



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Decisions and list of resolutions

I. DECISIONS

WHA57(1) Composition of the Committee on Credentials

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly appointed a Committee on Credentials consisting of delegates of the following 12 Member States: Austria, Belize, Canada, Djibouti, Gambia, India, Italy, Kenya, Mali, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Uzbekistan.

(First plenary meeting, 17 May 2004)

WHA57(2) Composition of the Committee on Nominations

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly elected a Committee on Nominations consisting of delegates of the following Member States: Bahrein, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, China (People's Republic of), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Estonia, France, Guyana, Israel, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, and Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Bangladesh (President, Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly, ex officio).

(First plenary meeting, 17 May 2004)

WHA57(3) Election of officers of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following officers:

President: Mr Mohamed Nasir Khan (Pakistan)

Vice-Presidents: Dr M.E. Tshabalala-Msimang (South Africa)
Mrs A. David-Antoine (Grenada)
Mr S. Bogoev (Bulgaria)
Dr R.M. de Araujo (Timor-Leste)
Dr Chua Soi Lek (Malaysia)

(First plenary meeting, 17 May 2004)

WHA57(4) Election of officers of the main committees

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following officers of the main committees:

Committee A: Chairman Dr Ponmek Dalaloy (Lao People's Democratic Republic)

Committee B: Chairman Dr J. Singay (Bhutan)

(First plenary meeting, 17 May 2004)

The main committees subsequently elected the following officers:

Committee A: Vice-Chairmen Dr D. Slater (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)
Mrs A. Van Bolhuis (Netherlands)

Rapporteur Professor M. Mizanur Rahman (Bangladesh)

Committee B: Vice-Chairmen Professor N. M. Nali (Central African Republic)
Dr S. Al-Kharabseh (Jordan)

Rapporteur Mrs Z. Jakab (Hungary)

(First meetings of Committees A and B, 18 and 20 May 2004)

WHA57(5) Establishment of the General Committee

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the delegates of the following 17 countries as members of the General Committee: Botswana, Chad, Chile, China (People's Republic of), Cuba, France, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Niger, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Yemen.

(First plenary meeting, 17 May 2004)

WHA57(6) Adoption of the agenda

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Board at its 113th session with the deletion of one item and three subitems, and the addition of a supplementary item.

(Second plenary meeting, 17 May 2004)

WHA57(7) Verification of credentials

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly recognized the validity of the credentials of the following delegations: Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Congo; Cook Islands; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Estonia; Ethiopia; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Ireland; Iraq; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kiribati; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia;¹ Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Marshall Islands; Mauritania; Mauritius; Micronesia (Federated States of); Mexico; Monaco; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; San Marino; Sao Tome and Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia and Montenegro; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Swaziland; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

(Fourth and seventh plenary meetings, 19 and 21 May 2004)

WHA57(8) Election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the General Committee,² elected the following as Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board: Australia, Bahrain, Bolivia, Brazil, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Romania, Thailand, and Tonga.

(Seventh plenary meeting, 21 May 2004)

¹ Credentials provisionally accepted.

² Document A57/38.

WHA57(9) Intellectual property rights, innovation and public health

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly decided to request the Director-General to delay submission of the final report on the outcome of the work of the Commission on Intellectual Property, Innovation and Public Health, established pursuant to resolution WHA56.27, until the 117th session of the Executive Board (January 2006) since additional time was necessary for the Commission to complete its work.

(Seventh plenary meeting, 21 May 2004)

WHA57(10) Regular budget allocations to regions

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the report on regular budget allocations to regions,¹ noting the recommendations contained in paragraph 21, decided to request the Director-General to draw up, in consultation with Member States and regions, guiding principles, based on objective criteria, to be applied in the allocation of funds from all sources, taking into account equity, efficiency and performance, and support to countries in greatest need, in particular least developed countries, which would be considered by the Executive Board at its 115th session.

(Eighth plenary meeting, 22 May 2004)

WHA57(11) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly nominated Dr J. Larivière, delegate of Canada, as member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee, and Dr A.A. Yoosuf, delegate of Maldives, as alternate member, each for a three-year period, namely until May 2007.

The Assembly also nominated Dr L. Waqatakirewa, delegate of Fiji, as member for the remainder of the term of office of Mr L. Rokovada, namely, until May 2005.

(Eighth plenary meeting, 22 May 2004)

WHA57(12) Policy for relations with nongovernmental organizations

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly decided to postpone consideration of the new policy on nongovernmental organizations² in order to provide the Director-General time to consult all

¹ Document A57/24.

² See document A57/32.

interested parties with a view to reaching consensus on the terms of the relevant resolution to be submitted to a subsequent Health Assembly through the Executive Board.

(Eighth plenary meeting, 22 May 2004)

WHA57(13) Selection of the country in which the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly would be held

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, in accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution, decided that the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly would be held in Switzerland.

(Eighth plenary meeting, 22 May 2004)

WHA57(14) Reports of the Executive Board on its 112th and 113th sessions

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, after reviewing the Executive Board's reports on its 112th¹ and 113th² sessions, took note of the reports, commended the work the Board had performed, and expressed its appreciation of the dedication with which the Board had carried out the tasks entrusted to it.

(Ninth plenary meeting, 22 May 2004)

II. RESOLUTIONS

- WHA57.1 Surveillance and control of *Mycobacterium ulcerans* disease (Buruli ulcer)
- WHA57.2 Control of human African trypanosomiasis
- WHA57.3 Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
- WHA57.4 Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2002-2003; report of the External Auditor and comments thereon made on behalf of the Executive Board
- WHA57.5 Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

¹ Document EB112/2003/REC/1.

² Documents EB113/2004/REC/1 and EB113/2004/REC/2.

- WHA57.6 Arrears in payment of contributions: Ukraine
- WHA57.7 Agreement with the *Office International des Epizooties*
- WHA57.8 Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly: amendment to Rule 72
- WHA57.9 Eradication of dracunculiasis
- WHA57.10 Road safety and health
- WHA57.11 Family and health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family
- WHA57.12 Reproductive health: draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets
- WHA57.13 Genomics and world health
- WHA57.14 Scaling up treatment and care within a coordinated and comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS
- WHA57.15 Scale of assessments for 2005
- WHA57.16 Health promotion and healthy lifestyles
- WHA57.17 Global strategy on diet, physical activity and health
- WHA57.18 Human organ and tissue transplantation
- WHA57.19 International migration of health personnel: a challenge for health systems in developing countries

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