THIRTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

DECISIONS

AND

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS
I. DECISIONS

(1) Composition of the Committee on Credentials

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly appointed a Committee on Credentials consisting of delegates of the following 12 Member States: Argentina; Egypt; Ghana; Guyana; Iceland; Indonesia; Ireland; Jordan; Malaysia; Poland; Rwanda; and Senegal.

(First plenary meeting, 7 May 1984) (A37/VR/1)

(2) Composition of the Committee on Nominations

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly elected a Committee on Nominations consisting of delegates of the following 24 Member States: Benin; Bulgaria; Burma; China; Costa Rica; Djibouti; Equatorial Guinea; Ethiopia; France; Jamaica; Japan; Mongolia; Nigeria; Peru; Sweden; Syrian Arab Republic; Tunisia; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Upper Volta; Venezuela; and Zimbabwe.

(First plenary meeting, 7 May 1984) (A37/VR/1)

(3) Election of officers of the Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following officers:

President: Dr G. Soberón Acevedo (Mexico)

Vice-Presidents:

Mr M. To Vadek (Papua New Guinea), Dr S. H. Alwash (Iraq),
Mr M. Shamsul Haq (Bangladesh), Mr P. D. Boussoukou-Boumba (Congo),
Dr A Grech (Malta)

(Second plenary meeting, 7 May 1984) (A37/VR/2)

(4) Election of officers of the main committees

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following officers of the main committees:

COMMITTEE A: Chairman, Dr K. Al-Ajlouni (Jordan)
COMMITTEE B: Chairman, Dr N. Rosdahl (Denmark)

(Second plenary meeting, 7 May 1984) (A37/VR/2)
The main committees subsequently elected the following officers:

COMMITTEE A: Vice-Chairmen, Mr R. Edwards (Canada) and Professor F. Renger, (German Democratic Republic);\(^1\)

\textit{Rapporteur:} Mrs K. M. Makhwade (Botswana)

COMMITTEE B: Vice-Chairmen, Dr E. Yacoub (Bahrain) and Dr B. P. Kean (Australia);

\textit{Rapporteur:} Dr Sriati da Costa (Indonesia)\(^2\)

(First meeting of Committee A and first and second meetings of Committee B, 8 and 9 May 1984)

(5) Establishment of the General Committee

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the delegates of the following 16 countries as members of the General Committee: Botswana; Cameroon; Chile; China; Cuba; France; India; Kenya; Kuwait; Nigeria; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Uruguay; Yemen and Zimbabwe.

(Second plenary meeting, 7 May 1984)

(A37/VR/2)

(6) Adoption of the agenda

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Board at its seventy-third session with the deletion of two items and the addition of two sub-items.

(Third plenary meeting, 8 May 1984)

(A37/VR/3)

(7) Verification of credentials

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly recognized the validity of the credentials of the following delegations:

\(^1\) Dr K.-H. Lebentrau, proposed by the Committee on Nominations as Vice-Chairman, was unable to accept this nomination and Committee A elected Professor F. Renger in his stead.

\(^2\) Mr B. Balakrishnan (India), proposed by the Committee on Nominations as Rapporteur, was unable to accept this nomination and Committee B elected Dr Sriati da Costa in his stead.
Members:

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Australia; Austria; Bahamas; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belgium; Benin; Bhutan; Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Bulgaria; Burma; Burundi; Cameroon; Canada; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Cuba; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Democratic Kampuchea; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Yemen; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Ethiopia; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; Gambia; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Ghana; Greece; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Ivory Coast; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kenya; Kuwait; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Luxembourg; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Monaco; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Romania; Rwanda; Samoa; San Marino; Sao Tome and Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Somalia; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Swaziland; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Uganda; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Upper Volta; Uruguay; Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Yugoslavia; Zaire; Zambia and Zimbabwe

Associate Member:

Namibia.

(Fifth, twelfth and fourteenth plenary meetings, 9, 15 and 17 May 1984) (A37/VR/5, A37/VR/12 and A37/VR/14)


The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly, after reviewing the Director-General's report on the work of the Organization in 1982–1983, noted with satisfaction the manner in which the Organization's programme for this biennium had been implemented.

(Tenth plenary meeting, 11 May 1984) (A37/VR/10)

1 Credentials provisionally accepted.

(9) **Reports of the Executive Board on its seventy-second and seventy-third sessions**

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly, after reviewing the Executive Board's reports on its seventy-second and seventy-third sessions approved the reports; commended the Board on the work it had performed; and expressed its appreciation of the dedication with which the Board had carried out the tasks entrusted to it. It requested the President to convey the thanks of the Health Assembly in particular to those members of the Board who would be completing their terms of office immediately after the closure of the Assembly.

(Tenth plenary meeting, 11 May 1984)  
(A37/VR/10)

(10) **Financial Regulations - additional terms of reference governing the external audit of the World Health Organization**

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly approved the proposed changes in the Financial Regulations with respect to the additional terms of reference governing the external audit of the World Health Organization as contained in Annex 10 to document EB73/1984/REC/1.

(Eleventh plenary meeting, 14 May 1984)  
(A37/VR/11)

(11) **Election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board**

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the General Committee, elected the following as Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board: Egypt; Equatorial Guinea; Guinea; Hungary; Indonesia; Ivory Coast; Kenya; Republic of Korea; Thailand; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and United States of America. In accordance with Article 25 of the Constitution, Indonesia was elected for a period of one year only.

(Thirteenth plenary meeting, 16 May 1984)  
(A37/VR/13)

(12) **Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 1982**

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly noted the status of the operation of the Joint Staff Pension Fund, as indicated by the annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for the year 1982 and as reported by the Director-General.

(Fourteenth plenary meeting, 17 May 1984)  
(A37/VR/14)

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1 See document A37/2.  
3 Documents EB73/1984/REC/1 and EB73/1984/REC/2.  
4 Document A37/32.  
5 Document A37/19.
(13) **Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee**

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly appointed the member of the Executive Board designated by the Government of the Republic of Korea as member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee, and the member of the Board designated by the Government of Ivory Coast as alternate member of the Committee, the appointments being for a period of three years.

(Fourteenth plenary meeting, 17 May 1984)
(A37/VR/14)

(14) **Selection of the country in which the Thirty-eighth World Health Assembly will be held**

The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly, in accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution, decided that the Thirty-eighth World Health Assembly would be held in Switzerland.

(Fourteenth plenary meeting, 17 May 1984)
(A37/VR/14)
II. LIST OF RESOLUTIONS

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WHA37.33 - Rational use of drugs