

**EB45.R28      Method of Work of the Health Assembly**

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the method of work of the Health Assembly;<sup>3</sup>

Recalling resolutions EB16.R3, WHA10.33, WHA20.2 and EB43.R45; and

Considering that it might be appropriate to establish two main committees, identified as Committee A and Committee B—Committee A dealing preponderantly with programme and budget matters, and the other preponderantly with administration, finance and legal matters, but with allocation of agenda items to each in such a way that the workload would be equitably distributed—and that, in consequence, the arrangements contained in resolution WHA20.3 should be revised,

RECOMMENDS to the Twenty-third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution, to be put immediately into effect on an experimental basis:

The Twenty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered the recommendation of the Executive Board concerning the method of work of the Health Assembly,

1. DECIDES that:

(1) the terms of reference of Committee A 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 Committee B;
- (f) after the World Health Assembly has approved the Appropriation Resolution for the ensuing year, and after hearing the reviews 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 Committee B 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 Committee A;
- (e) consider the text of the Appropriation Resolution, insert the amount for appropriation sections other than the operating programme and report thereon to Committee A; 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 Committee A, there shall not be a meeting of Committee B, and when item (d) under paragraph (2) is being considered in Committee B, there shall not be a meeting of Committee A;

(4) items (b) and (c) under paragraph (1) shall not be considered by Committee A until Committee B 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 Committee A and shall be added to the terms of reference of that committee;

