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... The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and Associate Members and has the honour to attach the draft provisional agenda for the 157th session of the Executive Board to be held from 28 to 29 May 2025.

Any proposal from a Member State or Associate Member to include an item on the agenda should reach the Director-General not later than 12 weeks after circulation of the draft provisional agenda or 10 weeks before the commencement of the session of the Executive Board whichever is earlier. Proposals should therefore reach the Director-General by 19 March 2025.

The Director-General draws to the attention of Member States and Associate Members that, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, any proposal for inclusion on the agenda of any item **shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.**¹

Following receipt of proposals, the Director-General will draw up the provisional agenda in consultation with Officers of the Executive Board. The provisional agenda will be annotated and will explain any recommendations made regarding the deferral or exclusion of proposals. It will be dispatched to Member States with the letter of convocation no later than eight weeks before commencement of the 157th session of the Executive Board.

The Director-General takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 7 March 2025

¹ https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB156/EB_explanatory-memorandum-en.pdf.

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7 March 2025

EB157/1 (draft)

Draft provisional agenda

- 1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Outcome of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response**

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

- 6. Management, governance and financial matters**
 - 6.1 Evaluation: annual report
 - 6.2 Governance reform
 - Improving the effectiveness of the WHO governing bodies: implementation of the discretionary mandate on the postponement of agenda items (decision EB154(3) (2024))
 - Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance: results of the questionnaire on the preparation of draft resolutions and decisions (decision EB153(2) (2023))
 - Proposals for improving the effectiveness of the governing bodies
 - 6.3 Process for the nomination and appointment of Regional Directors (decision EB154(14) (2024))

6.4 Hosted partnerships

- Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]
- Report on hosted partnerships
- Review of hosted partnerships

6.5 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

6.6 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee [if any]

6.7 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

7. Staffing matters

7.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for Africa

7.2 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

7.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

8. Matters for information: report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

9. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

10. Closure of the session
