Fifty-third World Health Assembly

Report by the Secretariat

1. Article 13 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Health Assembly shall meet in regular annual session”. Article 14 further provides that “The Health Assembly, at each annual session, shall select the country or region in which the next annual session shall be held, the Board subsequently fixing the place.” In accordance with Article 15, “The Board, after consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, shall determine the date of each annual ... session”. In its decision WHA30(xvi) the Thirtieth World Health Assembly requested the Executive Board to fix the duration of each session.

2. The Fifty-second World Health Assembly decided that the Fifty-third World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland. It is proposed to convene the Fifty-third World Health Assembly on Monday, 15 May 2000, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Assembly no later than Saturday, 20 May 2000.