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Programme of meetings for Friday, 22 May 2009

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00		Tenth meeting	Fifth meeting
Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B	Eighth 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

Friday, 22 May 2009

Tenth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

- **Draft third report of Committee A**
Document (Draft) A62/52, containing four resolutions entitled:
- *Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010–2011*
 - *Primary health care, including health system strengthening*
 - *Traditional medicine*
 - *Reducing health inequities through action on the social determinants of health*
- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.9 (continued) – Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis
Documents A62/20, A62/20 Add.1 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.3 Rev.1
- **Draft fourth report of Committee A**
Document (Draft) containing one resolution entitled:
- *Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis*

Fifth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.8 (continued) – Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action
Documents A62/16, A62/16 Add.1, A62/16 Add.2, A62/16 Add.3, A62/A/Conf.Paper No.4 Add.1 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.4 Rev.2
- Item 12.10 (continued) – Progress reports on technical and health matters
Document A62/23
- 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)

– **Draft second report of Committee B**

Document (Draft) containing one resolution

- *Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action*

Eighth plenary meeting

**Assembly Hall – Immediately following
the closure of Committees A and B**

Item 8

Reports of the main committees

– **Third report of Committee A**

Document A62/52, containing four resolutions entitled:

- *Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010–2011*
- *Primary health care, including health system strengthening*
- *Traditional medicine*
- *Reducing health inequities through action on the social determinants of health*

– **Fourth report of Committee A**

Document containing one resolution entitled:

- *Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis*

– **Second report of Committee B**

Document containing one resolution

- *Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action*

Item 9

Closure of the Assembly

II. Report of meetings

Sixth plenary meeting

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

The President informed the Health Assembly that formal credentials have been received from Albania and Kyrgyzstan. 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 Albania and Kyrgyzstan be accepted as having formal credentials. The Health Assembly approved the President's recommendation.

The President informed the Health Assembly that the list of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive board, contained in document A62/49, was issued.

In accordance with Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, 24 hours should elapse between the transmission of the list to the Health Assembly and the discussion in plenary.

However, in view of the decision to shorten this year's Health Assembly, and without setting a precedent, the General Committee recommended that the Health Assembly agree to elect the Members at the next Plenary meeting, even though the twenty-four hours required by Rule 100 have not yet elapsed.

The Health Assembly agreed to the recommendation.

Item 8

Reports of the main committees

– **First report of Committee A (document A62/48)**

The following resolution was adopted and the first report of Committee A was approved by the Health Assembly:

- *Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment*

Eighth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico)

Item 11 (continued)

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

The Chairman reopened the item and drew the Committee's attention to the two draft resolutions contained in documents A62/A/Conf.Paper No.1 and A62/4. One delegation took the floor.

Resolutions *Appropriation resolution for the financial period 2010-2011*, contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.1, and *Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010-2011*, contained in document A62/4 were approved by consensus.

Item 12

Technical and health matters

Item 12.1 (continued)

- Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

Discussion of this subitem resumed with consideration of documents A62/A/Conf.Paper No.2 and A62/5. Fourteen delegations took the floor three of whom suggested amendments to the draft resolution contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.2. The Secretariat responded to issues raised.

Five delegations took the floor and further amendments were proposed. The Secretariat proposed a formulation for the Committee's consideration and the debate continued with twenty-two delegations taking the floor.

The draft resolution: *Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits*, contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.2, was approved as amended.

Two delegations took the floor after which discussion of this subitem was closed.

Item 12.4 (continued)

- Primary health care, including health system strengthening

The Chairman reopened the agenda subitem and invited the Committee to consider the two draft resolutions contained in documents A62/A/Conf.Paper No.5 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.6.

The Chairman invited comments from the floor with regard to the draft resolution: *Primary health care, including health system strengthening* contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.5. Fourteen delegations participated to the debate.

The Secretariat read out the proposed amendments and the draft resolution was approved as amended.

The Committee was then invited to consider the draft resolution: *Traditional medicine* contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.6.

Two delegations took the floor and the draft resolution was approved as amended.

Third meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Stephen McKernan (New Zealand)

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Draft first report of Committee B

The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur, Dr Grace Allen Young (Jamaica), to read the draft second 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*

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

Item 12 (continued)

Technical and health matters: subitem transferred from Committee A

Item 12.8

- Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action

The Chairman invited the Executive Board Representative to introduce the item. Twenty four delegations took the floor. One intergovernmental organization and four nongovernmental organizations made statements. The Secretariat responded to the questions raised.

