

**EB39.R46     Conduct of the General Discussion at Future Health Assemblies <sup>2</sup>**

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General<sup>3</sup> on the conduct at future Health Assemblies of the general discussion in plenary meetings on the reports of the Executive Board and the Annual Report of the Director-General;

Recalling that the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board have, beginning in 1952, been engaged in studies<sup>4</sup> related to the duration of the Health Assembly and have adopted a number of measures to reduce, or to prevent an increase in, the length of Health Assemblies; and

Having considered the length of time required for the general discussion at the Nineteenth World Health Assembly and the desirability of precluding night meetings for this purpose at future Health Assemblies while not extending the duration of the Assemblies;

Considering that technical arrangements—such as coloured lights, to indicate to the speaker the passage of time—will be made by the Director-General; and

Believing that the following arrangements can be applied within the existing provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly,

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

The Twentieth World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the following arrangements for the conduct of the general discussion in plenary meetings on the reports of the Executive Board and the Annual Report of the Director-General:

- (1) delegates are encouraged to limit to ten minutes their speeches in such general discussion;
  - (2) delegates wishing to do so may submit prepared statements, preferably of not more than twenty typewritten pages, double-spaced, for inclusion *in extenso* in the verbatim records of the plenary meetings;
2. DECIDES that the Committee on Credentials shall meet at convenient times after the election of the officers of the Health Assembly and the introduction of the reports of the Executive Board and the Annual Report of the Director-General in order to allow the general discussion to begin as soon as possible;

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REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit his report and this resolution to all Members, together with the agenda of the Twentieth World Health Assembly.