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Report by the Secretariat

EXECUTIVE BOARD, 111th SESSION

1. Article 26 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Board shall meet at least twice a year and shall determine the place of each meeting”. Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board provides that the Board “shall determine at each session the time and place of its next session”.
2. It is proposed to convene the 111th session of the Board on Monday, 20 January 2003, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and to close the session no later than Tuesday, 28 January 2003. The Programme Development Committee, the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee, and the Audit Committee would meet between 15 and 17 January 2003. It should be noted that, if necessary, the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body of the framework convention on tobacco control will be convened during the period 17 February to 7 March 2003.

FIFTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

3. 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 ... 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.
4. Assuming the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly decides that the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland, it is proposed to convene the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly on Monday, 19 May 2003, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Assembly no later than Wednesday, 28 May 2003.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

5. The Executive Board may wish to consider adoption of the following decisions:

The Executive Board decided that its 111th session should be convened on Monday, 20 January 2003, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Tuesday, 28 January 2003.

The Executive Board decided that the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, opening on Monday, 19 May 2003, and that it should close no later than Wednesday, 28 May 2003.

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