

Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report by the Director-General**
- 3. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**

The Board will receive at the opening of its session the report of the twenty-third meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held on 21 and 22 January 2016.

- 4. Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board**

In 2012, in decision WHA65(9), the Health Assembly endorsed the proposal that chairpersons of the regional committees routinely submit to the Board summary reports of the committees' deliberations. The Board is invited to consider the recommendations of the regional committees.

- 5. WHO reform**

- 5.1 Overview of reform implementation**

The Secretariat will submit a report to the Board providing the following: an overview of the current status of reform; a review of progress made in the three broad reform workstreams; and information on the indicators that have been established to measure achievement of the reform objectives.

- 5.2 Member State consultative process on governance reform**

The report will provide details on the outcome of the Second Open Member States Meeting on Governance Reform, which is scheduled to be held in Geneva on 10 and 11 December 2015.

- 5.3 Framework of engagement with non-State actors**

The Secretariat will report on the outcome of the open-ended intergovernmental meeting convened in line with resolution WHA68.9 (2015).

- 6. Noncommunicable diseases**

- 6.1 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition**

The Secretariat's report responds to requests contained in the following: decision WHA67(9) (2014), the Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition endorsed in resolution WHA65.6 (2012), the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes adopted in resolution WHA34.22 (1981) and resolution WHA61.20 (2008). The Secretariat will provide information to the Board on the following matters: progress made in the implementation of the Comprehensive implementation

plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition; the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes; and progress in consideration of matters referred to Codex Alimentarius for action. The Secretariat will also report on risk assessment and management tools for conflicts of interest in nutrition and on inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children. In particular, the report will present a set of recommendations on approaches to limit the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children.

6.2 Draft global plan of action on violence

In response to resolution WHA67.15 (2014), the Secretariat will submit to the Board, for its consideration, a draft global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children, building on WHO's existing relevant work.

6.3 Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: responses to specific assignments in preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases in 2018

The Secretariat will report to the Board on the status of responses to specific assignments given by the Health Assembly and the United Nations General Assembly in preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, which is scheduled to be held in 2018. Among other things, the report will describe the progress made between 2013 and 2015 in implementing the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020.

6.4 Public health dimension of the world drug problem including in the context of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the World Drug Problem, to be held in 2016

At the request of several Member States, the Secretariat will provide information on the public health dimension of the world drug problem, including in the context of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the World Drug Problem, which is scheduled to be held in 2016. The Board is invited to note the report.

6.5 Addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020): outcome of the Second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results

At the request of a Member State, the Secretariat will provide information on the progress made in attaining the objectives of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011–2020 and on the outcomes of the Second Global High-Level Conference on Road Safety: Time for Results, which is scheduled to be held in Brasília on 18 and 19 November 2015.

7. Promoting health through the life course

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

The Secretariat report will review efforts made to achieve the health-related Millennium Development Goals with a focus on global and regional progress, success factors and the unfinished agenda.

7.2 Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, builds on the Millennium Development Goals but has a much broader agenda for all countries.

The Secretariat report will analyse the implications for health, including the role of the Health Assembly in implementing the 2030 Agenda.

7.3 Operational plan to take forward the Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health

During the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly support was expressed for the development of an updated Global Strategy and accompanying operational framework, in the context of the health-related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Global Strategy was launched by the United Nations Secretary General in September 2015. The Secretariat report will outline the main components of the operational framework, together with a process and timeline for its development.

7.4 Multisectoral action for a life course approach to healthy ageing: draft global strategy and plan of action on ageing and health

Populations are ageing rapidly, with some of the most significant changes occurring in low- and middle-income countries. As requested in decision WHA67(13) (2014), the draft global strategy and plan of action on ageing and health will frame a comprehensive response designed to foster healthy ageing, and one that is relevant to all countries.

