

Second report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its second and third meetings on 22 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr A. R. Sicato (Angola) and Dr R. Daniel (Cook Islands).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached nine resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

14. Programme budget and financial matters

14.2 Financial report and audited financial statements for the period
1 January 2006–31 December 2007

One resolution

- Miscellaneous income 2006–2007 and financing gap for strategic objectives 12 and 13

One resolution

14.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

One resolution, as amended

14.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears

One resolution

15. Audit and oversight matters

15.1 Report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly

One resolution

16. Staffing matters

16.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

One resolution

17. Management matters

17.1 Method of work of the Health Assembly

One resolution as amended

17.2 Multilingualism: implementation of action plan

One resolution

19. International Agency for Research on Cancer: amendments to Statute

One resolution as amended

Agenda item 14.2

**Financial report and audited financial statements for the
period 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2007**

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Having examined the Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2007;¹

Having noted the second report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly,²

ACCEPTS the Director-General's Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2007.

¹ Documents A61/20 and A61/20 Add.1.

² Document A61/22.

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Miscellaneous Income 2006–2007 and financing gap for strategic objectives 12 and 13

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Recalling the appropriation resolution for the financial period 2008–2009 (resolution WHA60.12);

Aware of the forecast financing gap in respect of meeting the approved total effective budget for appropriation sections 12 and 13 of, respectively, US\$ 214 million and US\$ 543 million;

Considering the exceptional surplus in Miscellaneous Income realized in 2006–2007,

1. RESOLVES to appropriate an additional amount of US\$ 15 million from Miscellaneous Income in order to finance appropriation sections 12 and 13 of the Programme budget 2008–2009;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Sixty-second World Health Assembly on the status of the Miscellaneous Income account.

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Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Having considered the third report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly on Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;¹

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Argentina, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Comoros, Dominica, Guinea-Bissau and Somalia were suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Member State concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Solomon Islands and Togo were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly to such an extent that it was necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether or not the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended at the opening of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

- (1) that in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Solomon Islands and Togo are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;
- (2) that any suspension that takes effect as aforesaid shall continue at the Sixty-second and subsequent World Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Solomon Islands and Togo have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;
- (3) that this decision shall be without prejudice to the right of any Member to request restoration of its voting privileges in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

¹ Document A61/35.

Agenda item 14.4

Special arrangements for settlement of arrears: Kyrgyzstan

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Having considered the third report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board on the Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, with respect to the request of Kyrgyzstan for the settlement of its outstanding contributions,¹

1. DECIDES to restore the voting privileges of Kyrgyzstan at the Sixty-first World Health Assembly on condition that Kyrgyzstan shall pay its outstanding contributions, totalling US\$ 1 213 895, in 20 annual instalments payable in each of the years 2008 to 2027 as set out below, in addition to its current-year assessment due in the current year:

	US \$
2008	7 350
2009	10 000
2010	15 000
2011	20 000
2012	30 000
2013	30 000
2014	30 000
2015	30 000
2016	30 000
2017	30 000
2018	100 000
2019	100 000
2020	100 000
2021	100 000
2022	100 000
2023	100 000
2024	100 000
2025	100 000
2026	100 000
2027	81 545

¹ Document A61/35.

2. DECIDES that, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, voting privileges shall be automatically suspended again if Kyrgyzstan does not meet the conditions stipulated at 1 above;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to communicate this resolution to the Government of Kyrgyzstan.

Agenda item 15.1

Report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly;¹

Having noted the fourth report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board,²

ACCEPTS the report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly.

¹ Document A61/23.

² Document A61/24.

Agenda item 16.2

Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to remuneration of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General,

1. ESTABLISHES the salaries of Assistant Directors-General and Regional Directors at US\$ 172 546 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 125 155 (dependency rate) or US\$ 113 332 (single rate);
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Deputy Director-General at US\$ 189 929 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 136 454 (dependency rate) or US\$ 122 802 (single rate);
3. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 233 720 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 164 918 (dependency rate) or US\$ 146 662 (single rate);
4. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect from 1 January 2008.

Agenda item 17.1

Method of work of the Health Assembly

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on methods of work of the Health Assembly,

1. DECIDES to add to its Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly a new Rule 12bis, as follows:

Rule 12bis

At each session the provisional agenda and, subject to Rule 12, any proposed supplementary item, together with the report of the General Committee thereon, shall be submitted to the Health Assembly for its adoption as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

2. DECIDES to delete Rules 24 and 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly;
3. DECIDES to amend Rules 26, 31, 34, 36, 68, and 92 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as follows, on the understanding that the Rules of Procedure shall be renumbered as a consequence of the deletion of Rules 24 and 25:

Rule 26

At each regular session, the Health Assembly shall elect a President and five vice-presidents, who shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Rule 31

The General Committee of the Health Assembly shall consist of the President and vice-presidents of the Health Assembly, the chairmen of the main committees of the Health Assembly established under Rule 34 and that number of delegates to be elected by the Health Assembly as shall provide a total of twenty-five members of the General Committee, provided that no delegation may have more than one representative on the Committee. The President of the Health Assembly shall convene, and preside over, meetings of the General Committee.

