

Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization: date of the candidates' forum

Report by the Director-General

1. The Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA66.18 (2013), established a candidates' forum open to all Member States and Associate Members¹ as a non-decision-making platform for candidates.²
2. The Health Assembly decided that the Board would formally convene the candidates' forum and decide its date at the session preceding the session at which the nomination will take place.³ The Health Assembly also decided that the candidates' forum shall last no more than three days, and further decided that the Officers of the Board will decide the exact duration of the forum depending on the number of candidates.
3. As per Rule 52, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board and resolution WHA66.18,⁴ the candidates' forum shall be held no later than two months in advance of the session at which the nomination by the Board will take place.
4. Should the Board agree with the proposal contained in document EB139/13 that the 140th session of the Executive Board be convened on Monday, 23 January 2017, the candidates' forum should therefore be held no later than Tuesday, 22 November 2016, as per the aforementioned provisions. It is therefore proposed to convene the candidates' forum starting from Tuesday, 1 November 2016.

¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

² See resolution WHA66.18, Annex 2.

³ See resolution WHA66.18, Annex 2, paragraph 1.

⁴ See resolution WHA66.18, Annex 2, paragraph 2.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

5. The Board is invited to take note of the report and to consider the following draft decision:

The Executive Board, having considered the report on the process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization,¹ decided that the candidates' forum shall be held starting from Tuesday, 1 November 2016 for a duration that will be further decided by the Officers of the Board depending on the number of candidates.

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¹ Document EB139/11.