

12.2 Scale of assessments for 2016-2017

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In focus

Report on scale of assessments 2016-17 ([EB136/37](#))

Background

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PHM Comment

The freeze on assessed contributions and the dependence of WHO on tied donor funding are doing serious damage to the Organisation:

- The total resources available to WHO are completely inadequate for it to properly do its job. Consider the Ebola crisis (see [PHM comment on EBSS3](#)).
- The dependence on donor funding has created a competition for visibility and donor attention that is completely inimical to organisational coherence and collaboration. See the comments of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee (see [PBAC21/2](#), and the corresponding [PHM note](#)).
- Third, the preferences of the donors, *not to fund certain functions*, means that certain decisions and policies adopted by the Assembly are not funded. Furthermore the implicit threat from the donors, that funding is contingent on approved behaviour, distorts the decision making of the governing bodies.
- Fourth, the transaction costs associated with the funding dialogue and funds mobilisation are huge and detract from the real purposes of WHO.

Notes of discussion

Documents

- [EB136/37](#) Secretariat report
- [EB136/3](#) PBAC Report

Chair: Open the flow

PBAC Report ([EB136/3](#)), para 41

41. The Committee considered the report by the Director-General outlining the proposed scale of assessments for the financial period 2016–2017. The proposed scale reflected the application of the latest available United Nations scale, adopted in December 2012 for the period 2013–2015. The scale proposed for 2016–2017 is unchanged from the scale currently in use by WHO.

The Committee recommended that the Executive Board adopt the draft resolution contained in document EB136/37.

Chair: No further comments. so we adopt the resolution ([EB136.R9](#)), as recommended by PBAC.