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Programme of meetings for Thursday, 24 May 2018

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1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Thursday, 24 May 2018

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 - Safeguarding against possible conflicts of interest in nutrition programmes
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Second and third meetings of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00 and 14:30

– **Draft first report of Committee B**

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

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Item 12.6 (continued) – Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

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- Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition: biennial report

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- Safeguarding against possible conflicts of interest in nutrition programmes

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- A. Global health sector strategies on HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, for the period 2016–2021 (resolution WHA69.22 (2016))
- B. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- C. Elimination of schistosomiasis (resolution WHA65.21 (2012))

Noncommunicable diseases

- D. Public health dimension of the world drug problem (decision WHA70(18) (2017))
- E. WHO global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children (resolution WHA69.5 (2016))
- F. Global burden of epilepsy and the need for coordinated action at the country level to address its health, social and public knowledge implications (resolution WHA68.20 (2015))
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Health systems

- K. Promoting the health of refugees and migrants (resolution WHA70.15 (2017))
- L. Strengthening integrated, people-centred health services (resolution WHA69.24 (2016))
- M. Promoting innovation and access to quality, safe, efficacious and affordable medicines for children (resolution WHA69.20 (2016))
- N. Sustainable health financing structures and universal coverage (resolution WHA64.9 (2011))
- O. Availability, safety and quality of blood products (resolution WHA63.12 (2010))
- P. Human organ and tissue transplantation (resolution WHA63.22 (2010))
- Q. WHO strategy on research for health (resolution WHA63.21 (2010))
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- S. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))

Saturday, 26 May 2018

Twelfth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Sixth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Seventh plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B

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Reports of the main committees

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Closure of the Health Assembly

2. Report of meetings

Fifth plenary meeting

- In the chair: Dr Pagwesese David Parirenyatwa (Zimbabwe)
President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly
- Later: Ms K. Abdul Samad Abdulla (Maldives)
Second Vice-President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly
- Later: Dr Y. Birtanov (Kazakhstan)
Third Vice-President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly
- Later: Dr Pagwesese David Parirenyatwa (Zimbabwe)
President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly

– Report of the Committee on Credentials

The President presented the report of the Committee on Credentials (document A71/51) which was approved by the Health Assembly.

Item 3 (continued) General discussion

The President resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Health for All: commit to universal health coverage”. The President invited the first two speakers to the rostrum: the delegate of Denmark and the delegate of Bahrain. These speakers were followed by the delegates of Estonia, Thailand, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Djibouti, Togo, Sweden, Paraguay, Benin, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Seychelles, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Barbados, Mauritania, Fiji, Afghanistan, Swaziland, Central African Republic, Cabo Verde, Congo, Jordan, Solomon Islands, Lesotho, Malawi, Haiti, Pakistan, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Comoros, Guyana, Kyrgyzstan, Marshall Islands, Chad, Saint Lucia, Nauru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Palau, Guinea-Bissau, Albania and representatives of the Holy See, the Order of Malta, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). In accordance with Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure, China exercised the right of reply.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fourth meeting of Committee A

- Chairman: Mr Arun Singhal (India)
- Later: Dr Søren Brostrøm (Denmark), Vice-Chairman

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

Item 11.1 (continued) – Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited the Committee to resume discussion on the report contained in document A71/4. The Director-General responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and approved the draft resolution EB142.R2 *Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023* contained in document EB142/2018/REC/1. The subitem was closed.

Item 12.6

– Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

The Chairman opened the subitem and, in response to a suggestion from the floor for the establishment of a drafting group, announced that discussion of the draft resolution *Infant and young child feeding* as contained in document A71/A/CONF./4, and the draft decision *Maternal, infant and young child nutrition* as contained in document A71/A/CONF./5 be suspended pending the outcome of the drafting group. The draft resolutions will be considered at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

Item 11.2

– Public health preparedness and response

- Report of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme
- WHO's work in health emergencies
- Implementation of the International health Regulations (2005)

Ebola outbreak

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited His Excellency, Mr Zénon Mukongo Ngay, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the Secretariat to address the Committee on the current Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Chairman informed the Committee that agenda subitem 11.2 *Public health preparedness and response* would be discussed under three bullet points, with bullet points *Report of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for WHO Health Emergencies Programme* and *WHO's work in health emergencies* being taken together.

The Committee was invited to consider the reports contained in documents A71/5 and A71/6 and the draft resolution *Cholera prevention and control* as contained in document A71/A/CONF./3. The Chairman invited the Chair of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergency Programme, Dr Precious Matsoso (South Africa), to make a statement. Comments were then invited from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised.

The Committee noted the report under bullet point *Report of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for WHO Health Emergencies Programme* as contained in document A71/5. The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the draft resolution under bullet point *WHO's work in health emergencies* contained in document A71/A/CONF./3 and comments were invited from the floor. The Secretariat read out the various proposed amendments. It was announced that the draft resolution will be considered at a subsequent meeting once a revised version is available to Committee members.

