

Proposal for a supplementary agenda item

1. In accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General has the honour to refer to the following proposal for a supplementary agenda item to be added to the provisional agenda of the Board at its 133rd session.
2. A proposal was received on 16 April 2013 from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, for an additional item for the provisional agenda of the Board to be entitled: “Evaluation and improvement of primary health care during crisis”.
3. This proposal is submitted to the Board for its consideration (see Annex).

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Explanatory Note by the Syrian Arab Republic

In view of the current crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic and its effects on the healthcare sector in general, especially the devastating consequences it has on primary health care in Syria, The Ministry of Health in the Syrian Arab Republic has suggested the addition of a new agenda item to the draft provisional agenda of the 133rd session of the Executive Board entitled **“Evaluation and improvement of primary health care during crisis”**.

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedures of the Executive Board of the WHO, Syria would like to bring to the attention of the Director-General of the WHO and the members of the Executive Board the urgency of including this proposal in a supplementary provisional agenda to the agenda of the 133rd meeting.

The unfortunate events in Syria strengthen our strong belief that it is in the interest of the international community as a whole to urgently debate this matter which not only affects Syria but also other countries and regions around the world. We hope that the discussion of this topic will lead the way towards helping improve the delivery of primary health care in areas affected in crisis areas.

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