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Programme of meetings for Thursday, 21 May 2009

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00	Sixth plenary meeting		
Immediately after plenary adjourns		Eighth meeting	
Immediately after conclusion of Item 11 in Committee A			Third meeting
14:30		Ninth meeting	Fourth meeting
17:00	Seventh plenary meeting		

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125th session of the Executive Board, Saturday 23 May 2009

Following the decision to shorten the duration of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly, and for practical purposes, the 125th session of the Executive Board will be held at the Palais des Nations in Salle XVIII. The Executive Board will open on Saturday 23 May 2009 at 9:30. Please note the following administrative arrangements:

- Credentials: Delegates are reminded to send their credentials to the Office of the Governing Bodies (Fax No. 022 791 4173), as soon as possible.
- Documents: Specific pigeon holes for Executive Board Members' documentation are located next to the documents desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais des Nations.
- 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 registration desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais, on Friday, 22 May, from 10:00 to 17:00.

Registration on Saturday, 23 May, will take place at WHO/HQ, from 07:30 till the end of the session.

I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Thursday, 21 May 2009

Sixth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 09:00

Item 8 **Reports of the main committees**

– **Draft first report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A62/48, containing one resolution entitled:

– *Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment*

Eighth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – Immediately after Plenary adjourns

Item 11 (continued) **Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010–2011**

To consider appropriation resolution for financial period 2010–2011

Documents MTSP/2008–2013 (Amended (draft)), PPB/2010–2011, A62/4, A62/4 Add.1, A62/4 Add.2 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.1

Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Item 12.1 (continued) – Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

Documents A62/5 and A62/5 Add.1 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.2

If time permits

Item 12.4 (continued) – Primary health care, including health system strengthening

Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolutions EB124.R8, EB124.R9 and Annex 7; A62/8, A62/A/Conf.Paper No.5 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.6

Third meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of

Item 11 in Committee A

– **Draft first report of Committee B**

Document (Draft) A62/50, containing seven resolutions entitled:

- *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*
 - *Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2008*
 - *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*
 - *Scale of assessments 2010–2011*
 - *Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules*
 - *Amendments to Staff Regulations*
 - *Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General*
- and one decision entitled:
- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*

- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters: subitems transferred from Committee A**
- Item 12.8 – Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action
 Documents A62/16, A62/16 Add.1, A62/16 Add.2 and A62/16 Add.3 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.4
- Item 12.9 – Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis
 Documents A62/20 and A62/20 Add.1 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.3

Ninth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 14:30

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- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.4 (continued) – Primary health care, including health system strengthening
 Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolutions EB124.R8, EB124.R9 and Annex 7; A62/8, A62/A/Conf.Paper No.5 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.6
- Item 12.5 (continued) – Commission on Social Determinants of Health
 Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolution EB124.R6, Annex 7; and A62/9, A62/A/Conf.Paper No.7.

Fourth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 14:30

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- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters: subitem transferred from Committee A**
- Item 12.10 – Progress reports on technical and health matters
 Document A62/23
- A. Poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication (resolution WHA61.1)
- B. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)
- C. Malaria, including proposal for establishment of World Malaria Day (resolution WHA60.18)
- D. Implementation by WHO of the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors (resolution WHA59.12)
- E. Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections (resolution WHA59.19)
- F. Strengthening of health information systems (resolution WHA60.27)
- G. Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31)
- H. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)
- I. Rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)
- J. Better medicines for children (resolution WHA60.20)
- K. Health technologies (resolution WHA60.29)
- L. Multilingualism (resolution WHA61.12)

Item 7	Awards Document A62/41
Item 6	Executive Board: election Document A62/49
Item 8	Reports of the main committees
–	Draft first report of Committee B Document (Draft) A62/50, containing seven resolutions entitled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan</i> – <i>Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2008</i> – <i>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</i> – <i>Scale of assessments 2010–2011</i> – <i>Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules</i> – <i>Amendments to Staff Regulations</i> – <i>Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General</i> and one decision entitled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee</i>

Friday, 22 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B
09:00		Tenth meeting	Fifth meeting
14:30		Eleventh meeting	Sixth meeting
Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B	Eighth plenary meeting		

Tenth meeting of Committee A **09:00**

- For conclusion of any items remaining open
- Finalization of resolutions and reports

Fifth meeting of Committee B **09:00**

- Finalization of resolutions and reports

Eleventh meeting of Committee A **14:30**

- Finalization of resolutions and reports

Sixth meeting of Committee B **14:30**

- Finalization of resolutions and reports

Eighth plenary meeting **Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B**

Item 8 **Reports of the main committees**

Item 9 **Closure of the Assembly**

II. Report of meetings

Fifth plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Nimal Siripala De Silva (Sri Lanka)
President of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly

Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

The President reopened discussion on item 3 and invited to the rostrum the delegates of Djibouti, Belgium, Iraq, Colombia, Yemen, Eritrea, Sao Tome and Principe and Timor-Leste.

