Draft fourteenth general programme of work, 
2025–2028

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

1. The Secretariat presented the draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028 (GPW 14),1 highlighting the changes that had been introduced since the Committee last considered the draft at its thirty-ninth meeting in January 2024.2

2. The Committee expressed strong support for the overarching goal and strategic objectives of GPW 14, which provide continuity with the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2025, and aim to advance the Sustainable Development Goals. It welcomed the emphasis placed in the draft on WHO’s comparative strengths, its unique added value and its normative and leadership roles in the global health ecosystem, as reflected in the cross-cutting corporate outcomes. Among the themes further developed through consultation since January 2024, the Committee appreciated the focus on climate change and health, action on health determinants, mental health, gender equality, migrant health, food safety, digital health and artificial intelligence. Throughout the discussion, Committee members stressed the importance of the sustainable financing of WHO, and the forthcoming investment round in that regard, for the full and successful implementation of the draft GPW 14. Emphasis was also given to the importance of adequate human resources, aligned with the programme budget prioritization process, and interest was expressed in discussing the issue further and in fostering greater involvement of Member States in the programme budget development process. The Committee further proposed that financial and human resources should be allocated in line with the priority areas of GPW 14.

3. The Committee acknowledged the additional information provided by the Secretariat in a white paper that included indicative outputs and a projection of the financial envelope for each strategic objective, understanding that this information would feed into the upcoming discussions on the programme budget for 2026–2027. A first draft of the Proposed programme budget 2026–2027 would be considered by the regional committees as from August 2024, and would then come before the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee at its forty-first meeting in January 2025.

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1 Document A77/16.
2 See document EB154/28.
RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

4. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the Health Assembly should note the report and adopt the draft resolution contained in document A77/16. It proposed, as guidance for the Secretariat’s implementation of existing mandates, that the Secretariat should:

(a) continue working on the results framework for the draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028, ensuring alignment across the different levels of the results chain;

(b) continue to engage with Member States in the development of the draft Proposed programme budget 2026–2027 to ensure that it reflects Member States’ priorities.