

Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

Report by the Secretariat

EXECUTIVE BOARD, 124th 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 124th session of the Executive Board on Monday, 19 January 2009, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and to close the session no later than Tuesday, 27 January 2009. Should the Board agree to this, it is proposed that the ninth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should meet from 14 to 16 January 2009, at WHO headquarters.

SIXTY-SECOND 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 Sixty-first World Health Assembly decides that the Sixty-second World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland, it is proposed to convene the Sixty-second World Health Assembly on Monday, 18 May 2009, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Health Assembly no later than Wednesday, 27 May 2009. Should the Board agree to this, it is proposed that the tenth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should meet on 14 and 15 May 2009, at WHO headquarters.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

The Executive Board decided that its 124th session should be convened on Monday, 19 January 2009, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Tuesday, 27 January 2009. The Board further decided that the ninth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should be held from 14 to 16 January 2009, at WHO headquarters

The Executive Board decided that the Sixty-second World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, opening on Monday, 18 May 2009, and that it should close no later than Wednesday, 27 May 2009. The Board further decided that the tenth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should be held on 14 and 15 May 2009, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

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