[...]

Rule 34

[...]

The chairmen of these main committees shall be elected by the Health Assembly.

Rule 36

Each main committee shall elect two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

Rule 68

If two or more proposals are moved, the Health Assembly shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been circulated to all delegations, unless the result of a vote on a proposal makes unnecessary any other voting on the proposal or proposals still outstanding.

4. DECIDES that the Health Assembly shall continue to follow its current practice concerning equitable geographical representation in the nomination of candidates for elected positions in the Health Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, with a view to such nominations being received by the Director-General no later than the opening of each session of the Health Assembly.

5. FURTHER DECIDES that the foregoing changes to its Rules of Procedure shall take effect from the closure of its Sixty-first session.

Agenda item 17.2

Multilingualism: implementation of action plan

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Convinced of the relevance of the recommendations made in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit¹ entitled Multilingualism and access to information: case study on the World Health Organization, which was submitted to the first meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board;

Having considered the report by the Secretariat entitled Multilingualism: plan of action² and recalling the provisions relating to multilingualism contained in the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013 (resolution WHA60.11);

Also recalling the resolutions and rules relating to language use in WHO, and in particular resolution WHA50.32 on respect for equality among the official languages and resolution WHA51.30 concerning the availability of governing body documents on the Internet and resolution EB105.R6 on the use of languages in WHO;

Considering that the universality of the organizations of the United Nations system is based on, among other things, language diversity and equality among the official and working languages chosen by the Member States;

Welcoming in this regard the resolution on multilingualism (61/266) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in May 2007;

Commending the report by the Secretariat entitled Multilingualism: plan of action² submitted to the Executive Board at its 121st session in May 2007,

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to implement, as rapidly as possible, the plan of action contained in the Secretariat's report,² and in particular the following points:

- (1) preparation, before the 124th session of the Executive Board, of a timetable for implementation of the plan of action and a table showing the financial implications globally fitting within the framework of the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013;
- (2) preparation of a strategy to set translation priorities, associating Member States by means of a mechanism of informal consultations to be defined;

¹ Document JIU/REP/2003/4.

² Documents EB121/6 and EB121/6 Corr.1.

2. ALSO REQUESTS the Director-General to ensure:
 - (1) equal respect for linguistic diversity at WHO headquarters, regional offices and country offices;
 - (2) establishment of a database to make it possible to determine in which official languages of the Organization members of WHO staff belonging to the professional category are fluent;
 - (3) that health-care background is taken into account when recruiting WHO language-services staff;
 - (4) encouragement for and promotion of access to quality language training for all the Organization's staff;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Sixty-second World Health Assembly on the implementation of this resolution, and to report biennially thereon.

Agenda item 19

International Agency for Research on Cancer: amendments to Statute

The Sixty-first World Health Assembly,

Considering the amendments to Article VI of the Statute of the International Agency for Research on Cancer adopted by the Governing Council at its Fiftieth Session;

Considering the provisions of Article X of the Statute of the Agency,

ACCEPTS the following amendment to the Statute of the Agency, which shall enter into force forthwith:

Article VI – The Scientific Council

- (1) The Scientific Council shall be composed of highly qualified scientists, selected on the basis of their technical competence in cancer research and allied fields. Members of the Scientific Council are appointed as experts and not as representatives of Participating States.
- (2) Each Participating State may nominate up to two experts for membership in the Scientific Council for appointment of one of them by the Governing Council and, if a Participating State makes such a nomination, the Governing Council shall appoint one of them.
- (3) In identifying experts to be considered for appointment to the Scientific Council, Participating States shall take into account advice to be provided by the Chairman of the Scientific Council and Director of the Agency concerning the expertise required on the Scientific Council at the time of those appointments.
- (4) Members of the Scientific Council shall serve for a term of four years. Should a member not complete a term, a new appointment shall be made for the remainder of the term to which the member would have been entitled, in accordance with paragraph 5.
- (5) When a vacancy arises on the Scientific Council, the Participating State that nominated the departing member may nominate up to two experts to replace that member in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3. Any member leaving the Scientific Council, other than a member appointed for a reduced term, may be reappointed only after at least one year has elapsed.
- (6) [Same as previous Article VI.4]

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