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## Seventieth World Health Assembly

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### Programme of meetings for Friday, 26 May 2017

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00	Eighth meeting		
Immediately after the conclusion of item 8 in plenary		Seventh meeting	Third meeting
14:30		Eighth meeting	Fourth meeting

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#### Informal consultation

<b>Item 13.7 Promoting the health of refugees and migrants</b> (document A70/A/CONF./7)	Room XXIII	09:30–12:30
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#### Facilities available on Saturday, 27 May 2017

Please note that the cafeteria will be closed on Saturday, 27 May. However, the snack bar, located in the Concordia area between doors 13 and 15, will be open from 07:30 to 09:00 and the Bar du Serpent, located on the first floor of the E Building, will be open from 08:30 to 13:00.

The News Kiosk, Post Office, Travel Agent and Bank, all located near door 6, will be closed.

## 1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Friday, 26 May 2017

**Eighth plenary meeting** **Assembly Hall – 09:00**

**Item 7 Awards**

Document A70/INF./1

**Item 8 (continued) Reports of the main committees**

– **Draft second report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A70/69 containing one resolution entitled:

- *Proposed programme budget 2018–2019*

**Seventh and eighth meetings of Committee A** **Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30**

– **Draft third report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A70/72 containing two decisions entitled:

- *Poliomyelitis: polio transition planning*
- *Review of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework*

and one resolution entitled:

- *Human resources for health and implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations' High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth*

**Item 12 (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response**

Item 12.2 (continued) – Antimicrobial resistance

Documents A70/A/CONF./11 and A70/A/CONF./11 Add.1

Item 12.4 (continued) – Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

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**Item 13 (continued) Health systems**

Item 13.2 – Principles on the donation and management of blood, blood components and other medical products of human origin

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Item 13.3 – Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines

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Item 13.4 – Evaluation and review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

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Item 13.6 – Member State mechanism on substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products

Documents A70/23, A70/23 Add.1, A70/23 Add.2 and EB140/2017/REC/1, decision EB140(6)

If time permits

- Item 13.7 – Promoting the health of refugees and migrants  
Documents A70/24 and A70/A/CONF./7

**Third and fourth meetings of Committee B**

**Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary  
and 14:30**

- **Draft first report of Committee B**  
Document (Draft) A70/71 containing two resolutions entitled:  
– *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*  
– *Scale of assessments for 2018–2019*  
and three decisions entitled:  
– *Report of the External Auditor*  
– *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*  
– *WHO mid-term programmatic and financial report for 2016–2017, including audited financial statements for 2016*

**Item 22 Staffing matters**

- Item 22.1 – Human resources: annual report  
Documents A70/45 and A70/63
- Item 22.2 – Report of the International Civil Service Commission  
Document A70/46
- Item 22.3 – Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules  
Documents A70/47 and EB140/2017/REC/1, resolution EB140.R9
- Item 22.4 – Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board  
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**Item 23 Management, legal and governance matters**

- Item 23.1 – Overview of WHO reform implementation  
Documents A70/50, A70/50 Add.1, A70/50 Add.2, A70/64 and A70/INF./3
- Item 23.2 – Governance reform: follow-up to decision WHA69(8) (2016)  
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- Item 23.3 – Engagement with non-State actors  
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- Criteria and principles for secondments from nongovernmental organizations, philanthropic foundations and academic institutions  
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- Item 23.4 – Proposed Infrastructure Fund (consolidating the Real Estate Fund and IT Fund)  
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- A. WHO global disability action plan 2014–2021: better health for all people with disability (resolution WHA67.7 (2014))
- B. Addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020): outcome of the second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results (resolution WHA69.7 (2016))
- C. Towards universal eye health: a global action plan 2014–2019 (resolution WHA66.4 (2013))

**Communicable diseases**

- D. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- E. Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015 (resolution WHA67.1 (2014))
- F. Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030 (resolution WHA68.2 (2015))

**Promoting health through the life course**

- G. Public health impacts of exposure to mercury and mercury compounds: the role of WHO and ministries of public health in the implementation of the Minamata Convention (resolution WHA67.11 (2014))
- H. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25 (2007))

### **Health systems**

- I. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16 (2007))
- J. Regulatory system strengthening for medical products (resolution WHA67.20 (2014))
- K. Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage (resolution WHA68.15 (2015))

### **Preparedness, surveillance and response**

- L. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))
- M. Enhancement of laboratory biosafety (resolution WHA58.29 (2005))

**Wednesday, 31 May 2017**

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**Fourteenth meeting of Committee A**

**Room XVIII – 09:00**

**Finalization of resolutions and reports**

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**Tenth 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**

## 2. Report of meetings

### Fifth meeting of Committee A

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Chairman: Dr Hanan Mohamed Al-Kuwari (Qatar)

Later: Mr Philip Davies (Fiji)

#### Draft second report of Committee A

The Chairman invited the Rapporteur Mr Ioannis Baskozos (Greece), to read out the second draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A70/69 containing one resolution entitled:

– *Proposed programme budget 2018–2019*

The resolution was approved and the second draft report of Committee A was adopted.

