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President of the Health Assembly

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1. SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO BE ENTITLED TO DESIGNATE A PERSON TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the General Committee discuss the second item on its agenda (Programme of Work of the Health Assembly) during the counting of the votes in the first ballot to be held with a view to drawing up its suggestions.

It was so decided.

At the request of the CHAIRMAN, the DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL read out Article 24 of the Constitution and Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, which determine the procedure applicable to the election.

The CHAIRMAN called the attention of the General Committee to the documents before it, viz.:

- (a) a list, Region by Region, of the Members of WHO which are or have been entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board;
- (b) a table showing the geographical distribution of members of the Board by regions;
- (c) a table showing the present composition by region of the Executive Board;
- (d) a list of Members - classified region by region and in alphabetical order inside each region - whose names had been put forward in response to the request made by the President of the Assembly under the terms of Rule 99 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly.

This list was in no way restrictive and members of the General Committee could designate any other Member of their choice.

They might perhaps adopt the same procedure as at previous Assemblies: after a trial vote, intended only to clarify ideas and in no way restricting Members' freedom during the final ballot, the General Committee would first of all draw up a list of twelve Members which would be transmitted to the Health Assembly and then a list of eight Members which, in its opinion, would provide, if elected, a balanced distribution of the Board as a whole in accordance with the provisions of Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly.

The CHAIRMAN asked Sir William Refshauge (Australia) and Dr Hasan (Pakistan) to act as tellers. A preliminary vote by secret ballot was then taken.

2. PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

After hearing the CHAIRMEN of the main committees report the progress made in their work the General Committee drew up the programme of meetings for Tuesday 14 May and made suggestions for Wednesday 15 May.

3. SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO BE ENTITLED TO DESIGNATE A PERSON TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (Resumption of the discussion)

After learning the results of the preliminary vote, the General Committee voted in secret ballot in order to draw up the list of twelve Members to be transmitted to the Health Assembly. The following countries were nominated: Algeria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, Jamaica, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Spain, Uganda and the United Kingdom.

Before the General Committee drew up the list of eight members the DIRECTOR-GENERAL called its attention to the table indicating the present composition of the Executive Board and emphasized that if the Committee wished to maintain the present distribution of seats in the Executive Board, according to regions, it should recommend the names of one member from the African Region, three members from the Region of the Americas, one member from the South-East Asia Region, two members from the European Region and one member from the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

A vote was taken by secret ballot in order to draw up the list of eight members which in the Committee's opinion would provide, if elected, a balanced distribution of the Board as a whole. This list was as follows: Canada, Chile, Jamaica, Lebanon, Mongolia, Uganda and the United Kingdom. Belgium and Nicaragua obtained an equal number of votes.

At the request of the CHAIRMAN the DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL read out Rule 81 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, laying down the procedure to be followed in case of a tie.

In reply to Dr AL-AWADI (Kuwait) the CHAIRMAN stated that among the seven members whose names had just been recommended there were three from the Region of the Americas and one from the European Region.

The Committee took a further vote by secret ballot, as a result of which Belgium was added to the list of eight members.

The CHAIRMAN read the Committee's report, containing the names of the twelve members suggested, accompanied by the names of the eight members which, in the Committee's opinion, would provide, if elected, a balanced distribution of the Board as a whole. The Chairman stated that the report would be submitted to the Assembly at its meeting on Wednesday 15 May.

The meeting rose at 3.15 p.m.