

Fourth report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its sixth and seventh meetings on 25 May 2015 under the chairmanship of Mr Michael Malabag (Papua New Guinea).

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

23. Staffing matters

23.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

One resolution entitled:

- Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

One resolution entitled:

- Amendments to the Staff Regulations

23.5 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

One decision

17. Health systems

17.5 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

One resolution

13. Noncommunicable diseases

13.1 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

One resolution

13.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators

One decision

Agenda item 23.3

Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to remuneration of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General,¹

1. ESTABLISHES the salaries of assistant directors-general and regional directors at US\$ 174 371 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 135 560 (dependency rate) or US\$ 122 754 (single rate);
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Deputy Director-General at US\$ 191 856 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 147 799 (dependency rate) or US\$ 133 012 (single rate);
3. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 235 889 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 178 622 (dependency rate) or US\$ 158 850 (single rate);
4. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect on 1 January 2015.

¹ See document EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R12.

Agenda item 23.3

Amendments to the Staff Regulations

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to the appointment, transfer, reassignment and promotion of staff members; and separation from service,¹

1. ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 4.1;
2. ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 4.2;
3. ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 4.3;
4. ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 4.4;
5. ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 9.2;
6. DECIDES that these amendments shall take effect upon the entry into force of the Organization's mobility policy.

¹ See document EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R15.

Agenda item 23.5

Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee¹

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly nominated Dr Michel Tailhades of the delegation of Switzerland, as a member for a three-year term until May 2018.

¹ Document A68/48.

Agenda item 17.5

Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report by the Secretariat on the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property,¹

Recalling resolutions WHA61.21 and WHA62.16 on the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property that aims to promote new thinking on innovation and access to medicines, as well as, based on the recommendation of the report of the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health, provide a medium-term framework to secure an enhanced and sustainable basis for needs-driven, essential health research and development relevant to diseases that disproportionately affect developing countries, proposing clear objectives and priorities for research and development, and estimating funding needs in this area;

Recognizing the central role the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property plays in directing and coordinating WHO's policies and programme of work on public health, innovation and intellectual property;

Welcoming resolution EBSS3.R1 entitled "Ebola: ending the current outbreak, strengthening global preparedness and ensuring WHO's capacity to prepare for and respond to future large-scale outbreaks and emergencies with health consequences" which reaffirms the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;

Concerned about the pace of implementation of the GSPOA by stakeholders as defined in the Appendix of the GSPOA;

Having considered the recommendations of the Executive Board to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly contained in decision EB136(17),

1 DECIDES:

(1) to extend the time frames of the plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property from 2015 until 2022;

(2) to extend the deadline of the overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property on its achievements, remaining challenges and recommendations on the way forward to 2018, recognizing that it was not presented in 2015, as requested by resolution WHA62.16;

¹ Document A68/35.

(3) to undertake the comprehensive evaluation and overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property separately in a staggered manner as set out in document A68/35 and its Annex, in consultation with Member States¹ subject to the process and provisions set out below;

2 REQUESTS the Director General:

(1) to initiate, in line with the WHO Evaluation Policy and guided by the WHO Evaluation Practice Handbook, the comprehensive evaluation of the implementation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property in June 2015 as per the Terms of Reference specified in A68/35; to present the inception report and comments of the Evaluation Management Group for the consideration of the Executive Board at its 138th session in January 2016; and to submit the final comprehensive evaluation report for the consideration of the Seventieth World Health Assembly in 2017, through the Executive Board;

(2) to convene an ad hoc Evaluation Management Group to assist the comprehensive evaluation composed of 6 independent external subject matter experts, and two evaluation experts from the United Nations Evaluation Group;

(3) to select the 6 independent external subject matter experts in line with guidelines for selection of members for ad hoc evaluation management groups included in the WHO Evaluation Practice Handbook, including through consultation with the Regional Directors;

(4) to establish a panel of 18 experts respecting gender balance, equal regional representation, and diversity of technical competence and expertise to conduct the overall programme review, with a broad and balanced mix of expertise, practical experience and backgrounds covering the eight elements of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, and including from developed and developing countries;

(5) to invite Member States to nominate experts, including through the Regional Directors, for the roster beginning immediately following the 139th session of the Executive Board from which the Director-General will select the panel of 18 members for the overall programme review;

(6) to present the Terms of Reference of the overall programme review for approval by the Executive Board at its 140th session in January 2017, and to present the composition of the overall programme review panel for consideration by the Bureau of the Executive Board in February 2017;

(7) to present the final report of the overall programme review of the GSPOA, on its achievements, remaining challenges and recommendations on the way forward to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly in 2018 through the 142nd session of the Executive Board.

¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

Agenda item 13.1

Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition;¹

1. ENDORSES the Rome Declaration on Nutrition, as well as the Framework for Action, which provides a set of voluntary policy options and strategies for use by governments;
2. CALLS on Member States² to implement commitments of the Rome Declaration through a set of voluntary policy options within the Framework for Action;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General, in collaboration with the Director-General of FAO and other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and other relevant regional and international organizations, to prepare a biennial report to the Health Assembly on the status of implementation of commitments of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition.

¹ Document A68/8.

² And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

Agenda item 13.2

Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators,¹ decided:

- (1) to approve the additional core indicators for the global monitoring framework on maternal, infant and young child nutrition;
- (2) to recommend that Member States report on the entire core set starting in 2016, with the exception of process indicators 1,² 4³ and 6⁴ and policy environment and capacity indicator 1,⁵ that will be reviewed by the Executive Board once available, for approval, and which will be reported on starting from 2018;
- (3) to request the Director-General to provide additional operational guidance on how to generate the necessary data for indicators in different country contexts;
- (4) to request the Director-General to review the indicators for the extended set and provide details of the definitions of those indicators, the availability of data and the criteria for their applicability to different country contexts;
- (5) to recommend a review of the global nutrition monitoring framework in 2020.

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¹ Document A68/9.

² Proportion of children aged 6 to 23 months who receive a minimum acceptable diet.

³ Proportion of pregnant women receiving iron and folic acid supplements.

⁴ Proportion of mothers of children aged 0–23 months who have received counselling, support or messages on optimal breastfeeding at least once in the last year.

⁵ Number of trained nutrition professionals per 100 000 population.