

## First report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its first and second meetings on 20 May 2009 under the chairmanship of Mr Stephen McKernan (New Zealand).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-second World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached seven resolutions and one decision relating to the following agenda items:

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

One resolution

17. Financial matters

- 17.1 Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2008

One resolution

- 17.3 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

One resolution

- 17.5 Scale of assessments 2010–2011

One resolution

- 17.7 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

One resolution

18. Staffing matters

18.3 Amendments to Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

Two resolutions entitled:

- Amendments to Staff Regulations
- Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

18.5 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

One decision

## Agenda item 14

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

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly,

Mindful of the basic principle established in the Constitution of WHO, which affirms that the health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security;

Recalling all its previous resolutions on health conditions in the occupied Arab territories;

Recalling resolution EB124.R4, adopted by the Executive Board at its 124th session, on the grave health situation caused by Israeli military operations in the occupied Palestinian territory, particularly in the occupied Gaza Strip;

Taking note of the report of the Director-General on the health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan;<sup>1</sup>

Noting with deep concern the findings in the report of the Director-General on the specialized health mission to the Gaza Strip;<sup>2</sup>

Stressing the essential role of UNRWA in providing crucial health and education services in the occupied Palestinian territory particularly in addressing the emergency needs in the Gaza Strip;

Expressing its concern at the deterioration of economic and health conditions as well as the humanitarian crisis resulting from the continued occupation and the severe restrictions imposed by Israel, the occupying power;

Expressing its deep concern also at the health crisis and rising levels of food insecurity in the occupied Palestinian territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip;

Affirming the need for guaranteeing universal coverage of health services and for preserving the functions of the public health services in the occupied Palestinian territory;

Recognizing that the acute shortage of financial and medical resources in the Palestinian Ministry of Health, which is responsible for running and financing public health services, jeopardizes the access of the Palestinian population to curative and preventive services;

Affirming the right of Palestinian patients and medical staff to have access to the Palestinian health institutions in occupied east Jerusalem;

Deploring the incidents involving lack of respect and protection for Palestinian ambulances and medical personnel by the Israeli army, which led to casualties among Palestinian medical personnel, as

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<sup>1</sup> Document A62/24.

<sup>2</sup> Document A62/24 Add.1.

well as the restrictions on movement imposed on them by Israel, the occupying power, in violation of international humanitarian law;

Expressing deep concern at the grave implication of the wall on the accessibility and quality of medical services received by the Palestinian population in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem;

Expressing deep concern also at the serious implications for pregnant women and patients of Israeli restriction of movement imposed on Palestinian ambulances and medical personnel,

1. DEMANDS that Israel, the occupying power:

(1) lift immediately the closure in the occupied Palestinian territory, particularly the closure of the crossing points of the occupied Gaza Strip that are causing the serious shortage of medicines and medical supplies therein, and comply in this regard with the provisions of the Israeli Palestinian Agreement on Movement and Access of November 2005;

(2) reverse its policies and measures that have led to the prevailing dire health conditions and severe food and fuel shortages in the Gaza Strip;

(3) comply with the Advisory Opinion rendered on 9 July 2004 by the International Court of Justice on the wall which, inter alia, has grave implications on the accessibility and quality of medical services received by the Palestinian population in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem;

(4) facilitate the access of Palestinian patients and medical staff to the Palestinian health institutions in occupied east Jerusalem and abroad;

(5) ensure unhindered and safe passage for Palestinian ambulances as well as respect and protection of medical personnel, in compliance with international humanitarian law;

(6) improve the living and medical conditions of Palestinian detainees, particularly children, women and patients;

(7) facilitate the transit and entry of medicine and medical equipment to the occupied Palestinian territory;

(8) shoulder its responsibility towards the humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people and their daily access to humanitarian aid, including food and medicine, in compliance with international humanitarian law;

(9) halt immediately all its practices, policies and plans, including its policy of closure, that seriously affect the health conditions of civilians under occupation;

(10) respect and facilitate the mandate and work of UNRWA and other international organizations, and ensure the free movement of their staff and aid provisions;