### Item 12 (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response

Item 12.3

– Poliomyelitis

- Poliomyelitis update
- Polio transition planning

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Chair of the Executive Board to make introductory remarks. The Committee was invited to consider the reports contained in document A70/14 and A70/14 Add.1, and the draft decision *Poliomyelitis: polio transition planning* contained in document A70/A/CONF./4. The Chairman informed the Committee that the subitem would be discussed under two bullet points: *Poliomyelitis update* and *Polio transition planning*. The Committee finished discussion on the first bullet point and the Committee noted the report contained in document A70/14. The Committee was invited to consider the second bullet point Polio transition planning and the floor was opened for discussion. Due to time constraints, it was decided to continue discussion of this subitem at the next meeting of Committee A.

### First meeting of Committee B

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Chairman: Dr Molwyn Joseph (Antigua and Barbuda)

Item 18

#### Opening of the Committee

– Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Mario Miklosi (Slovakia) and Dr Slamet (Indonesia) as Vice-Chairmen, and Dr Nguyen Manh Cuong (Viet Nam) as Rapporteur.

35 delegations took the floor to request an amendment to the order of discussion of the agenda items. 30 delegations requested the postponement of agenda item 19 *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan* to the second meeting of Committee B. Five delegations opposed the request.

One delegation invoked Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure to put the debate to a vote. A vote by show of hands was taken. The vote resulted in 59 votes in favour to 11 votes against, with 42 abstentions and 75 absent. The Chairman announced the postponement of the agenda item to the next meeting of the Committee.

One delegation took the floor to request that the European Union be invited to attend and participate without vote in the deliberations of the meetings, sub-committees, drafting groups or other subdivisions thereof, and addressing matters falling within the European Union competence in the Seventieth World Health Assembly.

**Item 20 (continued) Financial matters**

Item 20.1 WHO mid-term programmatic and financial report for 2016-2017, including audited financial statements for 2016

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee approved the draft decision contained in document A70/58.

Item 20.2 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

The Chairman advised the Committee that Somalia is no longer concerned by Article 7 and should be deleted from the list. The draft resolution contained in document A70/60 was approved as amended.

Item 20.4 Scale of assessments for 2018-2019

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee considered the draft resolution contained in EB140.R6 submitted by the Executive Board. The Secretariat responded to issues raised and the Committee approved the draft resolution.

**Item 21 Audit and oversight matters**

The Chairman opened the item and advised the Committee that subitem 21.2 would be taken first, pending the arrival of the External Auditor.

Item 21.2 Report of the Internal Auditor

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the reports contained in documents A70/44, A70/56 and A70/62.

Item 21.1 Report of the External Auditor

The Chairman invited the Assistant Commissioner of the Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines to present the report of the External Auditor and then opened the floor for discussion. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee approved the draft decision contained in document A70/61.

The Chairman advised the Committee that the next meeting would commence with agenda item 19, to be followed by agenda item 22 *Staffing matters* and item 23 *Management, legal and governance matters*. If time permits, the Committee will also take sub-items 23.3 and 23.4 during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.



## Sixth meeting of Committee A

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Chairman: Dr Hanan Mohamed Al-Kuwari (Qatar)

Later: Mr Philip Davies (Fiji)  
Mr Anandrao Hurree (Mauritius)

### Item 12 (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response

#### Item 12.3 (continued) Poliomyelitis

The Chairman opened the meeting and the Committee resumed discussion on the second bullet point in this subitem, *Polio transition planning*. The Chairman invited the Secretariat to respond to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and the draft decision was approved, thus closing the subitem.

#### Item 12.5

#### Review of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited Professor William Ampofo, a member of the 2016 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework Review Group, to make introductory remarks. The Committee was invited to consider the reports contained in documents A70/17 and A70/57 and the draft decision *Review of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework* contained in document A70/A/CONF./8 Rev.1. The Chairman invited both Professor Ampofo and the Secretariat to respond. The Committee noted the report and the draft decision was approved, as amended. The subitem was closed.

