

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Decisions and list of resolutions

I. DECISIONS

WHA56(1) Composition of the Committee on Credentials

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly appointed a Committee on Credentials consisting of delegates of the following 12 Member States: Azerbaijan, Brazil, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Nepal, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Zambia.

(First plenary meeting, 19 May 2003)

WHA56(2) Composition of the Committee on Nominations

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly elected a Committee on Nominations consisting of delegates of the following Member States: Albania, Bhutan, Cape Verde, Egypt, France, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Peru, Qatar, Russian Federation, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, and Dr J.F. López Beltrán, El Salvador (President, Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly, *ex officio*).

(First plenary meeting, 19 May 2003)

WHA56(3) Election of officers of the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly

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

President: Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain (Bangladesh)

Vice-Presidents: Mr U.O. Awono (Cameroon)
 Dr J. Torres-Goitia C. (Bolivia)
 Dr W. Al-Maani (Jordan)
 Mr H. Voigtländer (Germany)
 Dr C. Otto (Palau)

(First plenary meeting, 19 May 2003)

WHA56(4) Election of officers of the main committees

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

Committee A: Chairman Dr J. Larivière (Canada)

Committee B: Chairman Mr L. Rokovada (Fiji)

(First plenary meeting, 19 May 2003)

The main committees subsequently elected the following officers:

Committee A: Vice-Chairmen Dr Y.C. Seignon (Benin)
Dr J. Mahjour (Morocco)

Rapporteur Mrs B. Jankásková (Czech Republic)

Committee B: Vice-Chairmen Dr R. Constantiniu (Romania)
Mr So Se Pong (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)

Rapporteur Mrs C. Velásquez (Venezuela)

(First meetings of Committees A and B, 20 and 22 May 2003)

WHA56(5) Establishment of the General Committee

The Fifty-sixth 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: Algeria, Bahrain, Burundi, China, Cuba, France, Ghana, Greece, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Lesotho, Poland, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, and United States of America.

(First plenary meeting, 19 May 2003)

WHA56(6) Adoption of the agenda

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Board at its 111th session with the deletion of one item and one subitem, and the transfer of one item from Committee B to Committee A.

(Second plenary meeting, 19 May 2003)

WHA56(7) Verification of credentials

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly recognized the validity of the credentials of the following delegations of Member States: Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas;¹ Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; 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; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Estonia; Ethiopia; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); 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; Marshall Islands; Mauritania; Mauritius; Micronesia (Federated States of);¹ Mexico; Monaco; Mongolia; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia;¹ Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;¹ Samoa; San Marino; Sao Tome and Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Swaziland; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; Tajikistan; Thailand; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; 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.

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly recognized the validity of the credentials of the following representative of an Associate Member: Puerto Rico.

(Fourth and eighth plenary meetings, 21 and 23 May 2003)

WHA56(8) Election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly, after considering the recommendations of the General Committee,² elected the following as Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board: Canada, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Guinea-Bissau, Iceland, Nepal, Pakistan, Sudan, Viet Nam.

(Eighth plenary meeting, 23 May 2003)

¹ Credentials provisionally accepted.

² Document A56/44.

WHA56(9) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly reappointed Dr A.J. Mohammad, delegate of Oman, as a member, and Dr J.K. Gotrik, delegate of Denmark, as alternate member, each for a three-year period, namely, until May 2006.

The Health Assembly also nominated Dr A.A. Yoosuf, delegate of Maldives, as alternate member for the remainder of the term of office of Dr S.P. Bhattarai, namely, until May 2004.

(Tenth plenary meeting, 28 May 2003)

WHA56(10) Policy for relations with nongovernmental organizations

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly decided to request the Executive Board to review further at its 113th session the policy for relations with nongovernmental organizations, including amendments proposed during consideration of this item, and to report to the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly with its recommendations.

(Tenth plenary meeting, 28 May 2003)

WHA56(11) Selection of the country in which the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly would be held

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

(Tenth plenary meeting, 28 May 2003)

WHA56(12) Reports of the Executive Board on its 110th and 111th sessions

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly, after reviewing the Executive Board's reports on its 110th¹ and 111th² 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.

(Eleventh plenary meeting, 28 May 2003)

¹ Document EB110/2002/REC/1.

² Documents EB111/2003/REC/1 and EB111/2003/REC/2.

II. RESOLUTIONS

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