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Programme of meetings for Friday, 25 May 2018

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00	Sixth plenary meeting		
Immediately after conclusion of plenary		Tenth meeting	Fourth meeting
14:30		Eleventh meeting	Fifth meeting

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Committee statements

Committee A and Committee B have agreed to reduce the length of member state statements to **2 minutes** and non-State actors' statements to **1 minute**. Please send Committee statements to to: interpret@who.int.

Drafting group

Item 12.6: Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
(documents A71/A/CONF./4 and A71/A/CONF./5)

Room XXIV 09:00–12:00

143rd session of the Executive Board, 28–29 May 2018, WHO headquarters – Executive Board room

Please note the following administrative arrangements:

Online registration

Online registration for the 143rd session of the Executive Board is required and is open until the end of the session (29 May 2018). Information pertaining to the online registration can be found at: <http://www.who.int/governance/registration/en/index.html>.

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Badges for Members of the Board, their alternates and advisers, and representatives of Member States and organizations invited to attend, will be issued at:

- the Palais, distribution desk in front of the documentation desk in the Concordia area between Doors 13 and 15
 - Friday, 25 May: 08:00–17:00
 - Saturday, 26 May: 08:00 until the closure of plenary
- WHO headquarters main lobby
 - Monday, 28 May: 07:30–17:30

Working hours 09:30–12:30 and 14:30–17:30

1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Friday, 25 May 2018

Sixth plenary meeting		Assembly Hall – 09:00
Item 7	Awards	
	Document A71/INF./1	
Item 6	Executive Board: election	
	Document A71/54	
Item 8	Reports of the main committees	
–	Draft first report of Committee A	
	Document (Draft) A71/52 containing one resolution entitled:	
	– <i>Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023</i>	
	and two decisions entitled:	
	– <i>Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines</i>	
	– <i>Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property: overall programme review</i>	
–	Draft first report of Committee B	
	Document (Draft) A71/53 containing one decision entitled:	
	– <i>Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan</i>	

Tenth and eleventh meetings of Committee A		Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of plenary and 14:30
	Draft second report of Committee A	
	Document (Draft) A71/56 containing five resolutions entitled:	
	– <i>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</i>	
	– <i>Preparation for a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis</i>	
	– <i>Cholera prevention and control</i>	
	– <i>Addressing the burden of snakebite envenoming</i>	
	– <i>Draft WHO global action plan on physical activity 2018–2030</i>	
Item 12 (continued)	Other technical matters	
Item 12.3 (continued)	– Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030): early childhood development	
	Document A71/19 Rev. 1	
Item 12.4	– mHealth	
	Documents A71/20, A71/A/CONF./1 and A71/A/CONF./1 Add. 1	

- Item 12.5 – Improving access to assistive technology
Documents A71/21 and EB142/2018/REC/1, resolution EB142.R6
- Item 12.6 – Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
Documents A71/A/CONF./4, A71/A/CONF./4 Add. 1 and A71/A/CONF./5
- Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition: biennial report
Document A71/22
 - Safeguarding against possible conflicts of interest in nutrition programmes
Document A71/23

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

- Item 11.2 (continued) – Public health preparedness and response
- Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
Documents A71/7, A71/8 and A71/A/CONF./7

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee B Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of plenary and 14:30

- **Draft second report of Committee B**
Document (Draft) A71/55 containing three decisions entitled:
- *WHO programmatic and financial reports for 2016–2017, including audited financial statements for 2017*
 - *Report of the External Auditor*
 - *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*
- and four 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*
 - *WHO Global Internship Programme Reform*
 - *Deputy Directors-General*
 - *Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director-General*

Item 20 Matters for information

- Item 20.1 – Global vaccine action plan
Document A71/39
- Item 20.2 – Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy
Document A71/40

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters [Item transferred from Committee A]

- Item 12.7 – Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
Documents A71/24, A71/24 Add.1 and A71/42
- Item 12.8 – Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease
Documents A71/25, A71/25 Add.1 Rev.1 and EB141/2017/REC/1, resolution EB141.R1

- Item 12.9 – Eradication of poliomyelitis
Document A71/26, A71/26 Add.1 and A71/26 Add.2
- Item 12.10 – Multilingualism: implementation of action plan
Documents A71/50, A71/B/CONF./3 and A71/B/CONF./3 Add. 1

Item 20 (continued) Matters for information

- Item 20.3 – Progress reports
Document A71/41 Rev. 2

Communicable diseases

- 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))
- G. Comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2020 (resolution WHA66.8 (2013))
- H. Comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders (resolution WHA67.8 (2014))

Promoting health through the life course

- I. Global strategy and action plan on ageing and health 2016–2020: towards a world in which everyone can live a long and healthy life (resolution WHA69.3 (2016))
- J. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12 (2004))

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))
- R. Workers' health: global plan of action (resolution WHA60.26 (2007))

Health emergencies programme

- 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

Item 8 (continued)

Reports of the main committees

Item 9

Closure of the Health Assembly

2. Report of meetings

Seventh meeting of Committee A

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

– **Draft first report of Committee A**

The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur (Dr Alain Etoundi Mballa [Cameroon]) to read out the first draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A71/52 containing one resolution entitled:

– *Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023*

and two decisions entitled:

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

– *Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property: overall programme review*

The resolution and decisions were approved and the draft report was adopted.