Fifth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico)

– **Draft first report of Committee A**

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Rapporteur (Ms Sevim Aydin [Turkey]) to read out the first draft report of Committee A, document (Draft) A62/48, containing one resolution entitled:

– *Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment*

One delegation took the floor. The Legal Counsel responded to questions and gave further clarifications.

The resolution was approved and the draft first report of Committee A was adopted.

Item 11 **Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010-2011**

The Chairman opened discussion on this item and invited the Committee to consider the draft resolution contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.1. The Executive Board representative introduced this item and 24 delegations took the floor. The Secretariat responded to the questions and issues raised.

The Chairman suggested that the debate be suspended and resumed the following day.

Item 12.5 – Commission on Social Determinants of Health

The Chairman opened the agenda subitem with consideration of the resolution EB124.R6 as contained in the document EB124/2009/REC/1.

The Executive Board representative introduced this subitem and ten delegations took the floor. One delegation suggested amendments to the draft resolution. The meeting was adjourned.

First meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Stephen McKernan (New Zealand)

Item 13 **Opening of the Committee**

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Untung Suseno Sutarjo (Indonesia) and Mr Viktors Jaksons (Latvia) as Vice-Chairmen, and Dr Grace Allen Young (Jamaica) as Rapporteur.

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

The Chairman opened this item and invited the delegate of Egypt to introduce the draft resolution contained in document A/62/B/Conf.Paper No.1: *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*.

Nineteen delegations took the floor followed by the observer from Palestine. A representative of UNRWA was invited to speak.

In accordance with Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure, a roll-call vote was taken. The vote resulted in 92 votes in favour, 6 votes against and 5 abstentions. The draft resolution was approved.

Six delegations explained their vote under Rule 75 of the Rules of Procedure.

Votes in favour: Afghanistan; Algeria; Andorra; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Belgium; Bhutan; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; China; Congo; Costa Rica; Croatia; Cuba; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Egypt; Estonia; Ethiopia; Finland; France; Gabon; Germany; Greece; Guatemala; Honduras; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Ireland; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kuwait; Latvia; Lebanon; Liberia; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malaysia; Maldives; Malta; Mexico; Monaco; Morocco; Namibia; Netherlands; Nicaragua; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Romania; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; Togo; Tunisia; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); Yemen;

Votes against: Australia; Canada; Israel; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; United States of America;

Abstentions: Bahamas; Cook Islands; El Salvador; Samoa; Singapore;

Absent: Albania; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Armenia; Barbados; Belarus; Belize; Benin; Bolivia (Plurinational State of); Botswana; Burundi; Cambodia; Cameroon; Cape Verde; Chad; Chile; Colombia; Côte d'Ivoire; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Fiji; Georgia; Ghana; Grenada; Guinea; Guyana; Haiti; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kiribati; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lesotho; Madagascar; Malawi; Mali; Marshall Islands; Mauritania; Mauritius; Micronesia (Federated States of); Mongolia; Montenegro; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nauru; Nepal; Niger; Nigeria; Poland; Republic of Moldova; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; San Marino; Sao Tome and Principe; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Spain; Suriname; Swaziland; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; United Republic of Tanzania; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Viet Nam; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

Sixth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico)

Item 12

Technical and health matters

Item 12.5 (continued)

- Commission on Social Determinants of Health

The Chairman resumed this agenda subitem and invited 27 delegations to continue the debate.

In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to the representative of the International Organization for Migration.

In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman invited representatives of two nongovernmental organizations to speak.

The Secretariat responded to questions raised and provided further explanations.

Several amendments were proposed to the draft resolution EB124.R6. These amendments will be issued in the form of a conference paper for consideration at a later meeting of Committee A.

Item 12.6

- Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

The Chairman gave the floor to the Executive Board representative who provided explanatory remarks and invited the Committee to note the report contained in document A62/10.

