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FIFTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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## Second report of Committee B

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Committee B held its third and fourth meetings on 26 May 2006 under the chairmanship of Dr Ali Jaffer Mohammad (Oman) and Mr Vincent Meriton (Seychelles).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached six resolutions and one decision relating to the following agenda items:

15. Programme budget and financial matters

15.4 Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2004-2005

One resolution

18. Staffing matters

18.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

One resolution entitled

– Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

18.3 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

One decision

19. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations, including United Nations reform process

One resolution, as amended, entitled

– Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management

20. Codex Alimentarius Commission: amendments to Statutes

One resolution

21. Outcome of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

One resolution, as amended

22. Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly. Rule 14: dispatch of documents

One resolution, as amended

## Agenda item 15.4

### **Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2004-2005**

The Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having examined the Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2004-31 December 2005 and report of the External Auditor to the World Health Assembly;<sup>1</sup>

Having noted the second and third reports of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly,<sup>2</sup>

ACCEPTS the Director-General's Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2004-31 December 2005 and report of the External Auditor to the World Health Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Documents A59/28 and A59/28 Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> Documents A59/29 and A59/31.

## **Agenda item 18.2**

### **Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General**

The Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to remuneration of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General,

1. ESTABLISHES the salaries of Assistant Directors-General and Regional Directors at US\$ 160 574 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a net salary of US\$ 117 373 (dependency rate) or US\$ 106 285 (single rate);
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 217 945 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a net salary of US\$ 154 664 (dependency rate) or US\$ 137 543 (single rate);
3. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect from 1 January 2006.

### **Agenda item 18.3**

#### **Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee**

The Health Assembly may wish to nominate Dr A.J. Mohammad of the delegation of Oman as a member and Mr D.Á. Gunnarsson of the delegation of Iceland as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2009.

## **Agenda item 19**

### **Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations, including United Nations reform process**

#### **Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management**

The Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management;<sup>1</sup>

Recalling the request in resolution WHA56.22 on the participation of global health partners in the further development of the strategic approach to international chemicals management for the completed strategic approach to be submitted to the Health Assembly for consideration;

Recalling the first principle of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, namely, that “Human beings are at the centre of concerns for sustainable development. They are entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature”;<sup>2</sup>

Recalling paragraph 23 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation<sup>3</sup> adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development on 4 September 2002, and paragraph 56 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 16 December 2005,<sup>4</sup> in which Heads of State and Government resolved to promote such a strategic approach;

Welcoming the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, consisting of the Dubai Declaration on International Chemicals Management, the Overarching Policy Strategy and the Global Plan of Action, as adopted by the International Conference on Chemicals Management in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 6 February 2006;

Noting the endorsement of the Strategic Approach by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its 9th Special Session, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 9 February 2006;

Welcoming the multisectoral nature of the Strategic Approach and the spirit of coordination and cooperation between the participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, and the important role of UNEP in the development and implementation of the Strategic Approach;

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<sup>1</sup> See Document A59/41.

<sup>2</sup> Document A/CONF.151/26 (Vol. I), Principle 1.

<sup>3</sup> Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August - 4 September 2002 (United Nations publications, Sales no. E.03.II.A1) chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution 60/1.

Noting the active participation of the health sector, including WHO, in the development of the Strategic Approach, that comprises the priorities developed by the health sector, as noted by the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly;<sup>1</sup>

Mindful of WHO's role in providing international leadership on the human-health aspects of the sound management of chemicals;

Mindful also of WHO's contribution to the sound management of chemicals through the International Programme on Chemical Safety, a cooperative venture between ILO, WHO and UNEP, and the established joint programme of cooperation between WHO and the ILO on workers' health;

Recognizing the need for health interests at country level to be addressed in the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management,

1. NOTES the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management as contained in the Dubai Declaration on International Chemicals Management, the Overarching Policy Strategy and the Global Plan of Action;<sup>2</sup>

2. URGES Member States:

(1) to take full account of the health aspects of chemical safety in national implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management;

(2) to participate in national, regional and international efforts to implement the Strategic Approach, including the International Conference on Chemicals Management;

(3) to nominate a national Strategic Approach focal point from the health sector, where appropriate, in order to maintain contact with WHO;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to facilitate implementation by the health-sector of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, focusing on human health-related elements;

(2) to provide support for implementation of the Strategic Approach by working with partners in the Inter-Organization Programme on the Sound Management of Chemicals and the International Programme on Chemical Safety, and with ILO on workers' health as related to the Strategic Approach;

(3) to inform, on behalf of the Health Assembly, the International Conference on Chemicals Management of progress in implementing its resolution.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Document WHA58/2005/REC/3, summary record of the eleventh meeting of Committee A.

<sup>2</sup> Document UNEP/GCSS.IX/6/Add.1.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 1, paragraph 3, in document UNEP/GCSS.IX/6/Add.1, Annex III.

## **Agenda item 20**

### **Codex Alimentarius Commission: amendments to Statutes**

The Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on amendments to the Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission;<sup>1</sup>

Having considered the recommendation of the Twenty-eighth Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission that the FAO Conference and the Health Assembly should amend its Statutes by deleting any reference to the procedure of acceptance of standards;

Noting that the above-mentioned amendments shall enter into force only after their approval by both the FAO Conference and the Health Assembly;

Considering that the Thirty-third session of the FAO Conference adopted the amendments to the Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in accordance with the recommendation made by the said Commission;

APPROVES the amendments to Article 1 of the Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission reproduced in the annex to the present resolution.

#### **ANNEX**

#### **ARTICLE 1**

The Codex Alimentarius Commission shall, subject to Article 5 below, be responsible for making proposals to, and shall be consulted by, the Directors-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on all matters pertaining to the implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, the purpose of which is:

- (a) protecting the health of the consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade;
- (b) promoting coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and nongovernmental organizations;
- (c) determining priorities and initiating and guiding the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations;
- (d) finalizing standards elaborated under (c) above and publishing them in a Codex Alimentarius either as regional or worldwide standards, together with international standards already finalized by other bodies under (b) above, wherever this is practicable;
- (e) amending published standards, as appropriate, in the light of developments.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A59/38.



## Agenda item 21

### **Outcome of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**

The Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on the outcome of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;<sup>1</sup>

Recalling resolutions WHA49.17 and WHA52.18 calling for the development of the Framework Convention in accordance with Article 19 of the Constitution of WHO, and resolution WHA56.1 adopting the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

Recognizing the urgent need for all Contracting Parties to fulfil their obligations under the Framework Convention, and noting the essential role of a permanent secretariat of the Convention in this work;

Reaffirming the objective of the Framework Convention as described in Article 3 thereof;

1. WELCOMES the successful convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, 6-17 February 2006 in Geneva;
2. NOTES the decision of the Conference of the Parties to establish a permanent secretariat of the convention;<sup>2</sup>
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
  - (1) to establish a permanent secretariat of the Convention within the World Health Organization and located in Geneva pursuant to decision FCTC/COP1(10);
  - (2) to continue to support and, where appropriate, to strengthen the Tobacco Free Initiative in 2008-2009 in order to assist the Convention secretariat in the implementation of the Convention pursuant to decision FCTC/COP1(12);
4. CALLS UPON Member States, which have not yet done so, to consider ratifying, accepting, approving, formally confirming or acceding to the Convention at the earliest opportunity.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A59/40.

<sup>2</sup> Decision FCTC/COP1(10).

## **Agenda item 22**

### **Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly**

#### **Rule 14: dispatch of documents**

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 provisional 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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