

SIXTH PLENARY MEETING

Thursday, 21 May 2009, at 09:15

President: Mr N.S. DE SILVA (Sri Lanka)

SIXIÈME SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE

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1. EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS VÉRIFICATION DES POUVOIRS

The PRESIDENT:

The Health Assembly is called to order. Good morning ladies and gentlemen, before starting our work, I have to notify the Health Assembly that the Secretariat informed me that formal credentials have now been received from Albania and Kyrgyzstan, two Member States which had not previously submitted credentials.

It has not been feasible to convene the Committee on Credentials to examine the formal credentials of Albania and Kyrgyzstan but, in accordance with previous practice, I have examined these credentials and have found them to be in keeping with the Health Assembly's Rules of Procedure. I would, therefore, recommend to the Health Assembly that Albania and Kyrgyzstan be accepted as having formal credentials. Does the Health Assembly agree with this proposal?

As I see no objection, it is so decided.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT COMMUNICATION

The PRESIDENT:

When the General Committee met on Wednesday, 20 May, it drew up a list for the annual election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board and it reviewed the programme of work of the Health Assembly.

In accordance with Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, 24 hours should elapse between the transmission to the Health Assembly of the list of new proposed Executive Board Members, and the discussion in the plenary to elect the Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board. The list, contained in document A62/49, has been issued this morning.

In view of our decision to shorten this year's Health Assembly, and without setting a precedent, the General Committee recommends that the Health Assembly agree to elect the Members entitled to designate persons to serve on the Board this afternoon during the seventh plenary meeting at 17:00, even though the 24 hours required by Rule 100 have not yet elapsed. May I take it that the Health Assembly agrees to this recommendation?

As I see no objection, it is so decided.

3. REPORTS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES¹
RAPPORTS DES COMMISSIONS PRINCIPALES¹

The PRESIDENT:

After consideration of the progress of work in the main committees, the General Committee recommended that this plenary should meet this morning at 09:00 to consider item 8, Reports of the main committees.

First report of Committee A
Premier rapport de la Commission A

Today we will consider the first report of Committee A, which is contained in document A62/48. Please disregard the word “Draft”, as the Committee approved the report without amendments. The report contains one resolution entitled “Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment”. Is the Health Assembly ready to adopt this resolution?

As I see no objection, the resolution is therefore adopted and the first report of Committee A is therefore approved. Thailand, you have the floor.

Professor WANICHA CHUENKONGKAEW (Thailand):

Mr President, the Thai delegation would like to thank the Secretariat – in particular, the Legal Counsel – in clarifying the process and the Assistant Director-General Alwan for taking into consideration our comment on the action plan on the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment. Thank you, Mr President.

The PRESIDENT:

We will take note of this comment. Are there any other interventions? If there are no more interventions, the resolution is therefore adopted, and the first report of Committee A is therefore approved. This completes our work for this morning. The meeting is adjourned.

The meeting rose at 09:20.
La séance est levée à 9h20.

¹ See reports of committees in document WHA/62/2009/REC/3.

¹ Voir les rapports des commissions dans le document WHA/62/2009/REC/3.