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## **Sustainable financing: WHO investment round**

### **Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly**

1. The Secretariat provided an update on the first WHO investment round and the forthcoming launch of the first investment case.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Committee supported a sustainably financed WHO as essential for a strong and independent Organization, which was a prerequisite for progress in global health. It welcomed the report and reconfirmed that the joint objective for Member States and the Secretariat was a successful investment round, which would complement increases in assessed contributions. It observed that sustainable funding was needed for operationalization of the draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028, and expressed appreciation for the many consultations organized by the Secretariat on the investment round and the investment case.
3. The Committee welcomed the information on the investment round modalities and financial terms. It requested periodic updates throughout the year and expressed appreciation for the forthcoming investment case as a narrative demonstrating the value of investing in WHO. It encouraged the Secretariat to proceed with the launch of the investment round and to maintain the political momentum for a sustainably financed WHO.
4. The Secretariat thanked the Member States for their feedback during the consultation process, which had also helped capture the unique added value of WHO in the investment case. It noted that all funding for the 2025–2028 period was welcome, and particularly encouraged other Member States to follow the example of those who had already provided predictable and flexible funding. It would continue to track progress and report back regularly on the investment round.
5. The Secretariat would continue consulting with Member States and would make proposals to streamline the reporting process, with the aim of providing fewer but better reports. To that end, it would: engage with the Organization's contributors; consider a template for reporting requirements; and aim to reach agreements on consolidated reports covering a larger area for multiple donors.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

6. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the Health Assembly should note the report.

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<sup>1</sup> See document A77/17.