

EB25.R64 Terms of Reference of Main Committees of the World Health Assembly, including the Proposed Procedure for the Consideration of the Annual Programme and Budget Estimates

The Executive Board,

Believing that the procedure for the consideration of the annual programme and budget estimates as adopted by the Health Assembly in previous years has proved satisfactory and that the same procedure should be followed in future years,

RECOMMENDS that the Thirteenth World Health Assembly adopt the following resolution:

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly which provides, *inter alia*, that “the main committees of the Health Assembly shall be: (a) the Committee on Programme and Budget; (b) the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters”,

DECIDES that:

- (1) the terms of reference of the Committee on Programme and Budget will be to:
 - (a) review the Annual Report of the Director-General;
 - (b) consider whether the annual programme follows the general programme of work for a specific period;
 - (c) recommend the budgetary ceiling after examination of the main features of the programme;
 - (d) review and recommend the programme;
 - (e) recommend the completed Appropriation Resolution after inserting the amounts relating to Part II, for the operating programme, in the text of the resolution, including the amounts for Part I, Organizational Meetings, and Part III, Administrative Services, as recommended by the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters; and
 - (f) study such other items as are referred to it by the Health Assembly;
- (2) the terms of reference of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters will be to:
 - (a) review the financial position of the Organization, including:
 - (i) the Financial Report and the Report of the External Auditor for the previous financial year;
 - (ii) the status of contributions, and advances to the Working Capital Fund;
 - (iii) the status of the Assembly Suspense Account and any other funds which have a bearing on the financial position of the Organization;
 - (b) recommend the scale of assessment;
 - (c) recommend the Working Capital Fund resolution, when necessary, including the amount in which it shall be established;
 - (d) review the parts of the budget dealing with Organizational Meetings and Administrative Services and report thereon to the Committee on Programme and Budget;
 - (e) consider the text of the Appropriation Resolution and report thereon to the Committee on Programme and Budget; and
 - (f) study such other items as are referred to it by the Health Assembly;
- (3) when item (c) under paragraph (1) is being considered in the Committee on Programme and Budget, there shall not be a meeting of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters, and when item (d) under paragraph (2) is being considered in the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters, there shall not be a meeting of the Committee on Programme and Budget; and, finally,

(4) item (c) under paragraph (1) shall not be considered by the Committee on Programme and Budget until the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters has completed the work on items (a) (iii) and (b) of paragraph (2).

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