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Outcomes of WHA76

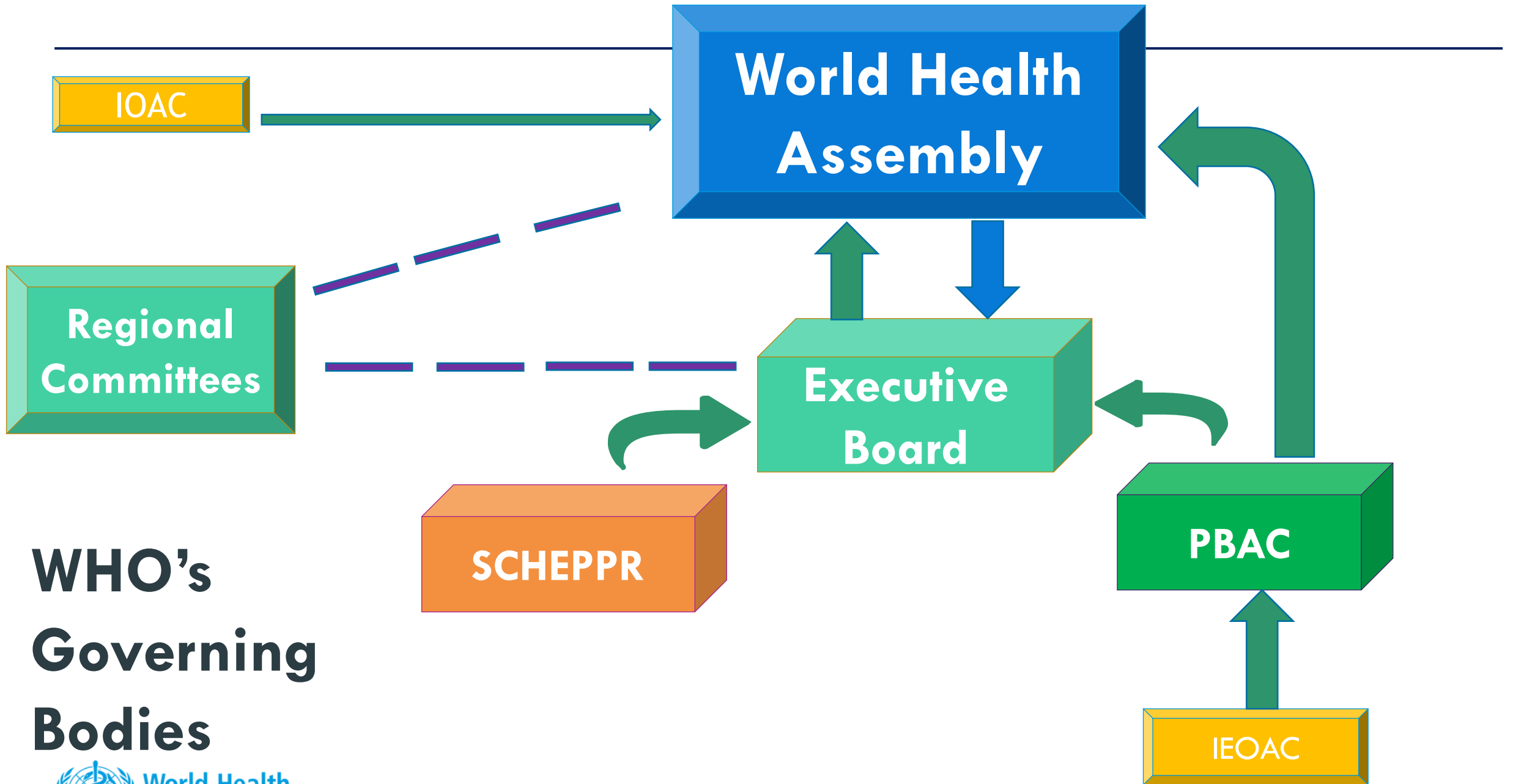


World Health
Organization

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WHO's Governing Bodies



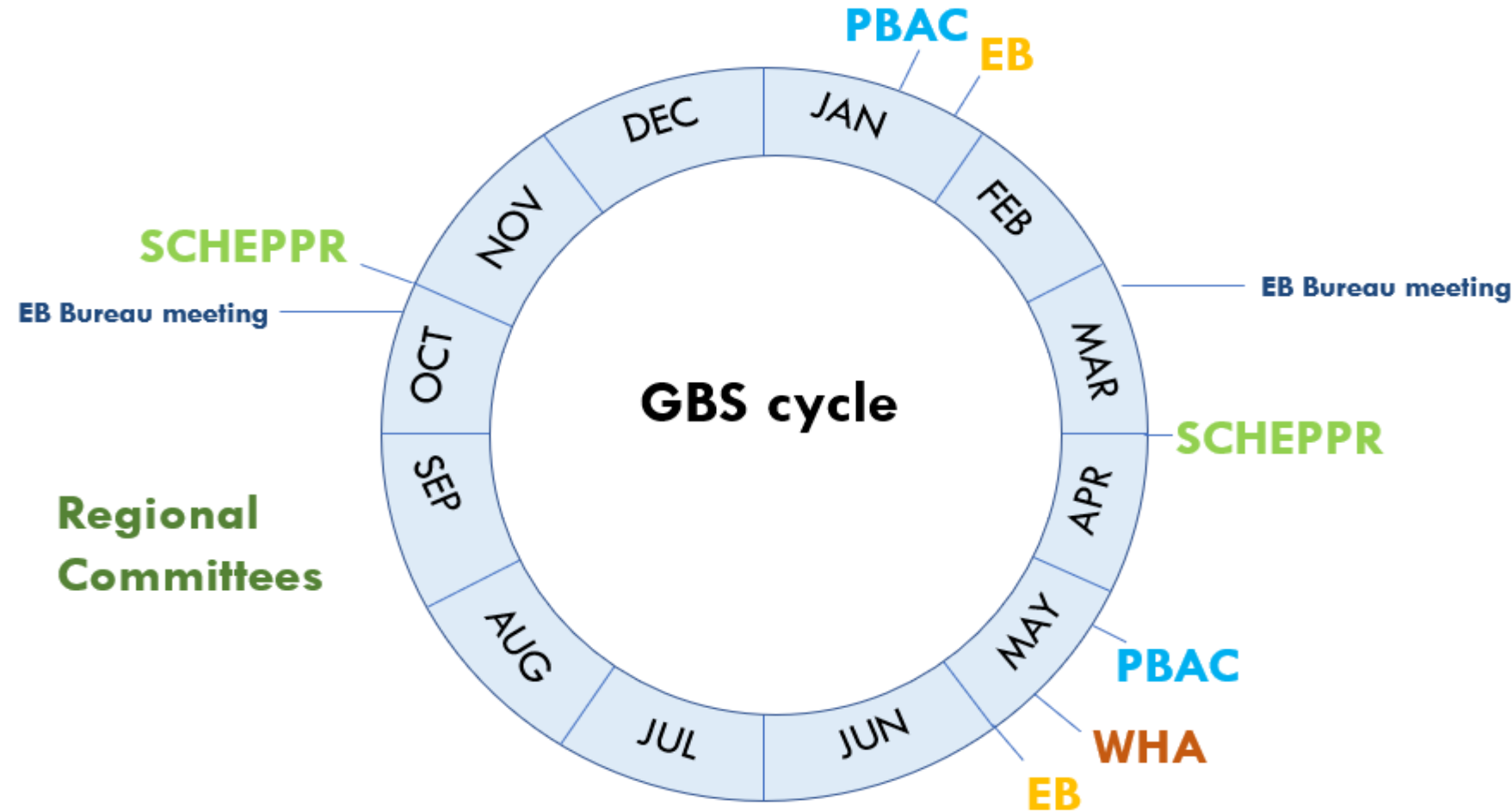


Introduction to the WHA, the EB and its standing committees (PBAC and SCHEPPR)

Cycle of Reporting

Intersessional periods

- Agenda preparation
- Consultations
- Information sessions
- Document preparation
- Working Group meetings



Why an issue to WHO?

