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80/290. Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage

The General Assembly,

Recalling the outcome of the second high-level meeting on universal health coverage on 21 September 2023, and reaffirming its political declaration, entitled “Universal health coverage: expanding our ambition for health and well-being in a post-COVID world”,¹ in which it reiterated, inter alia, the importance of scaling up the global effort to leave no one behind and to build a healthier world for all, as well as accelerating efforts towards the achievement of universal health coverage by 2030 to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all throughout the life course,

Recalling also that it was decided in the political declaration to convene a high-level meeting on universal health coverage in 2027 in New York, aimed to undertake a comprehensive review on the implementation of the 2023 political declaration to identify gaps and solutions to accelerate progress towards the achievement of universal health coverage by 2030,

Recognizing that through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² and its Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, Heads of State and Government made a bold commitment to achieve universal health coverage by 2030, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential healthcare services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all,

¹ Adopted by the General Assembly in resolution [78/4](#) on 5 October 2023.

² Resolution [70/1](#).



Taking note of the 2025 report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of the political declaration, entitled “Expanding our ambition for health and well-being in a post-COVID world”,³

Recognizing that health is a precondition for and an outcome and indicator of all three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – of sustainable development and that, despite progress made, challenges in global health, including major inequities and vulnerabilities within and among countries, regions and populations, still remain and demand persistent attention,

Expressing deep concern that the world is off track in making significant progress towards achieving universal health coverage by 2030, with approximately 4.5 billion people still not covered by essential health services and 2 billion people experiencing catastrophic or impoverishing health spending, while noting that the different levels of progress in achieving universal health coverage may vary according to national contexts,

Recalling that multilingualism, as a core value of the Organization, should be fully respected, in the preparation, holding and follow-up of this high-level meeting, according to resolution [78/330](#) of 6 September 2024,

1. *Decides* that the one-day high-level meeting on universal health coverage to be convened by the President of the General Assembly in collaboration with the World Health Organization shall be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York in September 2027 during the general debate of the Assembly at its eighty-second session, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and consist of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment;

2. *Also decides* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be “Universal health coverage: accessible and affordable health for all by 2030”;

3. *Further decides* that:

(a) The opening segment, to be held from 10 to 10.30 a.m., will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, the President of the World Bank Group, as well as an eminent high-level champion of universal health coverage, selected, in consultation with Member States, by the President of the General Assembly, giving due consideration to gender balance;

(b) The plenary segment, to be held from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly, and members of United Nations specialized agencies, a list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the Assembly, and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

(c) The closing segment, to be held from 5.30 to 6 p.m., will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly;

4. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the two multi-stakeholder panels will be as follows:

(a) Two multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary segment, one from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 3 to 5 p.m.;

(b) The multi-stakeholder panels will address the following themes:

³ [A/79/956](#).

Panel 1: Accelerating multisectoral coordination and action to ensure equitable access to quality health services;

Panel 2: Scaling up adequate health financing for sustainable service delivery, efficiency and capacity;

(c) Each of the two multi-stakeholder panels will be co-chaired by two representatives, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the highest authorities, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with Member States, taking into account gender balance, level of development and geographical representation;

(d) The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant United Nations entities, including the World Health Organization and the World Bank, intergovernmental regional organizations, international financial institutions, development partners, civil society, the private sector, academia, medical, health and scientific associations, Indigenous Peoples, representative organizations of persons with disabilities and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender balance, level of development, geographical representation and the representation of youth and older persons;

5. *Also decides* that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly;

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization and other relevant partners, to organize and preside over a one-day interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, before the end of May 2027, with the active participation of appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local governments, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector and broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, children, youth, Indigenous Peoples, people of African descent and persons with disabilities, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and also requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting;

7. *Encourages* all Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government, and invites all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

8. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider relevant initiatives, such as the International Health Partnership for UHC2030, in support of the preparatory process and the high-level meeting, particularly with regard to sharing evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned;

9. *Invites* non-governmental organizations with relevant expertise that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the

Secretariat to attend the high-level meeting and participate in the multi-stakeholder panels and the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing;

10. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, relevant medical organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis⁴ and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting;

11. *Encourages* Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies to include in their delegations to the high-level meeting ministers from all relevant ministries, as appropriate, representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples, people of African descent, persons with disabilities, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in universal health coverage, philanthropic foundations, and universal health coverage networks, with due regard for gender balance and geographical representation;

12. *Decides* that the proceedings of the high-level meeting and the multi-stakeholder hearing shall be webcast, and encourages the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Director General of the World Health Organization to give the highest visibility to the high-level meeting, through all relevant media platforms and information and communications technologies.

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⁴ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.