The Committee considered the draft resolution contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.4. Three delegations proposed amendments to the draft resolution. The Committee Secretary read out the amendments and six delegations made comments. The draft resolution will be considered at the next meeting of Committee B once a revised version, taking into account the proposed amendments, is made available to Committee members.

Ninth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico)

Item 12 (continued)

Technical and health matters

Item 12.5 (continued)

- Commission on Social Determinants of Health

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the draft resolution contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.7. Six delegations were given the floor, with three delegations proposing amendments.

The Chairman suggested that consideration of this subitem resume later pending the deliberations of an informal working group who would meet to discuss the proposed amendments.

Item 12.9

- Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (subitem transferred from Committee B)

The Committee was asked to consider the draft resolution: *Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis*, contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.3. The Chairman invited 18 delegations to speak, six of whom suggested amendments to the draft resolution.

In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman invited the representative of the International Organization for Migration to make a statement. The floor was then given to the observers of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and Chinese Taipei.

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

The Secretariat responded to questions raised and gave further clarifications.

The Chairman proposed that the agenda subitem remain open. The resolution will be considered at the next meeting of Committee A once a revised version, taking into account the proposed amendments, is made available to Committee members.

Draft second report of Committee A

The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur, Ms Sevim Aydin (Turkey) to read the draft second report of Committee A, document (Draft) A62/51, containing two resolutions entitled:

- *Appropriation resolution for the financial period 2010-2011*
- *Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits*

The resolutions were approved and the draft second report of Committee A was adopted.

Item 12.5 (continued) – Commission on Social Determinants of Health

Discussion of this subitem resumed and the Chairman invited the Chair of the informal drafting group (United Kingdom) to report on the outcome of the informal working group meeting. One delegation requested the floor.

Draft resolution: *Reducing health inequities through action on the social determinants of health*, as prepared by the working group and contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.7, was approved as amended by consensus.

Fourth meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Stephen McKernan (New Zealand)

Later: Dr Untung Suseno Sutarjo (Indonesia)

Item 12

Technical and health matters: subitem transferred from Committee A

Item 12.8 (continued)

- Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action

The Chairman reopened this subitem and invited the Committee to comment on the amended draft resolution contained in document A62/A/Conf.Paper No.4 Rev.1.

Five delegations took the floor. The Chairman proposed that discussion on this subitem be suspended pending informal consultations among Member States.

Item 12.10

- Progress reports on technical and health matters

A. Poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication (resolution WHA61.1)

Twelve delegations and one nongovernmental organization took the floor, after which the Secretariat responded to questions raised.

B. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)

Five delegations took the floor after which the Secretariat responded to questions raised.

C. Malaria, including proposal for establishment of World Malaria Day (resolution WHA60.18)

Eleven delegations took the floor after which the Secretariat responded to questions raised.

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)

Six delegations took the floor after which the Secretariat responded to questions raised.

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

Item 7

Awards

The President welcomed the distinguished recipients of the prizes, as well as Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation and WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and Professor Kenzo Kiikuni, Chair, Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation, representing the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation; His Excellency, Obaid Salem Saeed Al Zaabi, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other Specialized Agencies at Geneva, representing the Founder of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation; Dr Al-Saif, Assistant Under-Secretary for Public Health Affairs of the Ministry of Health of Kuwait, representing the State of Kuwait; and Dr Jong-wha Park, President of the Korean Foundation for International Health Care, representing the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health.

The President also welcomed Mrs Reiko Kaburaki-Lee, the widow of the late Director-General, Dr Lee Jong-wook.

- **Sasakawa Health Prize**

This Prize, awarded every year to individuals or institutions for outstanding innovative work in health development, aims at encouraging the further development of such work.

The President invited Mr Yohei Sasakawa to address the Health Assembly, on behalf of the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation.

The President announced that the 2009 Sasakawa Health Prize has been awarded to Dr Amal Al Jowder, Acting Director of the Health Promotion Directorate, Bahrain.

Dr Amal Al Jowder has spearheaded many initiatives at community level and in the ministry, building a reliable information network formed through the collaboration among health specialists, representatives from social centres, municipalities, clubs, and local schools. The Sasakawa Prize will enable her to set up two new activities: an education bus, delivering information materials, and a sports bus, distributing basic sports equipment, which will tour remote areas of the country, providing services to geographically disadvantaged population groups.

Dr Amal Al Jowder received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize**

The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to health development.

The President announced that the 2009 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize was awarded jointly to The KK Women's and Children's Hospital and to the Georgian Respiratory Association.

