Provisional agenda  
(annotated)

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

2. Report by the Director-General
   - Discussion on issues raised

3. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

The Board will receive at the opening of its session the report of the third meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee which is to be held during the preceding week.

4. Technical and health matters
   4.1 Earthquake in south Asia: WHO’s response

The report reviews the support provided by WHO after the earthquake of 8 October 2005 on the basis of a needs assessment and in coordination with other organizations of the United Nations system and international humanitarian partners. It indicates lessons learnt from the acute phase of the disaster and support planned for the recovery phase.

   4.2 Strengthening pandemic-influenza preparedness and response

The report describes recent developments, including the geographical spread of the H5N1 virus to Europe and the persistence of human and animal outbreaks in south-east Asia, and assesses the extent to which they affect the risk that a pandemic virus may emerge. It then reviews relevant actions undertaken by WHO since May 2005.

   - Application of the International Health Regulations (2005): follow up

Item proposed by a Member State. The document reports on the outcome of a meeting on avian influenza and human pandemic influenza (Geneva, 7-9 November 2005), which discussed among other matters the possibility of voluntary compliance with relevant provisions of the International Health Regulations (2005) before entry into force, in order to assist in the international detection, alert and public-health response to a potential pandemic of influenza. A draft resolution is submitted to the Board for its consideration.
• Strengthening health and surveillance systems: use of information technology and geographic information systems

Item proposed by a Member State. In the context of pandemic-influenza preparedness, the report highlights the potential impact of public-health mapping and geographic information systems on disease surveillance and health systems, and WHO’s work in this area. It stresses the need for strong information systems that will guide national and international efforts in responding to public-health emergencies and priorities.

4.3 International trade and health: draft resolution

At its 116th session, the Executive Board, after reviewing a report on international trade and health, considered a draft resolution, to which a number of amendments were proposed. In order to have time to discuss the draft resolution more fully, the Board agreed to defer consideration to its 117th session. The draft resolution containing the proposed amendments is annexed to the document.

4.4 Eradication of poliomyelitis

The report highlights the new tools and strategies for eradication of poliomyelitis introduced in 2005, and their impact in interrupting the remaining chains of wild-type poliovirus transmission in Asia and Africa. It submits for the Board’s consideration a draft resolution outlining recommendations for responding to the detection of circulating poliovirus and limiting its further international spread.

4.5 HIV/AIDS

• Universal access to prevention, care and treatment

The document outlines the process proposed by WHO and UNAIDS to build global commitment to the goal of universal access to prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS by 2010. It also reviews the lessons learnt from the “3 by 5” initiative, which will provide guidance for expanding national HIV/AIDS programmes.

• Nutrition and HIV/AIDS: draft resolution

The report describes activities undertaken at national, regional and global levels relating to nutrition and HIV/AIDS, and highlights efforts made to implement the recommendations of WHO’s technical consultation on nutrition and HIV/AIDS in Africa (Durban, South Africa, 2005). As requested, a draft resolution is submitted for the Board’s consideration.

4.6 Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: draft global strategy

The draft global strategy for the prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections submitted for the Board’s consideration issues from extensive consultations.

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1 See document EB116/2005/REC/1, summary record of the third meeting, section 2.
2 Idem, summary record of the second meeting.
4.7 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks

In pursuance of resolution WHA55.15 the document reports on the seventh meeting of the Advisory Committee on Variola Virus Research (Geneva, November 2005) which reviewed accomplishments and outcomes of research over the past year using live variola virus.

4.8 Sickle-cell anaemia

Item proposed by several Member States. The report provides information on the impact of sickle-cell anaemia on morbidity and mortality. It sets out strategies and recommendations for surveillance, prevention and management of the disease and the potential of approaches intended to reduce health disparities in this area.

4.9 Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment

Item proposed by several Member States. The report highlights the rising incidence of chronic blinding diseases, the slow progress towards previously defined objectives, and the need for greater commitment in order to expand activities. A draft resolution is submitted to the Board for its consideration.

4.10 Intellectual property rights, innovation and public health

The document informs the Executive Board about the work of the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health.

4.11 Health-related Millennium Development Goals

- Update after the high-level plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (September 2005)

The report informs the Board of recent WHO contributions to achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals, and reviews major events occurring and commitments made in 2005 with implications for health. In particular, it summarizes outcomes relevant to health of the high-level plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

An information document describes work under way on a strategy for strengthening health systems in order to achieve the health-related Millennium Development Goals.

- WHO’s contribution to implementation of the strategy for child and adolescent health and development, with particular emphasis on attainment of the Millennium Development Goals

In response to resolution WHA56.21, the document reports on global developments to accelerate coverage of essential interventions in order to reduce child mortality and improve adolescent health, and highlights progress in the seven priority areas identified in the strategy.

4.12 WHO’s role and responsibilities in health research

In response to resolution WHA58.34, a position paper has been prepared on WHO’s role and responsibilities in health research, which is summarized in the document.
4.13 eHealth: proposed tools and services

The report provides information on work on eHealth throughout the Organization, and sets out activities proposed on the basis of identified needs for products and services in countries.

5. Programme and budget matters

5.1 Eleventh General Programme of Work 2006-2015

The Eleventh General Programme of Work will cover a 10-year period from 2006 to 2015 and is submitted to the Board for comment, before consideration and adoption by the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly. It takes a broad look at health; reaffirms understanding of the determinants of health and measures required to improve the health of populations, communities, families and individuals; identifies problems that need to be tackled as a priority and possible solutions; and sets out ways in which WHO’s response to a changing environment could be further strengthened.

