Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly

Programme of meetings for Saturday, 27 May 2006

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Notice to Executive Board Members

The 118th session of the Executive Board will open on Monday 29 May 2006 at 9:30 in the Executive Board Room at the headquarters of WHO.

Please note the following administrative arrangements:

- **Documents**: Documents for Executive Board Members are available in their special pigeon holes, which are located next to the documents desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais des Nations. Members are requested to pick up their documents before 15:00 today.

- **Badges**: Badges for Members of the Board, their alternates and advisers, and representatives of organizations invited to attend, will be issued at the enquiry office at the Palais today until the close of the Fifth-ninth World Health Assembly, and at the entrance of the Executive Board Room on Monday 29 May, from 7:30.

- **Per diem**: Payment of per diem will be made on Monday 29 May between 8:30 and 9:30 in front of the Board Room. Please contact Mr Renaud Bodinier in office 2069 (second floor), ext. 12223.

- **Banking facilities**: The cash-counter at the UBS Branch located in the ground floor of Annex L at WHO, will remain open until 17:00 on Monday 29 May 2006. Members of the Board with vouchers will need to get to the bank before that time.

- **Briefing for new Executive Members**: There will be a briefing for new Executive Board Members immediately following closure of EB118 in the Executive Board Room.
Saturday, 27 May 2006

Eleventh meeting of Committee A

Draft fourth report of Committee A

Document (Draft) A59/52, containing two resolutions entitled:

- Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: draft global strategy
- Sickle-cell anaemia

Draft fifth report of Committee A

Document (Draft) A59/53, containing one resolution entitled:

- Infant and young child nutrition 2006

Item 11 (continued)

Technical and health matters

Item 11.12 (continued)

- International migration of health personnel: a challenge for health systems in developing countries
  
  Document A59/18
  Document A59/A/ConfPaper No.4 Rev.1

Item 11.11 (continued)

- Intellectual property rights
  
  • *Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health: report*
    Documents A59/16, A59/16 Add.1, A59/16 Add.1 Corr.1 and A59/16 Add.2
    Document A59/A/Conf.Paper No.8
  
  • *Global framework on essential health research and development*
    Documents EB117/2006/REC/1, resolution EB117.R13 and Annex 4
    Document A59/17

Item 11.7

- Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment
  
  Documents EB117/2006/REC/1, resolution EB117.R4 and Annex 4
  Document A59/12
  Document A59/A/Conf.Paper No.6

Item 11.10

- International trade and health
  
  Documents EB117/2006/REC/1, resolution EB117.R4 and Annex 4
  Document A59/15
  Document A59/A/Conf.Paper No. 7

Item 11.5 (continued)

- Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
  
  Documents A59/10 and A59/10 Add.1
This item appears on the workplan for both Committees and a decision will be made late in the morning as to where each subitem will be taken up.

Item 11.17 (continued)  – Implementation of resolutions: progress report

   Document A59/23
   • Strengthening nursing and midwifery (resolution WHA54.12)
     Documents A59/A/Conf.Paper No.2 and A59/a/Conf.Paper No.2 Add1
   • Control of human African trypanosomiasis (resolution WHA57.2)
   • Health action in relation to crises and disasters (resolution WHA58.1)
   • Global strategy on diet, physical activity and health (resolution WHA57.17)
   • Family and health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (resolution WHA57.11)
   • Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12)
   • Sustainable health financing, universal coverage and social health insurance (resolution WHA58.33)
   • The role of contractual arrangements in improving health systems' performance (resolution WHA56.25)

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Fifth meeting of Committee B  Room XVII – 09:00

Draft second report of Committee B

   Document (Draft) A59/51, containing six resolutions entitled:
   – Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2004-2005
   – Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General
   – Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management
   – Codex Alimentarius Commission: amendments to Statutes
   – Outcome of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
   – Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, Rule 14: dispatch of documents

and one decision entitled:

– Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

Item 11 (continued)  Technical and health matters

Item 11.13  – WHO's role and responsibilities in health research
   Documents A59/B/Conf.Paper No.2 and A59/B/Conf.Paper No.2 Add.1

Item 11.14  – Emergency preparedness and response
   Documents A59/B/Conf.Paper No.3 and A59/B/Conf.Paper No.3

Item 11.15  – Health promotion in a globalized world
   Documents A59/B/Conf.Paper No.4 and A59/B/Conf.Paper No.4 Add.1

Item 11.16  – Patient safety
   Document A59/22
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**Ninth plenary meeting**

**Assembly Hall – Immediately following completion of Committees A and B**

Item 8 (continued)  
**Reports of the main committees**

**First report of Committee B**

Document (draft) A59/48, containing eight resolutions entitled:

- Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan
- Eleventh General Programme of Work, 2006-2015
- Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution and special arrangements for settlement of arrears
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- Arrears in payment of contributions: Central African Republic
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- Arrears in payment of contributions: Turkmenistan

and one decision entitled:

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**Second report of Committee A**

Document (draft) A59/49, containing one resolution entitled:

- Nutrition and HIV/AIDS

**Third report of Committee A**

Document (draft) A59/50, containing one resolution entitled:

- Implementation by WHO of the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors
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Reports of Committees A and B as reported during today's sessions

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**Tenth plenary meeting**

**Assembly Hall – Immediately following ninth plenary**

**Item 9**

**Closure of the Assembly**

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**Report of meetings**

**Friday, 26 May 2006**

**Eighth plenary meeting**

In the chair: Professor Paulo Ivo Garrido (Mozambique)
President of the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly

The President informed the Health Assembly that, in consultation with the Chairs of Committees A and B, the following subitems under Item 11 *Technical and health matters* were transferred from Committee A to Committee B:

- Item 11.13  *WHO’s role and responsibilities in health research*
- Item 11.14  *Emergency preparedness and response*
- Item 11.15  *Health promotion in a globalized world*
- Item 11.16  *Patient safety*

The delegate of the United States of America suggested that because of the heavy schedule, discussion on document A59/A/Conf.Paper No.4 be postponed. The Legal Counsel gave clarifications and options for consideration by Committee A.
Item 6

**Executive Board: election (document A59/46)**

The Health Assembly accepted the list of 12 Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board as drawn up by the General Committee in accordance with Rule 102 of the Rules of Procedure. The following were therefore declared elected:

- Afghanistan
- China (People's Republic of)
- Denmark
- Djibouti
- El Salvador
- Latvia
- Mali
- Singapore
- Slovenia
- Sri Lanka
- Turkey
- United States of America

The President invited the Members to pay due regard to the provisions of Article 24 of the Constitution when appointing a person to serve on the Executive Board.

Item 8

**Reports of the main committees**

- **First report of Committee A (document A59/47)**

  The President introduced the first report of Committee A. The following two resolutions contained in the report were adopted:
  
  - **Eradication of poliomyelitis**
  
    A correction made to the text was read by the Secretariat. This resolution was adopted, as corrected.
  
  - **Application of the International Health Regulations (2005).**
  
    The first report of Committee A was approved by the Health Assembly.

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**Eighth meeting of Committee A**

Chairman: Dr Kimmo Leppo (Finland) *ad interim*

- **Draft second and third reports of Committee A**

  The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur, Dr Amara Cisse (Guinea), to read out the second draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A59/49 containing one resolution entitled:
  
  - **Nutrition and HIV/AIDS**
  
  and the third draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A59/50 containing one resolution entitled:
  
  - **Implementation by WHO of the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors**

  The resolutions were approved and the draft reports were adopted.

  The programme of work was amended so that subitem 11.4 *Sickle-cell anaemia*, could be taken up for consideration later in the day. This was accepted by the Committee.
Item 11 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Item 11.6 **Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: draft global strategy**

The Chairman opened the item and gave the floor to the representative of the Executive Board who informed the Committee on the January 2006 session of the Board. 22 delegations were invited to comment.

In accordance with Rules 48 and 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to the representative of the United Nations Population Fund and one nongovernmental organization who made statements. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Secretariat responded to the issues raised.

It was proposed that the agenda item remains open pending further consideration and discussion of the amendments during a meeting of interested parties scheduled the same day. This proposal was accepted by the Committee.

Item 11.7 **Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment**

The Chairman gave the floor to the representative of the Executive Board, who made some explanatory remarks. The Committee was invited to consider draft resolution EB117.R4 Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment, contained in document EB117/2006/REC/1.

The debate opened with 22 delegations taking the floor. Consideration of this item will resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

Item 11.5 (continued) **Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks**

The Chairman informed the Committee about a working group meeting to discuss amendments to draft resolution contained in document A59/10 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks.

Item 11.11 (continued) **Intellectual property rights**

The Chairman announced that the working paper on the Intellectual property rights draft resolutions had been made available to Committee members.

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**Ninth meeting of Committee A**

Chairman: Dr Anbumani Ramadoss (India)
Later: Dr Pilar Mazzetti Soler (Peru) ad interim

Item 11 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Item 11.7 (continued) **Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment**

The Chairman opened the meeting with agenda subitem 11.7 and 44 delegations took the floor, eight suggesting amendments to the draft resolution. The secretariat was invited to respond to the issues raised. It was suggested that the subitem remain open for consideration at the eleventh meeting of Committee A, pending processing of the amendments.

