



## **Provisional agenda for and duration of the Fifty-first World Health Assembly**

According to Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Board shall prepare the provisional agenda of each regular session of the Health Assembly after consideration of proposals submitted by the Director-General.

1. The attached proposals submitted by the Director-General take into account the provisions of resolution WHA50.18 which revised the method of work of the Health Assembly.
2. Attention is drawn to Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, according to which:  
*the Health Assembly, after consideration of the recommendations of the Board and the General Committee, shall allocate items of the agenda to the two main committees in such a way as to provide an appropriate balance in the work of these committees.*
3. In its decision WHA30(xvi) the Thirtieth World Health Assembly (1977) requested the Executive Board to fix the duration of each session. It is proposed that the duration should be restricted to six days which is the length provided for in the approved programme budget for the financial period 1998-1999.
4. A draft preliminary daily timetable for the Fifty-first World Health Assembly is submitted in document EB101/INF.DOC./1. This draft preliminary timetable takes into account resolution WHA48.16, which calls for a “special event connected to the World Health Assembly of 1998, in conjunction with the fiftieth anniversary of WHO”, in order to secure high-level political endorsement of the new global health policy. One half day is reserved for this activity.



## **Draft provisional agenda**

### **PLENARY MEETINGS**

1. Opening of the session
2. Appointment of the Committee on Credentials (Rule 23)
3. Election of the Committee on Nominations (Rule 24)
4. Election of the President and the five Vice-Presidents (Rule 26)
5. Election of the Chairman of Committee A (Rule 34)
6. Election of the Chairman of Committee B (Rule 34)
7. Establishment of the General Committee (Rule 31)
8. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees (Rules 33 and 34)
9. Review and approval of the reports of the Executive Board on its 100th and 101st sessions (Article 18(d))
10. Review of *The world health report 1998* (Article 18(d))
11. Admission of new Members and Associate Members (Article 6 and Rule 115) [if any]
12. Director-General
  - 12.1 Appointment
  - 12.2 Approval of contract
13. Election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board (Articles 18(b), 24 and 25, and Rules 100-103 inclusive)

14. Awards
  - 14.1 Sasakawa Health Prize
  - 14.2 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize
15. Fiftieth anniversary of WHO
16. Approval of reports of main committees
17. Closure of the Fifty-first World Health Assembly

## **COMMITTEE A**

18. Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur (Rule 36)
19. Health-for-all policy for the twenty-first century
20. Implementation of resolutions (progress reports by the Director-General)
  - Task force on health in development (resolution WHA50.23)
  - Improving technical cooperation among developing countries (resolution WHA43.9)
  - Prevention of violence (resolution WHA50.19)
  - Health systems development (resolution WHA50.27)
  - Revised drug strategy (resolution WHA49.14)
  - Cross-border advertising, promotion and sale of medical products through the Internet (resolution WHA50.4)
  - Ethical, scientific and social implications of cloning in human health (resolution WHA50.37)
  - Health promotion
  - Infant and young child nutrition (resolutions WHA33.32 and EB97.R13)
  - Tuberculosis (resolution WHA46.36)
  - Global elimination of blinding trachoma (resolution WHA45.10)
21. Disease prevention and control
  - 21.1 Control of tropical diseases
    - Chagas disease
    - Leprosy

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- 21.2 Revision of the International Health Regulations: progress report
  - 21.3 Emerging and other communicable diseases: antimicrobial resistance
  - 21.4 Noncommunicable diseases

## **COMMITTEE B**

- 22. Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur (Rule 36)
- 23. Financial matters
  - 23.1 Financial report on the accounts of WHO for the financial period 1996-1997, report of the External Auditor, and comments thereon of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee (Article 18(f); Financial Regulations 11.3 and 12.9); report of the Internal Auditor
  - 23.2 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution (resolution WHA41.7)
  - 23.3 Casual income
  - 23.4 Transfers between appropriation sections for 1998-1999 [if any]
  - 23.5 Amendments to the Financial Regulations [if any]
- 24. Supplementary budget for 1998-1999 [if any]
- 25. Scale of assessments
  - 25.1 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
  - 25.2 Scale of assessments for the financial period 1998-1999
- 26. Real Estate Fund
- 27. WHO reform
  - 27.1 Programme budget evaluation
  - 27.2 Review of the Constitution and regional arrangements of the World Health Organization
- 28. Amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution
- 29. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations (Article 18(f))
  - 29.1 General matters
  - 29.2 Environmental matters

29.3 International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

- 30. Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
- 31. Personnel matters: amendments to the Staff Rules
- 32. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

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