7.5 Health and the environment: draft roadmap for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution

Air pollution is a major preventable cause of disease, accounting for 7 million deaths a year. The report will provide information to the Executive Board in response to resolution WHA68.8 (2015) – the first resolution on air pollution and health – which requested the Director-General to propose to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly a roadmap for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution and to report on progress made and challenges faced in mitigating these effects.

7.6 Role of the health sector in the sound management of chemicals

At the request of Member States, the Secretariat will provide information on the importance of sound management of chemicals for the protection of human health, and on the role of the health sector in chemicals management. The results of a Secretariat consultation to identify priorities for action by the health sector will also be presented. The Board is invited to note the report.

8. Preparedness, surveillance and response

8.1 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

In line with resolutions WHA61.2 (2008) and WHA68.5 (2015), the Secretariat will provide a report on implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) and on the international response in 2015 to public health events and emergencies. The report also includes information about the core capacities required of all States Parties.

- Report of the First Meeting of the Review Committee on the Role of the International Health Regulations (2005) in the Ebola Outbreak and Response

In line with decision WHA68(10) (2015), the Secretariat will report to the Executive Board on the First Meeting of the Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (2005) in the Ebola Outbreak and Response.

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

The Director-General will transmit two reports for the consideration of the Executive Board:

- a biennial report on the status of, and progress in implementing, the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework in line with the relevant obligations under section 7.4.1 of the Framework; and
- a report on the outcomes of the Special Session of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework Advisory Group, which was held in Geneva on 13 and 14 October 2015. The Advisory Group received the views of Member States on the review of the Framework and its annexes. The Advisory Group also received the views of stakeholders.

8.3 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks

In line with resolution WHA60.1 (2007), the Secretariat report will provide information to the Executive Board on progress made on smallpox activities. The Secretariat will report on the independent advisory group convened in June 2015 – following requests made by the Executive Board during its 134th session and by the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly – to advise the Director-General on the public health implications of synthetic biology technology related to smallpox. Information on the procedures for the Seventeenth meeting of the WHO Advisory Committee on Variola Virus Research, to be held in Geneva on 12 and 13 January 2016, and on the biosafety inspections conducted in 2014–2015 will be provided to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly.

8.4 WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies

In line with resolution EBSS3.R1 (2015), the Secretariat report will provide an overview of the progress made by the Organization in responding to Grade 3 emergencies during 2015. It will describe the scope and scale of all emergencies to which WHO has responded during the year, and will include a summary of WHO's activities in each of the six Grade 3 emergencies (namely, those in Central African Republic, Iraq, Nepal, South Sudan and Syrian Arab Republic, together with the Ebola virus disease outbreak in West Africa).

8.5 Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

In line with resolution WHA68.7 (2015) a report will be provided on options available for conducting a high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance, including potential deliverables. As requested in the resolution, the meeting is to be held in 2016 on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly.

8.6 Poliomyelitis

In 2015, wild poliovirus transmission is at its lowest level in history. Resolution WHA68.3 (2015) recognized that progress has been made and urged Member States to fully implement and finance the Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013–2018. The report to the Executive Board will summarize the impact of national emergency action plans in the remaining countries affected and of the temporary recommendations under the International Health Regulations (2005) in connection with the public health emergency of international concern. The report will also confirm April 2016 as the date for the globally coordinated switch from the trivalent formulation of oral polio vaccine to the bivalent formulation, and will outline a revised timeline for global certification of poliomyelitis eradication and associated budget implications.

8.7 Promoting the health of migrants

The current global refugee and migrant crisis underlines the need to have a coordinated and strategic response to the public health and health-system implications of large-scale population movements, and the right to health care of the populations concerned. In response to a request by Member States, the Secretariat will submit a report

that provides an update on implementation of resolution WHA61.17 (2008) on the same subject and information on key public health issues facing refugees and migrants; and that considers the way forward with regard to strengthening the capacity of Member States' health systems to provide refugees and migrants with the essential and necessary health support at the initial stages of population movements and thereafter.

