

Second report of Committee A

(Draft)

Committee A held its third meeting on 20 May 2014. This meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr Pamela Rendi-Wagner (Austria).

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

11 WHO reform

11.2 Improved decision-making by the governing bodies

One resolution entitled:

Improved decision-making by the governing bodies

11.4 Follow-up to the financing dialogue

One decision entitled:

Consideration of the financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board or Health Assembly

Agenda item 11.2

Improved decision-making by the governing bodies

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on improved decision-making by the governing bodies,¹

1. DECIDES to introduce webcasting of future public meetings of committees A and B of the Health Assembly, as well as of its plenary meetings, to all internet users through a link on the WHO website, subject to resolution of any relevant technical issues and the availability of financial resources;

2. APPROVES the recommendations of the Executive Board, contained in decision EB134(3), to rent a cost-effective and secure electronic voting system for the nomination and appointment of the Director-General, and to test such a system in advance through mock votes by the governing bodies before the election of the next Director-General;

3. DELETES Rule 49 and REPLACES Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, with effect from the closure of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, with the following text:

“Formal proposals relating to items of the agenda may be introduced until the first day of a regular session of the Health Assembly and no later than two days before the opening of a special session. All such proposals shall be referred to the committee to which the item of the agenda has been allocated, except if the item is considered directly in a plenary meeting.”;

4. FURTHER DECIDES that progress reports shall henceforth be considered only by the Health Assembly and no longer by the Executive Board.

¹ Document A67/5.

Agenda item 11.4

Consideration of the financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board or Health Assembly

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having recalled the approval by the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly of the Programme budget 2014–2015 in its entirety and the financing dialogue, including a coordinated Organization-wide resource mobilization, that was established in order to ensure the full financing of the programme budget,

(1) decided that resolutions adopted by the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly will be implemented to the extent that their funding is included in the Programme budget 2014–2015, with the exception of activities that fall under the emergency component of the Programme budget,¹ or as otherwise specifically decided by the Health Assembly;

(2) decided further that where resolutions adopted by the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly have cost implications that exceed the financial provisions of the Programme budget 2014–2015, the Director-General shall present a report to the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board at its twenty-first meeting in January 2015 containing a proposal for handling the related costs, including an analysis of the financial and programmatic implications, and considering all available options;

(3) requested the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Board at its 136th session and to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, based on the report in paragraph (2) above for consideration, in conjunction with the information requested in document A66/48, paragraph 28;²

(4) requested the Director-General, in consultation with Member States, to report to the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee in January 2015 on options to ensure alignment of resolutions with the general programme of work and the related programme budgets, including how to strengthen the link between programme budgets and resolutions, reports on financial implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Health Assembly as well as progress reports, and providing information on the proportion of future programme budgets that result from resolutions and decisions adopted by the governing bodies.

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¹ Activities that fall under the emergency component of the programme budget do not have a budget ceiling. In resolution WHA66.2, paragraph 9 the Health Assembly “FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Director-General, where necessary, to incur expenditures in the emergencies component of the budget beyond the amount allocated for this component, subject to availability of resources ...”.

² See document A66/48, paragraph 28: “... the governing bodies will provide guidance on the Director-General’s proposals relating to any reprogramming of resources or activities deemed necessary, in view of the progress towards programme budget implementation, new mandates received and World Health Assembly resolutions with associated financial implications or emerging public health needs”.