2. URGES Member States and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations:
  - (1) to help overcome the health crisis in the occupied Palestinian territory by providing assistance to the Palestinian people;
  - (2) to help meet the urgent health and humanitarian needs, as well as the important health-related needs for the medium and long term, identified in the report of the Director-General on the specialized health mission to the Gaza Strip;<sup>1</sup>
  - (3) to help lift the restrictions and obstacles imposed on the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;
  - (4) to remind Israel, the occupying power, to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 1949;
  - (5) to support and assist the Palestinian Ministry of Health in carrying out its duties, including running and financing public health services;
  - (6) to provide financial and technical support to the Palestinian public health and veterinary services;
3. EXPRESSES its deep appreciation to the Director-General for the efforts to provide necessary assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and to the Syrian population in the occupied Syrian Golan;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General:
  - (1) to provide support to the Palestinian health and veterinary services including capacity building;
  - (2) to submit a fact-finding report on the health and economic situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan;
  - (3) to support the establishment of medical facilities and provide health-related technical assistance for the Syrian population in the occupied Syrian Golan;
  - (4) to continue providing necessary technical assistance in order to meet the health needs of the Palestinian people, including the handicapped and injured;
  - (5) to provide also support to the Palestinian health and veterinary services in preparing for a potential pandemic of influenza A (H1N1);
  - (6) to support the development of the health system in Palestine, including development of human resources;
  - (7) to make available the detailed report prepared by the specialized health mission to the Gaza Strip;
  - (8) to report on implementation of this resolution to the Sixty-third World Health Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A62/24 Add.1.

**Agenda item 17.1**

**Unaudited interim financial report on the  
accounts of WHO for 2008**

The Sixty-Second World Health Assembly,

Having examined the unaudited interim financial report for 2008;<sup>1</sup>

Having noted the third report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-second World Health Assembly;<sup>2</sup>

ACCEPTS the Director-General's unaudited interim financial report for the year 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> See documents A62/28 and A62/28 Corr.1.

<sup>2</sup> See document A62/44.

### Agenda item 17.3

#### **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**

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly,

Having considered the fifth report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-second World Health Assembly on 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;<sup>1</sup>

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Argentina, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Solomon Islands, Somalia and Tajikistan were suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Member States concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Marshall Islands, Palau and Zambia were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly to such an extent that it was necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether or not the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended at the opening of the Sixty-third World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

- (1) that in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-third World Health Assembly, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Marshall Islands, Palau and Zambia are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;
- (2) that any suspension that takes effect as aforesaid shall continue at subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Marshall Islands, Palau and Zambia have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;
- (3) that this decision shall be without prejudice to the right of any Member to request restoration of its voting privileges in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

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<sup>1</sup> See document A62/47.

## Agenda item 17.5

### Scale of assessments 2010–2011

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly,

Considering that the latest United Nations scale continues to be the same as that for the financial period 2008–2009;

ADOPTS the scale of assessments for Members for the biennium 2010–2011 as set out below:

<b>Members and Associate Members</b>	<b>WHO scale for 2010–2011 %</b>
Afghanistan	0.0010
Albania	0.0060
Algeria	0.0850
Andorra	0.0080
Angola	0.0030
Antigua and Barbuda	0.0020
Argentina	0.3250
Armenia	0.0020
Australia	1.7871
Austria	0.8871
Azerbaijan	0.0050
Bahamas	0.0160
Bahrain	0.0330
Bangladesh	0.0100
Barbados	0.0090
Belarus	0.0200
Belgium	1.1021
Belize	0.0010
Benin	0.0010
Bhutan	0.0010
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.0060
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.0060
Botswana	0.0140
Brazil	0.8761
Brunei Darussalam	0.0260
Bulgaria	0.0200
Burkina Faso	0.0020
Burundi	0.0010
Cambodia	0.0010
Cameroon	0.0090
Canada	2.9772
Cape Verde	0.0010
Central African Republic	0.0010
Chad	0.0010
Chile	0.1610



<b>Members and Associate Members</b>	<b>WHO scale for 2010–2011 %</b>
China	2.6672
Colombia	0.1050
Comoros	0.0010
Congo	0.0010
Cook Islands	0.0010
Costa Rica	0.0320
Côte d’Ivoire	0.0090
Croatia	0.0500
Cuba	0.0540
Cyprus	0.0440
Czech Republic	0.2810
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea	0.0070
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.0030
Denmark	0.7391
Djibouti	0.0010
Dominica	0.0010
Dominican Republic	0.0240
Ecuador	0.0210
Egypt	0.0880
El Salvador	0.0200
Equatorial Guinea	0.0020
Eritrea	0.0010
Estonia	0.0160
Ethiopia	0.0030
Fiji	0.0030
Finland	0.5640
France	6.3015
Gabon	0.0080
Gambia	0.0010
Georgia	0.0030
Germany	8.5777
Ghana	0.0040
Greece	0.5960
Grenada	0.0010
Guatemala	0.0320
Guinea	0.0010
Guinea-Bissau	0.0010
Guyana	0.0010
Haiti	0.0020
Honduras	0.0050
Hungary	0.2440
Iceland	0.0370
India	0.4500
Indonesia	0.1610
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.1800
Iraq	0.0150