9. Communicable diseases

9.1 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and issues raised: follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on the Ebola Emergency (resolution EBSS3.R1) and the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly (decision WHA68(10))

- Update on 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and Secretariat response to other issues raised

In response to the relevant requests in decision WHA68(10) (2015), the Secretariat will submit a report to the Board reviewing the status of WHO's work on developing a new programme for outbreaks and emergencies with health and humanitarian consequences, as catalysed by recent crises, including the Ebola virus disease outbreak in West Africa. The report describes progress made in improving WHO's ability to maintain organizational readiness; to respond in a predictable, capable, dependable, adaptable and accountable manner at country level; and to work in partnership with all stakeholders in support of Member State preparedness. The report covers the work of the Advisory Group on WHO's work in outbreaks and emergencies with health and humanitarian consequences, as well as progress made in the areas of work announced by the Director-General in May 2015 in her address to Member States at the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

- Options for strengthening information-sharing on diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic products and for enhancing WHO's capacity to facilitate access to these products, including the establishment of a global database, starting with haemorrhagic fevers

The report will respond to resolution EBSS3.R1 (2015), in which the Executive Board requested the Director-General, *inter alia*, provide the Board at its 138th session with options for strengthening information sharing and enhancing WHO's capacity to facilitate access to diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic products, including the establishment of a global database, starting with haemorrhagic fevers. The report will first consider and analyse options for strengthening information sharing on haemorrhagic fevers and other emerging pathogens, concentrating on WHO's Global Observatory on Health Research and Development; it will then review options for facilitating access to diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic products for infectious diseases liable to cause public health emergencies, through the implementation of WHO's blueprint for research and development in the context of global public health threats.

9.2 Draft global health sector strategies

- HIV, 2016–2021

The global health sector strategy on HIV/AIDS, 2011–2015, endorsed by the Health Assembly in resolution WHA64.14 (2011), ends in December 2015. In May 2014 the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly discussed progress made in implementing the strategy and the Secretariat was requested to draft a global health sector strategy on HIV for the post-2015 period. A draft HIV strategy has been developed to define the health sector contribution towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development target of eliminating the AIDS epidemic by 2030. The draft strategy has been developed jointly with draft global strategies on viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, using a common universal health coverage framework. The Board is invited to consider the draft global health sector strategy on HIV 2016–2021.

- Viral hepatitis, 2016–2021

Resolution WHA67.6 (2014), inter alia, urged Member States to develop and implement coordinated multisectoral national strategies for preventing, diagnosing, and treating viral hepatitis based on the local epidemiological context, and requested the Director-General to examine the feasibility of, and strategies needed for, the elimination of hepatitis B and hepatitis C with a view to potentially setting global targets. In response, a global health sector strategy on viral hepatitis has been drafted. The draft strategy has been developed jointly with the draft global strategies on HIV and sexually transmitted infections, using a common universal health coverage framework. The Board is invited to consider the draft global health sector strategy on viral hepatitis 2016–2021.

- Sexually transmitted infections, 2016–2021

In 2006, the Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA59.19 in which it endorsed the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections, covering the period 2006–2015. The final progress report on implementation of the Global Strategy, document A68/36 (G), was considered by the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly in 2015, with speakers emphasizing the need for a new strategy to be developed. The current Global Strategy has therefore been updated and will be presented to the Executive Board for its consideration. The strategy, which is aligned with the other global health sector strategies, includes innovative solutions and interventions towards eliminating sexually transmitted infections, and is linked to the broader objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The draft strategy has been developed jointly with the draft global strategies on HIV and viral hepatitis, using a common universal health coverage framework.

9.3 Global vaccine action plan

The Executive Board will consider the Executive Summary of the report of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on immunization, which provides an assessment of progress made in implementing the global vaccine action plan, together with recommendations on the necessary actions for accelerating progress in meeting the targets of the action plan and in dealing with the remaining barriers to universal access to immunization.

