

Programme of meetings for Saturday, 22 May 2004

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>	Other
09:00		Eighth meeting	Fifth Meeting	
12:00		<i>Tentative extension</i>		
On conclusion of Committee A	Eighth plenary			
Immediately following	Ninth plenary			

Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Saturday, 22 May 2004

Eighth meeting of Committee A

**Room XVIII – 09:00
and 12:00 (tentative extension)**

– **Draft second report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A57/44, containing five resolutions entitled:

- *Road safety and health*
- *Family and health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family*
- *Reproductive health: draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets*
- *Genomics and world health*
- *Scaling up treatment and care within a coordinated and comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS*

Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Item 12.8 (continued) – Health promotion and healthy lifestyles

Document A57/11
Document A57/A/Conf.Paper No.6

Item 12.6 (continued) – Global strategy on diet, physical activity and health

Document A57/9
Document A57/A/Conf.Paper No.5 Rev.1

Item 12.14 (continued) – Human organ and tissue transplantation

Document A57/17
Document A57/A/Conf.Paper No.7

Item 12.11 – Health systems, including primary health care

Document A57/14
Document A57/A/Conf.Paper No.1 Rev.2

Item 12.15 (continued) – Implementation of resolutions (progress reports)

Document A57/18

- Integrated prevention of noncommunicable diseases (resolution WHA55.23)
- Infant and young child nutrition: biennial progress report (resolution WHA33.32)

Document A57/A/Conf.Paper No.4

- WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (resolution WHA56.1)

– **Draft third report of Committee A**

Fifth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

– **Draft fourth report of Committee B**

Document (Draft) A57/45 containing three resolutions entitled:

- *Agreement with the Office international des Epizooties*
- *Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly: amendment to Rule 72*
- *Eradication of dracunculiasis*

and three decisions entitled:

- *Regular budget allocations to regions*
- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*
- *Policy for relations with nongovernmental organizations*

Item 15 (continued) **Financial matters**

Item 15.3 – Scale of assessments for 2005

Document A57/B/Conf.Paper No.4

Eighth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – On conclusion of Committee A

Item 8 (continued) **Reports of the main committees**

– **Second report of Committee B**

Document A57/42, containing one resolution entitled:

- *Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2002–2003; report of the External Auditor and comments thereon made on behalf of the Executive Board*

– **Third report of Committee B**

Document A57/43, containing two resolutions entitled:

- *Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution*
- *Arrears in payment of contributions: Ukraine*

– **Second report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A57/44, containing five resolutions entitled:

- *Road safety and health*
- *Family and health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family*
- *Reproductive health: draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets*
- *Genomics and world health*
- *Scaling up treatment and care within a coordinated and comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS*

– **Draft fourth report of Committee B**

Document (Draft) A57/45 containing three resolutions entitled:

- *Agreement with the Office international des Epizooties*
- *Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly: amendment to Rule 72*
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and three decisions entitled:

- *Regular budget allocations to regions*
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- *Policy for relations with nongovernmental organizations*

– **Draft third report of Committee A**

Ninth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – Immediately following

Item 9

Closure of the Assembly

Report of meetings

Friday, 21 May 2004

Seventh plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Mohammed Nasir Khan (Pakistan)
President of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly

– **Second report of the Committee on Credentials (document A57/40)**

The President presented the second report of the Committee on Credentials. In addition, the President recommended that the credentials of Nigeria, which had been examined by the President and found to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure, also be accepted. The report of the Committee on Credentials, with the addition, was approved by the Health Assembly.

Item 6

Executive Board: election (document A57/38)

The Health Assembly accepted the list of 12 Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board as drawn up by the General Committee in accordance with Rule 102 of the Rules of Procedure. The following were therefore declared elected:

Australia	Lesotho
Bahrain	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Bolivia	Luxembourg
Brazil	Romania
Jamaica	Thailand
Kenya	Tonga

The President invited the Members to pay due regard to the provisions of Article 24 of the Constitution when appointing a person to serve on the Executive Board.

Item 8

Reports of main committees

– First report of Committee A (document A57/39)

The first report of Committee A was introduced and the following two resolutions contained in the report were adopted:

- *Surveillance and control of Mycobacterium ulcerans disease (Buruli ulcer)*
- *Control of human African trypanosomiasis.*

The following decision contained in the report was also taken:

- *Intellectual property rights, innovation and public health.*

The first report of Committee A was then approved by the Health Assembly.

