

DECISIONS

EB120(1) Confirmation by the United Nations General Assembly of the International Civil Service Commission's general framework, including implementation and cost of amendments to the Staff Rules

The Executive Board, having considered the report on confirmation by the United Nations General Assembly of the International Civil Service Commission's general framework, including implementation, and cost of amendments to the Staff Rules: postponement of effective date of amendments to the Staff Rules,¹ decided that:

(1) with the exception of the amendments to the Staff Rules on the mobility and hardship allowance and assignment grant as they apply to staff members holding career service/service and fixed-term appointments, the amendments to the Staff Rules that the Executive Board confirmed at its 118th session in May 2006, with effect from 1 January 2007, subject to the endorsement by the United Nations General Assembly of the general framework recommended by the International Civil Service Commission, are confirmed, with effect from 1 July 2007; such amendments being subject to transitional measures determined by the Director-General;

(2) the aforesaid amendments to the Staff Rules on the mobility and hardship allowance and assignment grant as they apply to staff members holding career service/service and fixed-term appointments are confirmed, with effect from 1 January 2007.

(Twelfth meeting, 29 January 2007)

EB120(2) Review of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO

The Executive Board, having considered the report of its Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the review of one third of the nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO,² and following up decision EB117(3), reached the decisions set out below.

Commending their continuing dedication to the work of WHO, the Board decided to maintain in official relations with WHO those nongovernmental organizations whose names are followed by an asterisk in the Annex to the report.

Noting that reports had not been received, had been received too late, or that further information was required, the Board decided to defer until its 122nd session the review of relations with the following nongovernmental organizations: Aga Khan Foundation, Commonwealth Medical Association, International Association of Cancer Registries, International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-social Assistants, International League of Dermatological Societies, International

¹ See Annex 5.

² See Annex 4.

Conference of Deans of French-Language Faculties of Medicine, International Epidemiological Association, International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science, International Federation of Medical Students Associations, International Medical Informatics Association, International Society for Burn Injuries, International Society of Hematology, International Union of Microbiological Societies, OXFAM, World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, and World Vision International.

Noting that plans for collaboration between WHO and the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics, and the World Veterinary Association, had been agreed, the Board decided to maintain these nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO.

Noting the continuing expectation that plans for collaboration between WHO and the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology, and the World Organization of the Scout Movement, would be agreed, the Board decided to defer the review of relations with these nongovernmental organizations until its 122nd session.

Noting the information received from Corporate Accountability International, the Board decided to maintain that organization in official relations with WHO and requested the Secretariat, when informing the organization of this decision, to mention the importance of conduct that is consistent with the privileges accorded to nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO.

Noting that reports of collaboration remained outstanding from the following nongovernmental organizations: the International Commission on Radiological Protection, International Federation for Housing and Planning, International Society for Environmental Epidemiology, International Society for Preventive Oncology, and the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care, the Board decided to defer for a further year the review of the relations of those organizations with WHO and that they should be informed that, should the reports not be forthcoming for consideration by the Executive Board at its 122nd session, their official relations would be discontinued.

Noting the information provided by the International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism concerning efforts to resume planned collaboration with WHO, and taking into consideration the organization's request for the continuance of official relations, the Board decided to maintain the Society in official relations with WHO for a further year in order to allow time for the parties to agree on a plan for collaboration to be reviewed by the Board at its 122nd session.

The Board decided to maintain the International Confederation of Midwives in official relations with WHO for a further year on the condition that the Confederation would, within three months of being informed of this decision, confirm its intention to submit a report for consideration by the Executive Board at its 122nd session. If such confirmation were not received within the three-month period, official relations would be discontinued.

(Thirteenth meeting, 29 January 2007)

EB120(3) Measures to be taken for facilitating the participation of nongovernmental organizations in the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property

The Executive Board, having considered the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property¹ and the report of the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations,² authorized the Chairman of the Executive Board, acting jointly with the Chairman of the Standing Committee, to admit provisionally nongovernmental organizations into official relations with WHO. The facility established by the present decision will apply to nongovernmental organizations that request official relations solely, or also, for the purpose of participating in the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property, subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- (1) nongovernmental organizations must be in working relations with WHO at the time of submission of their application, so that approximately two years of working relations will have elapsed by the time the Executive Board formally reviews their applications under point (3) below, and must otherwise meet the criteria established in section 3 of the Principles Governing Relations between the World Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations;³
- (2) the mandates of the nongovernmental organizations concerned must be relevant to the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group;
- (3) the Executive Board will review nongovernmental organizations in provisional official relations at its January session subsequent to their admission into provisional official relations, for the purpose of confirming or terminating such relations in accordance with normal procedures.

This decision will remain applicable, unless terminated or revised by the Board, until the completion of the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property.

(Thirteenth meeting, 29 January 2007)

EB120(4) Award of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee, awarded the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 2007 to Dr Nabil Kronfol (Lebanon) for his significant contribution to public health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. The laureate will receive the equivalent of 2500 Swiss francs in United States dollars.

(Thirteenth meeting, 29 January 2007)

¹ Contained in document EB120/35 Add.1, Section F.

² Document EB120/41.

³ In *Basic Documents*, 45th ed. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2005.

EB120(5) Award of the Léon Bernard Foundation Prize

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Léon Bernard Foundation Committee, awarded the Léon Bernard Foundation Prize for 2007 to Dr Than Tun Sein (Myanmar) for his outstanding service in the field of social medicine. The laureate will receive a bronze medal and the sum of 2500 Swiss francs.

(Thirteenth meeting, 29 January 2007)

EB120(6) Award of the Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Selection Panel, awarded the Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize for 2007 jointly to Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva (Azerbaijan) and Maestra Guillermina Natera Rey (Mexico) for their service in the field of family health. The laureates will each receive US\$ 10 000.

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EB120(7) Award of the Sasakawa Health Prize

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Sasakawa Health Prize Selection Panel, awarded the Sasakawa Health Prize for 2007 to Dr Jose Antonio Socrates (Philippines) for his outstanding innovative work in health development. The laureate will receive US\$ 30 000.

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EB120(8) Award of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Selection Panel, awarded the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize for 2007 to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (United States of America) for its outstanding contribution to health development. The laureate will receive US\$ 40 000.

(Thirteenth meeting, 29 January 2007)

EB120(9) Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation Selection Panel, decided not to award the State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion in 2007.

(Thirteenth meeting, 29 January 2007)

EB120(10) Provisional agenda for, and duration of, the Sixtieth World Health Assembly

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Director-General on the provisional agenda for the Sixtieth World Health Assembly,¹ and recalling its earlier decision that the Sixtieth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 14 May 2007, and closing no later than Wednesday, 23 May 2007,² approved the provisional agenda of the Sixtieth World Health Assembly, as amended.

(Thirteenth meeting, 29 January 2007)

EB120(11) Date and place of the 121st session of the Executive Board

The Executive Board decided that its 121st session should be convened on Thursday, 24 May 2007, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Saturday, 26 May 2007.

(Thirteenth meeting, 29 January 2007)

¹ Document EB120/32.

² See decision EB118(5).