



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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First report of Committee B

Committee B held its first and second meetings on 17 and 18 May 2000 under the chairmanship of Dr K. Karam (Lebanon). After consideration of the proposal of the Committee on Nominations,¹ Miss F.-Z. Chaib (Algeria) and Mr L. Rokovada (Fiji) were elected Vice-Chairmen and Dr Suwit Wibulprasert (Thailand) Rapporteur.

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-third World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached seven resolutions and one decision relating to the following agenda items:

14. Management and financial matters

14.1 Financial matters

- Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

Although the agenda item is still open, one resolution was approved entitled:

- Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

- Scale of assessments

The Committee agreed not to discuss this agenda item as the Committee considered that Rule 98 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly had not been adhered to.

- Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 1998-1999, report of the External Auditor, and comments thereon made on behalf of the Executive Board; report of the Internal Auditor

One resolution

- Real Estate Fund

One resolution

¹ Document A53/32.

- Casual income

One resolution

- Amendments to the Financial Regulations

One resolution

14.2 Staff development and support

- Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules

One resolution entitled:

- Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

- Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

One decision

14.3 Amendments to the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees

One resolution entitled:

- Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees

Agenda item 14.1**Members in arrears in the payment of contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution**

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-third World Health Assembly on Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;¹

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Fifty-third World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Niger, Republic of Moldova, Somalia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Yugoslavia remained suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Member State concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that, in accordance with resolutions WHA52.3 and WHA52.4, the voting privileges of Liberia and Guinea have been suspended as from 15 May 2000 at the opening of the Fifty-third World Health Assembly, such suspension to continue until the arrears have been reduced to a level below the amount which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Belarus, Djibouti, Grenada, Nauru and Nigeria were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Fifty-third World Health Assembly to such an extent that it was necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether or not the voting privileges of those Members should be suspended at the opening of the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

1. DECIDES that in accordance with the statement of principles in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly, Belarus, Djibouti, Grenada, Nauru and Nigeria are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;
2. DECIDES that any suspension which takes effect as aforesaid shall continue at the Fifty-fourth and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Belarus, Djibouti, Grenada, Nauru and Nigeria have been reduced to a level below the amount which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;
3. DECIDES that this decision shall be without prejudice to the right of any Member to request restoration of its voting privileges in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

¹ Document A53/28.

Agenda item 14.1

Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 1998-1999, report of the External Auditor, and comments thereon made on behalf of the Executive Board; report of the Internal Auditor

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly,

Having examined the Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 1998 – 31 December 1999 and the Report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly;¹

Having noted the first report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-third World Health Assembly,²

ACCEPTS the Director-General's Financial report and audited financial statements for the financial period 1 January 1998 – 31 December 1999 and the Report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly.

¹ Documents A53/17 and A53/17 Add.1.

² Document A53/18.

Agenda item 14.1

Real Estate Fund

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the status of projects financed from the Real Estate Fund and the estimated requirements of the Fund for the period 1 June 2000 to 31 May 2001;¹

Recognizing that certain estimates must necessarily remain provisional,

1. AUTHORIZES the financing from the Real Estate Fund of the expenditures indicated under Section III of the Director-General's report, at an estimated cost of US\$ 3 583 000;
2. APPROPRIATES to the Real Estate Fund from casual income the sum of US\$ 2 141 721.

¹ See document EB105/2000/REC/1, Annex 4.

Agenda item 14.1**Casual income**

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly

DECIDES that the estimated amount available in casual income as at 31 December 1999 should be used:

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| (i) to part finance the 2002-2003 regular budget to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the financial incentive scheme (resolution WHA41.12) from the estimated interest earnings in 1999 | 6 012 373 |
| (ii) to finance the Real Estate Fund in accordance with proposals contained in document EB105/24 | 2 141 721 |
| (iii) to replenish the Working Capital Fund by the amount of arrears of contributions credited to casual income | 10 298 723 |
| (iv) to return the balance to Member States in 2000 to apply against their regular budget assessments | 6 372 696 |
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Agenda item 14.1

Amendments to the Financial Regulations

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report by the Secretariat,¹

ADOPTS the proposed revised Financial Regulations to enter into force upon confirmation of new Financial Rules by the Executive Board.

¹ Contained in document A53/22.

Agenda item 14.2

Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendation of the Executive Board with regard to remuneration of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General,

1. ESTABLISHES the salary for ungraded posts at US\$ 143 674 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 99 278 (dependency rate) or US\$ 89 899 (single rate);
2. ESTABLISHES the salary for the Director-General at US\$ 194 548 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 130 820 (dependency rate) or US\$ 116 334 (single rate);
3. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect on 1 March 2000.

Agenda item 14.2

Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly appointed Dr A.J.M. Sulaiman, delegate of Oman, as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee, and Dr E. Krag, delegate of Denmark, as an alternate member of the Committee, the appointments being for a period of three years.

Agenda item 14.3

Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered the draft amendments to the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees,

1. APPROVES the amendments to the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees adopted by the Health Assembly in resolution WHA35.10, as amended in decision WHA45(10) and resolution WHA49.29;
2. ENDORSES resolution EB105.R7 concerning the Regulations for Study and Scientific Groups, Collaborating Institutions and other Mechanisms of Collaboration.

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