

Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

Report by the Director-General

1. In its ninth annual report, submitted to the thirtieth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board,¹ the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee drew attention to the need to exceptionally extend the term of office of two of the current members of the Committee. This report outlines the consequent proposal of the Director-General for the exceptional extension of the term of office of these two members of the Committee.

2. In resolution EB125.R1 (2009), the Board at its 125th session decided, inter alia, to establish an Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee and approved its terms of reference. The term of office as set out in the terms of reference, as revised by the Board at its 132rd session in resolution EB132.R12 (2013), states that, “The term of office shall be four years, non-renewable, except that the term of office for two of the initial members shall be two years, renewable once only for four years. The Chairman of the Committee shall be selected by its members. He or she shall serve in this capacity for a term of two years”.

3. The current members of the Committee are as follows:

Name	Date of appointment by the Board²	Start of tenure³	Current end of tenure	Decision
Dr Jeya Wilson (Chair) ⁴	May 2015	1 May 2016	30 April 2020	EB137(4) (2015)
Mr Leonardo P. Gomes Pereira	May 2015	1 May 2016	30 April 2020	EB137(4) (2015)
Mr Christof Gabriel Maetze	June 2017	1 January 2018	31 December 2021	EB141(2) (2017)
Mr Jayantilal M. Karia	June 2017	1 January 2018	31 December 2021	EB141(2) (2017)
Mr Christopher Mihm	June 2017	1 January 2019	31 December 2022	EB141(2) (2017)

¹ Document EBPBAC30/2.

² The date of appointment refers to the date of adoption of the relevant decision by the Board.

³ The term of office normally starts in January of the year following the adoption of the relevant decision by the Board. When Mr Leonardo P. Gomes Pereira and Dr Jeya Wilson were appointed by the Board at its 137th session in May 2015, however, the start of the term of office was May 2016. The term of office of Mr Christopher Mihm, who was appointed by the Board at its 141st session in June 2017, started in January 2019.

⁴ Chair since October 2018.

4. As outlined above, the term of office for both Mr Pereira and Dr Wilson commenced on 1 May 2016 and is scheduled to end on 30 April 2020. In order to ensure sufficient continuity of the members, including the Chair, during the ongoing transformation process and other important initiatives in WHO, it is proposed to extend the term of office of Mr Pereira and the Chair, Dr Wilson, to 31 December 2020. This proposal would furthermore allow the current Chair and other Committee members to review and propose any amendments required to the terms of reference of the Committee. It would also allow alignment of the start and end dates of the members' term of office (starting in January and ending in December). The revised end dates of tenure of these two members would be as follows:

Name	Revised end of tenure
Mr Leonardo P. Gomes Pereira	31 December 2020
Dr Jeya Wilson (Chair)	31 December 2020

5. As a result of these changes, the selection of new members of the Committee would take place as follows:

- two members would be proposed to the Board at its 147th session in May 2020;
- two members would be proposed to the Board at its 149th session in May 2021;
- one member would be proposed to the Board at its 151st session in May 2022.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

6. The Board is invited to note the report and, subject to its approval, to extend the term of office of two of the current members, Mr Pereira and Dr Wilson, to 31 December 2020.

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