



## **Reassignment of South Sudan from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the African Region**

### **Report by the Secretariat**

1. In May 2012, the Government of South Sudan informed the Regional Director for Africa and the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean of its wish to be reassigned from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the African Region.
2. In May 1996, the Forty-ninth World Health Assembly in resolution WHA49.6 decided that any request by a Member State for reassignment from one region to another should be examined by the regional committees concerned, and that their views should be conveyed to the Health Assembly for its consideration before it acts upon such a request. To date, the Health Assembly has acceded to requests from Member States to be reassigned from one region to another.
3. In accordance with the provisions of resolution WHA49.6, the request from South Sudan was brought to the attention of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean at its fifty-ninth session and the Regional Committee for Africa at its sixty-second session. Excerpts of their views are reproduced in the Annex to this report.

### **ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

4. The Health Assembly is invited to consider the following draft resolution:

The Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the request from the Government of South Sudan for the inclusion of that country in the African Region,

**RESOLVES** that South Sudan shall form part of the African Region.

ANNEX

**EXTRACTS OF REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES**

1. EXTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, FIFTY-NINTH SESSION<sup>1</sup> (CAIRO, 1–4 OCTOBER 2012)

**8.2 Application of the Republic of South Sudan for reassignment from the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region to the WHO African Region**

*Agenda item 9, Document EM/RC59/11, Decision 4*

“... On 27 September 2011 South Sudan had become a Member State of WHO and fell within the geographical scope of the Eastern Mediterranean Region. South Sudan had requested to be reassigned from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the African Region. ... The Regional Committee decided to accept the request of the Government of South Sudan to be reassigned to the WHO African Region and requested the Regional Director to convey its decision to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly for consideration.”<sup>2</sup>

2. EXTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA (LUANDA, 19–23 NOVEMBER 2012)

**8. Reassignment of the Republic of South Sudan to the African Region of the World Health Organization**

*Agenda item 8, Document AFR/RC62/4*

“... In accordance with World Health Assembly resolution WHA49.6, the Sixty-second session of the Regional Committee examined the request of the Republic of South Sudan and expressed the view that South Sudan be reassigned to the WHO African Region. The Regional Committee congratulated and welcomed South Sudan and requested the Regional Director to convey its view, through the Director-General of WHO, to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly for consideration ...”

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<sup>1</sup> Document EM/RC59/14-E.

<sup>2</sup> Document EM/RC59/13, decision no. 4.