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- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur**
- 3. Outcome of the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly**
- 4. Technical and health matters**

- 4.1 Control of genetic diseases

This item was requested by a Member State. The report provides information on the impact of genetic disorders on global morbidity and mortality and highlights the role of genetics services in improving health globally.

- 4.2 International trade and health

This item, requested by a Member State, was deferred from the 115th to the 116th session of the Board. The document describes efforts under way in collaboration with other international organizations to generate knowledge, to develop tools and guidance, and to strengthen Member States' capacity to deal with the implications for health of international trade rules.

- 4.3 Nutrition and HIV/AIDS

This item was requested by a Member State. The report describes efforts to integrate nutrition in a comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS and in expansion of the "3 by 5" initiative.

- 4.4 Gender, women and health: incorporating a gender perspective into the mainstream of WHO's policies and programmes

This item was requested by a Member State. On the tenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, September 1995), the document summarizes current achievements, remaining challenges and proposed actions to address inequities in health between men and women, boys and girls, and considers the need for a WHO strategy and plan of action.

- 5. Management and financial matters**

- 5.1 Guiding principles for strategic resource allocations

In response to decision WHA57(10), the document sets out for the Board's further consideration draft guiding principles for the strategic allocation of resources throughout the Organization.

5.2 WHO country offices and country focus

This item, requested by a Member State, was deferred from the 115th to the 116th session of the Board. The document highlights achievements in strengthening WHO country presence and identifies remaining challenges.

5.3 Committees of the Executive Board: membership of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee

5.4 Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

6. Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

7. Matters for information

7.1 Implementation of resolution WHA55.16 on global public health response to natural occurrence, accidental release or deliberate use of biological and chemical agents or radionuclear material that affect health

This item was requested by a Member State. The report describes the activities undertaken to improve management of public health risks caused by natural, accidental or deliberate release of biological and chemical agents or radionuclear material in four priority areas: strengthening of global preparedness and response; provision of tools for strengthening national preparedness; issuance of international guidance and technical information; and evaluation of the development of new tools.

7.2 WHO Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health: progress report

The document reports on the activities of the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health, established in 2004 to collect data and proposals from the different actors involved and produce an analysis of the subject, including appropriate funding and incentive mechanisms for the creation of new medicines and other products against diseases that disproportionately affect developing countries.

7.3 Expert committees and study groups

Pursuant to the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, a report is submitted on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees, and comments on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

8. Closure of the session

Note At the consultation between the Director-General and the Officers of the Board,¹ convened in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, it was agreed that an item on reproductive health and national economic development, requested by a Member State, would be covered in the report on implementation of the strategy to accelerate progress towards attainment of international development goals and targets related to reproductive health to be submitted to the Board at its 117th session, in compliance with resolution WHA57.12.

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¹ 23 March 2005.