. Such statements will remain published until the closure of the relevant body's equivalent session two years later. Statements submitted after the closure of the relevant session of the Health Assembly or Executive Board will not be accepted.
5. For readability purposes, Member States are invited to limit their statements, as well as statements submitted on behalf of a region or group of countries, to 500 words and 800 words, respectively.
6. Each statement should clearly identify:
 - (a) the Member State submitting it or, in the event of regional statements, the region or group of countries on behalf of which the statement is submitted; and
 - (b) the governing body session and specific agenda item to which the statement relates.

¹ Document A75/30.

7. Written statements should contain text only. No photographs, diagrams, maps or other media materials may be included.
8. Written statements may be provided in any of the six WHO official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and will be published in the format and language of submission. Member States may provide translations of their written statements into one or more of WHO official languages, if they so wish. Such translations should be clearly marked with the words “unofficial translation”.
9. Member States assume full responsibility for the content of their statements.
10. Written statements should address the agenda item in respect of which they are submitted. They must not include any offensive language, including with respect to other Member States.
11. The opportunity to post written statements on the dedicated webpage is without prejudice to the content of Member States’ oral interventions during the meetings of the WHO governing bodies.
12. Written statements do not replace or supplement the official records of the relevant meetings of the WHO governing bodies and do not constitute official WHO documents. The official records of meetings of the WHO governing bodies are exclusively based on statements delivered orally during the meeting, not the content of any written statement that the delegation concerned may have also submitted. The official records constitute the exclusive authoritative record of proceedings.
13. The WHO logo will not appear on the statements but will appear on the webpage where the statements are posted.

Agenda item 21.7

Human resources: annual report

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General;¹ and having considered the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly² on the proposed application of a housing allowance for the Director-General presented in the Annex to document A75/31, and the corresponding amendment proposed to the draft contract of the Director-General, contained in document A75/5,

Decided:

- (1) to defer a decision on the proposed application of a housing allowance for the Director-General as presented in the Annex to document A75/31 to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, through the 152nd session of the Executive Board and the thirty-seventh meeting of the Programme Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board;
- (2) to grant an interim allowance of US\$ 5000 per month for the Director-General given the exceptional circumstances.

¹ Document A75/31.

² Document A75/57.

Agenda item 21.8

Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director-General

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to remuneration of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General,

1. ESTABLISHES the salary of each Assistant Director-General and Regional Director¹ at US\$ 188 253 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 139 747;
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Deputy Director-General² at US\$ 207 368 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 152 363;
3. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 259 553 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 195 187; and
4. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect from 1 January 2022.

¹ Salary category UG1.

² Salary category UG2.

Agenda item 22.1

**WHO programmatic and financial reports for 2020–2021,
including audited financial statements for 2021**

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the WHO Results Report for the Programme budget 2020–2021¹ and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021;² and having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly,³

Decided to accept the WHO Results Report for the Programme budget 2020–2021 and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

¹ Document A75/32.

² Document A75/33.

³ Document A75/51.

Agenda item 23

Agreement with intergovernmental organizations

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on the proposed agreement between the World Health Organization and the International Development Law Organization;¹

Considering also Article 70 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization,

APPROVES the proposed agreement between the International Development Law Organization and the World Health Organization.

¹ Document A75/34.

Agenda item 25

Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly,

Decided:

- (1) to appoint Dr Sebastien Klappert of the delegation of Germany as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of the term of office of Dr Kai Zaehle until the closure of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in May 2024;
- (2) to appoint Dr Theophile Dushime of the delegation of Rwanda as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly in May 2025;
- (3) to appoint Mr Gerald Anderson of the delegation of the United States of America as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly in May 2025;
- (4) to appoint Dr Ahmed Shadoul of the delegation of Sudan, the most senior alternate member, as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of his term of office until the closure of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in May 2023;
- (5) to appoint Ms Yanjmaa Binderiya of the delegation of Mongolia, the second most senior alternate member, as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of her term of office until the closure of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in May 2024.

Agenda item 24.1

Report of the External Auditor

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly;¹ and having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly,²

Decided to accept the report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly.

¹ Document A75/35.

² Document A75/56.

Agenda item 27.1

Availability, safety and quality of blood products

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,¹

Decided to request the Director-General to continue to report to the Health Assembly every two years until 2030 on progress made in the implementation of resolution WHA63.12 (2010).

¹ Document A75/40.

Agenda item 27.2

Human organ and tissue transplantation

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,¹

Decided to request the Director-General to continue to report to the Health Assembly every two years until 2030 on progress made in the implementation of resolution WHA63.22 (2010).

¹ Document A75/41.

Agenda item 27.3

Traditional medicine

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,¹

Decided to request the Director-General to submit a final report on progress made in the implementation of resolution WHA67.18 (2014) to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in 2023, through the Executive Board at its 152nd session, by means of a consolidated document that responds also to the request made in decision WHA73(15) (2020) in respect of global strategies or action plans that are scheduled to expire within one year.

¹ Document A75/42.

Agenda item 27.4

Public health dimension of the world drug problem

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,¹

Decided to request the Director-General to continue to report to the Health Assembly every two years until 2030 on WHO's activities to address the public health dimensions of the world drug problem and progress made in the implementation of decision WHA70(18) (2017).

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¹ Document A75/43.