

Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur**
- 3. Outcome of the Sixtieth World Health Assembly**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 5. Technical and health matters**

- 5.1 Health technologies**

As requested by the Executive Board at its 120th session,¹ a group of experts and interested Member States has been convened to help resolve outstanding issues regarding resolution EB120.R21. The report outlines the outcomes and recommendations of the consultation on the scope of health technologies.

- 5.2 Avian and pandemic influenza: follow-up to discussions at Sixtieth World Health Assembly**

Item proposed by the Chairman of the Board. The Board will receive an oral summary of the debate at the Health Assembly on this agenda item. Key questions will be highlighted in order to guide preparation of a draft plan of action.

- 5.3 Public health, innovation and intellectual property: follow-up to discussions at Sixtieth World Health Assembly**

Item proposed by the Chairman of the Board. The Board will receive an oral summary of the debate at the Health Assembly on this agenda item.

- 6. Management, budget and financial matters**

- 6.1 Director-General and Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organization: report in accordance with resolution EB120.R19**

As requested by the Executive Board at its 120th session, the report reviews a number of issues related to mandatory appointment to the position of Deputy Director-General. It also reviews the legal implications of, and explores options related to, the geographical rotation of the position of Director-General.

¹ See document EB119/2006-EB120/2007/REC/2, summary record of the thirteenth meeting of the 120th sessions, Section 3.

6.2 Methods of work of the Executive Board

In the light of experience since the last revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Board,¹ the report makes suggestions, among others, on criteria for selecting additional agenda items, time lines for drawing up the provisional agenda, the availability of documents on the Internet and, as requested by the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board,² on improving the quality and quantity of governing body resolutions.

6.3 Multilingualism: plan of action

The draft plan of action proposes a strategy and a set of concrete proposals to further multilingualism at WHO. The plan sets out medium- and long-term goals that are linked to objectives and indicators in order to monitor and evaluate progress.

6.4 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

6.5 Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines: establishment of a subcommittee

At its 15th meeting in March 2007, the Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Essential Medicines, noting that resolution EB120.R13 recommended revision and update of the Model List of Essential Medicines in order to include missing essential medicines for children, recommended that a subcommittee should be established for this purpose.

6.6 Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

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

7. Staffing matters

7.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

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

8. Matters for information: reports of expert committees and study groups

Pursuant to the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, a report is submitted on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees, and comments on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

9. Closure of the session

¹ Resolution EB112.R1.

² Document EB120/3, paragraph 27.

Note. *At their consultation with the Director-General on 19 March 2007, convened in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Officers of the Board agreed to defer to the 122nd session of the Board the following item:*

7.1 Reports of advisory bodies

- *Report of the forty-sixth session of the global Advisory Committee on Health Research*

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