

Follow-up of the report of the Working Group on the Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report by the Director-General on the follow-up of the report of the Working Group on the Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization,¹

DECIDES, with effect from the closure of its 132nd session, to amend Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board as set forth in the Annex to this resolution.

¹ Document EB132/29.

ANNEX

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rule 52

EXISTING TEXT	PROPOSED REVISED TEXT
1. At least six months before the date fixed for the opening of a session of the Board at which a Director-General is to be nominated, the Director-General shall inform Member States that they may propose persons for nomination by the Board for the post of Director-General.	At least nine months before the date fixed for the opening of a session of the Board at which a nomination for the post of Director-General has to take place, the Director-General shall inform Member States that they may propose persons for nomination by the Board for the post of Director-General.
2. Any Member State may propose for the post of Director-General one or more persons, submitting with the proposal the curriculum vitae or other supporting information for each person. Such proposals shall be sent under confidential sealed cover to the Chairman of the Executive Board, care of the World Health Organization in Geneva (Switzerland), so as to reach the headquarters of the Organization not less than two months before the date fixed for the opening of the session.	Any Member State may propose for the post of Director-General one or more persons, submitting with the proposal the curriculum vitae or other supporting information for each person. Such proposals shall be sent under confidential sealed cover to the Chairman of the Executive Board, care of the World Health Organization in Geneva (Switzerland), so as to reach the headquarters of the Organization not less than four months before the date fixed for the opening of the session.
3. The Chairman of the Board shall open the proposals received sufficiently in advance of the session so as to ensure that all proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information are translated into all official languages, duplicated and dispatched to all Member States one month before the date fixed for the opening of the session.	<p>The Chairman of the Board shall open the proposals received sufficiently in advance of the session so as to ensure that all proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information are translated into all official languages, duplicated and dispatched to all Member States three months before the date fixed for the opening of the session.</p> <p>Immediately after the dispatch to Member States of the proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information, the Director-General shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, convene a candidates' forum open to all Member States and Associate Members, to which all candidates will be invited to make themselves and their vision known to Member States on an equal basis. The candidates' forum shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Board and shall be held not later than two months before the opening of the session. The Board shall decide on the modalities of the candidates' forum. The candidates' forum shall not be convened in case only one person has been proposed for the post of Director-General.</p>
4. If no proposals have been received by the deadline referred to in the second paragraph of this Rule, the Director-General shall immediately inform all Member States of this fact and that they may propose persons for nomination in accordance with this Rule, provided such proposals reach the Chairman of the Board at least two weeks prior to the date fixed for the opening of the session of the Board. The Chairman shall inform Member States of all such proposals as soon as possible.	[No change]

EXISTING TEXT	PROPOSED REVISED TEXT
5. All members of the Board shall have the opportunity to participate in an initial screening of all candidatures in order to eliminate those candidates not meeting the criteria proposed by the Board and approved by the Health Assembly.	[No change]
6. The Board shall decide, by a mechanism to be determined by it, on a short list of candidates. This short list shall be drawn up at the commencement of its session, and the selected candidates shall be interviewed by the Board meeting as a whole as soon as possible thereafter.	The Board shall decide, by a mechanism to be determined by it, [paying due regard to equitable geographical representation and gender balance,] (Seychelles on behalf of the African Region) on a short list of candidates. This short list shall be drawn up at the commencement of its session, and the selected candidates shall be interviewed by the Board meeting as a whole as soon as possible thereafter.
7. The interviews should consist of a presentation by each selected candidate in addition to answers to questions from members of the Board. If necessary, the Board may extend the session in order to hold the interviews and make its selection.	[No change]
8. The Board shall fix a date for the meeting at which it shall elect a person by secret ballot from among the candidates on the short list.	The Board shall fix a date for the meeting at which it shall nominate three persons by secret ballot from among the candidates on the short list. In exceptional circumstances where the nomination of three candidates is not practicable such as where there are only one or two candidates, the Board may decide to nominate fewer than three candidates.
9. For this purpose each member of the Board shall write on his ballot paper the name of a single candidate chosen from the short list. If no candidate obtains the majority required, the candidate who obtains the least number of votes shall be eliminated at each ballot. If the number of candidates is reduced to two and if there is a tie between these two candidates after three further ballots, the procedure shall be resumed on the basis of the short list originally established at the commencement of the balloting.	For the purpose of nominating three candidates, each member of the Board shall write on his ballot paper the names of three candidates, chosen from the short list. Those candidates obtaining in the first ballot the majority required shall be elected. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, the candidate having received the least number of votes shall be eliminated at each ballot. If two candidates tie for the least number of votes, a separate ballot shall be held between them and the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated. The same mechanism shall apply, mutatis mutandis, when the Board decides to nominate fewer than three candidates.
10. The name of the person so nominated shall be announced at a public meeting of the Board and submitted to the Health Assembly.	The names of the person or persons so nominated shall be announced at a public meeting of the Board and submitted to the Health Assembly.

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