

Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

Informal consultations on the evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

Chair's summary and proposed way forward

1. The Director-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the Executive Board at its 147th session for its consideration the Chair's summary and proposed way forward regarding the informal consultations on the evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization held on 25 February and 7 July 2020 (see Annex).

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2. The Board is invited to consider adopting the draft decision contained in the Annex.

ANNEX

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE EVALUATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

CHAIR'S SUMMARY AND PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

1. The Executive Board at its 146th session on 4–8 February 2020 requested, inter alia, the Director-General to facilitate informal consultations with Member States concerning the length of the campaign period as to whether to amend Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board in order to provide opportunities for all candidates for the post of Director-General to present themselves to Member States on the margins of the sessions of the WHO regional committees prior to the year in which the election takes place.¹
2. Informal consultations were held on 25 February and 7 July 2020. Delegations attending the informal consultations expressed the view that:
 - (a) in order to avoid lengthening the campaign period, no amendments should be made to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board; and
 - (b) the third paragraph of Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board should be amended, as set out in the Appendix to this document, so as to postpone the announcement of names of candidates (as well as the dispatch to Member States of all proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information received within the deadline set in paragraph 2 of Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board), until after the closure of the last Regional Committee session before the session of the Board at the which the nomination will take place, provided that this is at least 10 weeks before the opening of that session.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3. The Board is invited to consider adopting the following draft decision:

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Chairperson of the informal consultations on the evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization² and taking into account the discussions at the 146th session of the Executive Board,³ decided to adopt the amendments to Rule 62 of its Rules of Procedure as set out in the Appendix to this document.

¹ Decision EB146(22).

² Document EB146/39.

³ See the summary records of the Executive Board at its 146th session, fourteenth meeting, section 6, and fifteenth meeting, section 1.

Appendix¹

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 62 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

Current version	Proposed amended version
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The Chair 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.	The Chair 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 after the closure of the last Regional Committee session prior to the session of the Board at which the nomination will take place, and in any event at least 10 weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session.
Immediately after the dispatch to Member States of the proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information, the Director-General shall, in consultation with the Chair 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 Chair 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.	Immediately A a After the dispatch to Member States of the proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information, the Director-General shall, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, convene a two candidates' forums 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' forums shall be chaired by the Chair of the Board and shall be held not later than two months before the opening of the session. The first forum should be held not later than two months before the opening of the Board and the second one not later than two months before the opening of the Health Assembly. The Board shall decide on the modalities of the candidates' forums. The candidates' forums shall not be convened in case only one person has been proposed for the post of Director-General.
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¹ Proposed deletions are indicated in strikethrough and proposed additions in bold text.