- The KK Women's and Children's Hospital was founded in 1924 and is the largest medical facility in Singapore. The Integrated Perinatal Care Project has contributed significantly to bridging the gap between knowledge and practice with a strong research element. Among its many achievements it has achieved a notable decrease in maternal mortality, has patented, and implemented new health-care delivery methods.
- The Georgian Respiratory Association was established in 2004 with the aim of developing and promoting respiratory medicine in Georgia. It has produced guidelines on the management of respiratory diseases, promoted the continued medical education, through, among other initiatives, the organization of scientific meetings, and the publishing of the Georgian Respiratory Journal for medical specialists, ensuring that those in remote areas can also have access to the latest medical information and techniques.

At the invitation of the President, His Excellency, Obaid Salem Saeed Al Zaabi, representing the Founder of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation, addressed the Health Assembly.

Associate Professor Kok Hian TAN, Team Leader of the Integrated Perinatal Care Project, received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

Mr Ivane Chkhaidze, President of the Georgian Respiratory Association, received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion**

The President announced that the State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion was awarded to a person or persons, institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to research in health promotion.

The President announced that the 2009 State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion was awarded jointly to:

- Dr Shaikha Salim Al Arrayed, Head of the Genetic Department in the Salmaniya Medical Complex and of the National Committee for Control of Hereditary Disease. Over the past 25 years, Dr Salim Al Arrayed has made a significant contribution to health research, training, and health-care services. She has implemented the country's hereditary blood diseases control programme, which has achieved a 60 to 70 per cent reduction of the prevalence among newborns and has considerably reduced the rate of consanguinity. The programme she has spearheaded, which is the first in the Region, has been used as a model in other regions.
- National Centre for Workplace Health Promotion, Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine. The National Centre for Workplace Health Promotion, was established in 1996, and is responsible for the development and coordination of activities of the National Network for Workplace Health Promotion in Poland. Among its various achievements is the launch in 2002 of a new area of research into the needs of older employees.

At the invitation of the President, Dr. A. Al-Saif addressed the Health Assembly on behalf of the State of Kuwait.

Dr Shaikha Al Arrayed received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

Professor Konrad Rydzynski, Director of the Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

• **Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health**

The Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health was established in 2008, and is awarded to one or more persons, institutions, governmental or nongovernmental organizations that have made an outstanding contribution in the following areas: research into and prevention, treatment and control of HIV/AIDS; research into and control of communicable diseases; or control of neglected tropical diseases.

The President announced that the 2009 Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health has been awarded to Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Clinical Immunology Research Centre of Georgia.

The Research Centre is well regarded for its achievements in diagnostics, treatment and control of infectious diseases and has pioneered work in the region, notably in research, treatment, prevention and control of AIDS and viral hepatitis. It has introduced universal coverage of antiretroviral treatment and services for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. The Centre played a crucial role in the country's pioneering adoption of a law on HIV prevention in 1995 and the development of the National Strategy Plan on HIV/AIDS, completed in 2002 and the National TB-HIV Strategic Plan for 2007-2011.

At the invitation of the President, Dr Jong-wha Park, President of the Korean Foundation for International Health Care, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund.

Dr Shota Gogichaishvili, Executive Director, Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Clinical Immunology Research Center, received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

• **Francesco Pocchiari Fellowship**

Francesco Pocchiari Fellowship was established in 1991 with funds provided by the Italian Government to honour the memory of Professor Francesco Pocchiari, former Director-General of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Rome).

The President announced that the Fellowship was awarded in 2008 to Dr Uranchimeg Davaatseren (Mongolia) and to Dr Intesar Alsaidi (Yemen).

Item 6

Executive Board: election (document A62/49)

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 100 of the Rules of Procedure. The following were therefore declared elected:

Brunei Darussalam	Germany
Burundi	India
Canada	Japan
Chile	Serbia
Estonia	Somalia
France	Syrian Arab Republic

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.

Reports of the main committees

– Second report of Committee A (document A62/51)

The Health Assembly considered the second report of Committee A containing the following two resolutions:

- *Appropriation resolution for financial period 2010-2011*
- *Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits*

The resolutions were adopted and the second report of Committee A was approved by the Health Assembly.

– First report of Committee B (document A62/50)

The Health Assembly considered the first report of Committee B containing the following seven resolutions:

- *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:

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

The resolutions were adopted and the first report of Committee B was approved by the Health Assembly.

III. Other meetings

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>
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

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