9.4 Mycetoma

Mycetoma commonly affects young adults, particularly men aged between 20 and 40 years – mostly in developing countries. The response to the disease is hampered by a severe lack of health education, together with weak capacity for care, control and prevention in areas where it is endemic. The Secretariat will provide an extensive report on this disease in line with the request made during the Executive Board's discussion on the subject at its 137th session in May 2015. The Board is requested to note the report.

10. Health systems

10.1 Health workforce and services

The Secretariat will submit a report on Health workforce strengthening, nursing and midwifery and health workforce education. The report will describe progress made in implementing three health workforce resolutions: resolutions WHA64.6 and WHA64.7 (2011) and resolution WHA66.23 (2013). Each resolution has facilitated the collation of a global body of evidence that has informed the draft global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030 (see bullet point below). The report will also highlight continuing efforts to strengthen the development and implementation of effective nursing and midwifery policies and programmes and will present updates on health workforce education.

In a second report, in line with a requirement in resolution WHA63.16 (2010) – given further weight in decision WHA68(11) (2015) – the Secretariat will present aggregate findings across WHO regions, as derived from the

second round of national reporting to assess the relevance and effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel (2010).

- Draft global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030

In May 2014, the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA67.24 (2014), which requested the Director-General to develop and submit a new global strategy on human resources for health for consideration by the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly. The report that will be submitted to the Executive Board for its consideration will present the draft global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030 in the context of universal health coverage and the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The draft global strategy has been informed by a consolidation of the available evidence and an extensive consultation process, taking into account feedback received from Member States and other constituencies. Enriched by this process, the draft global strategy reflects recent thinking on the triple return on investment delivered by health sector employment: economic growth; improved health outcomes and global health security.

- Framework on integrated people-centred health services

In accordance with resolution WHA62.12 (2009), the Secretariat has produced a framework on integrated, people-centred health services, which is designed as a roadmap for countries to foster and guide reforms to reorient health services in a shift away from fragmented, vertical, supply-oriented models, towards models that put individuals, families, carers and communities at their centre; that surround them with responsive services that better meet their needs and respect their preferences; and that are coordinated both within and beyond the health sector. The framework proposes five interdependent strategic goals and related policy options for national action to make health services more integrated and people-centred: (1) empowering and engaging people; (2) strengthening governance and accountability; (3) reorienting the model of care; (4) coordinating services within and across sectors; and (5) creating an enabling environment.

10.2 Comprehensive evaluation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property: progress update

In May 2015, the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA68.18, in which the Director-General was requested, *inter alia*, to initiate a comprehensive evaluation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property. In line with resolution WHA68.18, the Secretariat will submit a report providing an update on progress made in relation to the evaluation and giving details of both the key points from the inception report and the response of the evaluation management group.

10.3 Follow-up to the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination – Planning for an open-ended meeting of Member States to discuss progress

In resolution WHA66.22 (2013), as part of the follow up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group, the Director-General was requested, *inter alia*, to convene an open-ended meeting of Member States prior to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly in order to assess progress and continue discussions on the remaining issues in relation to monitoring, coordination and financing for health research and development. In response, the Secretariat will submit a report indicating the progress made in the implementation of the strategic workplan and the organization of the open-ended meeting and setting out an indicative agenda.

10.4 Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products

The fourth meeting of the Member State Mechanism for substandard/spurious/falsely labelled/falsified and counterfeit (SSFFC) medical products was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 19 and 20 November 2015. The mechanism discussed the range of activities under way as part of the agreed prioritized workplan, including the following: the development of guidelines on track and trace technologies and of training material; the establishment of a global focal point network; and the development of communication and awareness raising

material. In addition, the mechanism considered an update on a socioeconomic study of the harm caused by SSFFC medical products, and a report on the links between work on access and SSFFC medical products. The methodology for the review of the mechanism was also discussed. The outcome document of the fourth meeting forms the basis for reporting back to the Health Assembly through the Executive Board.

10.5 Addressing the global shortages of medicines, and the safety and accessibility of children's medication

Many older, important, generic medicines, and others with a limited manufacturing base, are among those most vulnerable to global shortages. Other groups of medicines for which regulatory strategies and reimbursement policies need further development include medicines for children, medicines for cancer and medicines for rare diseases. In response to requests from Member States, the Secretariat will submit a report indicating that a global approach to the matter needs to deal with supply side failure and market shaping.

11. Financial matters

11.1 Financing of Programme budget 2016–2017

The Secretariat will present a report on the outcomes to date of the financing dialogue and status of financing of the Programme budget 2016–2017.

11.2 Scale of assessments

The Board will be invited to consider the revised scale of assessments, based upon the new United Nations scale, together with a draft resolution recommending its adoption by the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, for implementation with effect from the second year of the biennium 2016–2017.

11.3 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

12. Management and legal matters

12.1 Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2016–2017

WHO's evaluation policy requires the Secretariat to report annually to the Executive Board on progress in the implementation of the biennial Organization-wide evaluation workplan. Whereas the annual report is presented to the Executive Board at its May sessions, at its session in January 2016, the Board will consider a report: (a) that provides a brief progress update on the ongoing evaluative work; and (b) that presents, for approval by the Board, the proposed evaluation workplan for the biennium 2016–2017, incorporating both the corporate and decentralized evaluations planned and developed through consultation at senior management level across the Organization, and discussed with the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee.

12.2 Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy

In May 2015, the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly noted the Director-General's report providing an update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy, which was submitted prior to the submission of a more comprehensive technical and financial report to the Executive Board at its 138th session. This report, based on the preliminary studies of the selected design, will provide the Board with more information upon which to base a recommendation to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly about proceeding with the construction of the annex building as an integral part of the comprehensive renovation strategy.

12.3 Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

In the context of the relevant rules of procedure, resolutions and decisions, the report will provide additional details on the following: the leave status of internal candidates, the candidates' forum, the electronic voting system, and support for nominated candidates. The report will also propose that the Board consider recommending that nominated candidates address the Health Assembly before the vote.

12.4 Hosted health partnerships

In decision EB132(10) (2013) the Executive Board requested the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board, inter alia, to ensure that the arrangements for hosted health partnerships are regularly reviewed. This report will present a general update on hosted partnerships and the first reviews thereof, which concern the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and the Global Health Workforce Alliance.

12.5 Reports of committees of the Executive Board

- Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

During its session the Board will consider the report of the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations, which contains, inter alia, the Committee's recommendations on requests from organizations for admission into official relations with WHO, and the review of collaboration between WHO and one third of the organizations in official relations during the period 2013–2015 and of their plans for collaboration for the period 2016–2018.

- Foundations and awards

The Board will consider the reports of the selection panels for the following prizes to be awarded in 2016:

The Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize, the Sasakawa Health Prize, the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Prize for Research in Health Care for the Elderly and in Health Promotion, and the Dr Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health.

The Board will be invited to approve the report of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee and to consider the following: a report from the meeting of the Jacques Parisot Foundation, together with proposed changes to the Statutes of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation.

12.6 Provisional agenda of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly and date, place and draft provisional agenda of the 139th session of the Executive Board

13. Staffing matters

13.1 Human resources: annual report

The Secretariat will submit a report providing an update on the implementation of the Organization-wide human resources strategy.

13.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

A report will be submitted to the Board for its consideration, containing details of the deliberations and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 as transmitted to the United Nations General Assembly, including those relating to the comprehensive review of the common system

compensation package. The report will provide a link to the forty-first annual report of the International Civil Service Commission.

13.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

Amendments to the Staff Rules made by the Director-General are submitted for confirmation by the Board in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2. Proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations are presented for consideration by the Board for submission to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly.

13.4 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

14. Matters for information

14.1 Reports of advisory bodies

- Expert committees and study groups

In compliance with Regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, the Director-General will submit to the Board for its consideration a report on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees and observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

In a second report, the Secretariat will provide details of both meetings and membership of expert committees that met in 2015.

