

## **Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly**

### **Report by the Director-General**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD, 152ND 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 152nd session of the Executive Board on Monday, 30 January 2023, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and to close the session no later than Tuesday, 7 February 2023. It is further proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its thirty-seventh meeting from Wednesday to Friday, 25 to 27 January 2023, at WHO headquarters. Should any limitations to physical meetings preclude the holding of these meetings in person, it is proposed that adjustments to the modalities should be made by the Executive Board or, exceptionally, by the Officers of the Board, in consultation with the Director-General.
3. The draft provisional agenda of the 152nd session of the Executive Board will be circulated to Member States for their consideration within four weeks of the closure of the 151st session, in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

#### **SEVENTY-SIXTH 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 Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly decides that the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland, it is proposed to convene the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly on Sunday, 21 May 2023 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Health Assembly no later than Tuesday, 30 May 2023. Should the Board agree to this, it is proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its thirty-eighth meeting from Wednesday, 17 May to Friday, 19 May 2023, at WHO headquarters. Should any limitations to physical meetings preclude the holding of these meetings in person, it is proposed that adjustments to the modalities should be made by the Executive Board or, exceptionally, by the Officers of the Board, in consultation with the Director-General.

**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 152nd session should be convened on Monday, 30 January 2023, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Tuesday, 7 February 2023. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its thirty-seventh meeting from Wednesday to Friday, 25 to 27 January 2023, at WHO headquarters. Should any limitations to physical meetings preclude the holding of these meetings in person, adjustments to the modalities should be made by the Executive Board or, exceptionally, by the Officers of the Board, in consultation with the Director-General.

**Decision 2:**

The Executive Board decided that the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Sunday, 21 May 2023, and should close no later than Tuesday, 30 May 2023. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its thirty-eighth meeting from Wednesday, 17 May to Friday, 19 May 2023, at WHO headquarters, Geneva. Should any limitations to physical meetings preclude the holding of these meetings in person, adjustments to the modalities should be made by the Executive Board or, exceptionally, by the Officers of the Board, in consultation with the Director-General.

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