

PART II
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The text of resolutions and decisions recommended in committee reports and subsequently adopted without change by the Health Assembly have been replaced by the serial number (in square brackets) under which they appear in document WHA58/2005/REC/1. The verbatim records of plenary meetings at which these reports were approved are reproduced in document WHA58/2005/REC/2.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

First report¹

[A58/50 – 17 May 2005]

The Committee on Credentials met on 17 May 2005. Delegates of the following Member States were present: Algeria, Benin, Bhutan, Chad, Czech Republic, Honduras, Kiribati, Morocco, Peru, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Yemen.

The Committee elected the following officers: Dr T. Kienene (Kiribati) – Chairman; Dr D. Yevide (Benin) – Vice-Chairman; Dr A. Al-Rabee (Yemen) – Rapporteur.

The Committee examined the credentials delivered to the Director-General in accordance with Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly.

The credentials of the delegates of the Member States listed at the end of this report were found to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure as constituting formal credentials, and the Committee therefore proposes that the Health Assembly should recognize their validity.

The Committee examined notifications from the following Member States, which, while indicating the names of the delegates concerned, could not be considered as constituting formal credentials in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure. The Committee therefore recommends to the Health Assembly that the delegates of these Member States be provisionally seated with all rights in the Health Assembly pending the arrival of their formal credentials: Brunei Darussalam, Djibouti, Ghana, Iraq, Panama, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Sierra Leone, Uruguay.

States whose credentials it was recommended should be recognized as valid (see fourth paragraph above)

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic

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Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Second report¹

[A58/52 – 21 May 2005]

On 19 May 2005, the Bureau of the Committee on Credentials examined the formal credentials of the delegations of the following Member States, who had been seated provisionally in the Health Assembly pending the arrival of their formal credentials: Djibouti, Ghana, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova.

These credentials were found to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, and the Bureau therefore proposes that the Health Assembly recognize their validity.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

First report²

[A58/46 – 16 May 2005]

The Committee on Nominations, consisting of delegates of the following Member States: Bahamas, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, China, Comoros, France, Gambia, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Kuwait, Lithuania, Palau, Paraguay, Russian Federation, Senegal, Seychelles, Timor-Leste, Togo, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam and Mr Muhammad Nasir Khan (Pakistan) (ex officio), met on 16 May 2005.

In accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly and respecting the practice of regional rotation that the Health Assembly has followed for many years in this regard, the Committee decided to propose to the Health Assembly the nomination of Ms Elena Salgado (Spain) for the Office of President of the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly.

¹ Approved by the Health Assembly at its eighth plenary meeting.

² Approved by the Health Assembly at its first plenary meeting.

Second report¹

[A58/47 – 16 May 2005]

At its first meeting held on 16 May 2005, the Committee on Nominations decided to propose to the Health Assembly, in accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the following nominations:

Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly: Mr S. Meky (Eritrea), Dr M. Fernandez Galeano (Uruguay), Dr M. Fikri (United Arab Emirates), Professor Suchai Charoenratanakul (Thailand), Ms A. King (New Zealand);

Committee A: Chairman – Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran);

Committee B: Chairman – Dr J. Walcott (Barbados).

Concerning the members of the General Committee to be elected under Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee decided to nominate the delegates of the following 17 countries: Bhutan, Brazil, China, Congo, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, France, Lebanon, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mongolia, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zimbabwe.

Third report²

[A58/48 – 16 May 2005]

At its first meeting held on 16 May 2005, the Committee on Nominations decided to propose to each of the main Committees, in accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the following nominations for the Offices of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur:

Committee A: Vice-Chairmen: Dr H. Ntaba (Malawi) and Pehin Dato Abu Bakar Apong (Brunei Darussalam);
Rapporteur: Dr R. Busuttil (Malta);

Committee B: Vice-Chairmen: Professor J. Pereira Miguel (Portugal) and Dr M.A. Rahman Khan (Bangladesh);
Rapporteur: Mr Yee Ping Yi (Singapore).

¹ Approved by the Health Assembly at its first plenary meeting.

² See summary records of the first meetings of Committees A and B (pp. 19 and 241, respectively).

GENERAL COMMITTEE**Report¹**

[A58/51 – 19 May 2005]

**Election of Members entitled to designate a person
to serve on the Executive Board**

At its meeting on 18 May 2005, the General Committee, in accordance with Rule 102 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, drew up the following list of 10 Members, in the English alphabetical order, to be transmitted to the Health Assembly for the purpose of the election of 10 Members to be entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board: Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Iraq, Japan, Liberia, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, Portugal, Rwanda.

In the General Committee's opinion these 10 Members would provide, if elected, a balanced distribution on the Board as a whole.

COMMITTEE A**First report²**

[A58/49 – 19 May 2005]

On the proposal of the Committee on Nominations,³ Dr H. Ntaba (Malawi) and Pehin Dato Abu Bakar Apong (Brunei Darussalam) were elected Vice-Chairmen, and Dr R. Busuttil (Malta) Rapporteur.

Committee A held its first, second, third and fourth meetings on 17 and 18 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.3 Health action in relation to crises and disasters

Health action in relation to crises and disasters, with particular emphasis on the earthquakes and tsunamis of 26 December 2004 [WHA58.1].

¹ See document WHA58/2005/REC/2, verbatim record of the seventh plenary meeting of the Health Assembly, section 2.

² Approved by the Health Assembly at its seventh plenary meeting.

³ See third report of the Committee on Nominations, above.

