

# EB156 Item 24.2 Governance reform

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## In focus

### Member State-led governance reform

The leads of [Member State-led governance reform](#) will be invited to report (in [EB156/29](#)) on progress made towards tracking the achievement of, and/or implementing, the remaining recommendations of the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance, as requested by the Board in decision [EB154\(5\)](#) (2024), including on the design of the pathway for governing body reform.

### Process for handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors-General

The leads for [Member State-led governance reform](#) will be invited to submit (in [EB156/30](#)) finalized draft procedures for consideration by the Board, as requested in decision [EB155\(12\)](#) (2024). The Board will be invited to consider the procedures, to provide further guidance and to make a recommendation to the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly in line with decision WHA77(15) (2024).

### Draft terms of reference to strengthen the effectiveness of the functioning of the Officers of the Executive Board

In accordance with decision [EB154\(3\)](#) (2024) on proposals for improving the effectiveness of WHO's governing bodies, the Director-General, having consulted Member States, will submit for the Board's consideration draft terms of reference (in [EB156/31](#)) to strengthen the effectiveness of the functioning of the Officers of the Executive Board.

### Secretariat Implementation Plan on reform

The Director-General will submit a report ([EB156/32](#)) on continued progress in following up on the Secretariat's implementation plan on reform, as proposed by the Secretariat and endorsed by the Board in decision [EB152\(16\)](#) (2023).

## **Involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies**

In response to decision [EB152\(29\)](#) (2023) regarding the continued implementation of constituency statements by non-State actors during all WHO's governing bodies meetings and its reporting request, the Director-General will submit a report ([EB156/33](#)) on the outcome of consultations with Member States and non-State actors on improving the modalities of such statements. The report will propose that implementation of the constituency statements by non-State actors continues as before.

### **Background**

Tracker links to [previous EB &/or WHA discussions of governance reform](#)

### **PHM Comment**

### **Notes of discussion**