



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Decisions and list of resolutions

I. DECISIONS

WHA53(1) Composition of the Committee on Credentials

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly appointed a Committee on Credentials consisting of delegates of the following 12 Member States: Barbados, Burundi, Chile, Gabon, Indonesia, Ireland, Poland, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania.

(First plenary meeting, 15 May 2000)

WHA53(2) Composition of the Committee on Nominations

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly elected a Committee on Nominations consisting of delegates of the following Member States: Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, France, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zambia, and Mr M. Telefoni Retzlaff, Samoa (Vice-President, Fifty-second World Health Assembly, *ex officio*).

(First plenary meeting, 15 May 2000)

WHA53(3) Election of officers of the Fifty-third World Health Assembly

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following officers:

President:	Dr L. Amathila (Namibia)
Vice-Presidents:	Professor F. Nazirov (Uzbekistan) Mr N.T. Shanmugam (India) Professor R. Smallwood (Australia) Dr M.A. Al-Jarallah (Kuwait) Dr M. Amédée-Gédéon (Haiti)

(First plenary meeting, 15 May 2000)

WHA53(4) Election of officers of the main committees

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following officers of the main committees:

Committee A: Chairman Professor S.M. Ali (Bangladesh)

Committee B: Chairman Dr K. Karam (Lebanon)

(First plenary meeting, 15 May 2000)

The main committees subsequently elected the following officers:

Committee A: Vice-Chairmen Mrs M. McCoy Sánchez (Nicaragua)
Dr R. Busuttill (Malta)

Rapporteur Dr J. Rasamizanaka (Madagascar)

Committee B: Vice-Chairmen Miss F.-Z. Chaïeb (Algeria)
Mr L. Rokovada (Fiji)

Rapporteur Dr Suwit Wibulpolprasert (Thailand)

(First meetings of Committees A and B, 16 and 17 May 2000)

WHA53(5) Establishment of the General Committee

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the delegates of the following 17 countries as members of the General Committee: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Canada, China, Cuba, France, Germany, Ghana, Lesotho, Oman, Palau, Russian Federation, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

(First plenary meeting, 15 May 2000)

WHA53(6) Adoption of the agenda

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Board at its 105th session with the deletion of two items.

(Second plenary meeting, 15 May 2000)

WHA53(7) Verification of credentials

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly recognized the validity of the credentials of the following delegations and representative: Afghanistan;¹ Albania, Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda;¹ Argentina; Armenia;¹ Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina;¹ Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Congo; Cook Islands; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti;¹ Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Estonia; Ethiopia; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Haiti; Honduras; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kiribati; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Micronesia (Federated States of); Monaco; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nauru;¹ Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; Niue;¹ Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Puerto Rico;² Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; San Marino; Sao Tome and Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Swaziland; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; Tajikistan; Thailand; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe.

(Fifth and seventh plenary meetings, 17 and 19 May 2000)

WHA53(8) Election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the General Committee,³ elected the following as Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board: Brazil, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lithuania, Sweden, Venezuela.

(Seventh plenary meeting, 19 May 2000)

¹ Credentials provisionally accepted.

² Associate Member.

³ Document A53/34.

WHA53(9) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly appointed Dr A.J.M. Sulaiman, delegate of Oman, as member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee, and Dr E. Krag, delegate of Denmark, as alternate member of the Committee, the appointments being for a period of three years.

(Seventh plenary meeting, 19 May 2000)

WHA53(10) Infant and young child nutrition

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly, having reaffirmed the importance attributed by Member States to WHO activities related to infant and young child nutrition and welcomed the draft resolution proposed by the delegation of Brazil,¹ together with the amendments presented by delegations during their wide-ranging debate, decided (1) to request the Director-General to place on the agenda for the 107th session of the Executive Board an item on infant and young child nutrition and to include the draft resolution and amendments in the background documents made available to the Board; and (2) to request the Executive Board to establish during its session a drafting group on infant and young child nutrition, open to participation by all Member States, which will prepare a resolution for consideration by the Executive Board on the basis of the aforementioned draft and amendments with a view to its adoption by the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly. The Health Assembly encouraged discussion at regional level, including at the forthcoming regional committees, on the draft and amendments, in order to gather the broadest possible input for consideration of this important item by the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly in 2001.

(Eighth plenary meeting, 20 May 2000)

WHA53(11) Reports of the Executive Board on its 104th and 105th sessions

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly, after reviewing the Executive Board's reports on its 104th² and 105th³ sessions, approved the reports, commended the work the Board had performed, and expressed its appreciation of the dedication with which the Board had carried out the tasks entrusted to it. It requested the President to convey the thanks of the Health Assembly in particular to those members of the Board who would be completing their terms of office immediately after closure of the Health Assembly.

(Eighth plenary meeting, 20 May 2000)

¹ See summary records of Committee A, seventh meeting.

² Document EB104/1999/REC/1.

³ Documents EB105/2000/REC/1 and EB105/2000/REC/2.

WHA53(12) Selection of the country in which the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly will be held

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly, in accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution, decided that the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly would be held in Switzerland.

(Eighth plenary meeting, 20 May 2000)

II. RESOLUTIONS

- WHA53.1 Stop Tuberculosis Initiative
- WHA53.2 Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution
- WHA53.3 Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 1998-1999, report of the External Auditor, and comments thereon made on behalf of the Executive Board; report of the Internal Auditor
- WHA53.4 Real Estate Fund
- WHA53.5 Casual income
- WHA53.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations
- WHA53.7 Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General
- WHA53.8 Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees
- WHA53.9 Participation of WHO in the 1986 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations
- WHA53.10 International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
- WHA53.11 Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
- WHA53.12 Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization
- WHA53.13 Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations: aligning the participation of Palestine in the World Health Organization with its participation in the United Nations
- WHA53.14 HIV/AIDS: confronting the epidemic
- WHA53.15 Food safety

WHA53.16 Framework convention on tobacco control

WHA53.17 Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

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