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### Programme of meetings for Thursday, 21 May 2015

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00		Sixth meeting	Second meeting
14:30		Seventh meeting	Third meeting
17:00	Seventh meeting		

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<b>Item 16.1 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola</b>	Room XXII	09:30–12:30
<b>Item 11.2 Framework of engagement with non-State actors</b>	Room XXII	14:30–17:30
<b>Item 14.6 Health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution*</b>	Room XXIII	18:00–21:00

### Committee statements

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\* Proposed working group

## I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Thursday, 21 May 2015

### Sixth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

#### Draft first report of Committee A

Document (Draft) A68/65 containing two resolutions entitled:

- *Proposed programme budget 2016–2017*
- *Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030*

#### Item 14

#### Promoting health through the life course

Item 14.6

Health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution

Documents A68/18, A68/A/CONF./2 and EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(14)

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#### Preparedness, surveillance and response

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Documents A68/21, A68/21 Add. 1, A68/21 Add. 2 and A68/21 Add. 3

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### Second meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

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Document (Draft) A68/66 containing one decision entitled:

- *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*

#### Item 21

#### Financial matters

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Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014

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Item 21.2

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

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Item 22.2

Report of the Internal Auditor

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#### Health systems

Item 17.1

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**If time permits:**

- Item 15.4 WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies  
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- Item 22.3 Appointment of the External Auditor  
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**Item 16 (continued) Communicable diseases**

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Room XVIII – 09:00

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## Monday, 25 May 2015

### Eleventh meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

#### Item 16 (continued) **Communicable diseases**

Item 16.1 (continued) 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola

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Item 11.2 (continued) Framework of engagement with non-State actors

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#### **Noncommunicable diseases**

A. Comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2020 (resolution WHA66.8)

B. Comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders (resolution WHA67.8)

C. Disabling hearing loss (resolution WHA48.9)

#### **Communicable diseases**

D. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)

E. Elimination of schistosomiasis (resolution WHA65.21)

F. Neglected tropical diseases (resolution WHA66.12)

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#### **Promoting health through the life course**

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- M. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)
- N. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)

**Preparedness, surveillance and response**

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**Seventh meeting of Committee B****Room XVII – 14:30****Finalization of resolutions and reports****Tuesday, 26 May 2015****Thirteenth meeting of Committee A****Room XVIII – 09:00****Finalization of resolutions and reports****Ninth plenary meeting****Assembly Hall – Immediately following the closure of Committee A****Item 8 (continued) Reports of the main committees****Item 9 Closure of the Health Assembly**

## II. Report of meetings

### Sixth plenary meeting

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In the chair: Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda (India)  
President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Later: Mr John David Edward Boyce (Barbados)  
Second Vice-President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

– Report of the Committee on Credentials

The President presented the report of the Committee on Credentials (document A68/63) which was approved by the Health Assembly.

**Item 3** (continued) – General discussion

The Health Assembly resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Building resilient health systems”. The President invited to the rostrum the delegates of Comoros, Sao Tome and Principe, Benin, Bhutan, Georgia, Equatorial Guinea, Paraguay, the Syrian Arab Republic, Ethiopia, Niger, Nepal, Afghanistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Guinea, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Uzbekistan, Cameroon, Madagascar, Mozambique, Malawi, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Burundi, African Union, Chinese Taipei, the Holy See, the Order of Malta and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. The agenda item was closed and the meeting adjourned.

### Fourth meeting of Committee A

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Chairman: Dr Eduardo Jaramillo (Mexico)

**Item 12 Programme and budget matters**

Item 12.1 Implementation of programme budget 2014–2015: mid-term review

The Chairman opened the subitem and drew the Committee’s attention to documents A68/6 and A68/54. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Chair of the Programme Budget and Administration Committee (PBAC) of the Executive Board made some introductory remarks. The floor was then opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A68/6 *Implementation of programme budget 2014-2015: mid-term review* and the subitem was closed.

Item 12.2 Proposed programme budget 2016–2017

The Chairman opened the subitem with consideration of documents A68/7, A68/7 Add.1 and A68/INF.7 and the report contained in document A68/55 *Proposed programme budget 2016–2017*. The Chair of the PBAC informed the Committee of the discussions that took place at its last session. The Chairman made some introductory remarks and read out the amendments proposed to document A68/INF.7 and the draft resolution in document A68/7 Add.1: *Draft resolution: Programme budget 2016–2017*.

Comments were invited from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Director-General was invited to address the Committee.

## Fifth meeting of Committee A

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### Item 12 (continued) Programme and budget matters

#### Item 12.2 (continued) Proposed programme budget 2016–2017

The Chairman reopened the subitem and informed the Committee that informal discussions had taken place. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Director-General addressed the Committee. Discussion of the subitem resumed and the Chairman invited the Secretariat to respond to issues raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution *Programme budget 2016–2017* contained in document A68/7 Add. 1, as amended, and the subitem was closed.