The Chairman announced that the discussion of the third bullet point *Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)* under this agenda subitem would commence at the sixth meeting of Committee A.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fifth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Mrs Mónica Martínez Mendiño (Ecuador), Vice-Chairman

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

Item 11.5 – Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines

The Chairman resumed discussion of the subitem and invited the Committee to note the report contained in document A71/12 and to consider the draft decision EB142(3) *Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines* contained in document EB142/2018/REC/1. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee approved the draft decision and the subitem was closed.

Item 11.6 – Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to note the report contained in document A71/13 and asked that they consider draft decision EB142(4) *Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property: overall programme review* contained in document EB142/2018/REC/1. Comments were invited from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee approved the draft decision, thus closing the subitem.

Item 11.7 – Preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, to be held in 2018

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to note the report contained in documents A71/14 and A71/14 Add.1 and to consider the draft resolution *Preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, to be held in 2018* contained in document A71/A/CONF./2. The floor was opened for discussion. Discussion of the subitem was suspended and delegations who had requested to speak would be given the floor at a subsequent meeting of the Committee when discussion of the subitem would resume.

The meeting was adjourned.

First meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Feroz Firozuddin (Afghanistan)

Item 13 Opening of the Committee

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Stewart Jessamine (New Zealand) and Professor Nicolas Méda (Burkina Faso) as Vice-Chairmen, and Dr José Eliseo Orellana (El Salvador) as Rapporteur.

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 Seventy-first World Health Assembly.

Item 14

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 A71/B/CONF./2 *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 "K". The vote resulted in 90 votes in favour to six votes against, with 20 abstentions and 68 Member States absent, as follows:

Votes in favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Morocco, Mauritania, Monaco, Montenegro, Myanmar, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

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

Abstentions: Austria, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Germany, Honduras, Hungary, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Slovakia.

Absent: Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cook Islands, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Mozambique, Nauru, Nigeria, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Swaziland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Zambia.

Seven delegations 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.

Sixth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Søren Brostrøm (Denmark), Vice-Chairman

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

Item 11.2 (continued) – Public health preparedness and response

- Implementation of the International health Regulations (2005)

The Chairman reopened the subitem, with consideration of the third bullet point *Implementation of the International health Regulations (2005)*, and invited the Committee to note the reports contained in documents A71/7 and A72/8 and to consider the draft decision EB142(1) *Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005): draft five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response, 2018–2023* contained in document EB142/2018/REC/1. The floor was then opened for discussion. The Secretariat responded to issues raised and read out the proposed amendments to the draft decision.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, the agenda subitem remained open pending the outcome of informal consultations on the draft decision. Consideration of the subitem will resume at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

Item 11.3 – Polio transition and post-certification

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A71/9 and the floor was opened for comments. The Chairman announced that, due to time constraints, delegations who had requested to speak would be given the floor at a subsequent meeting of the Committee when discussion of the subitem would continue.

The meeting was adjourned.

3. Technical briefings

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

Thursday, 24 May 2018

Room XII

Health, environment and climate change

The Marrakesh Ministerial declaration released in 2016 at the Twenty-second Conference of the Parties (COP22) mandated WHO, the UN Environment and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to convene a global coalition between relevant Ministries, including Ministries of Health and Ministries of Environment, and key UN agencies and stakeholders, to drive forward actions that will reduce the harmful impacts on the environment and climate that affect human health and well-being. The main goal of the coalition is to jointly promote and achieve better management of environmental and climate risks to health. Notably, in its first phase, the coalition is prioritizing immediate actions to reduce the annual 12.6 million deaths caused by environmental risks and is specifically committed to support Member States and stakeholders in their efforts to tackle air pollution.

This interagency technical briefing will:

- enable the heads of agencies and Member States to reconfirm their commitments to support the Health, Environment and Climate Change Coalition (HECCC) in the effort to address the root environmental causes of ill health;
- present a joint action plan for air pollution and detail the scope and purpose of the upcoming first WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution;
- provide a scientific briefing on the state of knowledge on environmental determinants of health, including in relation to the non-communicable disease agenda; and
- report on the achievements of the BreatheLife Campaign.

Friday, 25 May 2018

Room XII

The role of parliamentarians in achieving universal health coverage and global health security

At least half of the world's population still do not have full coverage of essential health services and over 800 million people face catastrophic health expenditures. Achieving universal health coverage, including for the most marginalized and vulnerable groups of our societies, such as women, children, adolescents and the elderly, is a crucial objective for each and every country. Universal health coverage enables all people to receive the health services they need throughout their lives without suffering financial hardship.

Universal health coverage also includes health promotion and prevention and requires a broad public health approach to strengthening health systems. As the best defence to prevent disease outbreaks from becoming epidemics, and to respond to health emergencies, strong health systems are the best way to safeguard against health crises. In this way, universal health coverage and global health security are two sides of the same coin.

