

Date and place of the 153rd session of the Executive Board

Report by the Director-General

1. Article 26 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “[t]he 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 153rd session of the Executive Board on Wednesday, 31 May 2023 and Thursday 1 June 2023, at WHO headquarters, Geneva. The Board may wish to consider making contingency arrangements in the event that limitations to physical meetings preclude the holding of the 153rd session as envisaged.
3. An advance copy of the draft provisional agenda of the 153rd session of the Executive Board is provided in the Annex, for the information of Member States.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

4. The Executive Board may wish to adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board decided:

- (1) that its 153rd session should be convened on 31 May and 1 June 2023, at WHO headquarters, Geneva;
- (2) that, in the event that limitations to physical meetings preclude the holding of the 153rd session of the Executive Board as envisaged, adjustments to the arrangements for that session should be made by the Executive Board or, exceptionally, by the Officers of the Board, in consultation with the Director-General.

Draft provisional agenda

- 1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Outcome of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response**

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- 6. Management, governance and financial matters**
 - 6.1 Evaluation: annual report
 - 6.2 Hosted partnerships
 - Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]
 - Report on hosted partnerships
 - Review of hosted partnerships
 - 6.3 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies
 - 6.4 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee [if any]
 - 6.5 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]
- 7. Staffing matters**
 - 7.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
 - 7.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

- 8. Matters for information: report on meetings of expert committees and study groups**
- 9. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly**
- 10. Closure of the session**

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