



2. Focus and strengthen the authority and financing of WHO

Actions	Main actor	When
Establish WHO's financial independence, based on fully unearmarked resources, increase Member States fees to 2/3 of the budget for the WHO base programme and have an organized replenishment process for the remainder of the budget.	WHA decision	May 2022
Strengthen the authority and independence of the Director-General, including by having a single term of office of seven years with no option for re-election. The same rule should be adopted for Regional Directors.	WHA decision	May 2022
Strengthen the governance capacity of the Executive Board, including by establishing a Standing Committee for Emergencies.	WHA decision	May 2022
Focus WHO's mandate on normative, policy, and technical guidance, including supporting countries to build capacity for pandemic preparedness and response and for resilient and equitable health systems.	WHA decision	May 2022
Empower WHO to take a leading, convening, and coordinating role in operational aspects of an emergency response to a pandemic, without, in most circumstances, taking on responsibility for procurement and supplies, while ensuring other key functions of WHO do not suffer including providing technical advice and support in operational settings.	WHA decision	May 2022
Resource and equip WHO Country Offices sufficiently to respond to technical requests from national governments to support pandemic preparedness and response, including support to build resilient health systems, UHC and healthier populations.	WHO Secretariat	Immediately
Prioritize the quality and performance of staff at each WHO level, and de-politicize recruitment (especially at senior levels) by adhering to criteria of merit and relevant competencies.	WHO Secretariat	Short-term