- Global public health issue
- Issue representing a significant health burden
- Within the scope of WHO's mandate
- No recent mandate to address the same issue



WHO and UNEP

Our relationship with UNEP is based on Article 69 of the WHO Constitution and given effect by Article 11 of the agreement between the UN and WHO.



WHO and its support of MEA agreements

- **WHO has long worked with UNEP in implementation of multi-lateral environment instruments**
 - **Minamata Convention on Mercury** (where there is a specific WHA Resolution 67.11 (2014) on the role of ministries of health in implementation of the Convention https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/162849/A67_R11-en.pdf
 - **For the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management**, WHO and its Member States there is extensive interaction and this has been consistent approach **over past 2 decades**
 - [WHA 56.2 \(2003\)](#) on the participation of global health partners in the development of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)
 - [WHA 59.15 \(2006\)](#) welcoming the completed SAICM instrument and requesting DG to facilitate implementation by the health sector
 - [WHA69.4](#) and [WHA74 \(25\)](#) on the role of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond
 - In addition a detailed [WHO Chemicals Roadmap](#) was developed to assist Member States by setting out the roles of the health sector in relation to chemicals management – their leadership roles identifying those that can only be done by the health sector – as well as those needing intersectoral collaboration. This Roadmap has been a vital part of our advocacy and technical support

WHA76.17 on the impacts of chemicals, waste and pollution on health

- The resolution was co-sponsored by Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Maldives, Mexico, Panama, Switzerland, Uruguay, and the European Commission. It received wide support with approx. 40 delegations making comments.
- Member States and recognized the large number of existing intergovernmental agreements on specific aspects of chemicals, waste and pollution and important interlinkages that remained for between health and biodiversity and the need to adopt One Health Approach.
- The significant opportunity of these existing instruments to prevent the sizable burden of disease by addressing environmental determinants was emphasized.
- WHO estimates that 24% of all deaths can be attributed to the environment and so there is strong reason to work together and make connections with other health priorities such as improving maternal and child health, preventing suicide (20% of all suicides from highly hazardous pesticides); addressing health inequities and protecting the health of those in vulnerable situations.
- The need for strengthening training of the health workforce, dissemination of knowledge and strengthening surveillance and biomonitoring approaches were highlighted as particular gaps and areas where ministries of health can contribute further.

WHA76.17 on the impacts of chemicals, waste and pollution on health

- **WHA 76.17** recognizes that a new “successor instrument” to SAICM Beyond 2020 is being completed. The resolution specifically encourages the continued participation of Member States and the health sector in the negotiations for the new instrument and for UNEA to recognize the work of the health sector, WHO, and Member States in facilitating engagement.
 - *Furthermore WHA76.17 asks for the new Beyond 2020 instrument to be presented for its consideration. It is anticipated that the WHO Chemicals Road Map will also be updated at that time further guiding and ensuring a strong commitment by health to implementation of the new instrument.*
 - *WHA76.17 identifies WHA 78 in 2025 for presentation and consideration of the new instrument.*
- **Other aspects of WHA 76.17 cover two intergovernmental negotiations agreed by UNEA5 with an expected completion date of 2024**

WHO and INC

- Participation in INC1 and INC2 and will participate in INC3
- WHO submission to INC secretariat
- WHO series of Health and Plastics Dialogues

