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1. PROPOSALS FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS ENTITLED TO DESIGNATE A PERSON TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The CHAIRMAN reminded members of the Committee that the procedure for drawing up the Committee's proposals for the election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board was governed by Article 24 of the Constitution and by Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, and drew their attention to the documents that had been distributed to them, namely:
(a) a table showing the geographical distribution of the seats on the Executive Board, by region;
(b) a list showing, by region, the Members of WHO who were or had been entitled to designate persons to serve on the Executive Board;
(c) a list of Members - classified by region and by alphabetical order within each region - whose names had been suggested following the announcement made in plenary session by the President of the Assembly in pursuance of Rule 99 of the Rules of Procedure; the list was in no way limiting and members of the Committee were free to vote for other Member States if they so wished;
(d) finally, a table showing the present composition of the Board; in the table the names of those Members which had designated persons to serve on the Board, but whose terms of office expired at the end of the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly and which would have to be replaced, were underlined. They were: Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Lesotho, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.

He suggested that the same procedure be adopted as at previous assemblies: first, if the Committee felt it would be useful, it should hold a discussion, and then a trial vote that would provide general indications; next, after a discussion if necessary of the results of the trial vote, the Committee would draw up first a list of 12 Members and then a list of eight Members - selected from the list of 12 Members - which in its opinion would provide, if elected, a balanced distribution of the Board as a whole in accordance with Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure.

He invited Dr Osman Hassan (Somalia) and Dr Elom (United Republic of Cameroon) to act as tellers.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL noted that only nine names had been suggested, and pointed out that members of the Committee could include in the list of 12 Members the names of Member States of their choice, with the exception of those at present entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board.

To provide guidance, a trial vote was taken by secret ballot.

2. PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

After Professor TIGYI (Hungary), Chairman of Committee A, and Dr CHOWDHRY (Pakistan), Chairman of Committee B, had reported on the state of progress of the work of their committees, the General Committee drew up the programme of meetings for Tuesday, 14 May.

3. PROPOSALS FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS ENTITLED TO DESIGNATE A PERSON TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (resumed from section 1)

After being informed of the results of the trial vote, the Committee took a further vote by secret ballot to draw up the list of 12 Members to be transmitted to the Health Assembly.

The following 10 countries obtained the required majority: Argentina, Finland, France, Guatemala, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Venezuela.

At the request of the CHAIRMAN, the DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL read out Article 79 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly fixing the procedure to be followed when the number of candidates obtaining the required majority was less than the number of Members to be elected.
The Committee took a further vote by secret ballot to make up the list of 12 Members, following which the names of Canada and Zambia were added to the list.

Before the Committee drew up the list of eight Members, the CHAIRMAN pointed out that only the names appearing on the list of 12 Members could be included in the list of eight Members.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL noted that, if the Committee wished to maintain the present regional distribution of seats on the Executive Board, it should recommend the names of one Member from the African Region, three from the Region of the Americas, one from the South-East Asia Region, two from the European Region, and one from the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

A vote was taken by secret ballot 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.

The following countries were nominated: Argentina, Jordan, Venezuela, Sri Lanka, France, Mauritius, Guatemala, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The CHAIRMAN read out the report of the Committee containing the names of the 12 Members proposed, together with 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. He added that the report would be distributed on the morning of Tuesday, 14 May, at the latest and could therefore be submitted to the Assembly in plenary session as from Wednesday, 15 May.

The meeting rose at 2.40 p.m.

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