5.2 Guiding principles for strategic resource allocations, including validation mechanism

In response to decision WHA57(10) and requests made by the Executive Board at its 116th session, the document sets out for the Board’s consideration draft guiding principles for the strategic allocation of resources throughout the Organization. An annex includes details of the proposed validation mechanism, which provides relative resource indication ranges at global and regional levels.

5.3 Real Estate Fund: progress report

The document outlines a strategy to address the effect of normal wear and tear on WHO’s buildings. It identifies future real estate needs, set out in a capital master plan, and reviews associated financing options. It also proposes a course of action linked to the medium-term strategic plan for 2008-2013.

6. Financial matters

6.1 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

The report sets out the payment status of Member States and Associate Members in respect of current-year contributions to the effective working budget of the Organization. It also provides an update on the Member States that are in arrears of contributions to an extent that their voting rights at the Health Assembly might be suspended.

6.2 External and internal audit recommendations: tracking of implementation

The document describes a mechanism established for the tracking of implementation by the Secretariat of recommendations made by the External Auditor and the Internal Auditor.

6.3 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

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1 Idem, summary record of the third meeting, section 1.
7. **Staffing matters**

7.1 Human resources: annual report

The report of the Organization’s staffing profile as at 30 September 2005 provides data on, inter alia, distribution of staff by gender, geographical representation, age, length of service and turnover of staff. The report also highlights progress in a number of key areas to facilitate the management of human resources within the Organization. The annual report containing data as at 31 December 2005 will be submitted to the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly.

7.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The annual report of the International Civil Service Commission is submitted for the Board’s information in accordance with Article 17 of the Commission’s Statute. The document summarizes the main elements of the Commission’s report.

7.3 Confirmation of amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

Amendments to the Staff Rules made by the Director-General are submitted for confirmation by the Board in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2.

7.4 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

8. **Other management matters**

8.1 Reports of committees of the Executive Board

- Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

During its session the Board will receive the report of the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations, which contains, inter alia, the recommendations of the Committee on requests from organizations for admission into official relations with WHO, and the review of collaboration between WHO and one third of the organizations in official relations during the period 2003-2005.

- Foundations and awards

The Board will review the report of the selection panels of the prizes to be awarded in 2006 by the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation, Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation, Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation, United Arab Emirates Health Foundation, and State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation.

8.2 Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

- Previous reports: implementation of recommendations

Following the format agreed between the Joint Inspection Unit and WHO to gauge progress made on implementation, the document provides more detail of the action taken by the Secretariat on the Unit’s recommendations contained in a previous report covering a case study on multilingualism in WHO.
• Recent reports

In accordance with the modality for following up reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, the document introduces reports issued during 2004 and 2005 of relevance to WHO. It provides in tabular form a summary of, and the Secretariat’s comments on, each recommendation of the Unit contained in those reports considered to be of relevance to WHO.

8.3 Provisional agenda of the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 118th session of the Executive Board

The document also includes the provisional daily timetable of the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly.

9. Matters for information

9.1 Expert committees and study groups

In compliance with regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, the Director-General submits to the Board for its consideration his report on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees, and his observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization’s programmes.

In compliance with regulation 2.2 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, the addendum informs the Board of the establishment or disestablishment of expert advisory panels and their membership as at December 2005, and lists the meetings of expert committees convened during the year.

9.2 Implementation of resolutions: progress reports

A. Infant and young child nutrition (resolution WHA58.32)

B. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (including impact on national economic development) (resolution WHA57.12)

C. Family and health in the context of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (resolution WHA57.11)

D. Health action in relation to crises and disasters (resolution WHA58.1)

E. Sustainable health financing, universal coverage and social health insurance (resolution WHA58.33)

F. The role of contractual arrangements in improving health systems’ performance (resolution WHA56.25)

G. United Nations reform process and WHO’s role in harmonization of operational development activities at country level: interim progress report (resolution WHA58.25)
9.3 Human resources for health development

Item proposed by a Member State. Following up resolution WHA57.19, the information note provides an update on plans for World Health Day, *The world health report*, and progress made with other requests contained in the resolution.

9.4 Report of the Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR)

The report provides a summary of discussions of the global Advisory Committee on Health Research.

9.5 Health promotion: follow-up to 6th Global Conference on Health Promotion

Item proposed by two Member States. The report highlights the process under way to strengthen health promotion at local, national and international levels for multisectoral action to tackle major risk factors and to address underlying determinants of health as a contribution to achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals and to implementing the recommendations of the Bangkok Charter for Health Promotion in a Globalized World.

10. Closure of the session

*Note. At the consultation between the Secretariat and the Officers of the Board,¹ convened in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, it was agreed to defer to the 118th session of the Board the following items requested by Member States:

- Control of leishmaniasis
- Rational use of medicines: progress in implementing the WHO medicines strategy

With respect to the draft provisional agenda, transmitted to Member States for comment on 24 June 2005, it was agreed:

- to defer to the 119th session of the Board, at the request of the Secretariat, agenda item 4.11, *Gender, women and health: draft strategy*
- to transfer, at the request of several Member States, agenda item 9.2, *E. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks, from “Matters for information” to “Technical and health matters”.*

¹ 21 November 2005.