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Third report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its fifth and sixth meetings on 22 May 2026, chaired by Dr Kwabena Mintah Akandoh (Ghana).

It was decided to recommend to the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached one decision and one resolution relating to the following agenda items:

Power and performance

20. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

20.1 Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative

One decision

- 20.2 Communications of the United Nations Secretary-General as depositary of the Constitution of the World Health Organization

One resolution as amended

Agenda item 20.1**Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative**

The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General,¹ and having considered also the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly,²

Decided:

- (1) to establish the proposed joint process to support reforms of the global health architecture with the following clarifications:
 - (a) that the two Member State co-chairs of the task force will be composed of one representative from a developing country and one representative from a developed country;
 - (b) that the monthly global consultation and information sessions, as appropriate, with Member States will be held in Geneva;
 - (c) that the two reports developed by the task force are:
 - (i) an interim report that will be considered by the Boards of the Global Health Initiatives and the United Nations entities on the task force, and the WHO governing bodies, between November 2026 and February 2027 for their consideration and feedback to the task force; and
 - (ii) a final report, of which an advance copy will be shared with the Boards of the Global Health Initiatives prior to its submission to the Eightieth World Health Assembly, through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee at its forty-sixth meeting, for Member States' final decision;
- (2) to request the Director-General to convene relevant stakeholders, to commence implementation of the joint process and to submit a final report for the consideration of the Eightieth World Health Assembly in 2027, through the Executive Board at its 160th session.

¹ Document A79/24.

² Document A79/31.

Agenda item 20.2**Communications of the United Nations Secretary-General as depositary
of the Constitution of the World Health Organization**

The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly,

Taking note of the recommendation contained in decision EB158(12) (2026) entitled “Withdrawal of the Argentine Republic from the World Health Organization” and the report by the Director-General;³

Having noted the communication from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of the Argentine Republic dated 25 February 2025,⁴ and received by the United Nations Secretary-General on 17 March 2025, notifying the latter that the Argentine Republic withdraws from the World Health Organization and that the withdrawal would be effective one year after the receipt of that letter,

RESOLVES that while the World Health Organization will always welcome the Argentine Republic’s full cooperation in the work of the Organization, it is not considered that any further action at this stage is desirable.

³ Document EB158/45.

⁴ Document A78/33 Add.1, Annex 2.