

WHA20.3 Procedure for Discussing in the World Health Assembly Matters relating to the Programme and Budget of the Organization

The Twentieth World Health Assembly,

Considering Rule 34 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 shall be to:
 - (a) hear the comments and recommendations of the Executive Board as presented by its representative concerning:
 - (i) whether the budget estimates are adequate to enable the World Health Organization to carry out its constitutional functions, in the light of the current stage of its development;
 - (ii) whether the annual programme follows the general programme of work approved by the Health Assembly;
 - (iii) whether the programme envisaged can be carried out during the budget year; and
 - (iv) the broad financial implications of the budget estimates, with a general statement of the information on which any such considerations are based;
 - (b) hear the comments and recommendations of the Director-General;
 - (c) recommend the amount of the effective working budget;
 - (d) examine in detail the operating programme;
 - (e) recommend the Appropriation Resolution, after inserting the amounts in the sections for the operating programme in the text of the resolution as reported by the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters;
 - (f) after the World Health Assembly has approved the Appropriation Resolution for the ensuing year, and after hearing the views of the Director-General, recommend the general order of magnitude for the budget for the second ensuing year, for the orientation of the Director-General in the preparation of his proposed programme and budget for that year; and
 - (g) 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 shall 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 that 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 the Fund shall be established;
- (d) review the parts of the budget dealing with the estimates other than for the operating programme and report thereon to the Committee on Programme and Budget;
- (e) consider the text of the Appropriation Resolution, insert the amount for appropriation sections other than the operating programme 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 items (a), (b), (c) and (f) under paragraph (1) are 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;
- (4) items (b) and (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) and (b) of paragraph (2); and finally,
- (5) if, exceptionally, the physical facilities at a session of the Health Assembly do not permit the debate on the Annual Report of the Director-General to take place in plenary meeting, the review of the Annual Report (excluding the annual Financial Report) shall take place in the Committee on Programme and Budget and shall be added to the terms of reference of that committee.