The subitem was opened for discussion and 26 delegations took the floor. The Chairman announced that consideration of this subitem will resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

Second meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Stephen McKernan (New Zealand)

Item 15

Programme and budget matters

Item 15.1

- Programme budget 2006-2007: performance assessment

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited comments from the floor. Two delegations took the floor during the debate. The Committee noted the report.

Item 15.2

- Implementation of Programme budget 2008-2009: interim report

The Chairman of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board was invited to report on the PBAC's discussion on this subitem. Three delegations took the floor during the debate. The Secretariat responded to the questions raised. The Committee noted the report.

Item 16

Audit and oversight matters

- Report of the Internal Auditor

The Chairman of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board was invited to report on the PBAC's discussion on this subitem. One delegation took the floor during the debate. The Committee noted the report.

Item 17

Financial matters

Item 17.1

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

The Chairman of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board was invited to report on the PBAC's discussion on this subitem. The Committee noted the report.

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 Secretariat informed the Committee that Chad and Sudan had made payments and amendments should be made to the draft resolution accordingly. The Committee approved the draft resolution as amended.

Item 17.2

- Interim report of the External Auditor

The Chairman invited the Director, External Audit to present the interim report of the External Auditor. The Chairman of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board was invited to report on the PBAC's discussion on this subitem. Two delegations took the floor during the discussion. The Committee noted the interim report of the External Auditor.

Item 17.5

- Scale of assessments 2010–2011

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. One delegation took the floor. The Secretariat responded to the questions raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A62/31 *Scale of assessments 2010-2011*.

Item 17.7

- Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Committee approved draft resolution EB124.R10.

Item 18

Staffing matters

Item 18.1

Human resources: annual report

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report.

Item 18.2

Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. One delegation took the floor. The Secretariat responded to the questions raised. The Committee noted the report.

Item 18.3

Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Committee approved draft resolutions EB124.R15 *Amendments to Staff Regulations*, and EB124.R16 *Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General*.

Item 18.4

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. One delegation took the floor. The Secretariat responded to the questions raised. The Committee noted the report.

Item 18.5

Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Chairman opened the item and invited the Committee to consider two appointments to the WHO Staff Pension Committee. The Committee approved the nomination of Dr A.J. Mohammad (Oman) as a member, and Dr H. Siem (Norway) as alternate member for a three-year term until May 2012.

Seventh meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico)

Item 12 (continued)

Technical and health matters

Item 12.6 (continued)

– Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

The Chairman resumed this subitem and gave the floor to eight delegations.

In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, representatives of five nongovernmental organizations made statements.

The Chairman then invited the Secretariat to respond to the issues raised.

The Committee noted the report contained in document A62/10.

Item 12.7

– Climate change and health

The representative of the Executive Board introduced this subitem. The Chairman then gave the floor to 28 delegations. One delegation requested amendments to the draft resolution.

In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to the observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to the representative of a nongovernmental organization who made a statement.

The Secretariat responded to the issues raised.

The Committee noted the report and resolution EB124.R5.

III. Other meetings

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

Thursday, 21 May 2009

08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the African Region <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room XXIV	International Health Partnerships and related Initiatives signing ceremony (Niger) <i>There will be interpretation in English and French</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–09:00 Room IV	Coordination meeting of the Nordic Group
08:30–09:00 Room XXIII	Coordination meeting of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG)
08:30–09:00 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
13:00–14:00 Room IX	National global health policy instruments. Examples discussed in a panel by Brazil, Switzerland, Thailand and the United Kingdom
13:30–14:30 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Region <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.</i>
13:30–14:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the South-East Asia Region
17:00–18:00 Room IX	Briefing on Global Fund West and Central Africa Constituency. <i>By invitation only.</i>
17:30–19:00 Room VIII	Médecins Sans Frontières: "Access to medicines – new solutions?"
17:30–19:00 Room VII	"Roundtable on eHealth: Universal access to health services in the information age" <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	"The role of civil society in primary health care renewal" <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>

Friday, 22 May 2009

08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the African Region <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
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IV. Announcements

WHO information products on sale

- The WHO bookshop located at the Palais des Nations between doors 13 and 15 welcomes the delegates of the World Health Assembly. The latest publications and information products issued by WHO and its regional offices are available at a 50% discount. The bookshop is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 17:00. The WHO bookshop at WHO Headquarters is also open to delegates from 9:00 to 16:30.

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