



**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA**

**ORIGINAL: ENGLISH**

Seventieth Session

Virtual session, 25 August 2020

**WRITTEN SILENCE PROCEDURE**

The Seventieth session of the Regional Committee for Africa,

Having considered the report of the Programme Subcommittee and its proposal on a written silence procedure,

ADOPTS the written silence procedure set out as follows:

1. Following the suspension of the Seventieth Regional Committee and pending its resumption, the following written silence procedure will apply in respect of any report(s) and their accompanying resolutions previously reviewed by the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee and considered by the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee to be suitable for adoption without further discussion by the Regional Committee, as well as any report and/or resolution as determined by the Chairperson of the Regional Committee in consultation with the Regional Director and considered suitable for adoption without further discussion by the Regional Committee.
2. At the request of the Chairperson of the Regional Committee, the Regional Director will transmit to the Member States any such report(s) and their accompanying resolutions for consideration under this written silence procedure.
3. The communication will contain the text of the reports to be considered under this written silence procedure and will set a date for the receipt of any objection. Any such objection is to be conveyed in writing and addressed to the Regional Director. The date for receipt of any objection will be 14 days from the date of dispatch of the communication.
4. Where no written objection is received from a Member State by the set date, the report concerned and its accompanying resolution, if any, will be considered as having been validly adopted by the Regional Committee. The adopted report(s) and their accompanying resolutions, if any, will be referred to the Regional Committee at its resumed session for information only.
5. In the event of the receipt of one or more written objections from a Member State by the set date, the report concerned and its accompanying resolution, if any, will be considered as having not been adopted by the Regional Committee. The report(s) concerned and their accompanying resolutions, if any, will be referred to the Regional Committee for consideration at its resumed session.
6. The Regional Director will communicate the outcome of the written silence procedure to all Member States as soon as possible after the set date referred to in paragraph 3. In the case of a report and its accompanying resolution, if any, that is adopted pursuant to the written silence procedure, the date of the Regional Director's communication to that effect will be the date of adoption of the report and its accompanying resolution, if any.