



# WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
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## **Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly**

### **Report by the Secretariat**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD, 117th 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 117th session of the Executive Board on Monday, 23 January 2006, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and to close the session no later than Saturday, 28 January 2006.

#### **FIFTY-NINTH 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-eighth World Health Assembly decides that the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland, it is proposed to convene the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly on Monday, 22 May 2006, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Health Assembly no later than Saturday, 27 May 2006.

**ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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

The Executive Board decided that its 117th session should be convened on Monday, 23 January 2006, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Saturday, 28 January 2006.

The Executive Board decided that the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, opening on Monday, 22 May 2006, and that it should close no later than Saturday, 25 May 2006.

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