

**PART II**  
**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The text of resolutions and decisions recommended in committee reports and subsequently adopted without change by the Health Assembly has been replaced by the serial number (in square brackets) under which they appear in document WHA61/2008/REC/1. The verbatim records of plenary meetings at which these reports were approved are reproduced in document WHA61/2008/REC/2.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

### Report<sup>1</sup>

[A61/39 – 20 May 2008]

The Committee on Credentials met on 20 May 2008. Delegates of the following Member States were present: Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Montenegro, Panama, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Senegal.

The Committee elected the following officers: Dr M.A.V. Guzman-Ala (Philippines) – Chairman, and Mr Rupert Herbert (Saint Kitts and Nevis) – Vice-Chairman.

The Committee examined the credentials delivered to the Director-General in accordance with Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly. It noted that the Secretariat had found these credentials to be in conformity with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure.

The credentials of the delegates of the Member States shown at the end of this report were found to be in conformity with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure as constituting formal credentials, and the Committee therefore proposes that the Health Assembly should recognize their validity.

The Committee examined notifications from the Member States listed at the end of this paragraph, which, while indicating the names of the delegates concerned, could not be considered as constituting formal credentials in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure. The Committee therefore recommends to the Health Assembly that the delegates of these Member States be provisionally seated with all rights in the Assembly pending the arrival of their formal credentials: Central African Republic and Dominican Republic.

**States whose credentials it was recommended should be recognized as valid** (see fourth paragraph above)

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, 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, 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,

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its fifth plenary meeting. Formal credentials of the Dominican Republic and Grenada were examined by the President and accepted by the Health Assembly at its fifth and seventh plenary meetings, respectively.

Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, 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, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, 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, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, 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 (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

## **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

### **First report<sup>1</sup>**

[A61/36 – 19 May 2008]

The Committee on Nominations, consisting of delegates of the following Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Belarus, Bolivia, Burundi, Chad, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, France, Guinea-Bissau, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Oman, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), and Ms Jane Halton, Australia (ex officio), met on 19 May 2008.

In accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly and respecting the practice of regional rotation that the Health Assembly has followed for many years in this regard, the Committee decided to propose to the Health Assembly the nomination of Dr Leslie Ramsammy (Guyana) for the Office of President of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly.

### **Second report<sup>1</sup>**

[A61/37 – 19 May 2008]

At its meeting held on 19 May 2008, the Committee on Nominations decided to propose to the Health Assembly, in accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the following nominations:

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its first plenary meeting.

**Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly:** Mrs E. Raoul (Congo), Ms M. Maripuu (Estonia), Dr Ponmek Dalaloy (Lao People's Democratic Republic), Dr A.A. Yoosuf (Maldives), Dr K. Abdelgadir (Sudan);

**Committee A: Chairman** – Dr F. Cicogna (Italy)

**Committee B: Chairman** – Dr A.R. Sicato (Angola).

Concerning the members of the General Committee to be elected under Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee decided to nominate the delegates of the following 17 countries: Argentina, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Russian Federation, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yemen.

### **Third report<sup>1</sup>**

[A61/38 – 19 May 2008]

At its meeting held on 19 May 2008, the Committee on Nominations decided to propose to each of the main Committees, in accordance with Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the following nominations for the Offices of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur:

**Committee A:** Vice-Chairmen – Mr J.O. Da Silva (Timor-Leste) and Dr M.J. Muñoz (Uruguay); Rapporteur: Dr D. Parirenyatwa (Zimbabwe);

**Committee B:** Vice-Chairmen – Dr N. El-Sayed (Egypt) and Dr R. Daniel (Cook Islands); Rapporteur: Dr W. Jayantha (Sri Lanka).

## **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

### **Report<sup>2</sup>**

[A61/40 – 22 May 2008]

At its meeting on 21 May 2008, the General Committee, in accordance with Rule 102 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, drew up the following list of 10 Members, in the English alphabetical order, to be transmitted to the Health Assembly for the purpose of the election of 10 Members to be entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board: Bangladesh, Brazil, Hungary, Mauritania, Mauritius, Niger, Oman, Russian Federation, Samoa, Uganda.

In the General Committee's opinion these 10 Members would provide, if elected, a balanced distribution on the Board as a whole.

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<sup>1</sup> See summary records of the first meetings of Committees A and B (pages 9 and 180, respectively).

<sup>2</sup> See document WHA61/2008/REC/2, verbatim record of the seventh plenary meeting of the Health Assembly.

