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7 WAYS TO AMEND

WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

7 WAYS TO AMEND A WHA DRAFT RESOLUTION

1) DELETE A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH

With an amendment to delete a phrase:

PP 7 Hopeful that WHO will verify reports **[USA DEL ~~, in accordance with Article 9,~~]** about events which may constitute a public health emergency of international concernwithin 24 hours of receiving information…

With an amendment to delete an entire paragraph:

PP5 Noting Member State consensus to reduce the period for entry into force of amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) as set out in Article 59, and to make technical adjustments to Article 59 and related Articles of the instrument, to ensure coherence and consistency; **[BRA DEL PP5]**

2) ADD A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH

With an amendment to add:

OP1 URGES Member States:

(1) to promote pharmaceutical assistance programs **[GRE ADD: in order]** to lower the price of medication by developing their own pharmaceutical sector

3) REPLACE A WORD, PHRASE, OR SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH WITH NEW TEXT

With an amendment to replace a phrase:

PP5 [CAN, ITA REP: Recalling that ~~Noting that~~] Member States decided to establish…

7 WAYS TO AMEND A WHA DRAFT RESOLUTION (CONT.)

4) ADD A COMPLETELY NEW PARAGRAPH IN BETWEEN TWO EXISTING PARAGRAPHS

PP10 Affirming that the period provided in Article 22 of the Constitution of WHO for rejection of, or reservation to, these Regulations or an amendment thereto, shall be 18 months from the date of the notification by the Director-General;

PP10 bis AUS Affirming also that these Regulations shall enter into force 24 months after the date of notification by the Director-General;

The addition of the word 'bis' after PP10 indicates that Australia is proposing that this new paragraph be inserted between PP10 and PP 11.

If additional new paragraphs were added immediately after PP10 bis, the sequence would be marked as follows:

PP10 ter
PP10 quater
PP10 quinquies
etc.

5) ADD AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF A PARAGRAPH

There are different types of alternated paragraphs.

One type of alternate paragraph occurs when a delegate wants to delete a paragraph and replace it with a new paragraph. See example below:

PP5 Noting Member State consensus to reduce the period for entry into force of amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) as set out in Article 59, and to make technical adjustments to Article 59 and related Articles of the instrument, to ensure coherence and consistency; **[CAN DEL]**

7 WAYS TO AMEND A WHA DRAFT RESOLUTION (CONT.)

5) ADD AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF A PARAGRAPH (CONT.)

PP5 ALT CAN Recalling that Member States decided to establish the Working Group on IHR amendments (WGIHR), through the Working group on strengthening WHO preparedness and response to health emergencies (WGPR), to discuss targeted amendments to address specific and clearly identified issues, challenges, including equity, technological or other developments, or gaps that could not effectively be addressed otherwise but are critical to supporting effective implementation and compliance of the International Health Regulations (2005);

A second type of an alternate paragraph maintains some of the wording of the original paragraph but makes some revisions in how the idea is expressed. See example below:

Original paragraph:
OP 3 Requests the Director-General:
(1) to submit a concise report on the implementation of the present resolution, which neither duplicates nor summarizes other reports;
Alternate paragraph:
OP 3 ALT NOR: Requests the Director-General:
(1) to submit a note at its seventy-second session on the implementation of the present resolution and decides to include in the provisional agenda the item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conferences on Financing";

A third type of alternate paragraph is one that proposes an alternate version to a new paragraph that has been proposed. In the example below, Botswana is proposing an alternate version to the new paragraph PP10 bis that Australia has proposed (see the top of page 2):

PP10 bis ALT BOT Affirming also that following the notification by the Director-General of the adoption of an amendment to these Regulations by the Health Assembly, the Regulations shall enter into force 24 months after that date;

If the paragraph that is being proposed is completely different and adds new content that does not appear any where else in the resolution, it should be entered as a new paragraph as illustrated in example #4.

7 WAYS TO AMEND A WHA DRAFT RESOLUTION (CONT.)

6) MOVE A PARAGRAPH TO ANOTHER PLACE IN THE RESOLUTION

PP3 Expressing appreciation for the work of the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies in developing an inclusive Member State-led process for considering amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) **[PERU MOVE PP3 between PP5 and PP6];**

7) MERGE TWO PARAGRAPHS INTO ONE

PP10 Affirming that the period provided in execution of Article 22 of the Constitution of WHO for rejection of, or reservation to, these Regulations or an amendment thereto, shall be 18 months from the date of the notification by the Director-General;

PP11 Affirming also that these Regulations shall enter into force 24 months after the date of notification by the Director-General of the adoption of an amendment to these Regulations by the Health Assembly; **[US MERGE PP10 and 11]**