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ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in WHO documentation include the following:

ACMR – 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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PREFACE

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly was held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 18 to 22 May 2009, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Board at its 123rd session. Its proceedings are issued in three volumes, containing, in addition to other relevant material:

- Resolutions and decisions, Annexes – document WHA62/2009/REC/1
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OFFICERS OF THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND MEMBERSHIP OF ITS COMMITTEES

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Secretary
Dr M. CHAN, Director-General

Committee on Credentials
The Committee on Credentials was composed of delegates of the following Member States: Albania, Andorra, Belize, Brunei Darussalam, Cape Verde, Chad, Greece, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Maldives, Mozambique, Oman and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Chairman: Mr J.M. CASALS ALIS (Andorra)
Vice-Chairman: Mr I.A.S. DE CARVALHO (Cape Verde)
Secretary: Ms F. MOURAIN-SCHUT, Senior Legal Officer

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: Afghanistan, Armenia, Bangladesh, China, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Djibouti, France, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Swaziland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

Chairman: Mr N.S. DE SILVA (Sri Lanka)
Secretary: Dr M. CHAN, Director-General

MAIN COMMITTEES

Under Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, each delegation is entitled to be represented on each main committee by one of its members.

Committee A
Chairman: Dr F. MENESES GONZÁLEZ (Mexico)
Vice-Chairmen: Dr M. RAMATLAPENG (Lesotho) and Dr M. BIN HAMAD BIN JABER AL-THANI (Qatar)
Rapporteur: Ms S.T. AYDIN (Turkey)
Secretary: Dr Q.M. ISLAM, Director, Making Pregnancy Safer

Committee B
Chairman: Mr S. MCKERNAN (New Zealand)
Vice-Chairmen: Dr U.S. SUTARJO (Indonesia) and Mr V. JAKSONS (Latvia)
Rapporteur: Dr E.G. ALLEN YOUNG (Jamaica)
Secretary: Dr M. DAYRIT, Director, Human Resources for Health
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