

## **Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly, and draft provisional agenda of the 138th session of the Executive Board**

### **Report by the Secretariat**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD, 138TH SESSION**

1. Article 26 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Board shall meet at least twice a year and shall determine the place of each meeting.” Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board provides that the Board “shall determine at each session the time and place of its next session”.
2. It is proposed to convene the 138th session of the Executive Board on Monday, 25 January 2016, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and to close the session no later than Saturday, 30 January 2016. It is further proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twenty-third meeting on Thursday, 21 January and Friday, 22 January 2016, at WHO headquarters.
3. An advance copy of the draft provisional agenda of the 138th session of the Executive Board (see Annex) has been drawn up on the basis of mandated reporting requirements and standing items. The draft provisional agenda of the 138th session of the Executive Board will be circulated to Member States for their consideration within four weeks of the closure of the 137th session, in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

#### **SIXTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

4. Article 13 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Health Assembly shall meet in regular annual session”. Article 14 further provides that “The Health Assembly, at each annual session, shall select the country or region in which the next annual session shall be held, the Board subsequently fixing the place.” In accordance with Article 15, “The Board ... shall determine the date of each annual ... session.” In its decision WHA30(xvi), the Thirtieth World Health Assembly requested the Executive Board to fix the duration of each session.
5. Assuming that the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly decides that the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland, it is proposed to convene the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly on Monday, 23 May 2016, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Health Assembly no later than Saturday, 28 May 2016. Should the Board agree to this, it is proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twenty-fourth meeting on Thursday, 19 May and Friday, 20 May 2016, at WHO headquarters.

## **ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

6. The Board may wish to consider adoption of the following draft decisions:

### **Decision 1:**

The Executive Board decided that its 138th session should be convened on Monday, 25 January 2016, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Saturday, 30 January 2016. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twenty-third meeting on Thursday, 21 January, and Friday, 22 January 2016, at WHO headquarters.

### **Decision 2:**

The Executive Board decided that the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, opening on Monday, 23 May 2016, and close no later than Saturday, 28 May 2016. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twenty-fourth meeting on Thursday, 19 May and Friday, 20 May 2016, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

## **Draft provisional agenda**

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report by the Director-General**
- 3. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 4. Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board**
- 5. WHO reform**
  - 5.1 Overview of reform implementation
  - 5.2 Member State consultative process on governance reform
- 6. Noncommunicable diseases**
  - 6.1 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
  - 6.2 Draft global plan of action on violence
  - 6.3 Follow-up to the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases
- 7. Promoting health through the life course**
  - 7.1 Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals
  - 7.2 Health in the post-2015 development agenda
  - 7.3 Newborn health: draft accountability framework
  - 7.4 Multisectoral action for a life course approach to healthy ageing: draft global strategy and plan of action on ageing and health
- 8. Preparedness, surveillance and response**
  - 8.1 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

- 8.2 Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
- 8.3 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
- 8.4 WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies

## **9. Communicable diseases**

- 9.1 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak: follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola
- 9.2 Global health sector strategy on HIV, 2016–2021
- 9.3 Global health sector strategy on viral hepatitis, 2016–2021
- 9.4 Global health sector strategy on sexually transmitted infections, 2016–2021
- 9.5 Global vaccine action plan

## **10. Health systems**

- 10.1 WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel
- 10.2 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property
- 10.3 Transforming health workforce education in support of universal health coverage
- 10.4 Follow-up of the Recife Political Declaration on Human Resources for Health: renewed commitments towards universal health coverage

## **11. Financial matters**

- 11.1 Implementation and financing of Programme budget 2016–2017
- 11.2 Draft financial strategy for WHO
- 11.3 Scale of assessments
- 11.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

## **12. Management and legal matters**

- 12.1 Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy
- 12.2 Reports of committees of the Executive Board
  - Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations
  - Foundations and awards

- 12.3 Provisional agenda of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly and date, place and draft provisional agenda of the 139th session of the Executive Board

### 13. Staffing matters

- 13.1 Human resources: annual report
- 13.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
- 13.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]
- 13.4 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

### 14. Matters for information

- 14.1 Reports of advisory bodies
- Expert committees and study groups

### 15. Closure of the session

*Note: in line with resolution WHA67.2, the following items will be considered by the Health Assembly under progress reports.*

<i>Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)</i>
<i>Hepatitis (resolution WHA67.6)</i>
<i>WHO strategy on research for health (resolution WHA63.21)</i>
<i>Access to biotherapeutic products, including similar biotherapeutic products, and ensuring their quality, safety and efficacy (resolution WHA67.21)</i>
<i>Access to essential medicines (resolution WHA67.22)</i>
<i>Health intervention and technology assessment in support of universal health coverage (resolution WHA67.23)</i>
<i>Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12)</i>
<i>Contributing to social and economic development: sustainable action across sectors to improve health and health equity [follow-up of the 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion] (resolution WHA67.12)</i>
<i>Strengthening of palliative care as a component of comprehensive care throughout the life course (resolution WHA67.19)</i>
<i>Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (resolution WHA60.21)</i>
<i>Multilingualism: implementation of action plan (resolution WHA61.12)</i>

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