ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in WHO documentation include the following:

ACPS – Advisory Committee on Health Research
ASEAN – Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CEB – United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (formerly ACC)
CIOMS – Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA – International Atomic Energy Agency
IARC – International Agency for Research on Cancer
ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organization
IFAD – International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO – International Labour Organization (Office)
IMF – International Monetary Fund
IMO – International Maritime Organization
INCB – International Narcotics Control Board
ITU – International Telecommunication Union
OECD – Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OIE – Office International des Epizooties
PAHO – Pan American Health Organization
UNAIDS – Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCTAD – United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDCP – United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNDP – United Nations Development Programme
UNEP – United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA – United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR – Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund
UNIDO – United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNRWA – United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
WFP – World Food Programme
WIPO – World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO – World Meteorological Organization
WTO – World Trade Organization

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Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials was composed of delegates of the following Member States: Equatorial Guinea, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Montenegro, Panama, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Senegal, Solomon Islands and Ukraine.

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Secretary: Ms F. MOURAIN-SCHUT, Senior Legal Officer

Committee on Nominations

The Committee on Nominations was composed of delegates of the following Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Belarus, Bolivia, Burundi, Chad, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, France, Guinea-Bissau, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Oman, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), and Ms Jane Halton, Australia (President, Sixtieth World Health Assembly, ex officio).

Chairman: Ms Jane HALTON (Australia)
Secretary: Dr M. CHAN, Director-General

General Committee

The General Committee was composed of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly and the Chairmen of the main committees, together with delegates of the following Member States: Argentina, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Russian Federation, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yemen.

Chairman: Dr L. RAMSAMMY (Guyana)
Secretary: Dr M. CHAN, Director-General

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Under Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, each delegation was entitled to be represented on each main committee by one of its members.

Committee A

Chairman: Dr F. CICOOGNA (Italy)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr J.O. DA SILVA (Timor-Leste) and Dr M.J. MUÑOZ (Uruguay)
Rapporteur: Dr P.D. PARIRENYATWA (Zimbabwe)
Secretary: Dr Q.M. ISLAM, Director, Making Pregnancy Safer

Committee B

Chairman: Dr A. SICATO (Angola)
Vice-Chairmen: Dr N. EL-SAYED (Egypt) and Dr R. DANIEL (Cook Islands)
Rapporteur: Dr W. JAYANTHA (Sri Lanka)
Secretary: Dr M. DAYRIT, Director, Human Resources for Health
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