Second report¹

[A58/54 – 20 May 2005]

Committee A held its fifth and sixth meetings on 19 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.5 Malaria
Malaria control [WHA58.2].

Third report¹

[A58/55 – 23 May 2005]

Committee A held its seventh meeting on 20 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.1 Revision of the International Health Regulations [WHA58.3].

Fourth report¹

[A58/56 – 21 May 2005]

Committee A held its seventh and eighth meetings on 20 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of two resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

12. Proposed programme budget 2006-2007
 - Appropriation resolution for the financial period 2006-2007 [WHA58.4]
13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.9 Strengthening pandemic influenza preparedness and response
Strengthening pandemic-influenza preparedness and response [WHA58.5].

¹ Approved by the Health Assembly at its eighth plenary meeting.

Fifth report¹

[A58/57 – 23 May 2005]

Committee A held its ninth meeting on 21 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of two resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.4 Sustainable financing for tuberculosis prevention and control [WHA58.14]
 - 13.8 Draft global immunization strategy [WHA58.15].

Sixth report¹

[A58/60 – 24 May 2005]

Committee A held its tenth and eleventh meetings on 23 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.19 Implementation of resolutions (progress reports)
 - Prevention and control of iodine deficiency disorders
Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders [WHA58.24].

Seventh report¹

[A58/62 – 25 May 2005]

Committee A held its twelfth and thirteenth meetings on 24 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran). During the twelfth meeting Pehin Dato Abu Bakar Apong (Brunei Darussalam) later took the chair ad interim.

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of three resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.10 Antimicrobial resistance: a threat to global health security
Improving the containment of antimicrobial resistance [WHA58.27]
 - 13.17 eHealth [WHA58.28]
 - 13.9 Strengthening pandemic influenza preparedness and response
Enhancement of laboratory biosafety [WHA58.29].

¹ Approved by the Health Assembly at its ninth plenary meeting.

Eighth report¹

[A58/64 – 25 May 2005]

Committee A held its fourteenth meeting on 25 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr B. Sadrizadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of three resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.11 Infant and young child nutrition [WHA58.32]
 - 13.16 Social health insurance
Sustainable health financing, universal coverage and social health insurance [WHA58.33]
 - 13.18 Ministerial Summit on Health Research [WHA58.34].

COMMITTEE B

First report²

[A58/53 – 20 May 2005]

Committee B held its first meeting on 19 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Dr J. Walcott (Barbados).

On the proposal of the Committee on Nominations,³ Professor J. Pereira Miguel (Portugal) and Dr M.A. Rahman Khan (Bangladesh) were elected Vice-Chairmen, and Mr Yee Ping Yi (Singapore), Rapporteur.

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of eight resolutions and one decision relating to the following agenda items:

15. Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory including East Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan [WHA58.6]
17. Financial matters
 - 17.3 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
Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution [WHA58.7]
Arrears in payment of contributions: Georgia [WHA58.8]
Arrears in payment of contributions: Iraq [WHA58.9]
Arrears in payment of contributions: Republic of Moldova [WHA58.10]
Arrears in payment of contributions: Tajikistan [WHA58.11]

¹ Approved by the Health Assembly at its ninth plenary meeting.

² Approved by the Health Assembly at its eighth plenary meeting.

³ See third report of the Committee on Nominations, above.

19. Staffing matters
 - 19.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
 - Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General [WHA58.12]
 - 19.5 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee
 - United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Fund [WHA58(9)]
20. Proposal for establishment of World Blood Donor Day
 - Blood safety: proposal to establish World Blood Donor Day [WHA58.13].

Second report¹

[A58/58 – 23 May 2005]

Committee B held its third, fourth and fifth meetings on 20 and 21 May under the chairmanship of Dr J. Walcott (Barbados).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of two resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.15 International Plan of Action on Ageing: report on implementation
 - Strengthening active and healthy ageing [WHA58.16]
 - 13.21 International migration of health personnel: a challenge for health systems in developing countries [WHA58.17].

Third report¹

[A58/59 and A58/59 Corr.1 – 24 May 2005]

Committee B held its sixth and seventh meetings on 23 May under the chairmanship of Dr M.A. Rahman Khan (Bangladesh).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of six resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

17. Financial matters
 - 17.1 Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2004 and comments thereon made by the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee
 - Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2004 [WHA58.18]
 - 17.4 Assessments for 2006-2007 [WHA58.19]
 - 17.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [WHA58.20]
18. Real Estate Fund [WHA58.21]
13. Technical and health matters
 - 13.12 Cancer prevention and control [WHA58.22]
 - 13.13 Disability, including prevention, management and rehabilitation [WHA58.23].

¹ Approved by the Health Assembly at its ninth plenary meeting.

Fourth report¹

[A58/61 – 25 May 2005]

Committee B held its eighth and ninth meetings on 24 May under the chairmanship of Professor J. Pereira Miguel (Portugal).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of two resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

22. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations
United Nations reform process and WHO's role in harmonization of operational development activities at country level [WHA58.25]
13. Technical and health matters
13.14 Public health problems caused by harmful use of alcohol [WHA58.26].

Fifth report¹

[A58/63 – 25 May 2005]

Committee B held its tenth meeting on 25 May 2005 under the chairmanship of Professor J. Pereira Miguel (Portugal).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of two resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

13. Technical and health matters
13.2 Achievement of health-related Millennium Development Goals
Accelerating the achievement of the internationally agreed health-related development goals including those contained in the Millennium Declaration [WHA58.30]
Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions [WHA58.31]

¹ Approved by the Health Assembly at its ninth plenary meeting.