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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 that 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 (A59/..) serve as a basis for discussion of an agenda item or convey the report of a committee or other body. Information documents (A59/INF.DOC./..) transmit supplementary information.

Conference papers (A59/A/Conf.Paper No. .. and A59/B/Conf.Paper No. ..) contain draft resolutions for Committees A and B, respectively. Once adopted in plenary, resolutions are issued in the series WHA59... . The verbatim records of the plenary meetings, which give a word-for-word transcription of the proceedings, appear in the series A59/VR/..; the discussions in Committees A and B are recorded in summarized form, as provisional summary records, in the series A59/A/SR/.. and A59/B/SR/.. .

Other, ephemeral, documents appear in the series A59/DIV/.. .

DOCUMENTS OF RELEVANCE TO THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Several documents already considered by the Executive Board at its 117th session are reproduced as annexes to document **EB117/2006/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 A59/.. .

The summary records of the Board's discussions at its 117th session appear in document **EB117/2006/REC/2**.

BASIC DOCUMENTS

The Constitution of WHO, the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly and other relevant documents of a legal nature are contained in the publication entitled *Basic documents* (45th edition, 2005).

DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

The WHO web site (<http://www.who.int>) provides easy electronic access to WHO policies and related documents. The Governance page, accessed from the WHO home page (right-hand navigation column, under General WHO Information), offers options to download documents for the current sessions of the governing bodies and to search documents of previous sessions and other relevant documentation, as follows:

- documents and records of governing body meetings, programme budgets; basic texts, such as the Constitution of WHO; International Health Regulations; and other material can be retrieved from the Governance page (links through right-hand or middle navigation columns); resolutions and decisions of regional committees can also be accessed from the Governance page (any link to documentation, followed by the link to summary records, resolution and decisions)
- the *Journal* and documents of relevance to the agenda of the Fifty-ninth World Health Assembly are available for downloading at the following address: <http://www.who.int/gb>

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 of the World Health Assembly. The Secretariat is available upon request to provide logistic and editorial or information support as required.

The conditions in 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.

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

The following resolutions were adopted by the Executive Board at its 117th session, containing draft resolutions recommended to the Health Assembly. These resolutions are contained in document **EB117/2006/REC/1**.

EB117.R1	Eradication of poliomyelitis
EB117.R2	Nutrition and HIV/AIDS
EB117.R3	Sickle-cell anaemia
EB117.R4	Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment
EB117.R5	International trade and health
EB117.R6	WHO's role and responsibilities in health research
EB117.R7	Application of the International Health Regulations (2005)
EB117.R8	Implementation by WHO of the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors
EB117.R9	Health promotion in a globalized world
EB117.R11	Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General
EB117.R13	[Global framework on] essential health research and development

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