### Item 16 (continued) Communicable diseases

#### Item 16.2 (continued) Malaria: draft global technical strategy: post 2015

The Chairman reopened the subitem and requested that the proposed amendments to the draft resolution EB136.R1 contained in document EB136/2015/REC/1 be read from the floor. The draft resolution was approved and the subitem closed.

#### Item 16.4 (continued) Global vaccine action plan

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report *Global vaccine action plan* as contained in document A68/30. The Chairman invited comments from the floor on the draft resolution Global vaccine action plan as contained in document A68/A/CONF./4. The Secretariat then responded to issues raised. Discussion of the subitem was suspended to allow Member States more time to consider the draft resolution.

## First meeting of Committee B

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Chairman: Dr Michael Malabag (Papua New Guinea)

### Item 19

#### Opening of the Committee

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Raymond Busuttil (Malta) and Mr Khaga Raj Adhikari (Nepal) as Vice-Chairmen, and Dr Guy Fones (Chile) as Rapporteur.

### Item 20

#### Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Chairman opened the item and invited the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document A68/B/Conf./2 *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*. Palestine also made a statement after which the Director of Health of UNRWA gave his report.

In accordance with Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure, a roll-call vote was taken. The Chairman drew a letter in order to identify the first country to vote which was "F". The vote resulted in 104 votes in favour to four votes against, with six abstentions and 65 Member States absent, as follows:

**Votes in favour:** Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Angola; Argentina; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Belarus; Belgium; Benin; Bhutan; Bolivia (Plurinational State of); Bosnia and Herzegovina; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Chile; China; Congo; Costa Rica; Croatia; Cuba; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Guatemala; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kuwait; Latvia; Lebanon; Liberia; Libya; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malaysia; Maldives; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Monaco; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Namibia; Netherlands; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Tunisia; Turkey; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Uruguay; Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); Yemen.



**Votes against:** Australia; Canada; Israel; United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Armenia; Colombia; Fiji; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay.

**Absent:** Andorra; Antigua and Barbuda; Bahamas; Barbados; Botswana; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Chad; Cook Islands; Côte d'Ivoire; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Gabon; Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; Grenada; Guinea; Haiti; Honduras; Jamaica; Kenya; Kiribati; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lesotho; Madagascar; Malawi; Mali; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nauru; Nepal; Niger; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Samoa; San Marino; Sao Tome and Principe; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Solomon Islands; South Sudan; Suriname; Swaziland; Tajikistan; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Viet Nam; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

One delegate gave an explanation of vote under Rule 75 of the Rules of Procedure.

The draft decision was approved and the item was closed. The meeting was adjourned

### III. Technical briefings

The following technical briefings will take place during the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

**Thursday, 21 May 2015**

**12:30–14:15**

**Room XII**

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**Getting to 2018: Preparing for the third UN High-level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases**

*There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish*

Remarkable progress has been achieved at national level in addressing noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) during the past years, including an increase in the number of countries which have an operational national NCD policy with a budget for implementation from 32% of countries in 2010 to 50% of countries in 2013. Many countries have started to align their policies and resources with the nine global NCD targets and the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013–2020 to make unparalleled gains.

This technical briefing will explore the following questions: How are countries implementing their NCD commitments? What are the challenges countries face? How will countries catalyse the next phase of NCD prevention and control in the post-2015 era? How are countries monitoring progress?

**Friday, 22 May 2015**

**12:30–14:15**

**Room XII**

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**Cancer prevention and control: which policies and programmes have best driven progress?**

*There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish*

The increasing burden of cancer places an enormous strain on health-care systems. This technical briefing provides delegates with an overview of what works in cancer prevention and control and gathers views from Member States about the progress made and priority actions undertaken to curb the cancer epidemic as an integral part of implementing the national commitments included in the 2011 UN Political Declaration and 2014 UN Outcome Document on NCDs, taking into account the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013–2020. It will also be an opportunity to discuss how WHO plans to scale up its response to support national cancer control efforts and how the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) – 50 years on from its establishment by the Eighteenth World Health Assembly – is able to provide robust scientific evidence for cancer control.

**Monday, 25 May 2015**

**12:30–14:15**

**Room XII**

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**Changing the trajectory of three epidemics – HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections – through the development of global health sector strategies**

*There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish*

This technical briefing will provide an update on the development of three of the 2016–2021 global health sector strategies: HIV, hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infections. These health issues pose major public health burdens for all regions and will be key elements of the post-2015 health agenda. While recognizing many successes to date, progress remains uneven and inequitable. New medicines, technologies, approaches and commitments provide new opportunities. The 2016–2021 strategies will seek to build on past successes, accelerate respective health sector responses and ensure alignment with the emerging Sustainable Development Goals framework. This technical briefing will discuss how Member States and partners are approaching new strategic opportunities to change the trajectory of their responses, ensure linkages across the three areas, and optimize new and emerging innovations.