## COMMITTEE A

### First report<sup>1</sup>

[A61/42 – 22 May 2008]

On the proposal of the Committee on Nominations,<sup>2</sup> Mr J.O. Da Silva (Timor-Leste) and Dr M.J. Muñoz (Uruguay) were elected Vice-Chairmen and Dr D. Parirenyatwa (Zimbabwe) as Rapporteur.

Committee A held its first six meetings on 19, 20, 21 and 22 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr F. Cicogna (Italy). During its fourth and sixth meetings, Mr J.O. Da Silva (Timor-Leste) took the chair ad interim.

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of two resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

11. Technical and health matters

11.2 Poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication [WHA61.1]

11.4 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) [WHA61.2].

### Second report<sup>3</sup>

[A61/44 – 23 May 2008]

Committee A held its seventh, eighth and ninth meetings on 22 and 23 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr F. Cicogna (Italy).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

11. Technical and health matters

11.10 Strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol [WHA61.4].

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its seventh plenary meeting.

<sup>2</sup> See third report of the Committee on Nominations, above.

<sup>3</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its eighth plenary meeting.

**Third report<sup>1</sup>**

[A61/46 – 24 May 2008]

Committee A held its ninth, tenth and eleventh meetings on 23 and 24 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr F. Cicogna (Italy).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of four resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

11. Technical and health matters

11.5 Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy [WHA61.14]

11.7 Global immunization strategy [WHA61.15]

11.8 Female genital mutilation [WHA61.16]

11.9 Health of migrants [WHA61.17].

**Fourth report<sup>1</sup>**

[A61/49 – 24 May 2008]

Committee A held its eleventh meeting on 24 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr F. Cicogna (Italy).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

11. Technical and health matters

11.11 Climate change and health [WHA61.19].

**Fifth report<sup>1</sup>**

[A61/50 – 24 May 2008]

Committee A held its eleventh meeting on 24 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr F. Cicogna (Italy).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its eighth plenary meeting.

11. Technical and health matters

- 11.6 Public health, innovation and intellectual property: draft global strategy and plan of action.<sup>1</sup>

## **COMMITTEE B**

### **First report<sup>2</sup>**

[A61/43 – 22 May 2008]

On the proposal of the Committee on Nominations,<sup>3</sup> Dr N. El-Sayed (Egypt) and Dr R. Daniel (Cook Islands) were elected Vice-Chairmen, and Dr W. Jayantha (Sri Lanka) was elected Rapporteur.

Committee B held its first meeting on 21 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr A.R. Sicato (Angola).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

13. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan [WHA61.3].

### **Second report<sup>4</sup>**

[A61/45 – 23 May 2008]

Committee B held its second and third meetings on 22 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr A.R. Sicato (Angola) and Dr R. Daniel (Cook Islands).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of nine resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

14. Programme budget and financial matters

- 14.2 Financial report and audited financial statements for the period  
1 January 2006 – 31 December 2007 [WHA61.5]

- Miscellaneous income 2006–2007 and financing gap for strategic objectives 12 and 13 [WHA61.6]

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted, after amendment by the Health Assembly, as resolution WHA61.21.

<sup>2</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its seventh plenary meeting.

<sup>3</sup> See third report of the Committee on Nominations, above.

<sup>4</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its eighth plenary meeting.

- 14.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution [WHA61.7]

- 14.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears: Kyrgyzstan [WHA61.8]

15. Audit and oversight matters

- 15.1 Report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly [WHA61.9]

16. Staffing matters

- 16.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [WHA61.10]

17. Management matters

- 17.1 Method of work of the Health Assembly [WHA61.11]

- 17.2 Multilingualism: implementation of action plan [WHA61.12]

19. International Agency for Research on Cancer: amendments to Statute [WHA61.13].

### **Third report<sup>1</sup>**

[A61/47 – 24 May 2008]

Committee B held its fourth and fifth meetings on 23 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr A.R. Sicato (Angola) and Dr R. Daniel (Cook Islands).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of one decision and one resolution relating to the following agenda items:

16. Staffing matters

- 16.3 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee [WHA61(9)]

11. Technical and health matters

- 11.12 Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals [WHA61.18]

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its eighth plenary meeting.

**Fourth report<sup>1</sup>**

[A61/48 – 24 May 2008]

Committee B held its sixth meeting on 24 May 2008 under the chairmanship of Dr A.R. Sicato (Angola).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of one resolution relating to the following agenda item:

11. Technical and health matters

11.14 Progress reports on technical and health matters

F. Infant and young child nutrition: biennial progress report [WHA61.20].

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Health Assembly at its eighth plenary meeting.