



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD
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Provisional agenda item 9.5

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Future sessions: provisional agenda for the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly

Report of the Director-General

1. According to Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Executive Board shall prepare the provisional agenda of each regular session of the Health Assembly after consideration of proposals submitted by the Director-General. Proposals from the Director-General for the provisional agenda of the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly are attached at Annex 1.
2. The Thirty-second World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA32.36, decided that the Executive Board “shall fix a preliminary daily timetable for the Health Assembly’s consideration of its agenda and the General Committee shall review and approve this timetable, subsequently revising it if and when required”. A draft preliminary daily timetable for the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly is attached at Annex 2.
3. The Director-General proposes for the round tables the theme of healthy environments for children.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

4. The Executive Board may wish to adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Director-General on the provisional agenda for the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly,¹ and recalling its earlier decision that the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 19 May 2003, and closing no later than Wednesday, 28 May 2003,² approved the provisional agenda of the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly. It also recommended that the theme for the round tables should be healthy environments for children, that the round tables be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined,³ and that participation in the round tables should be open to ministers of health or to those designated to personally represent them in policy discussions.

¹ Document EB111/27.

² See decision EB110(8).

³ Document EB107/21.



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FIFTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Geneva, Switzerland
19-28 May 2003

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Provisional agenda

PLENARY

1. **Opening of the Assembly¹**
2. **Reports of the Executive Board on its 110th and 111th sessions**
3. **Address by Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General**
4. **Director-General**
 - 4.1 Appointment
 - 4.2 Approval of contract
5. **Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]**
6. **Executive Board: election**
7. **Awards**
8. **Reports of the main committees**
9. **Closure of the Assembly**

ROUND TABLES

10. **Round tables: Healthy environments for children**

¹ 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
1.2 Election of the Committee on Nominations
1.3 Reports of the Committee on Nominations

- Election of the President
- Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee

1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees.

COMMITTEE A

11. **Opening of the Committee¹**
12. **Programme budget**
 - 12.1 Proposed programme budget for 2004-2005
 - 12.2 Miscellaneous income 2002-2003
13. **Framework convention on tobacco control**
14. **Technical and health matters**
 - 14.1 Tropical diseases, including Pan African tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication campaign
 - 14.2 Control of neurocysticercosis
 - 14.3 Health promotion
 - 14.4 WHO's contribution to achievement of the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration
 - 14.5 WHO's contribution to the follow-up of the United Nations General Assembly special session on HIV/AIDS
 - 14.6 World Summit on Sustainable Development
 - 14.7 Smallpox eradication: destruction of *Variola virus* stocks
 - 14.8 Strategy for child and adolescent health and development
 - 14.9 WHO medicines strategy
 - 14.10 Traditional medicine
 - 14.11 Strengthening nursing and midwifery
 - 14.12 Eradication of poliomyelitis
 - 14.13 Strengthening health systems in developing countries
 - 14.14 Influenza
 - 14.15 Implementing the recommendations of the *World report on violence and health*
 - 14.16 Revision of the International Health Regulations

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

14.17 Genomics and world health

14.18 Elimination of avoidable blindness

COMMITTEE B

15. Opening of the Committee¹

16. Financial matters

16.1 Reports

- Unaudited interim Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2002 and comments thereon of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee
- Interim report of the External Auditor
- Report of the Internal Auditor

16.2 Appointment of the External Auditor

16.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

16.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears

16.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

16.6 Assessments for 2004-2005

16.7 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

17. Assignment and transfer of Member States to regions

17.1 Assignment of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the South-East Asia Region

17.2 Transfer of Cyprus from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the European Region

18. Staffing matters

18.1 Human resources: annual report

18.2 Representation of developing countries in the Secretariat

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

- 18.3 Increased representation of developing countries on Expert Advisory Panels and in Expert Committees
- 18.4 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]
- 18.5 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
- 18.6 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee
- 19. Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine**
- 20. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**
- 21. Policy for relations with nongovernmental organizations**

ANNEX 2

**PRELIMINARY DAILY TIMETABLE FOR THE
FIFTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

May 2003	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 19				
10:00	1. Opening of the Assembly 1.1 Appointment of Committee on Credentials 1.2 Election of Committee on Nominations	-	-	
10:30	[suspension]	-	-	Committee on Nominations
11:00	1.3 Reports of the Committee on Nominations	-	-	
11:30	-	-	-	General Committee
14:30	– Presidential address 1.4 Adoption of agenda	-	-	
15:00	2. Chairman, Executive Board 3. Address by the Director-General	-	-	
Tuesday 20				
9:00	General discussion	11. Opening of the Committee 13. Framework convention on tobacco control	-	

14:30	10. Round tables	-	-	Committee on Credentials

May 2003	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Wednesday 21				
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of Committee on Credentials 4. Director-General 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any] <p style="text-align: center;">...</p>	-	-	
14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General discussion (continued) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Framework convention on tobacco control (continued) 12. Programme budget 2004-2005 	-	
17:30	-	-	-	General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)
Thursday 22				
9:00	-	12. Programme budget 2004-2005 (continued)	15. Opening of the Committee 16. Financial matters	

14:30	-	12. Programme budget 2004-2005 (continued)	16. Financial matters (continued)	
17:00	7. Awards	-	-	

May 2003	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Friday 23				
9:00	6. Executive Board: election 8. Reports of the main committees -	- 14. Technical and health matters ...	16. Financial matters (continued)
14:30	-	14. Technical and health matters (continued)	16. Financial matters (continued) 17. Assignment and transfer of Member States to regions 18. Staffing matters	
Saturday 24				
9:00	-	14. Technical and health matters (continued)	-	
Monday 26				
9:00	8. Report of the main committees (continued) ...	14. Technical and health matters (continued) ...	19. Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine 20. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations
14:30	-	14. Technical and health matters (continued)	- Finalization of resolutions and reports	

May 2003	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Tuesday 27				
9:00	-	14. Technical and health matters (continued)	20. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations (continued)	

14:30	-	14. Technical and health matters (continued)	- Finalization of resolutions and reports (continued)	
Wednesday 28				
9:00	-	14. Technical and health matters (continued) - Finalization of resolutions and reports (continued)	-	
11:30	8. Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Assembly	-	-	

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