– First report of Committee B (document A57/41)

The following resolution contained in the report was adopted and the first report of Committee B was then approved:

- *Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine.*

The delegate of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya spoke.

Sixth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Ponmek Dalaloy (Lao People's Democratic Republic)

Later: Mrs A. van Bolhuis (Netherlands)

Item 12 (continued)

Technical and health matters

The Chairman opened the meeting and the method of work was amended so that delegations could be invited to comment on the resolutions before the floor was opened for general debate.

Item 12.7

– Road safety and health

The Chairman reopened this sub-item and 22 delegations took the floor. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Chairman invited the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the United Nations Children's Fund to make a statement. The floor was then given to the observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Secretariat was invited to respond to the issues raised. The Chairman then invited the Secretariat to read out the amendments to resolution EB113.R3: *Road safety and health*, contained in document EB113/2004/REC/1. Additional amendments were proposed.

The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretariat who read out the various proposed amendments to resolution EB113.R3: *Road safety and health*, contained in document EB113/2004/REC/1, which was approved as amended.

Item 12.8

– **Health promotion and healthy lifestyles**

The Chairman invited those delegations who had proposed amendments to resolution EB113.R2: *Health promotion and healthy lifestyles*, contained in document EB113/2004/REC/1, to take the floor. Seven delegations spoke. The Chairman proposed that the sub-item remain open and that the resolution be considered at the next meeting of Committee A so that a revised version, taking into account the numerous proposed amendments, would be available to Committee members.

Item 12.9

– **Family health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family**

Item 12.10

– **Reproductive health**

The Chairman proposed that, to help facilitate a consensus on resolutions EB113.R12: *Family health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family*, and EB113.R11: *Reproductive health: draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets*, contained in document EB113/2004/REC/1, sub-items 12.9 and 12.10 be considered together. This was accepted by the Committee.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Representative of the Executive Board reported on discussions held at the January 2004 session of the Board. The Chairman invited seven delegations to comment on resolution EB113.R12: *Family health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family*. The Secretariat responded to the issues and questions raised.

The Chairman invited comments on resolution EB113.R11: *Reproductive health: draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets*, and 11 delegations took the floor. The Chairman then opened the floor for general debate of both agenda sub-items and four delegations commented. The Chairman announced that, due to time constraints, other delegations who had requested to speak would be given the floor at the beginning of the next meeting.

Seventh meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Mrs A. van Boilhuis (Netherlands) *ad interim*

Item 12 (continued)

Technical and health matters

Item 12.9

– **Family health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family**

Item 12.10

– **Reproductive health**

The Chairman reopened sub-item 12.10: *Reproductive health*, and invited comments from the floor, whereupon 11 delegations spoke. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Chairman invited the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund to make a statement. The floor was then given to the observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Chairman invited the representatives of four nongovernmental organizations to make a statement.

The Secretariat read out the proposed amendments to resolution EB113.R11: *Reproductive health: draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets*, as contained in document EB113/2004/REC/1. After further amendments were proposed, the Secretariat read out the revised text to the resolution.

The two resolutions, EB113.R11: *Reproductive health: draft strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets*, and EB113.R12: *Family and health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family*, both contained in document EB113/2004/REC/1, were approved by consensus as amended.

Item 12.13 – **Genomics and world health**

The Chairman opened this sub-item for discussion. Fifteen delegations spoke and several amendments were proposed. The Chairman then gave the floor to the Secretariat to respond to the queries raised. The chairman decided that consideration of resolution EB113.R4: *Genomics and world health*, contained in document EB113/2004/REC/1, would resume later in the session.

Item 12.14 – **Human organ and tissue transplantation**

The Chairman opened this sub-item; 18 delegations took the floor and a number of amendments to the resolution were proposed. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure, the Chairman invited the representative of the European Commission to make a statement. After the Secretariat responded to the issues raised, the Chairman suggested that the revised resolution incorporating the proposed amendments be offered for approval at the next session.

