

# **Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly, and draft provisional agenda of the 140th session of the Executive Board**

## **Report by the Secretariat**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD, 140TH SESSION**

1. Article 26 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Board shall meet at least twice a year and shall determine the place of each meeting.” Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board provides that the Board “shall determine at each session the time and place of its next session”.
2. It is proposed to convene the 140th session of the Executive Board on Monday, 23 January 2017, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and to close the session no later than Wednesday, 1 February 2017. It is further proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twenty-fifth meeting from Wednesday to Friday, 18–20 January 2017, at WHO headquarters.
3. In view of the new process for the election of the Director-General, established by resolution WHA66.18 (2013), one additional day has been added to the schedule of the Executive Board.
4. On the basis of mandated reporting requirements and standing items, an advance copy of the draft provisional agenda of the 140th session of the Executive Board (see Annex) has been drawn up. The draft provisional agenda of the 140th session of the Executive Board will be circulated to Member States for their consideration within four weeks of the closure of the 139th session, in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

### **SEVENTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

5. Article 13 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Health Assembly shall meet in regular annual session”. Article 14 further provides that “The Health Assembly, at each annual session, shall select the country or region in which the next annual session shall be held, the Board subsequently fixing the place.” In accordance with Article 15, “The Board ... shall determine the date of each annual ... session.” In its decision WHA30(xvi), the Thirtieth World Health Assembly requested the Executive Board to fix the duration of each session.

6. Assuming that the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly decides that the Seventieth World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland, it is proposed to convene the Seventieth World Health Assembly on Monday, 22 May 2017, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Health Assembly no later than Wednesday, 31 May 2017. Should the Board agree to this, it is proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twenty-sixth meeting on Thursday, 18 May and Friday, 19 May 2017, at WHO headquarters.

7. In view of the new process for the election of the Director-General, established by resolution WHA66.18, one additional day has been added to the schedule of the Health Assembly.

### **ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

8. The Board may wish to consider adoption of the following draft decisions:

#### **Decision 1:**

The Executive Board decided that its 140th session should be convened on Monday, 23 January 2017, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Wednesday, 1 February 2017. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twenty-fifth meeting from Wednesday to Friday, 18–20 January 2017, at WHO headquarters.

#### **Decision 2:**

The Executive Board decided that the Seventieth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, opening on Monday, 22 May 2017, and close no later than Wednesday, 31 May 2017. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twenty-sixth meeting on Thursday, 18 May and Friday, 19 May 2017, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

## **Draft provisional agenda**

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report by the Director-General**
- 3. Nomination of the Director-General**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 5. Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board**
- 6. WHO reform**
  - 6.1 Overview of reform implementation
- 7. Communicable diseases**
  - 7.1 Global vaccine action plan
- 8. Noncommunicable diseases**
  - 8.1 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
  - 8.2 Towards universal eye health: a global action plan 2014–2019
- 9. Promoting health through the life course**
  - 9.1 Draft framework on adolescent health
- 10. Health systems**
  - 10.1 Evaluation of the Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property
  - 10.2 Transforming health workforce education in support of universal health coverage

- 10.3 Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products
- 10.4 Principles for global consensus on the donation and management of blood, blood components and medical products of human origin

## **11. Preparedness, surveillance and response**

- 11.1 Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
- 11.2 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
  - Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity: implications for the sharing of pathogens and public health
- 11.3 WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies
- 11.4 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
- 11.5 Poliomyelitis

## **12. Programme and budget matters**

- 12.1 Implementation and financing of Programme budget 2016–2017: update
- 12.2 Proposed programme budget for 2018–2019

## **13. Financial matters**

- 13.1 Scale of assessments for 2018–2019
- 13.2 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

## **14. Management and governance matters**

- 14.1 Evaluation
- 14.2 Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]
- 14.3 Reports of committees of the Executive Board
  - Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations
  - Foundations and awards
- 14.4 Provisional agenda of the Seventieth World Health Assembly and date, place and draft provisional agenda of the 141st session of the Executive Board

**15. Staffing matters**

- 15.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean
- 15.2 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
- 15.3 Human resources: update
- 15.4 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
- 15.5 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

**16. Matters for information**

- 16.1 Reports of advisory bodies
  - Expert committees and study groups

**17. Closure of the session**

*Note: in line with resolution WHA67.2, the following items will be considered by the Health Assembly under progress reports.*

<b><i>Communicable diseases</i></b>
<i>Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030 (resolution WHA68.2)</i>
<i>Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015 (resolution WHA67.1)</i>
<i>Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)</i>
<b><i>Noncommunicable diseases</i></b>
<i>Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (resolution WHA68.19)</i>
<i>WHO global disability action plan 2014–2021: better health for all people with disability (resolution WHA67.7)</i>
<i>Towards universal eye health: a global action plan 2014–2019 (resolution WHA66.4)</i>
<b><i>Health systems</i></b>
<i>Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage (resolution WHA68.15)</i>
<i>Regulatory system strengthening for medical products (resolution WHA67.20)</i>
<i>Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)</i>

<b><i>Promoting health through the life course</i></b>
<i>Public health impacts of exposure to mercury and mercury compounds: the role of WHO and ministries of public health in the implementation of the Minamata Convention (resolution WHA67.11)</i>
<i>Female genital mutilation (resolution WHA61.16)</i>
<i>Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31)</i>
<i>Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)</i>
<b><i>Preparedness, surveillance and response</i></b>
<i>Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance (resolution WHA68.7)</i>
<i>Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)</i>

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