World Health Organization

Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly

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# Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

## Report by the Director-General

1. In conformity with the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, and in accordance with resolution WHA2.49 (1949), WHO has a Staff Pension Committee composed of nine members (and nine alternate members). One third of the members and alternates are appointed by the Health Assembly, one third by the Director-General, and one third are elected by the participants of the Fund. The term of office is three years and, in order to maintain continuity, arrangements have been made to renew only one third of the membership appointed by the Health Assembly at a time. The principle of equitable representation across the six WHO regions on the WHO Staff Pension Committee has been respected by previous Health Assemblies.

2. The following table shows the start and end of the terms of office of the current representatives of the Health Assembly to the WHO Staff Pension Committee.

| Name | Delegation | Member or alternate member | Term of office (World Health Assembly decision) |
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| Mr Gerald Anderson[1] | United States of America | Member | Appointment: 2022 (WHA75(15))<br>Until: 31 December 2025 (WHA78(20))<br>Appointed as a member from 2023 (WHA76(17))<br>Proposed hereby for replacement from 2026 |
| Dr Ahmed Shadoul | Sudan | Member | Appointment: 2023 (WHA76(17))<br>Until: 2026 (Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly)<br>Appointed as a member from 2022 (WHA75(15))<br>Proposed hereby for renewal from 2026 |

[1] 1 Mr Gerald Anderson was elected Chair of the Pension Board of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund on 19 February 2025. His shortened term as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee from the end of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly (May 2025) to 31 December 2025 allowed Mr Anderson to continue serving as Chair of the Pension Board during 2025.

| Name | Delegation | Member or alternate member | Term of office (World Health Assembly decision) |
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| Mr Tshering Nidup | Bhutan | Member | Appointment: 2023 (WHA76(17))<br>Until: 2026 (Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly)<br>Appointed as a member from 2025 (WHA78(20))<br>Proposed hereby for renewal from 2026 |
| Dr Kezia Lorraine H. Rosario | Philippines | Alternate member | Appointment: 2024 (WHA77(13))<br>Until: 2027 (Eightieth World Health Assembly)<br>Proposed hereby to become a member from 2026 |
| Mr Erik Blas | Denmark | Alternate member | Appointment: 2025 (WHA78(20))<br>Until: 2028 (Eighty-first World Health Assembly) |
| Dr Djamila Cavaleiro Príncipe | Angola | Alternate member | Appointment: 2025 (WHA78(20))<br>Until: 2028 (Eighty-first World Health Assembly) |

3. The term of office of Mr Gerald Anderson of the delegation of the United States of America, appointed as an alternate member by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly and as a member by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, expired on 31 December 2025. He will no longer be able to serve on the WHO Staff Pension Committee. The Health Assembly takes this opportunity to convey its special thanks to Mr Anderson for his services to the WHO Staff Pension Committee and wishes him all the best in the future.

4. The term of office of Dr Ahmed Shadoul of the delegation of Sudan, appointed as a member by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly and reappointed as a member by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, will expire at the end of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly.

5. The term of office of Mr Tshering Nidup of the delegation of Bhutan, appointed as an alternate member by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly and as a member by the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly, will expire at the end of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly.

6. The proposed actions are to reappoint two representatives as members for a full three-year term from 2026, to appoint one new representative as alternate member for a full three-year term from 2026 and to appoint the most senior alternate member as member.

## Action by the Health Assembly

7. The Health Assembly is invited to note the report and to consider the following decision:

The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly,

Decided:

(1) to reappoint Dr Ahmed Shadoul of the delegation of Sudan as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Eighty-second World Health Assembly in May 2029;

(2) to reappoint Mr Tshering Nidup of the delegation of Bhutan as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Eighty-second World Health Assembly in May 2029;

(3) to appoint Dr Merle Lewis of the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Eighty-second World Health Assembly in May 2029;

(4) to appoint Dr Kezia Lorraine H. Rosario of the delegation of the Philippines, the most senior alternate member, as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of her term of office until the closure of the Eightieth World Health Assembly in May 2027.

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