Appointment of representatives to the
WHO Staff Pension Committee

Report by the Director-General

1. In conformity with the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, and in accordance with resolution WHA2.49, WHO has a Staff Pension Committee composed of nine members (and nine alternate members). One third of the members are appointed by the Health Assembly, one third by the Director-General, and one third are elected by the participants in the Fund. The term of office is three years and, in order to maintain continuity, arrangements have been made to renew only one third of the membership appointed by the Health Assembly at a time. The principle of having the six WHO regions represented on the WHO Staff Pension Committee has been respected by previous Health Assemblies.

2. The following representatives of the Health Assembly were appointed by:

   • the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly for three years from 2016:\(^1\)
     
     – Dr Palitha Gunaratna Mahipala of the delegation of Sri Lanka to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly as a member;
     
     – Dr Naoko Yamamoto of the delegation of Japan and Dr Gerardo Lubin Burgos Bernal of the delegation of Colombia to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly as alternate members;

   • the Seventieth World Health Assembly from 2017:\(^2\)
     
     (a) for two years:
     
     – Dr Naoko Yamamoto of the delegation of Japan\(^3\) and Dr Gerardo Lubin Burgos Bernal of the delegation of Colombia to the Seventieth World Health Assembly as members for the remainder of their terms of office until the closure of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in May 2019;

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\(^1\) Decision WHA69(17) (2016).

\(^2\) Decision WHA70(15) (2017).

\(^3\) As noted in document A71/38, in 2018 Dr Naoko Yamamoto was no longer able to serve on the Committee.
(b) for three years:

– Dr Assad Hafeez of the delegation of Pakistan, Dr Papa Amadou Diack of the delegation of Senegal and Dr Alan Ludowyke of the delegation of Sri Lanka to the Seventieth World Health Assembly as alternate members until the closure of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly in May 2020;

• the Seventy-first World Health Assembly from 2018:¹

(a) for two years:

– Dr Assad Hafeez of the delegation of Pakistan and Dr Alan Ludowyke of the delegation of Sri Lanka to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly as members for the remainder of their terms of office until the closure of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly in May 2020;

(b) for three years:

– Dr Chieko Ikeda of the delegation of Japan and Dr Christoph Hauschild of the delegation of Germany to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly as alternate members until the closure of the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly in May 2021.

3. The term of office of Dr Gerardo Lubin Burgos Bernal, nominated as a member by the Seventieth World Health Assembly, will expire at the closure of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in 2019. In addition, Dr Papa Amadou Diack of the delegation of Senegal, nominated by the Seventieth World Health Assembly as an alternate member, will no longer be able to serve on the Committee.

ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

4. The Health Assembly may wish to appoint Dr Gerardo Lubin Burgos Bernal of the delegation of Colombia as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022.

5. The Health Assembly may also wish to appoint Dr Arthur Williams of the delegation of Sierra Leone as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022.

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¹ Decision WHA71(14) (2018).