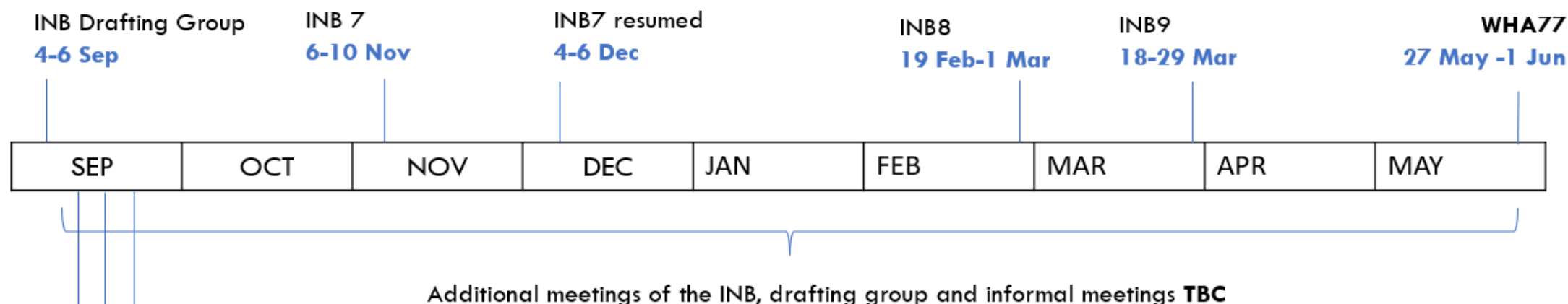
WHO and UNEA Science Policy Panel

- Consultations with WHO's Chemical Risk assessment Network
- UNEA5/8 WHO invited to participate in the ad-hoc open-ended working group
- WHA59.17 requested the Director-General to actively contribute to the ad-hoc open-ended working group.



Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Future timeline



22 Sept – Resumed meeting of the INB drafting group

18 Sept – Articles 4&5; Article 11

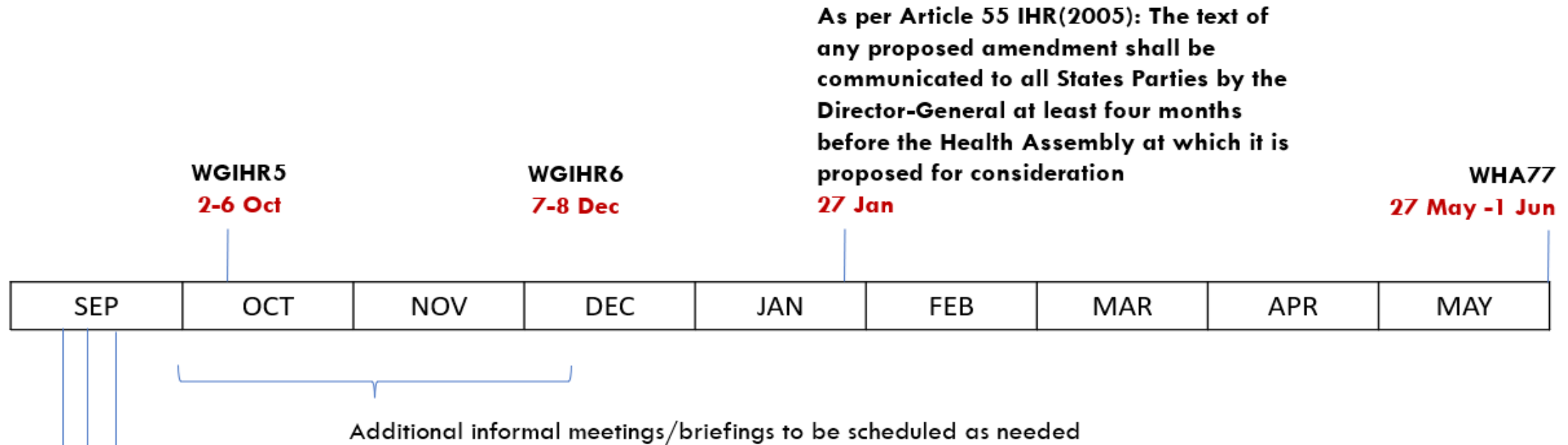
15 Sept – Articles 4&5; Article 12; Article 11



WGIHR

Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations

Future timeline



19 Sept - WGIHR-INB Briefing on financing

12 Sept - WGIHR-INB Briefing on definitions (Pandemic and PHEIC)



For more information visit

<https://apps.who.int/gb/wgih/>

Useful resources Links and contacts

- Governing Bodies website: [Governance \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/governance)
- WHO Basic Documents: <https://apps.who.int/gb/bd/>
- Intergovernmental meetings: https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/en/intergovernmental-meeting_en.html
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Thank you

