Guide to documentation

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS

A document distribution service operates at the counter in the hall between doors 13 and 15 of the Palais des Nations. Each day delegates, representatives and other participants will receive their documents under the name of their country or organization in the pigeon-holes situated on both sides of this counter. Documents will be distributed in the languages indicated by delegates on the form that they will be invited to complete. Pigeon-holes are used exclusively for official WHO documents produced and distributed through the WHO document distribution system. The only distribution of documents considered official is the distribution to these pigeon-holes. Participants are requested to collect their documents before the meetings each day.

JOURNAL

The time and place of meetings are published each day in the Journal of the Health Assembly. The Journal gives the programme for meetings, the agenda items for discussion and the corresponding documents, as well as other relevant information.

DOCUMENT SYMBOLS

Documents in the main series (A58/..) serve as a basis for discussion of an agenda item or convey the report of a committee or other body. Information documents (A58/INF.DOC./..) transmit supplementary information.

Conference papers (A58/A/Conf.Paper No. .. and A58/B/Conf.Paper No. ..) contain draft resolutions for Committees A and B, respectively. Once adopted in plenary, resolutions are issued in the series WHA58... The verbatim records of the plenary meetings, which give a word-for-word transcription of the proceedings, appear in the series A58/VR/..; the discussions in Committees A and B are recorded in summarized form, as provisional summary records, in the series A58/A/SR/.. and A58/B/SR/.. .

Other, ephemeral, documents appear in the series A58/DIV/.. .
DOCUMENTS OF RELEVANCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Several documents already considered by the Executive Board at its 115th session are reproduced as annexes to document **EB115/2005/REC/1** and referred to under the relevant items in the *Journal.* For other agenda items, the basis for discussion will be a separate document bearing the symbol A58/... .

The summary records of the Board’s discussions at its 115th session appear in document **EB115/2005/REC/2.**

BASIC DOCUMENTS

The Constitution of WHO, the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly and other relevant documents of a legal nature are contained in the publication entitled *Basic documents* (44th ed., 2003).\(^1\)

DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

The WHO web site (http://www.who.int) provides easy electronic access to WHO policies and related documents. The Governance page, accessed from the WHO home page (right-hand navigation column, under General WHO Information), offers options to download documents for the current sessions of the governing bodies and to search documents of previous sessions and other relevant documentation, as follows:

- documents and records of governing body meetings, programme budgets; basic texts, such as the Constitution of WHO; International Health Regulations; and other material can be retrieved from the Governance page (links through right-hand or middle navigation columns); resolutions and decisions of regional committees can also be accessed from the Governance page (any link to documentation, followed by the link to summary records, resolution and decisions)

- the *Journal* and documents of relevance to the agenda of the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly are available for downloading at the following address: http://www.who.int/gb

Since documentation is available on the Internet, and as an economy measure, there will be no provision for dispatch or transport of any documentation made available during the Health Assembly.

SUBMISSIONS BY DELEGATIONS

Delegations wishing to have draft resolutions distributed to the Health Assembly or to one of its committees are requested to hand them to the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly in the case of documents intended for plenary meetings, or to the secretary of the committee concerned in the

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case of documents intended for one of the committees. Draft resolutions should be handed in early enough to allow time for translation, reproduction in the working languages and circulation to delegations at least two days before the proposal is discussed, in conformity with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly. The Secretariat is available upon request to provide logistic and editorial or information support as required.

The conditions in which formal proposals relating to items on the agenda may be introduced at plenary meetings and in the main committees are set out in Rules 50, 51 and 52 of the Rules of Procedure.

**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR ADOPTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Executive Board at its 114th and 115th sessions, containing draft resolutions recommended to the Health Assembly. These resolutions are contained in documents **EB114/2004/REC/1** and **EB115/2005/REC/1**.

EB114.R1 Sustainable financing for tuberculosis prevention and control
EB114.R2 Cancer prevention and control
EB114.R3 Disability, including prevention, management and rehabilitation
EB115.R5 Public health problems caused by harmful use of alcohol
EB115.R6 Antimicrobial resistance: a threat to global health security
EB115.R7 Strengthening active and healthy ageing
EB115.R11 Health action in relation to crises and disasters, with particular emphasis on the south Asian earthquakes and tsunamis of 26 December 2004
EB115.R12 Infant and young child nutrition
EB115.R13 Sustainable health financing, universal coverage and social health insurance
EB115.R14 Malaria
EB115.R15 Blood safety: proposal to establish World Blood Donor Day
EB115.R16  Strengthening pandemic influenza preparedness and response
EB115.R17  Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General
EB115.R20  eHealth

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