

WHO: Democratic governance - at global and national level

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WHO governance - at global level



WHO as sole
global legal
health authority

WHO as an
intergovernmental
organization

Decision making
supremacy lies with
WHO's governing bodies

“WHO belongs to
the member states”

But who are the
owners of the WHO?

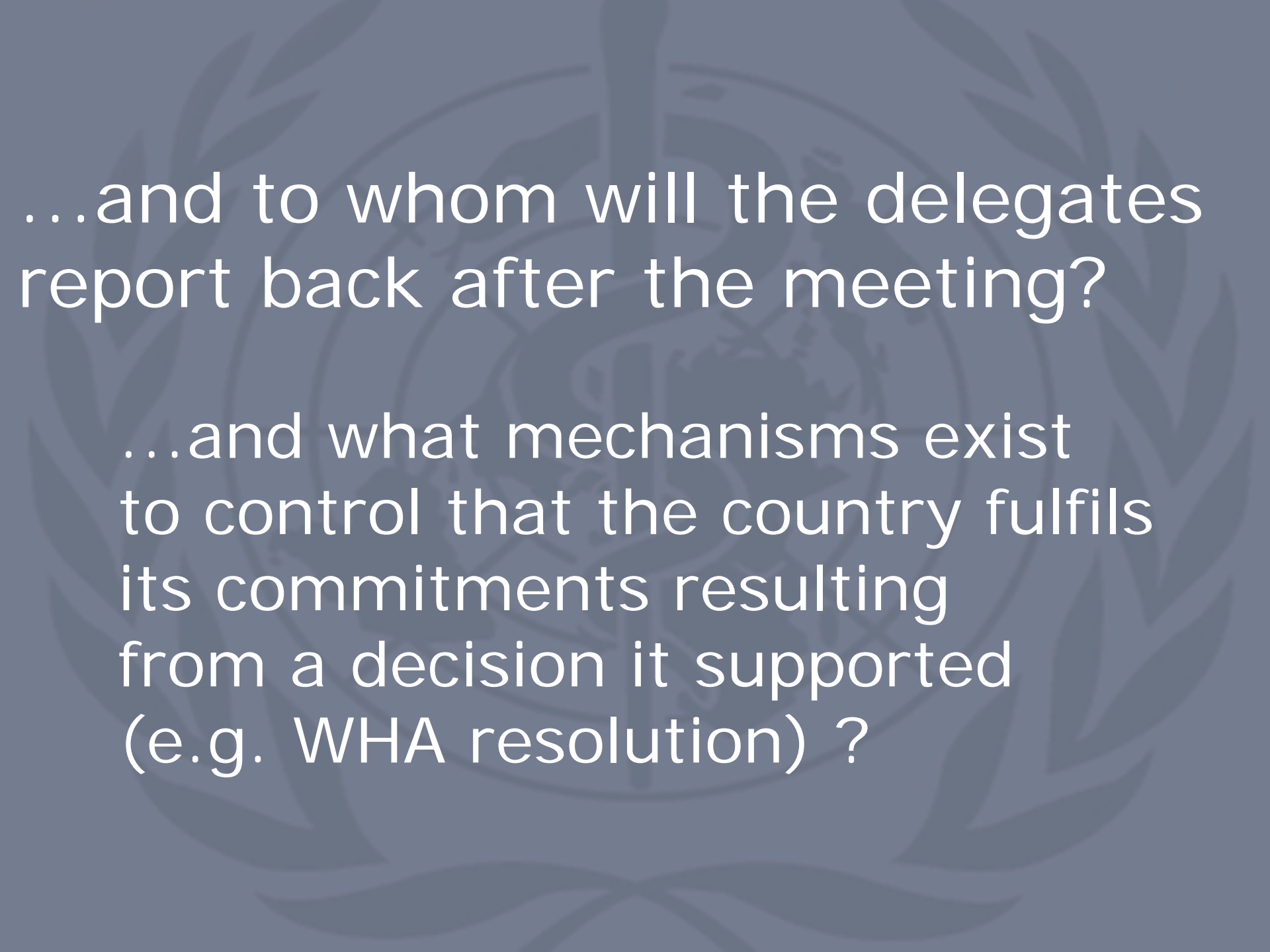
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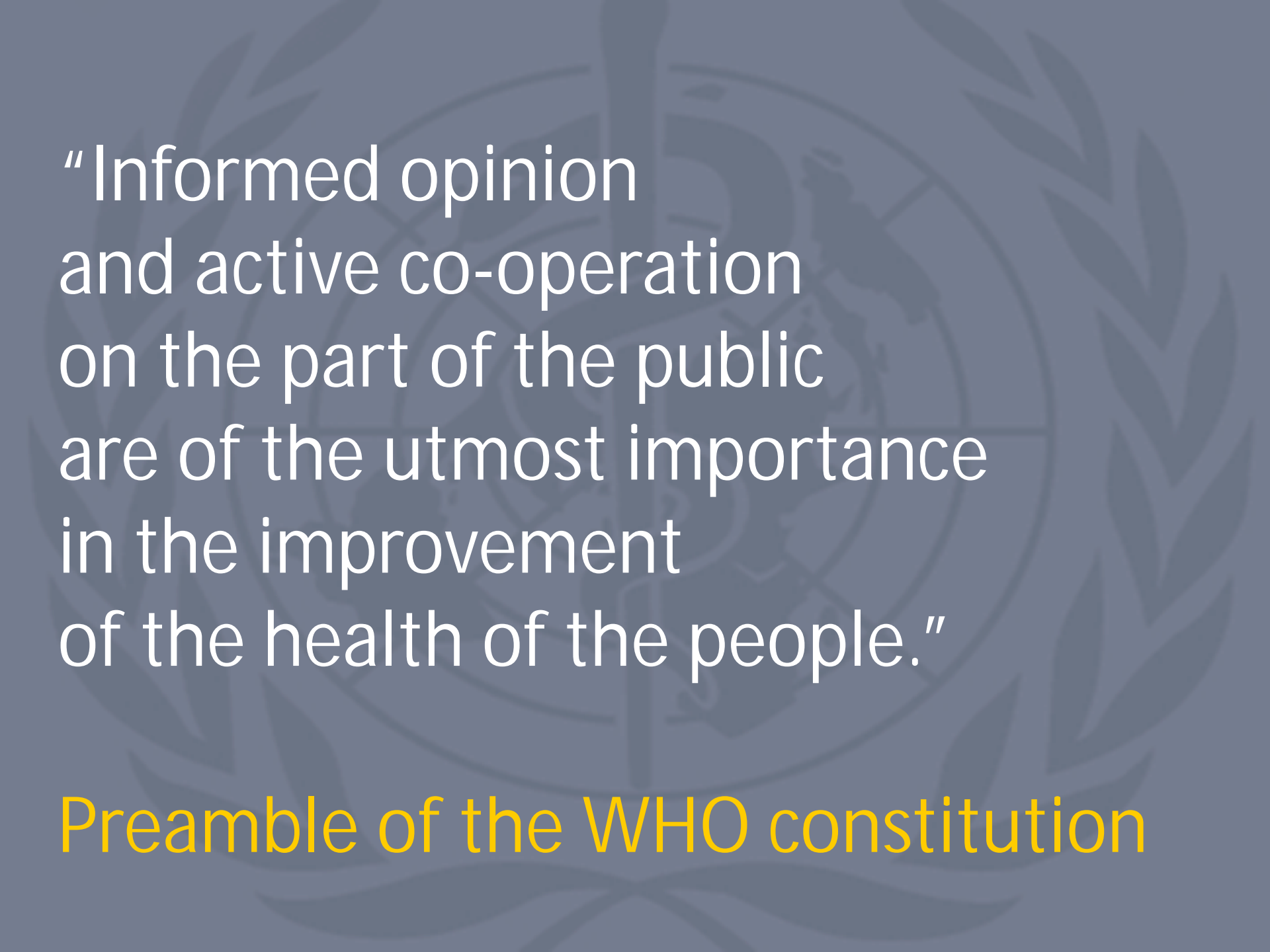
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The background of the slide features a large, faint watermark of the World Health Organization (WHO) logo. The logo consists of a central emblem surrounded by a laurel wreath, all rendered in a light blue-grey color against the dark blue background.