## Second meeting of Committee B

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Chairman: Dr Molwyn Joseph (Antigua and Barbuda)

### Item 19 (continued) Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Chairman opened the item for discussion and invited the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document A70/B/CONF./1 *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*.

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 "I". The vote resulted in 98 votes in favour to seven votes against, with 21 abstentions and 61 Member States absent, as follows:

**Votes in favour:** Afghanistan; Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chad, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

**Votes against:** Australia, Canada, Guatemala, Israel, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

**Abstentions:** Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bulgaria, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Malawi, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu.

**Absent:** Albania, Andorra, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Congo, Cook Islands, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Niger, Palau, Paraguay, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Zambia.

Nine delegations gave an explanation of vote under Rule 75 of the Rules of Procedure, one of which was given on behalf of a group of 15 Member States. The draft decision was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

### 3. Technical briefings

The following technical briefing will take place from 12:30 to 14:15 during the Seventieth World Health Assembly. There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Friday, 26 May 2017

Room XII

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#### Health and the environment: inheriting a sustainable world

Around 12.6 million deaths a year are due to preventable environmental health risks (WHO, 2016), which represents 23% of the global burden of disease. This includes a large and growing burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) from air pollution and unsustainable urbanization as well as continuing infectious diseases risks related to water, sanitation, vectors and emerging risks from climate change.

These environmental risks are a critical and pressing concern for the public health community. Global action is key to combating this epidemic of environment-related diseases. These same actions will contribute to attaining the Sustainable Development Agenda, particularly regarding air pollution related mortality (Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3), access to clean energy (SDG 7), resilience and mitigation of climate change (SDG 13), access to water and sanitation (SDG 6), sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11) and sound management of chemicals and waste (SDG 12).

The event will showcase success stories and solutions from countries and municipalities that have successfully managed to tackle environmental health risks, resulting from polluted air and water as well as sanitation and chemical hazards. These stories also illustrate how action in different sectors can increase resilience and mitigate climate change. Addressing environmental risks emerging from other sectors is a strategic way to generate investments in health as well as focusing on the primary prevention of disease.

The briefing will also feature major WHO initiatives to bring Member States and international organizations together to advocate and take action to implement evidence-based technical interventions, building of political will, and sharing of experiences. This will include the recent coalition of WHO, UNEP, and WMO on climate change, health and environment, and initiatives to prevent diseases caused by air pollution such as *WHO's Urban Health Initiative* being implemented with the Climate and Clean Air Coalition.

## 4. Other meetings

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

### Friday, 26 May 2017

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08:00–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
08:00–08:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
08:00–08:50 Concordia 4	Nordic Group Meeting.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Scaling-up access to emergency and essential surgical, obstetric and anesthesia care for better health systems and sustainable development. Organized by the delegations of Australia, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mongolia, Namibia, Nicaragua, Tonga, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe, the International College of Surgeons and the World Council of Churches.
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Ending tuberculosis in the sustainable development agenda. Organized by the delegations of the Russian Federation and South Africa.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Panel discussion on the role of regional cooperation in building regulatory and legal frameworks for noncommunicable disease (NCD) prevention and control. Organized by the delegations of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Safeguarding blood safety for the multi-transfused patients. Organized by International Alliance of Patients' Organizations, International Society of Blood Transfusion, Thalassaemia International Federation, World Federation of Hemophilia and Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation.
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	Leaving no one behind in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): equity, gender and human rights policy to practice. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Chile, Indonesia, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Norway and Spain.

## Saturday, 27 May 2017

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08:00–08:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.

## Monday, 29 May 2017

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07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
08:00–08:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
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08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Bridging the gap between evidence and policy: the role of Parliamentarians in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Organized by the delegations of Austria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Italy, the UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP), Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) and the WHO Secretariat.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Community health workers as catalysts in the implementation of the recommendations by the High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth. Organized by Amref Health Africa and IntraHealth International Inc.

## Tuesday, 30 May 2017

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07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
08:00–08:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
08:30–08:40 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Embodying the future: How to improve the nutrition status of adolescents”. Organized by the delegations of the Netherlands and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition.
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	Commemoration of World No Tobacco Day 2017 — a threat to development. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Bhutan, Estonia, Georgia, India, Morocco, Panama, Senegal and Uganda.

## Wednesday, 31 May 2017

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