## IV. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place during the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

### Thursday, 21 May 2015

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07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
08:00–08:50 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic and English.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	The Global Financing Facility: a concrete step towards sustainable financing for women's health. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Ethiopia and Norway. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Malaria pressing forward: towards implementation of the new WHO global strategy. Organized by the delegations of Australia, China, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Thailand and Zimbabwe. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Implementing the Global Strategy on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property – promoting financing, and coordination of research and development and fostering technology transfer. Organized by the delegations of France, Norway, South Africa and Switzerland, the WHO Secretariat, and the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
17:45–19:15 Room XXIV	From HIV/AIDS to global health in sub-Saharan Africa: DREAM 2.0, a replicable model. Organized by the delegations of Italy and Mozambique.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Access to new medicines: how can our health systems finance them? Organized by the delegations of Chile, Colombia and India. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Infection control and prevention of antimicrobial resistance – important pillars for Ebola control. Organized by the African Group of countries and the delegation of the United States of America.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Global dialogue between citizens and governments on accountability for maternal, newborn and child health. Organized by World Vision International, Save the Children Fund and the International Planned Parenthood Federation.
18:00–20:00 Delegates' Restaurant 8th Floor	A tribute to health workers – reception. Organized by the WHO Secretariat.

## Friday, 22 May 2015

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- 07:45–08:45  
Room VII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).  
*There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.*
- 08:00–08:50  
Room XVI Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.  
*There will be interpretation in English and French.*
- 08:15–08:45  
Room IX Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.  
*There will be interpretation in Arabic and English.*
- 08:30–08:50  
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
- 08:30–08:50  
Room XXIV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
- 12:15–13:45  
Room XXIII Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of Universal Health Coverage: commitments on implementation. Organized by the delegations of Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam, the United States of America and Zambia.
- 12:30–14:00  
Room VII Autism spectrum disorders – from resolution to global action. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Romania, Thailand and the WHO Secretariat.
- 12:30–14:00  
Room XXIV How to integrate child rights into the new Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health. Organized by the delegations of Austria, Botswana, Ireland, Mongolia and Uruguay.
- 13:20–14:20  
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
- 17:45–18:45  
Room IV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
- 18:00–19:30  
Room VII Presentation by the GAVI Alliance on the latest programme modifications and support. Organized by the delegations of Burundi and Senegal.  
*There will be interpretation in English and French.*
- 18:00–19:30  
Room IX Building on the health MDGs – ensuring the SDGs leave no one behind. Organized by the Handicap International Federation, Sightsavers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind), the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, CBM, and the Global Health Council.
- 18:00–19:30  
Room XXII Marking the International Day to end obstetric fistula – setting a transformative global agenda. Organized by the delegations of Iceland and Liberia.  
*There will be interpretation in English and French.*

## Saturday, 23 May 2015

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08:00–08:50 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic and English.</i>
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08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Implementing resolution WHA67.19 Strengthening of palliative care as a component of comprehensive care throughout the life course: ensuring access for children. Organized by the delegations of Chile, Italy, Panama and Spain. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Message from the past: what Ignaz Semmelweis “saviour of mothers” can teach us – simplicity, efficacy, prevention. Organized by the delegations of Kenya and Hungary.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Strategies to counter attack activities against warning picture messages on tobacco products. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Food fortification: a global health tool. Organized by the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).
18:00–19:30 Room XXII	Responding to the global target of 80% availability of essential noncommunicable diseases medicines and technologies by 2025: a cancer perspective. Organized by the delegations of Côte d’Ivoire, Senegal, Turkey and the Union for International Cancer Control. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

## Tuesday, 26 May 2015

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- 08:00–08:50  
Room XVI Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.  
*There will be interpretation in English and French.*
- 08:15–08:45  
Room IX Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.  
*There will be interpretation in Arabic and English.*
- 08:30–08:50  
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
- 08:30–08:50  
Room XXIV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
- 12:30–14:00  
Room XXIII Urban health, community health and Universal Health Coverage. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh and the Islamic Republic of Iran.  
*There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.*
- 12:30–14:00  
Room XXIV Imaging for saving kids – the inside story about patient safety in paediatric imaging. Organized by the delegations of Kenya, Malaysia, Spain, Uganda, Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT and Radiation Therapy Trade Association (DITTA), International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP), International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP), International Society of Radiology (ISR), International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT), RAD-AID International, World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB), and the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA).  
*There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.*
- 13:20–14:20  
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.

## V. Announcements

### Facilities

A business centre for delegates to the Health Assembly is available in Room A.821 for word processing and photocopying needs.

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- World Health Organization web site: <http://www.who.int>
- World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: <http://apps.who.int/gb/>

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