Universal health coverage and global health security are key pillars to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, but ultimately they are a political choice. It is the responsibility of every country to pursue them, and parliamentarians have a key role to play in moving national health agendas forward.

This technical briefing will provide an opportunity to hear the voice of parliamentarians and share experiences on concrete actions in terms of legislation, accountability, budget allocation and advocacy. The briefing will also serve to share with parliamentarians the draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023. The technical briefing is organized in collaboration with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

4. Other meetings

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

Thursday, 24 May 2018

07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
08:00–08:50 Concordia 4	Nordic Group meeting.
08:00–08:50 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–08:50 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
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 VII	Inclusive formulation of evidence-based policies and programmes for universal health coverage. Organized by the delegations of Ethiopia, Norway, Uganda and the European Union.
12:30–14:00 Room VIII	Towards universal access to solid organ transplantation. Organized by the delegations of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Italy, Portugal, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Spain and Uruguay.
12:30–14:30 Room IX	Small Island Developing States (SIDS) ministerial meeting.
13:00–14:00 Room IV	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) meeting.
18:00–18:50 Room IX	From burden to solution—ending tuberculosis, beating noncommunicable diseases and achieving Health for All through alcohol policy best buys implementation. Organized by the delegations of Botswana, Lithuania, Slovenia, Thailand and IOGT International.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Addressing antimicrobial resistance: a threat to global health and the achievement of universal health coverage. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada, Chile, Fiji, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and Viet Nam.
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Combatting the challenges of substandard and falsified medical products: the critical role of regulators. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
19:00–19:50 Room IX	The World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative as a vehicle to galvanise action to achieve World Health Assembly and Global Breastfeeding Collective targets to increase exclusive and continued breastfeeding. Organized by the International Baby Food Action Network.

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07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
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12:30–14:00 Room VII	Investing millions to improve the nutrition of billions: how universal health coverage is strengthened through community programmes including breastfeeding. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Canada, France, Ireland, Madagascar, Nigeria, the Philippines and Thailand.
12:30–14:00 Room VIII	Access to medicines: overcoming obstacles created by monopolies—essential to universal health coverage and the 2030 Agenda. Organized by the delegations of Brazil, India, Malaysia, Morocco, Senegal and Thailand.
13:00–14:00 Concordia 1	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) meeting.
18:00–18:50 Room IX	Digital health and artificial intelligence for delivery of quality services towards universal access to health care. Organized by the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth.
19:00–19:50 Room IX	Better access for all with sustainable financing systems: the role of the private sector and new innovations to achieve universal health coverage. Organized by the Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT and Radiation Therapy Trade Association and the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations.

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08:00–08:50 Concordia 4	Nordic Group meeting.
08:00–08:50 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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5. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

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Individual statements in Committees A and B are limited to 2 minutes (220 words) and group statements to three minutes (330 words). Delegates are requested to deliver statements at a normal speaking pace. Rapid delivery risks impeding clarity and accuracy in interpretation. Statements provided in advance are treated as confidential and checked against delivery for the purpose of the official record.

Delegate's statements for the Health Assembly website

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Non-State actors statements at the Health Assembly

Non-State actors in official relations with WHO may request to speak in Committee A or B of the Health Assembly under a technical item in which they have a particular expertise. Non-State actors wishing to have their name placed on the list of speakers should notify the Secretariat of Partnerships and non-State actors Department (PNA) by email (nsastatements@who.int) latest by 08:00 am of the day of the meeting in question. Non-State actors may submit their statements in advance for the Secretariat to post on a dedicated website and are invited to register at <https://extranet.who.int/nonstateactorsstatements>. Statements should be limited to 2 minutes (300 words).

6. Announcements

Facilities

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

Open access to wireless connection is available in all important common areas in the Palais des Nations.

World Health Organization web site: <http://www.who.int>

World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: <http://apps.who.int/gb>

WHO information products and souvenirs on sale

The WHO bookshop is located at the Palais des Nations in the new hall “Concordia” between doors 13 and 15. The latest publications and information products issued by WHO and its regional offices are available at a 50% discount. WHO souvenirs are also on display. The bookshop is open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:30 at the Palais des Nations and from 09:00 to 16:30 at WHO Headquarters.

Personal mail

Delegates and representatives of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO are kindly requested to collect **every day** their personal mail, messages, invitations at the enquiry desk.

Medical service

Delegates who require medical attention can call 022 791 3040.

WHA App

The World Health Assembly application allows you to receive updates on the WHA71 programme of work and access documentation directly on your mobile device. Search “Governing Bodies” in the store or scan the QR code below and download the application in your device. The ID and password to use the application can be obtained next to the WHA registration booth.



Video streaming

The Plenary, Committee A and Committee B sessions will be webcast in the six UN languages. The webcasts can be viewed on Mac and PCs, as well as all mobile devices including iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows-enabled phones.

Arabic: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2018/wha71/webstreaming/ar/index.html>

Chinese: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2018/wha71/webstreaming/zh/index.html>

English: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2018/wha71/webstreaming/en/index.html>

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