

Post of Director-General: options for the conduct of the election at the Health Assembly on the basis of paper-based voting

The Executive Board, having considered the report on Post of Director-General: options for the conduct of the election on the basis of paper-based voting,¹ decided:

- (1) to recommend that the Seventieth World Health Assembly decide to use a paper-based voting system for the appointment of the Director-General;
- (2) to recommend that the Seventieth World Health Assembly adopt the proposed amendments in the annex below, and adopt those proposed amendments in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly.

¹ Document EB140/4.

ANNEX

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR
THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS BY SECRET BALLOT**

Current version of Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly	Proposed amended version of Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly
(...) Where a ballot is required, two tellers appointed by the President from among the delegations present shall assist in the counting of votes.	(...) Where a ballot is required, two <i>or more</i> tellers appointed by the President from among the delegations present shall assist in the counting of votes.

Current version of the Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot	Proposed amended version of the Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot
Principle no. 1. Before voting begins, the President shall hand to the two tellers appointed by him the list of Members entitled to vote and the list of candidates. (...)	Before voting begins, the President shall hand to the two tellers appointed by him the list of Members entitled to vote and the list of candidates. (...)
Principle no. 3. The tellers shall satisfy themselves that the ballot box is empty and, having locked it, shall hand the key to the President.	The tellers shall satisfy themselves that the ballot box or ballot boxes is/are empty and, having locked it/ them , shall hand the key/ keys to the President.
Principle no. 4. Members shall be called in turn to vote in the required alphabetical order of their names, ¹ beginning with the name of a Member which shall have been drawn by lot. The call shall be made in English, French, Russian and Spanish.	Except as otherwise determined by the Health Assembly , Members shall be called in turn to vote in the required alphabetical order of their names, ¹ beginning with the name of a Member which shall have been drawn by lot. The call shall be made in English, French, Russian and Spanish.
Principle no. 7. When the ballot box has been opened, the tellers shall count the number of ballot papers. If the number is not equal to that of the voters, the President shall declare the vote invalid and another ballot shall be held.	When the ballot box or ballot boxes has/ have been opened, the tellers shall count the number of ballot papers. If the number is not equal to that of the voters, the President shall declare the vote invalid and another ballot shall be held.

(Second meeting, 23 January 2017)

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¹ Under Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly.