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## Sixty-first World Health Assembly

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### Programme of meetings for Saturday, 24 May 2008

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00		Eleventh meeting	Sixth meeting
Immediately after conclusion of the work of Committees A and B	Eighth plenary meeting		
Immediately after the 8 <sup>th</sup> plenary	Ninth plenary meeting		

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#### Executive Board

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#### Personal mail

Delegates are kindly requested to collect their personal mail, messages, invitations at the enquiry desk.

## Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Saturday, 24 May 2008

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### Eleventh meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

- **Third report of Committee A (Draft)**  
Document (Draft) A61/46, containing the following four resolutions entitled:
- *Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy*
  - *Global immunization strategy*
  - *Female genital mutilation*
  - *Health of migrants*
- Item 11 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 11.11 (continued) Climate change and health  
Documents EB122/2008/REC/1, resolution EB122.R4, A61/14 and A61/A/Conf.Paper No.9
- Item 11.6 (continued) Public health, innovation and intellectual property: draft global strategy and plan of action  
Documents A61/9 and A61/A/Conf.Paper No.11
- **Finalization of resolutions and reports**

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### Sixth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

- **Third report of Committee B (Draft)**  
Document (Draft) A61/47, containing one resolution entitled:
- *Monitoring achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals*
- and one decision entitled:
- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*
- Item 11 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 11.14 (continued) Progress reports on technical and health matters  
Documents A61/17 and A61/17 Add.1
- F. Infant and young child nutrition: biennial progress report (resolution WHA58.32)  
Document A61/A/Conf.Paper No.4 Rev.1
- **Finalization of resolutions and reports**

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### Eighth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – Immediately after conclusion of the work of Committees A and B

- Item 8 (continued) **Reports of the main committees**
- Second report of Committee A  
Document A61/44, containing one resolution entitled:
- *Strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol*

- Second report of Committee B
  - Document A61/45, containing nine resolutions entitled:
    - *Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2006–31 December 2007*
    - *Miscellaneous income 2006–2007 and financing gap to strategic objectives 12 and 13*
    - *Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution*
    - *Special arrangements for settlement of arrears*
    - *Report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly*
    - *Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules*
    - *Method of work of the Health Assembly*
    - *Multilingualism: implementation of action plan*
    - *International Agency for Research on Cancer: amendments to Statute*
  
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- **Reports of Committees A and B as reported during today's sessions.**

**Ninth plenary meeting**

**Assembly Hall – Immediately after the 8<sup>th</sup> plenary**

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**Closure of the Assembly**

## Report of meetings

### Seventh plenary meeting

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In the chair: Dr Leslie Ramsammy (Guyana)  
President of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly

The President informed the Health Assembly that formal credentials have been received from Grenada. As it has not been feasible to convene the Committee on Credentials to examine the formal credentials, the President has examined these credentials and found them to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly. The president recommended that Grenada be accepted as having formal credentials. The Health Assembly approved the President's recommendation.

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#### **Executive Board: election (document A61/40)**

The Health Assembly accepted the list of 10 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:

Bangladesh	Niger
Brazil	Oman
Hungary	Russian Federation
Mauritania	Samoa
Mauritius	Uganda

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 A61/42)**

The first report of Committee A was introduced and the following two resolutions contained in the report were adopted:

- *Poliomyelitis: mechanisms for management of potential risks to eradication*
- *Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005).*

##### **– First report of Committee B (document A61/43)**

The following resolution was adopted and the first report of Committee B was approved:

- *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan.*

The delegate of the United States of America made a request to be included in the official records.

### **Ninth and tenth meetings of Committee A**

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Chairman: Dr Francesco Cicogna (Italy)

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#### **Draft second report of Committee A**

The second draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A61/44, containing the following resolution, was read out by the Rapporteur (Dr David Parirenyatwa [Zimbabwe]) and adopted:

- *Strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.*

- Item 11 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 11.5 (continued) Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy
- The Chairman reopened this subitem for discussion and the facilitator of the informal group reported on the outcome of the group meeting. The Chairman then gave the floor to the Secretariat who read out the proposed amendments to the draft resolution which was approved by consensus.
- Item 11.7 (continued) Global immunization strategy
- The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretariat who read out the proposed amendments to resolution A61/A/Conf.Paper No.7 Rev.1. Eleven delegations took the floor and several delegations commented on the need for an informal drafting group.
- Discussion of this subitem was suspended pending deliberations of the informal working group.
- Item 11.9 (continued) Health of migrants
- A member of the informal working group reported on the discussions on the draft resolution contained in document A61/A/Conf.Paper No.8. The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretariat who read out the proposed amendments to the draft resolution. Two delegations then requested the floor. The draft resolution was approved by consensus.
- Item 11.7 (resumed) Global immunization strategy
- The floor was given to one delegation who read out the proposed amendments to the draft resolution contained in document A61/A/Conf.Paper No.7 Rev.1 which was approved by consensus.
- Item 11.13 Counterfeit medical products
- The Chairman gave the floor to 32 delegations, eight 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 representatives of two nongovernmental organizations who made statements.
- With the approval of the Committee, the Chairman deferred the draft resolution to the Executive Board for future consideration.
- Item 11.8 (continued) Female genital mutilation
- At the invitation of the Chairman one delegation took the floor and read out the proposed amendments to resolution EB112.R13. The resolution was approved as amended by consensus.
- Item 11.11(continued) Climate change and health
- The Chairman proposed that the agenda item remain open. The resolution will be considered at the next meeting once a revised version of the resolution, taking into account the numerous proposed amendments, is available to Committee members.

## Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee B

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Chairman: Dr Anastácio Ruben Sicato (Angola)

Later: Dr Roro Daniel (Cook Islands)

### **Draft second report of Committee B**

The second draft report, document (Draft) A61/45, containing the following nine resolutions was read out by the Rapporteur (Dr Wimal Jayantha [Sri Lanka]):

- *Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2006–31 December 2007*
- *Miscellaneous income 2006–2007 and financing gap to strategic objectives 12 and 13*
- *Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution*
- *Special arrangements for settlement of arrears*
- *Report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly*
- *Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules*
- *Method of work of the Health Assembly*
- *Multilingualism: implementation of action plan*
- *International Agency for Research on Cancer: amendments to Statute*

The Secretariat added a technical correction in the approved resolution entitled: *Method of work of the Health Assembly*.

The Committee adopted the second draft report of Committee B as amended and approved the resolutions.

Item 16 (continued)

### **Staffing matters**

Item 16.3

Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Committee agreed to the nominations of Dr Ebenezer Appiah-Denkyira (Ghana) as a member and Dr Palanitina Tupuimatagi (Samoa) as an alternate member to the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2011.

Item 11 (continued)

### **Technical and health matters** (items transferred from Committee A)

Item 11.12 (continued)

Monitoring achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

The Chairman opened the floor and 11 delegates took the floor. The representatives of the United Nations Population Fund and one nongovernmental organization took the floor. The secretariat responded to the questions raised.

The Chairman informed the Committee that document A61/A/Conf.Paper No.10 contained proposed amendments to A61/A/Conf.Paper No. 2 Rev.1. The delegate of Slovenia took the floor followed by six other delegations. The Chairman suspended the discussion on this subitem to allow consultation on the draft resolution.

Item 11.14

Progress reports on technical and health matters

#### A. Control of human African trypanosomiasis (resolution WHA57.2)

The Chairman opened the floor for discussion. Three delegations took the floor and the Secretariat responded to the questions raised.

#### B. Strengthening nursing and midwifery (resolution WHA59.27)

Twenty-one delegations took the floor after which the discussion was suspended. The Chairman announced that the informal working group had finished their deliberations.

Item 11.12 (resumed) Monitoring achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals  
The delegate of Slovenia was invited to take the floor. He announced that a consensus had been reached during the informal consultation. The Secretariat read out the agreed text. The draft resolution was approved.

Item 11.14 (resumed) Progress reports on technical and health matters

B. Strengthening nursing and midwifery (resolution WHA59.27)

The Chairman reopened this subitem and gave the floor to two delegates, followed by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and one nongovernmental organization.

The Secretariat was invited to respond to questions raised. The Committee noted the report.

C. International trade and health (resolution WHA59.26)

The Chairman gave the floor to four delegates. The Secretariat was invited to respond to questions raised. The Committee noted the report.

D. Health promotion in a globalized world (resolution WHA60.24)

The Chairman gave the floor to eight delegates, then to the representatives of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and one nongovernmental organization.

The Secretariat was invited to respond to questions raised. The Committee noted the report.

E. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12)

Eight delegates took the floor and the Secretariat was invited to respond to questions raised. The Committee noted the report.

F. Infant and young child nutrition: biennial progress report (resolution WHA58.32)

The Chairman opened the debate and fifteen delegations took the floor, followed by five nongovernmental organizations. Six delegations suggested amendments. The Committee considered of the draft resolution contained in document A61/A/Conf. Paper No.4.

The Secretariat read out all the proposed amendments and consensus was reached. A new conference paper would be issued for the Committee's approval.

## Notice to Executive Board Members

The 123<sup>rd</sup> session of the Executive Board will open on Monday 26 May 2008 at 9:30 in the Palais des Nations in Salle XVII. Please note the following administrative arrangements:

### Credentials

Delegates are kindly requested to send their credentials to the Office of the Governing Bodies (Fax No. 022-791-4173).

### Documents

Documents for Executive Board Members are available in special pigeon holes, located next to the documents desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais des Nations until Saturday 24 May at Noon.

### Registration

Badges for Members of the Board, their alternates and advisers, and representatives of Member States and organizations invited to attend, will be issued at the enquiry desk at the Palais on Friday, 23 May, from 14:00 to 17:00, on Saturday, 24 May, from 09:00 to 12:00 and on Monday, 26 May as from 07:00 in WHO/HQ.

### Per diem

Payment of per diem will be made on Monday morning, 26 May, as from 08:00 outside the meeting room.

### Briefing for new Executive Members

There will be a briefing for new Executive Board Members during the lunch break on Monday 26 May Salle XVII.

## Meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place during the Health Assembly:

### Saturday, 24 May 2008

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08:00–09:00 Room XI	Regional consultation of the Americas Group <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish</i>
09:00–09:30 Room A.206	Coordination meeting of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG)
13:15–14:30 Room A.206	Coordination meeting of the European Union

## Corrigendum

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#### Page 6: Item 3 - General discussion

The delegate of Honduras spoke on behalf of the Member States of the Central American Region, Panama and the Dominican Republic.