15. Closure of the session

Note:

1. *In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General and the Officers of the Executive Board met by teleconference on Tuesday 22 September, to review the draft provisional agenda of the 138th session of the Board that had been circulated to Member States on 18 June 2015.*

2. *In respect of existing agenda items, the Officers of the Board agreed:*

- *that item 6.2 – Report of the WHO Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity – be deleted as the Commission needed additional time to finalize its report. Instead, a lunchtime briefing would be provided during EB138;*
- *that the bullet under item 7.2 – Operational plan to take forward the Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health – be moved to become a separate agenda item under the category, Promoting health through the life course, in view of the fact that the substantive agenda item covered a broader range of health-related issues;*
- *that, in the interests of effective agenda management, consideration of item 7.5 – International Classification of Diseases: update on the eleventh revision – be postponed to a later session of the Executive Board;*
- *to change the title of item 9.1 to "2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and issues raised: follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on the Ebola Emergency (resolution EBSS3.R1) and the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly (decision WHA68(10))";*

- that: (i) the title of item 10.1 Health workforce, which was currently too broad, be changed to “Health workforce and services”; and that (ii) two bullet points be added as follows: “Draft global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030” and “Framework on integrated people-centred health services”;
 - that the title of items 10.2 (Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property) and 12.1 (Evaluation workplan for 2016–2017 and update on work plan for 2014–2015) be adjusted in order to make them clearer.
3. In respect of the proposed new items, the Officers of the Board agreed:
- to accept for addition to the Management and legal matters section of the provisional agenda 138th session of the Board, two items proposed by the Secretariat, namely: (i) an item entitled “Hosted health partnerships”;¹ and (ii) an item entitled “Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization”, which was proposed in order to draw the Board’s attention to a number of issues regarding the process of election;
 - to accept for addition to the provisional agenda of the 138th session of the Board, the following new items proposed by Member States: (i) an item entitled “Public health dimension of the world drug problem including in the context of Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the World Drug Problem, to be held in 2016”; (ii) an item entitled “Addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020): outcome of the Second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results”; (iii) an item entitled “Role of the health sector in the sound management of chemicals”; (iv) an item entitled “Promoting the health of migrants”; and (v) an item entitled “Follow-up to the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination – Planning for an open-ended meeting of Member States to discuss progress”;
 - that the proposed new item entitled “Internships” be placed as an additional item on the provisional agenda of the January 2016 meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board, as that Committee was a more appropriate forum for discussion of the topic;
 - to merge and accept as a single new item the following items proposed by Member States:
 - (i) an item entitled “Promoting safety and accessibility of children’s medication”;
 - (ii) an item entitled “Global shortage of medicines”;
 - to defer to the Board’s session in May 2016 consideration of the proposed new items entitled: (i) “Dementia”; (ii) “Assistive technology for disability”; (iii) “Development of a new WHA resolution and action plan for prevention of deafness and hearing loss”; and (iv) “Health and climate change”.
- In the case of the item on assistive technology for disability, it was agreed that additional time was needed for regional consultative processes and research. In the case of the other proposals, the Officers of the Board, while recognizing the importance of the issues concerned, agreed that additional time was needed to take stock of the status of implementation of existing mandates;*

¹ The item on hosted health partnerships should have been included on the draft provisional agenda of EB138, in accordance with decision EB132(10) (2013); however, by an oversight this was not mentioned during the teleconference.

- *to defer to the provisional agenda of the Health Assembly in May 2016 consideration of a proposed new item entitled “Strengthening synergies between the World Health Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the WHO FCTC”, as the item involved reports to be submitted directly to the Health Assembly; it did not need to be added to the Board’s agenda as the provisional agenda for the Health Assembly would in any case be considered by the Board at its session in January 2016;*
- *that, despite the importance of the proposed new item entitled “Kids Save Lives” in the context of improving quality of health care and patient safety,” the relevant work should be taken forward through other means, including technical briefings and seminars, as the initiative had already received the Organization’s official endorsement and was under way.*

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