

2004/4. Working methods of the Executive Board

The Executive Board,

Recalling its decision 2003/14 requesting the Bureau to explore approaches to further improving working methods and to report its finding,

1. *Takes note* of the oral report by the Secretary of the Executive Board and acknowledges the positive work done to date;
2. *Requests* the Bureau to continue its leading role on this issue, taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the current session, with a view to further enhancing the ability of the Board to discharge its duties and to provide strategic guidance;
3. *Further requests* the Bureau to submit specific recommendations for discussion at the Board's annual session in 2004, including the issues of:
 - (a) the timely submission, presentation and analytical content of documents, including draft decisions;
 - (b) the Executive Board's work planning process;
 - (c) the use and timing of informal briefings.

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22 January 2004*