EXECUTIVE BOARD 103rd Session Provisional agenda item 7 EB103/21 16 December 1998

Regulations for expert advisory panels and committees

Report by the Secretariat

- 1. The WHO Secretariat is currently reviewing the Organization's research strategy and the bodies that support it. A report will be submitted to the Executive Board at its 104th session in May 1999. This may entail amendments of the regulations for expert advisory panels and committees.
- 2. The review will assess existing mechanisms and their contribution to WHO's research strategy, across clusters and activities. It will look into the procedures that govern the selection of individuals for membership on expert advisory panels, the selection of experts from the panels for membership in expert committees, the method of work of the committees, and the role of the Executive Board with respect to the outcome and implications for public health of their work. On the basis of the review, proposals will be submitted to the Board.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3. The Executive Board is invited to take note of this report.

= = =