Item 12.13 (continued) – **Genomics and world health**

The Secretariat was invited to read out the proposed amendments to resolution EB113.R4: *Genomics and world health*, contained in document EB113/2004/REC/1, which was approved as amended by consensus.

Item 12.1 (continued) – **HIV/AIDS**

The Chairman reopened this sub-item for discussion and invited the delegate from Canada, as cosponsor, to introduce the draft resolution contained in document A57/A/Conf.Paper No.3 Rev.2: *Scaling up treatment and care within a coordinated and comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS*. The convenor of the informal working group (Sweden) was invited to take the floor and read out further proposed amendments. The Chairman invited 13 delegations to take the floor, followed by the Secretariat who read out the proposed amendments. Two delegations spoke and the Secretariat clarified terminology and responded to the questions raised. Several delegations requested to be listed as cosponsors for this resolution. The Chairman noted their requests.

The resolution, *Scaling up treatment and care within a coordinated and comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS*, contained in document A57/A/Conf.Paper No.3 Rev.2, was approved as amended by consensus. The Chairman then gave the floor to the observer of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. In accordance with Rules 48 and 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to the representative of UNAIDS and four nongovernmental organizations to make a statement.

Item 12.15 (continued) – **Implementation of resolutions (progress report)**

- Reducing global measles mortality

The Chairman reopened the sub-item for discussion, whereupon three delegations spoke on this item, followed by the Secretariat who responded to the queries raised.

- Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)

At the invitation of the Chairman, nine delegations took the floor. The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretariat for comment.

The Chairman announced that consideration of the three remaining sub-items of this item would resume at the next session of the Committee and that items 12.12, *Quality and safety of medicines: regulatory systems*, and 12.16, *Eradication of dracunculiasis*, had been transferred to Committee B.

Third meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Jigmi Singay (Bhutan)

– **Draft second report of Committee B**

The draft second report of Committee B, document (Draft) A57/42, containing the following resolution, was read out by the Rapporteur and adopted:

- *Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2002–2003; report of the External Auditor and comments thereon made on behalf of the Executive Board*

Item 15 (continued) **Financial matters**

- Item 15.2 (continued) – **Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution**

Discussion on this sub-item resumed, whereupon the Chairman invited comments. Seven delegations took the floor. As further consultations would take place on the proposal for payment of arrears by Armenia, the resolution contained in document A57/B/Conf.Paper No.2: *Arrears in payment of contributions: Armenia*, was not considered. The resolution contained in document A57/B/Conf.Paper No.3: *Arrears in payment of contributions: Ukraine*, was approved.

Item 15.3 **Scale of assessments for 2005**

The Chairman invited the Representative of the Executive Board to report on the discussions that took place in January 2004. Thirteen delegations took the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. It was agreed that the item would remain open to allow consultation on the draft resolution in document A57/B/Conf.Paper No.4: *Scale of assessments for 2005*.

Item 16 **Programme and budget matters**

- Item 16.1 – **Regular budget allocations to regions**

The Chairman gave the floor to the Secretariat to introduce document A57/INF.DOC./4: *Regular budget allocations to regions*. Thirty-one delegations took the floor and the Secretariat responded to questions. The item remained open.

Fourth meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Jigmi Singay (Bhutan)

Later: Professor N. Mamadou Nali (Central African Republic)

Later: Dr S. Kharabsheh (Jordan)

Item 16 (continued) **Programme and budget matters**

Item 16.2 **Programme budget 2002–2003**

The Chairman opened the sub-item. Eight delegations spoke. The Secretariat provided additional information. The Committee noted the report contained in document A57/25: *Programme budget 2002–2003*.

– **Draft third report of Committee B**

The draft third report of Committee B, document (Draft) A57/43, containing the following resolutions, was read out by the Rapporteur and adopted:

- *Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution*
- *Arrears in payment of contribution: Ukraine*

Item 16.1 **Regular budget allocations to regions**

This item had been left open at the end of the third meeting of the Committee. A proposed draft decision was read out by the Chairman. Nine delegations took the floor, after which the draft decision was approved, as amended.

Item 17 **Staffing matters**

Item 17.1 – **Human resources: annual report**

The Representative of the Executive Board informed the Committee of the Board's discussions which took place during the January 2004 session. Ten delegations took the floor. The Secretariat replied to questions raised. The report contained in document A57/26: *Human resources: annual report*, was noted.

