

Method of work of the Health Assembly

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report on method of work of the Health Assembly,¹

1. DECIDES to amend Rules 9 and 38 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board as follows, with effect from the closure of its 122nd session:

Rule 9

[...]

Any proposal for inclusion on the agenda of any item under (c), (d), (e) and (f) above shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum, except in the case of standing or recurring items proposed by the Director-General under (f).

Rule 38

If two or more proposals are moved, the Board shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been circulated to all delegations, unless the result of a vote on a proposal makes unnecessary any other voting on the proposal or proposals still outstanding.

2. RECOMMENDS to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on methods of work of the Health Assembly;

1. DECIDES to add to its Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly a new Rule 12bis, as follows:

Rule 12bis

At each session the provisional agenda and, subject to Rule 12, any proposed supplementary item, together with the report of the General Committee thereon, shall be

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submitted to the Health Assembly for its adoption as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

2. DECIDES to delete Rules 24 and 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly;

3. DECIDES to amend Rules 26, 31, 34, 36, and 68 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as follows, on the understanding that the Rules of Procedure shall be renumbered as a consequence of the deletion of Rules 24 and 25:

Rule 26

At each regular session, the Health Assembly shall elect a President and five vice-presidents, who shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Rule 31

The General Committee of the Health Assembly shall consist of the President and vice-presidents of the Health Assembly, the chairmen of the main committees of the Health Assembly established under Rule 34 and that number of delegates to be elected by the Health Assembly as shall provide a total of twenty-five members of the General Committee, provided that no delegation may have more than one representative on the Committee. The President of the Health Assembly shall convene, and preside over, meetings of the General Committee.

[...]

Rule 34

[...]

The chairmen of these main committees shall be elected by the Health Assembly.

Rule 36

Each main committee shall elect two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

Rule 68

If two or more proposals are moved, the Health Assembly shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been circulated to all delegations, unless the result of a vote on a proposal makes unnecessary any other voting on the proposal or proposals still outstanding.

4. DECIDES that the Health Assembly shall continue to follow its current practice concerning equitable geographical representation in the nomination of candidates for elected positions in the Health Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, with a view to such nominations being received by the Director-General no later than the opening of each session of the Health Assembly.

5. FURTHER DECIDES that the foregoing changes to its Rules of Procedure shall take effect from the closure of its Sixty-first session.

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