<b>Members and Associate Members</b>	<b>WHO scale for 2010–2011 %</b>
Ireland	0.4450
Israel	0.4190
Italy	5.0794
Jamaica	0.0100
Japan	16.6253
Jordan	0.0120
Kazakhstan	0.0290
Kenya	0.0100
Kiribati	0.0010
Kuwait	0.1820
Kyrgyzstan	0.0010
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.0010
Latvia	0.0180
Lebanon	0.0340
Lesotho	0.0010
Liberia	0.0010
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.0620
Lithuania	0.0310
Luxembourg	0.0850
Madagascar	0.0020
Malawi	0.0010
Malaysia	0.1900
Maldives	0.0010
Mali	0.0010
Malta	0.0170
Marshall Islands	0.0010
Mauritania	0.0010
Mauritius	0.0110
Mexico	2.2572
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.0010
Monaco	0.0030
Mongolia	0.0010
Montenegro	0.0010
Morocco	0.0420
Mozambique	0.0010
Myanmar	0.0050
Namibia	0.0060
Nauru	0.0010
Nepal	0.0030
Netherlands	1.8731
New Zealand	0.2560
Nicaragua	0.0020
Niger	0.0010
Nigeria	0.0480
Niue	0.0010
Norway	0.7821
Oman	0.0730

<b>Members and Associate Members</b>	<b>WHO scale for 2010–2011 %</b>
Pakistan	0.0590
Palau	0.0010
Panama	0.0230
Papua New Guinea	0.0020
Paraguay	0.0050
Peru	0.0780
Philippines	0.0780
Poland	0.5010
Portugal	0.5270
Puerto Rico	0.0010
Qatar	0.0850
Republic of Korea	2.1732
Republic of Moldova	0.0010
Romania	0.0700
Russian Federation	1.2001
Rwanda	0.0010
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.0010
Saint Lucia	0.0010
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.0010
Samoa	0.0010
San Marino	0.0030
Sao Tome and Principe	0.0010
Saudi Arabia	0.7481
Senegal	0.0040
Serbia	0.0210
Seychelles	0.0020
Sierra Leone	0.0010
Singapore	0.3470
Slovakia	0.0630
Slovenia	0.0960
Solomon Islands	0.0010
Somalia	0.0010
South Africa	0.2900
Spain	2.9682
Sri Lanka	0.0160
Sudan	0.0100
Suriname	0.0010
Swaziland	0.0020
Sweden	1.0711
Switzerland	1.2161
Syrian Arab Republic	0.0160
Tajikistan	0.0010
Thailand	0.1860
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.0050
Timor-Leste	0.0010
Togo	0.0010

<b>Members and Associate Members</b>	<b>WHO scale for 2010–2011 %</b>
Tokelau	0.0010
Tonga	0.0010
Trinidad and Tobago	0.0270
Tunisia	0.0310
Turkey	0.3810
Turkmenistan	0.0060
Tuvalu	0.0010
Uganda	0.0030
Ukraine	0.0450
United Arab Emirates	0.3020
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	6.6425
United Republic of Tanzania	0.0060
United States of America	22.0000
Uruguay	0.0270
Uzbekistan	0.0080
Vanuatu	0.0010
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.2000
Viet Nam	0.0240
Yemen	0.0070
Zambia	0.0010
Zimbabwe	0.0080
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0000</b>

**Agenda item 17.7**

**Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules**

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules,

Recalling resolution WHA60.9 on amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules: introduction of International Public Sector Accounting Standards,

1. ADOPTS the changes to the Financial Regulations as shown in Annex 1, of the report on amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules,<sup>1</sup> to be effective as from 1 January 2010;
2. NOTES that the changes to the Financial Rules as confirmed by the Executive Board at its 124th session shall be effective at the same time as the amendments to the Financial Regulations adopted in paragraph 1;
3. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to number the revised Financial Regulations and Financial Rules appropriately.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB124/2009/REC/1, Annex 2, Appendix 1.

### **Agenda item 18.3**

#### **Amendments to Staff Regulations**

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to the reassignment of staff, including those not involving promotion:<sup>1</sup>

ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 4.2;

ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 4.3;

DECIDES that both amendments shall take effect on 1 June 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB124/2009/REC/1, Annex 6, Appendix 2.

### **Agenda item 18.3**

#### **Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General**

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to remuneration of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General,

1. ESTABLISHES the salaries of Assistant Directors-General and Regional Directors at US\$ 177 032 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 128 071 (dependency rate) or US\$ 115 973 (single rate);
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Deputy Director-General at US\$ 194 820 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 139 633 (dependency rate) or US\$ 125 663 (single rate);
3. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 239 632 gross per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 168 761 (dependency rate) or US\$ 150 079 (single rate);
4. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect on 1 January 2009.

**Agenda item 18.5**

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

The Health Assembly nominated Dr A.J. Mohammad of the delegation of Oman as a member, and Dr H. Siem of the delegation of Norway as an alternate member, of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2012.

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