Item 17.3 – **Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee**

The Chairman opened the sub-item for discussion. The Committee decided to accept the nominations contained in document A57/27: *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*, and to transmit this decision to the plenary.

Item 18 **Legal matters**

Item 18.1 – **Agreement with the *Office International des Epizooties***

The Chairman invited five delegations to take the floor. The Legal Counsel responded to questions and provided an explanation. The draft resolution contained in document A57/28 Add.1: *Agreement with the Office International des Epizooties*, was approved as amended.

Item 18.2 – **Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly: amendment to Rule 72**

The Chairman opened the sub-item. One delegation took the floor. The Committee approved resolution EB112.R1, *Ad hoc open-ended intergovernmental working group to review the working methods of the Executive Board*, contained in document EB112/2003/REC/1.

Item 20 **Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**

The Chairman opened the floor for discussion of this item, whereupon one delegation spoke. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure, the Chairman invited representatives of two nongovernmental organizations to make statements. The Committee noted the report contained in document A57/31: *Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations*.

Item 21 **Policy for relations with nongovernmental organizations**

The Representative of the Executive Board informed the Committee of the discussions which took place on this subject during its January 2004 session. Eight delegations took the floor. Representatives from four nongovernmental organizations made statements in accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure. The Committee agreed to transmit a decision on this item to the Plenary.

Item 12 (continued.) **Technical and health matters**

Item 12.12 – **Quality and safety of medicines: regulatory systems**

The Chairman opened the floor for discussions. Nineteen delegations took the floor and a representative of an intergovernmental organization spoke in accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure. The Secretariat responded to issues raised, and the Committee noted the report contained in document A57/15: *Quality and safety of medicines: regulatory systems*.

Item 12.16 – **Eradication of dracunculiasis**

The Chairman opened this sub-item for discussion and eight delegations took the floor. The resolution contained in document A57/38: *Eradication of dracunculiasis*, was approved as amended.

Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place during the Health Assembly:

Saturday, 22 May 2004

08:00–09:00 Room A206	Meeting of the delegations of the Nordic Countries
08:00–09:00 Room XXII	Coordination meeting of the European Union There will be interpretation in English and French.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.
08:15–08:55 Room VII	Informal meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa There will be interpretation in English and French.
08:30–09:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
08:30–09:30 Room XXIII	Coordination meeting of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) There will be interpretation in English and French.

Announcements

Recordings of plenary on video-CDs

Opening addresses, speeches and the general debate in plenary were recorded on video-CDs. For the current Health Assembly only, one set was distributed free-of-charge in the pigeon-hole of each delegation on Friday, 21 May. A limited number will be on sale at the WHO gift shop, located in the hall between doors 13 and 15, at the price of CHF30.

Notice to Executive Board Members

The 114th session of the Executive Board will open on Monday, 24 May 2004, at 9:30 in the Executive Board Room at the headquarters of WHO.

Please note the following administrative arrangements:

- **Documents:** Documents for Executive Board Members are available in their special pigeon holes, which are located next to the documents desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais des Nations. Members are requested to pick up their documents before 15:00 today.
- **Badges:** Badges for Members of the Board, their alternates and advisers, and to representatives of other Member States and organizations invited to attend, will be issued at the Registration Desk at the entrance of the Executive Board Room on Saturday, 22 May, from 10:00 to 14:00, and on Monday, 24 May, from 7:30.
- **Per diem:** Payment of per diem will be made on Monday, 24 May, between 8:30 and 9:30 in front of the Board Room. Please contact Mr Gerardo Flores, Finance Officer. After 9:30, Mr Flores will be in office 2064 (second floor), ext. 12216.
- **Travel arrangements:** For reimbursement of air tickets, please submit a travel claim to Mr Flores as above, together with the original proof of payment or bill, copy of ticket stub(s), and details of bank account where payment should be made. Travel claim forms are available in office E.127 at WHO headquarters or from Mr Flores in office 2064.
- **Banking facilities:** The cash-counter at the UBS Branch located in the ground floor of Annex L, will remain open until 16:30 on Monday, 24 May 2004. Members of the Board with vouchers will need to get to the bank before that time.