



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Agenda item 22

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Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly

Rule 14: dispatch of documents

1. The Acting Director-General has the honour to submit to the Health Assembly for its consideration a draft resolution proposed by the Government of the United States of America, following that Member State's request for the inclusion of this item on the agenda of the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly.
2. The draft resolution is attached at Annex.

ANNEX

The Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolution WHA51.30 on method of work of the Health Assembly, which requested the Director-General to ensure that the governing body documents for forthcoming sessions are dispatched and made available on the Internet in the six official languages not less than 30 days before the date fixed for the opening of the session;

Concerned that documents related to the agenda of meetings of the Health Assembly are being made available on the Internet and dispatched increasingly late;

Stressing the need for Member States, particularly those whose national languages are not one of the official languages of the Organization, to receive documents in time to prepare adequately to participate in the Health Assembly;

Noting Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, which requires documents for sessions of the Executive Board to be dispatched by the Director-General not less than six weeks before the commencement of a regular session of the Board,

DECIDES to amend Rule 14 of its Rules of Procedure, in accordance with Rule 121 of those Rules, so that Rule 14 will henceforth read as follows:

Rule 14

Copies of all reports and other documents relating to the agenda of any session shall be made available on the Internet and sent by the Director-General to Members and Associate Members and to participating intergovernmental organizations at the same time as the agenda or not less than six weeks before the commencement of a regular session of the Health Assembly; appropriate reports and documents shall also be sent to nongovernmental organizations admitted into relationship with the Organization in the same manner.

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