“Informed opinion
and active co-operation
on the part of the public
are of the utmost importance
in the improvement
of the health of the people.”

Preamble of the WHO constitution

Define, implement and monitor instruments for engaging civil society

...not only in health care
and in domestic health policy

...but also in the making of positions
on global health issues and on issues
related to health in all policies

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...this might be easier if you consider civil society not just as a “non-state actor”, but as integrated part of the “extended state” (Antonio Gramsci)

Instruments for engaging civil society

National Health Assembly

Pre-WHA hearings

Thematic hearings

Integrate civil society in WHA delegation

Health Foreign Policy

Strong role of the Parliament

WHO Country Cooperation Strategy

...rooted in the political culture and
the existing institutional settings of
every country

...pay attention to them!

...share best practices!

...learn from your peers!

Many roads lead to Rome,
but you can only get there
if you start walking.

...and back to the global
and regional level:

WHO: encourage and support
member states (annual award?)

WHO: instruments to improve
access of civil society to the
decision shaping and decision
making processes of the World
Health Organization.

Civil Society initiative

COI NGO policy +

PBAC
Access

"24 hours"

Interest in dialogue

Side events, open space
for civil society at WHA

Better access
Information flow

Timely documentation

Throughout the whole
cycle of decision shaping

Geneva +

Commissions
Departments
Hearings
Consultations



Thank you for your attention!

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