WHO reform: amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General on the report of the Executive Board Chairperson on the outcome of the informal consultation on governance reform, decided:

(1) to amend Rules 5, 11, and 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as set out in the Annex to document A72/51, in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, with effect from the closure of its Seventy-second session; and to recommend that the explanatory memorandum referred to in the third paragraph of Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, as amended, be limited to 500 words;

(2) to amend Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as set out in the Annex to document A72/51, in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, with effect from the closure of its Seventy-second session;

(3) to amend the definitions at the beginning of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, Rules 3, 14, 19, 22, the heading between Rule 43 and Rule 44, and Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as set out in the Annex to document A72/51, in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, with effect from the closure of its Seventy-second session;

(4) that resolutions and decisions should provide for clear reporting requirements, including reporting cycles of up to six years, with biennial reports, unless otherwise advised by the Director-General.

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