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

Item 11.7 (continued) – 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 reopened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A71/14 and the draft resolution contained in document A71/A/CONF./2. Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to reduce the length of non-State actors' statements to one minute (110 words). The Chairman invited the Head of the Secretariat of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to address the Committee. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and approved the draft resolution. The subitem was closed and the meeting adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Stewart Jessamine (New Zealand), Vice-Chairman

– **Draft first report of Committee B**

The Chairman called upon The Rapporteur (Dr José Eliseo Orellana [El Salvador]) to read out the first draft report of Committee B, document (draft) A71/53 containing one decision entitled:

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

The first draft report of Committee B was adopted.

Item 15 Programme budget and financial matters

Item 15.1 – WHO programmatic and financial reports for 2016–2017, including audited financial statements for 2017

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee approved the draft decision contained in document A71/45.

- Item 15.2 – Financing of the Programme budget 2018–2019

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to issues raised and the Committee noted the Report contained in document A71/46.

- Item 15.3 – 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 Suriname is no longer concerned by Article 7 and should be deleted from the list. The draft resolution contained in document A71/47 was approved as amended.

Item 16 Audit and oversight matters

- Item 16.1 – Report of the External Auditor

The Chairman invited the External Auditor to present his report and then opened the floor for discussion. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee approved the draft decision contained in document A71/48.

- Item 16.2 – 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 A71/33 and A71/34.

The meeting was adjourned.

Eighth meeting of Committee A

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

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

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

- Item 11.3 (continued) – Polio transition and post-certification

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A71/9. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report, thus closing the subitem.

- Item 11.8 – Preparation for a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the reports contained in documents A71/15 and A71/16. The Chairman invited a delegation to brief the Committee on the outcome of informal consultations concerning the draft resolution as contained in document A71/A/CONF./6. The floor was then opened for discussion. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Head of the Secretariat of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the representative of the STOP TB partnership addressed the Committee. The Secretariat then responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the reports and approved the draft resolution. The subitem was closed.

Item 11.2 (continued) – Public health preparedness and response

- WHO's work in health emergencies

The Chairman reopened the bullet point *WHO's work in health emergencies* under subitem 11.2 and invited the Committee to consider the draft resolution *Cholera prevention and control* as contained in document A71/A/CONF./3 Rev.1. The Committee approved the draft resolution as amended.

The meeting was adjourned.

Third meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Stewart Jessamine (New Zealand), Vice-Chairman

Item 17 Staffing matters

Item 17.1 – Human Resources: annual report

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A71/44 and approved the draft resolution contained in document A71/B/CONF./1.

Item 17.2 – Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in document A71/36.

Item 17.3 – Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A71/37. The Committee noted the report and approved resolutions EB142.R8 and EB142.R9 submitted by the Executive Board.

Item 17.4 – Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Chairman opened the subitem and the Committee agreed to the nominations of Dr Asad Hafeez (Pakistan) and Dr Alan Ludowyke (Sri Lanka) as members of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of their terms of office until May 2020. The Committee also agreed to the nominations of Dr Chieko Ikeda (Japan) and Dr Christoph Hauschild (Germany) as alternate members of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2021.

A draft decision will be included in the Committee's report to the Plenary.

Item 19 Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A71/43.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ninth meeting of Committee A

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

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters

Item 12.1 – Global snakebite burden

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to note the report contained in document A71/17 and to consider draft resolution EB142.R4 *Addressing the burden of snakebite envenoming* as 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 resolution and the subitem was closed.

Item 12.2 – Physical activity for health

The Chairman opened the subitem and drew the Committee's attention to the relevant document A71/18 and asked that they consider the draft resolution EB142.R5 *Draft WHO global action plan on physical activity 2018–2030* as contained in document EB142/2018/REC/1. The floor was opened for discussion. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and approved the draft resolution. The subitem was closed.

Item 12.3 – Global Strategy for Women's Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016-2030): early childhood development

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A71/19 Rev.1. Comments were invited from the floor. The Chairman announced that due to time constraints, discussion of the subitem would resume at the tenth meeting of Committee A.

The meeting was adjourned.

3. Technical briefing

The following technical briefing 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.

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.

Friday, 25 May 2018

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.
08:15–08:45 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	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.

Saturday, 26 May 2018

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.

5. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

Interpretation is provided in the official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) to help delegates follow the discussions. Delegates are requested to send a copy of statements they plan to make to interpret@who.int or to give a paper copy to the conference officers in the room at least 30 minutes before delivery. This does not prevent delegates from making changes on delivery but will facilitate clarity and accuracy in all languages. Under 'Subject' and at the top of the statement please state the name of the country/group, the meeting (e.g. Plenary, Committee A, Committee B, Executive Board) and the relevant agenda item number.

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

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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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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>

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

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

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