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- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur**
- 3. Outcome of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly**
- 4. Technical and health matters**
 - 4.1 Cancer control

This item was deferred from the 113th to the 114th session of the Board. The Secretariat's document provides information on the fundamental intervention strategies that can reduce cancer mortality and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. It also covers related topics, such as developing national cancer control programmes, establishing cancer registries, and controlling expenses of cancer treatment.

- Review of possible establishment of an international fund to support cancer control in developing countries

This item was requested by a Member State.

- 4.2 Disability, including management and rehabilitation

This item was deferred from the 113th to the 114th session of the Board. The document draws the attention of the Board to the rapid increase in causes of disabilities worldwide, and the need to strengthen and incorporate rehabilitation services into the mainstream of health system activities.

- 4.3 Recruitment of health workers from the developing world

This item, requested by a Member State, was deferred from the 113th to the 114th session of the Board. The document considers the problem of the increasing number of skilled health professionals that emigrate from developing countries, which reduces the capacity of the originating health system to deliver services equitably.

- 4.4 Human resources in health

This item was requested by a Member State. The document examines the question of health workforce capacity, which is increasingly identified as a considerable barrier to delivering critical health interventions, especially in resource-poor settings. A consensus is emerging that strengthening of the health workforce must be a priority, which requires both short- and long-term solutions.

4.5 Avian influenza and human health

Several Asian countries are experiencing historically unprecedented outbreaks of avian influenza in poultry, caused by the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain of *Influenzavirus A*. Human cases of infection, with high mortality, have been detected in two of these countries. The report provides a chronology of the outbreaks, discusses the public health concerns, and describes WHO's activities, including recommendations aimed at averting a pandemic of human influenza.

4.6 Meeting of Interested Parties, 2003

This item was deferred from the 113th to the 114th session of the Board. The document summarizes the exchange of views on technical and managerial matters between contributors of voluntary resources and countries receiving funding.

4.7 Dependence-producing psychoactive substances: supplementary guidelines

Pursuant to a recommendation by the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence draft supplementary guidelines have been prepared by an expert working group to provide specific guidance on some difficulties encountered in applying the Guidelines for the WHO review of dependence-producing psychoactive substances for international control. The draft supplementary guidelines are submitted to the Board for its approval.

4.8 Manufacture of antiretrovirals in developing countries and challenges for the future

This item was requested by a Member State. The Secretariat's document will provide a preliminary review of issues in this area.

4.9 Sustainable financing for tuberculosis control

This item was requested by a Member State. The document reviews progress in sustaining funding for tuberculosis control. Although there is steady progress towards the 2005 targets for tuberculosis case detection and successful treatment, epidemiological impact of the DOTS strategy for tuberculosis control depends on effective long-term planning supported by sustainable financial commitment.

4.10 Social health insurance

This item was requested by a Member State. The document provides information on the characteristics of a well performing social health insurance scheme and on practical performance indicators to monitor and evaluate progress.

5. Staffing matters

5.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations on matters concerning personnel policy and conditions of service

5.2 Confirmation of amendments to the Staff Rules [if any]

6. Management and financial matters

6.1 Implementation of multilingualism in WHO

The document provides an update on the use of languages in WHO in terms of language training, translation and interpreting services for meetings, and availability of documents, publications and web sites in official and other languages.

6.2 Committees of the Executive Board

- Merger of committees: terms of reference and options for membership

At its 113th session the Board agreed in principle to merge the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee, the Programme Development Committee and the Audit Committee into a single committee. Draft terms of reference and options for membership have been prepared for this purpose.

- Filling of vacancies on committees

6.3 Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

6.4 Nongovernmental organizations: reconsideration of two applications for admission into official relations with WHO

Subsequent to the request made at its 113th session, the Board is invited to consider supplementary information provided by the International Council of Grocery Manufacturers Associations and the Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries of the EU, and to decide whether they should be admitted into official relations with WHO.

7. Matters for information

7.1 Expert committees and study groups

Pursuant to the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, a report is submitted on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees, and comments on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

8. Closure of the session

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