EXECUTIVE BOARD 123rd Session Geneva, 26–27 May 2008 EB123/1(annotated) 31 March 2008

Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
- 2. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
- 3. Outcome of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly

The Board will receive at the opening of its session a report on the outcome of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly which is to be held the preceding week.

4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

The Board will receive at the opening of its session the report of the eighth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee which is to be held from 15 to 16 May 2008.

5. Technical and health matters

Human organ and tissue transplantation

Pursuant to resolution WHA57.18, the Director-General has continued to collect and examine global data on donation and transplantation of allogeneic human cells, tissues and organs and relevant ethical issues in order to revise the Guiding Principles on Human Cells, Tissue and Organ Transplantation. This report outlines the results of a comprehensive consultation process, which has identified various measures for improving safety, quality, efficacy and ethics of the practices concerned.

6. Management, budget and financial matters

6.1 Global health partnerships: progress on developing draft policy guidelines for WHO's involvement

The report describes progress to date in responding to the request of the Executive Board at its 122nd session in January 2008 for the Secretariat to start drafting policy guidelines. It sets out proposed principles for WHO's involvement in partnerships and seeks the guidance of the Board for the next phase of work in developing the policy.

6.2 WHO publications policy: guidance on implementation and evaluation

The report describes the steps that are being taken to implement and evaluate the WHO publications policy, as requested by the Programme, Budget and Administrative Committee at its seventh meeting and the Executive Board at its 122nd session.

- 6.3 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies
- 6.4 Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health: statutes

The establishment of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health was approved in principle by the Board at its 122nd session. The report submits the proposed statutes, which were elaborated in cooperation with the Republic of Korea and which include provisions for covering the administrative costs, to the Board for its consideration.

- 6.5 Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly
- 6.6 Method of work of the Health Assembly

As agreed at the 122nd session of the Executive Board, and following review of the subject by the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, the report discusses ways in which the meetings of the General Committee of the World Health Assembly could be made more efficient.

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

7. Staffing matters

- 7.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
- 7.2 Confirmation of amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

8. Matters for information

Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

In compliance with 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.

9. Closure of the session

Note. At their consultation with the Director-General on 19 March 2008, convened in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Officers of the Board were advised of the withdrawal, by the Member State concerned, of the proposal to include an item on HIV/AIDS and mental health on the agenda of the 123rd session of the Board.

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¹ Decision EB122(7).