



# WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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## Guide to documentation

### DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS

A document distribution service operates at the counter in the hall between doors 13 and 15 of the Palais des Nations. Each day delegates, representatives and other participants will receive their documents under the name of their country or organization in the pigeon-holes situated on both sides of this counter. Documents will be distributed in the languages indicated by delegates on the form which they will be invited to complete. Pigeon-holes are used exclusively for official WHO documents produced and distributed through the WHO document distribution system. The only distribution of documents considered official is the distribution to these pigeon-holes. Participants are requested to collect their documents before the meetings each day.

### JOURNAL

The time and place of meetings are published each day in the **Journal** of the Health Assembly. The **Journal** gives the programme for meetings, the agenda items for discussion and the corresponding documents, as well as other relevant information.

### DOCUMENT SYMBOLS

Documents in the main series (A53/..) serve as a basis for discussion of an agenda item or convey the report of a committee or other body. Information documents (A53/INF.DOC../..) transmit supplementary information.

Conference papers (A53/A/Conf.Paper No. .. and A53/B/Conf.Paper No. ..) contain draft resolutions of Committees A and B. Once adopted in plenary, resolutions are issued in the series WHA53... . The verbatim records of the plenary meetings, which give a word-for-word transcription of the proceedings, appear in the series A53/VR/..; the discussions in Committees A and B are recorded in summarized form in the series A53/A/SR/.. and A53/B/SR/.. .

### DOCUMENTS OF RELEVANCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Several documents already considered by the Executive Board at its 105th session are reproduced as annexes to document **EB105/2000/REC/1** and referred to under the relevant items in the **Journal**. For other agenda items, the basis for discussion will be a separate document bearing the symbol A53/.. .

The summary records of the Board's discussions at its 105th session appear in document **EB105/2000/REC/2**.

## **BASIC DOCUMENTS**

The Constitution of WHO, the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly and other relevant information are contained in the publication entitled *Basic documents* (42nd ed., 1999).

## **DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET**

The World Health Organization website (<http://www.who.int>) provides easy electronic access to WHO policies and related documents. The Governance page, accessed from the WHO home page, offers options to download documents for the current sessions of the governing bodies and to search documents of previous sessions, as follows:

- The WHO Policy document retrieval system allows Internet users to navigate and search various "infobases". These infobases include *Basic documents*, documents submitted in sessions of the Executive Board and Health Assembly, official records, resolutions and decisions of the Board and the Assembly, and the programme budget. The WHO Policy System can be accessed directly at the Internet address: <http://www.who.int/whopolicy/en> (English), or <http://www.who.int/whopolicy/fr> (French).
- The **Journal** and documents of relevance to the agenda of the Fifty-third World Health Assembly are available for downloading at the following address: <http://www.who.int/wha>.

Since documentation is available on the Internet, and as an economy measure, there will be no provision for dispatch or transport of any documentation made available during the Health Assembly.

## **SUBMISSIONS BY DELEGATIONS**

Delegations wishing to have draft resolutions distributed to the Health Assembly or to one of its committees are requested to hand them to the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly in the case of documents intended for plenary meetings, or to the secretary of the committee concerned in the case of documents intended for one of the committees. Draft resolutions should be handed in early enough to allow time for translation, reproduction in the working languages and circulation to delegations at least two days before the proposal is discussed, in conformity with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure. The Secretariat is available upon request to provide logistic and editorial or information support as required.

The conditions under which formal proposals relating to items on the agenda may be introduced at plenary meetings and in the main committees are set out in Rules 50, 51 and 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly.

**DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR ADOPTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

The following draft resolutions have been proposed by the Executive Board at its 105th session for adoption by the Health Assembly. These resolutions are contained in document **EB105/2000/REC/1**.

EB105.R4	Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization
EB105.R8	Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees
EB105.R9	Casual income
EB105.R10	Real Estate Fund
EB105.R11	Stop Tuberculosis Initiative
EB105.R12	Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases
EB105.R14	Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General
EB105.R15	Participation by WHO in the 1986 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations
EB105.R16	Food safety
EB105.R17	HIV/AIDS: confronting the epidemic

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