

First report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its first meeting on 21 May 2014 under the chairmanship of Dr Ruhakana Rugunda (Uganda).

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Mohsen Asadi-Lari (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Dr Siale Akauola (Tonga) Vice-Chairmen, and Dr Dipendra Raman Singh (Nepal) Rapporteur.

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

19. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

One decision

20. Programme budget and financial matters

- 20.2 Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013

One resolution entitled:

- Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013

One resolution entitled:

- Supplementary funding for real estate and longer-term staff liabilities

- 20.3 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

One resolution

Agenda item 19

Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Mindful of the basic principle established in the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which affirms that the health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security, and stressing that unimpeded access to health care is a crucial component of the right to health,

REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to report on the health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan, to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, based on a field assessment, including with special focus on:
 - (a) barriers to health access in the occupied Palestinian territory, as well as progress made in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the World Health Organization 2013 report on “Right to health: barriers to health access in the occupied Palestinian territory”;
 - (b) access to adequate health services on the part of Palestinian prisoners;
 - (c) the effect of prolonged occupation and human rights violations on mental health, particularly the mental consequences of the Israeli military detention system on child detainees;
 - (d) the effect of impeded access to water and sanitation, as well as food insecurity, on health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip;
 - (e) the provision of financial and technical assistance and support by the international donor community, and its contribution to improving health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory;
- (2) to provide support to the Palestinian health services, including capacity building programmes;
- (3) to provide health-related technical assistance to the Syrian population in the occupied Syrian Golan;
- (4) to continue providing necessary technical assistance in order to meet the health needs of the Palestinian people, including prisoners and detainees in cooperation with the efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the handicapped and injured;
- (5) to also provide support to the Palestinian health sector in preparing for emergency situations, and scale up emergency preparedness and response capacities;
- (6) to support the development of the health system in the occupied Palestinian territory, including development of human resources.

Agenda item 20.2

**Financial report and audited financial statements for the
year ended 31 December 2013**

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013;¹

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly;²

ACCEPTS the Director-General's financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

¹ Document A67/43.

² Document A67/56.

Agenda item 20.2

Supplementary funding for real estate and longer-term staff liabilities

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Considering the Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013,¹

1. APPROVES the use of US\$ 40 million of the balance of the Member States' Assessed Contributions Fund as at 31 December 2013 as follows:

(a) US\$ 25 million to the Real Estate Fund for building up the reserve needed for capital financing;

(b) US\$ 15 million to cover longer-term staff liabilities (for separation costs);

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies on use of these funds, through the financial reports and audited financial statements, beginning with the report for the year ended 31 December 2014.

¹ Documents A67/43 and A67/43 Add.1.

Agenda item 20.3

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

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;¹

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly;²

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau and Somalia were suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Members concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that the voting rights of Antigua and Barbuda, were suspended during the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, effective from the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly and to continue until the arrears of the Members concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Lesotho, Mauritania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Sudan, Suriname and Ukraine were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly to such an extent that it was necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended – for Ukraine at the opening of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, and for the remaining five Member States at the opening of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

(1) that in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, Lesotho, Mauritania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Sudan and Suriname are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening; and in accordance with resolution WHA64.20 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, Ukraine is still in arrears in the payment of its rescheduled assessments, its voting privileges shall be suspended automatically;

¹ Document A67/44.

² Document A67/57.

(2) that any suspension that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Lesotho, Mauritania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Sudan, Suriname and Ukraine have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

(3) that this decision shall be without prejudice to the right of any Member to request restoration of its voting privileges in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

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