Sustainable financing: feasibility of a replenishment mechanism, including options for consideration

The Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General, and having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly,

Decided:

(1) to welcome the continued efforts to improve the sustainable financing of the World Health Organization;

(2) to urge Member States and other donors to ensure the full financing of the base budget segment of the Fourteenth General Programme of Work, and to continue to strive to provide WHO with unearmarked voluntary contributions consistent with the recommendations of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing adopted by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly;

(3) to continue for WHO to accept, alongside unearmarked voluntary contributions, voluntary contributions that are earmarked and/or single-year contributions from Member States and other donors and further increase transparency of reporting on voluntary earmarked contributions and on their impact and allocation across the three levels of the Organization;

(4) to request the Director-General, in consultation with Member States, including through regional consultations and with due consideration of FENSA:

(a) to proceed with the planning of a WHO investment round for the last quarter of 2024 to facilitate the financing of the Fourteenth General Programme of Work, to provide regular updates to and receive advice from Member States and present a report with a full plan that includes modalities and anticipated costs and efficiencies (including staffing adjustments) for undertaking this exercise, for consideration and approval of concrete next steps by the Executive Board at its 154th session, through the Programme Budget and Administration Committee at its thirty-ninth meeting and to submit an updated report to the Executive Board.

1 Document A76/32.
2 Document A76/40.
3 And, regional economic integration organizations, as appropriate.
4 When engaging with donors representing non-State actors, the Secretariat will apply relevant policies and rules including the WHO Framework of engagement with non-State actors (FENSA).
5 As reflected in the WHO Programme Budget Portal (https://open.who.int) and in the annual WHA information document on voluntary contributions.
Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly, through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee at its fortieth meeting;

(b) to draft a Fourteenth General Programme of Work that is effective from 2025, includes a financing envelope, and articulates a strong results narrative which demonstrates the added value of WHO’s normative work and technical support in achieving country-level impact, drawing on lessons learned from the Thirteenth General Programme of Work for approval by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly, through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee at its thirty-ninth meeting and the Executive Board at its 154th session;

(c) to develop a target funding envelope for the WHO investment round, based on the base segment of the financing envelope to deliver the draft Fourteenth General Programme of Work, minus the approved and expected assessed contributions;

(d) to include an evaluation element in the planning of the WHO investment round prior to consideration of additional investment rounds.

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