WHA79 Agenda item 20.2
Communications of the United Nations Secretary-General as depositary of the Constitution of the World Health Organization

5 May 2026

2025 Notification and Depositary Actions: Argentina

- **17 March 2025 –** Argentina notified the UN Secretary-General of its denunciation of the WHO Constitution.

- **21 April 2025 –** The UN Legal Counsel informed the WHO Legal Counsel of the notification. She indicated that since the WHO Constitution does not contain any provision on denunciation or withdrawal, the depository was not in a position to determine whether the notification can be accepted in deposit and indicated that the depository will be guided by the Health Assembly in regard to this matter. She requested that the matter be brought to the attention of the Health Assembly.

Consideration by the Governing Bodies to date

- **WHA78** considered the Secretariat's report (WHA78/33 Add.1) and requested that these matters be considered at EB158 and WHA79 (decision **WHA78(25)**).

- **EB158** noted the Secretariat's report (EB158/45) and adopted **Decision EB158(12)** on "*Withdrawal of the Argentine Republic from the World Health Organization*", recommending that WHA79 adopt a draft resolution on the matter.

- If adopted by the Health Assembly, that draft resolution would "acknowledge the withdrawal of the Argentine Republic from the World Health Organization, effective as of 17 March 2026."

Consideration of this Matter at WHA79

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- Provisionally scheduled for Friday, 22 May, in Committee B.

- WHA79 will be invited to consider the draft resolution recommended by the Board in decision EB158(12) (2026)

Thank you