Item 11.11 (continued) **Intellectual property rights**

It was announced that a drafting group to discuss the resolutions on Intellectual property rights will take place in room VII from 17.00.
Item 11.6 (continued)  **Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: draft global strategy**

The Secretariat read out the various proposed amendments to draft resolution *Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: draft global strategy*, contained in document A59/11, which was approved, as amended. At the invitation of the Chairman, five delegations requested the floor.

Item 11.4 (continued)  **Sickle-cell anaemia**

The Chairman reopened this subitem with consideration of document A59/A/Conf.Paper No. 5 containing the draft resolution *Sickle-cell anaemia*. The draft resolution was approved as amended by consensus.

Item 11.8  **Infant and young child nutrition: quadrennial report**

The agenda subitem was opened and the Committee members were invited to consider the draft resolution *Infant and young child nutrition: 2006*, contained in document A59/A/Conf.Paper No. 1. At the invitation of the Chairman, 33 delegations took the floor, seven of whom suggested amendments to the draft resolution.

In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to the representatives of four nongovernmental organizations who made statements. The Secretariat responded to the issues raised.

The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretariat who read out the costing and the various amendments proposed in the draft resolution *Infant and young child nutrition 2006*, contained in document A59/A/Conf.Paper No. 1. At the request of the Chairman, one delegation gave further clarifications.

It was proposed that a meeting of interested parties take place to discuss the wording of the draft resolution in parallel to the Tenth meeting of Committee A. This agenda item remains open pending the results of discussions from that meeting.

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**Tenth meeting of Committee A**

Chairman:  Dr Pilar Mazzetti Soler (Peru) ad interim  
Later:  Dr Anbumani Ramadoss (India)

Item 11 (continued)  **Technical and health matters**

Item 11.9  **WHO’s contribution to implementation of the strategy for child and adolescent health and development**

The Chairman invited comments from the floor on document A59/14. Fifteen delegations took the floor, followed by the Secretariat who responded to the issues raised. The report of the Secretariat contained in document A59/14 was noted, closing the agenda subitem.

Item 11.8 (continued)  **Infant and young child nutrition**

At the invitation of the Chairman, one delegation read out the amendments proposed at an informal meeting of interested parties. The draft resolution *Infant and young child nutrition 2006*, contained in document A59/A/Conf.Paper No. 1. was approved as amended.
Item 11.10  
**International trade and health**

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the representative of the Executive Board to inform the Committee of the discussions held at the January 2006 session of the Board. The Chairman then gave the floor to five delegations. At the invitation of the Chairman, a representative of the European Commission addressed the Committee followed by a further 14 delegations.

In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to the representatives of three nongovernmental organizations who made statements.

In response to a point of order, the Chairman proposed that the agenda item remain open and be considered at the eleventh meeting of Committee A once a revised version of the resolution, taking into account the numerous proposed amendments, is available to Committee members.

Discussion of this subitem was suspended.

Item 11.5 (continued)  
**Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks**

It was announced that a working group to discuss the Smallpox draft resolution would convene in room VII at 20:00.

Item 11.12  
**International migration of health personnel: a challenge for health systems in developing countries**

At the invitation of the Chairman, six delegations took the floor. The Secretariat suggested that the proposed amendments be issued in the form of a conference paper for consideration at the eleventh meeting of the Committee. At the request of the Chairman, the Office of the Legal Counsel responded to questions and provided further explanation of procedural matters related to Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure. A further four delegations requested to take the floor. The Chairman announced that, due to time constraints, other delegations who had requested to speak would be given the floor at the beginning of the next session, when discussion of this item would continue.

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**Third meeting of Committee B**

Chairman:  Dr A.J. Mohammad (Oman)  
Later:  Mr Vincent Meriton (Seychelles)

**Draft first report of Committee B**

The draft first report of Committee B, document (Draft) A59/48, containing the eight resolutions entitled:

- Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan
- Eleventh General Programme of Work, 2006-2015
- Members States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution and special arrangements for settlement of arrears
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was read out by the Rapporteur. Two delegations which were absent during the vote of the draft resolution Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan took the floor. The Committee decided to adopt the draft first report of Committee B contained in document draft A59/48 and agreed that it would be submitted to the next Plenary meeting.

Item 15 (continued)  
**Programme budget and financial matters**

Item 15.4 (continued)  
**Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2004-2005**

Item 16.1 (continued)  
**Report of the External Auditor and comments thereon made on Behalf of the Executive Board**

Five delegations took the floor. The Regional Director of the African Region and two representatives of the Secretariat were invited to respond to issues and comments raised. The draft resolution contained in document A59/29 Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2004-2005 was approved.

Item 16.2  
**Report of the Internal Auditor and comments thereon made on behalf of the Executive Board**

The Chairman gave the floor to seven delegations. The Internal Auditor, the Acting Director-General and one representative of the Secretariat responded to points raised. The report contained in document A59/32 Report of the Internal Auditor was noted.

Item 18  
**Staffing matters**

Item 18.1  
**Human resources: annual report**

The Chairman gave the floor to the Representative of the Executive Board who introduced this item and informed the Committee of the Board’s discussions at its 117th session (January 2006). Six delegations took the floor. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Secretariat responded to questions raised and the report of the Secretariat, contained in document A59/35 Human resources: annual report was noted.

Item 18.2  
**Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules**

One delegation took the floor to ask for a clarification to which the Secretariat replied. The resolution EB117.R11 contained in document EB117/2006/REC/1, Corr.1 Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General was approved.

Item 18.3  
**Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee**

The Committee agreed to the nominations of Dr A.J. Mohammad (Oman) and Mr D.A. Gunnarsson (Iceland) to the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2009.

Item 19  
**Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations, including United Nations reform process**

The Chairman gave the floor to eight delegations. The Acting Director-General and one representative of the Secretariat reported on progress. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) took the floor. The report contained in document A59/37 was noted.
• Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

Two delegations took the floor. The Secretariat answered to questions raised. In accordance with Rules 48 and 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, representatives from the United Nations Environment Programme and from a nongovernmental organization, World Federation of Public Health Associations, made statements. The draft resolution contained in document A59/41 Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management was considered and approved, as amended.

Item 20

Codex Alimentarius Commission: amendments to Statutes

Two delegations took the floor. The draft resolution contained in document A59/38 Codex Alimentarius Commission: amendments to Statutes was approved.

Fourth meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Ali Jaffer Mohammad (Oman)
Later: Mr Vincent Meriton (Seychelles)

Item 21

Outcome of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Ambassador Juan Martabit, President of the first session of the Conference of the Parties, held in February 2006, was invited to introduce the item. Seven delegations took the floor. In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the representative of Corporate Accountability International made a statement. Ambassador Martabit replied to comments raised.

The Secretary read out the amendments to the draft resolution contained in document A59/40: Outcome of the First session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The resolution was approved, as amended.

Item 22

Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly. Rule 14: dispatch of documents

The Chairman invited the delegate of the United States of America to introduce the item and then gave the floor to eight delegations. The Legal Counsel was asked to explain a point of wording. The draft resolution contained in document A59/27 Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly. Rule 14: dispatch of documents was then approved, as amended.

Item 11

Technical and health matters

Item 11.13

WHO's role and responsibilities in health research

The agenda subitem was opened and the Committee was asked to consider the draft resolution EB117.R6 WHO’s role and responsibilities in health research, contained in document EB117/2006/REC/1.

Nineteen delegations took the floor, with twelve delegations requesting amendments. The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretariat who responded to the questions raised.

The agenda subitem was kept open for consideration at the next meeting of the proposed amendments.
Item 11.14  Emergency preparedness and response
The Chairman opened this subitem in consideration of the draft resolution contained in document A59/20 *Emergency preparedness and response* and gave the floor to the representative of the Executive Board who introduced the item.

Sixteen delegations took the floor, four of whom suggested amendments to the draft resolution.

In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, a representative of the International Council of Nurses made a statement.

The Chairman invited the Secretariat to respond to the questions raised. The agenda subitem remained open for consideration at the next meeting of the draft resolution with the proposed amendments.

Item 11.15  Health promotion in a globalized world
The agenda subitem was opened and the Committee was asked to consider the draft resolution EB117.R9 *Health promotion in a globalized world* contained in document EB117/2006/REC/1

The Chairman gave the floor to the Representative of the Executive Board who introduced the item. Twenty-three delegations took the floor.

In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman invited the representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies to make a statement. The Secretariat was invited to respond to questions raised.

The agenda subitem remained open until the next meeting for consideration of the proposed amendments to the draft resolution. The session was adjourned.
Meetings

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This meeting has been cancelled.

Announcements

Book of condolences

A book of condolences has been placed outside the back of the Assembly Hall for delegates who wish to express their sentiments. The book will remain there for the duration of the Health Assembly.

Lounge and business centre

A special lounge is available for Ministers of Health in Hall XIV at the back of the Assembly Hall.

A business centre for delegates to the Health Assembly is available in Room A.821 for their word processing and photocopying needs.

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The WHO Bookshop at WHO headquarters is open to delegates between 9:00 and 16:30.

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We also would like to remind you that security screening checks during the World Health Assembly (WHA), have increased for both vehicles and pedestrians seeking access to the Palais des Nations and to the conference room areas. As a result, we would advise that you please come prepared with required proof of identity and proper accreditation to facilitate your entry into the WHA area.