

## **Third report of Committee B**

**(Draft)**

Committee B held its fourth and fifth meetings on 24 May 2019 under the chairmanship of Mr Herbert Barnard (Netherlands).

It was decided to recommend to the Seventy-second World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached two resolutions and seven decisions relating to the following agenda items:

17. Staffing matters

17.1 Human resources: annual report

One decision

17.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

One resolution entitled:

– Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director-General

17.4 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

One decision

15. Financial matters

15.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears

One resolution entitled:

– Special arrangements for settlement of arrears: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

19. Other matters referred to the Health Assembly by the Executive Board

One decision entitled:

– 2020: International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife

One decision as amended entitled:

– World Chagas Disease Day

18. Managerial, administrative and governance matters

18.1 WHO reform processes, including the transformation agenda, and implementation of United Nations development system reform

Three decisions entitled:

- WHO reform: amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly

## **Agenda item 17.1**

### **Human resources: annual report**

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly, having considered paragraph 27 of the report by the Secretariat, Human resources: annual report,<sup>1</sup> decided to amend the contract of the Director-General, as set out in paragraph II (3) of the Annex to document A72/43, in order to allow for the retroactive participation of the Director-General in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 1 July 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A72/43.

### **Agenda item 17.3**

#### **Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director-General**

The Seventy-second 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. ESTABLISHES the salaries of Assistant Directors-General and Regional Directors at US\$ 179 948 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 134 266;
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Deputy Directors-General at US\$ 198 315 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 146 388;
3. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 244 571 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 176 917;
4. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect from 1 January 2019.

#### **Agenda item 17.4**

##### **Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee**

The Seventy-second Health Assembly appointed Dr Gerardo Lubin Burgos Bernal of the delegation of Colombia as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022.

The Health Assembly appointed Dr Arthur Williams of the delegation of Sierra Leone as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022.

## Agenda item 15.4

### Special arrangements for settlement of arrears: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly,

Having considered the request of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in respect of its outstanding contributions up to and including 2019 of US\$ 13 219 535; considering also the request of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to reschedule payment of this balance over the period 2019–2038;

Noting that this request did not comply fully with the requirements of resolution WHA54.6 as to timing and procedure,

1. DECIDES to restore the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's voting privileges at the Seventy-second World Health Assembly on the following conditions:

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela shall pay its outstanding arrears of assessed contributions, totalling US\$ 13 219 535 over 20 years from 2019 to 2038, as set out below, in addition to its annual assessment;

Year	US\$
2019	660 977
2020	660 977
2021	660 977
2022	660 977
2023	660 977
2024	660 977
2025	660 977
2026	660 977
2027	660 977
2028	660 977
2029	660 977
2030	660 977
2031	660 977
2032	660 977
2033	660 977
2034	660 977
2035	660 977
2036	660 977
2037	660 977
2038	660 972
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 219 535</b>

2. FURTHER DECIDES that, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, voting privileges shall be automatically suspended if the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela does not meet the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 above;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to future Health Assemblies as appropriate on the prevailing situation;
4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Director-General to communicate this resolution to the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

## **Agenda item 19**

### **2020: International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife**

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly, having considered document A72/54 Rev.1, decided to designate 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.



**Agenda item 19**

**World Chagas Disease Day**

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly, having considered document A72/55 Rev.1, decided to establish World Chagas Disease Day, to be celebrated on 14 April.

## **Agenda item 18.1**

### **WHO reform: amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly**

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General on WHO reform,<sup>1</sup> decided:

- (1) to amend its Rules of Procedure in line with the examples set out in the Annex to document A72/50 in order to replace or supplement gender-specific language so as to indicate both feminine and masculine forms in the English language only and to follow United Nations' practice for the other five official and working languages of WHO's governing bodies, in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly;
- (2) that the amendments shall come into effect at the moment when the Director-General rennumbers the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly in accordance with, and subject to the adoption by the Health Assembly of, the draft decision recommended by the Board in decision EB143(7) (2018).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Document A72/50.

<sup>2</sup> See document A72/52.

## **Agenda item 18.1**

### **WHO reform: amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly**

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly, having considered the report by the Director-General on the report of the Executive Board Chairperson on the outcome of the informal consultation on governance reform,<sup>1</sup> decided:

- (1) to amend Rules 5, 11, and 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as set out in the Annex to document A72/51, in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, with effect from the closure of its Seventy-second session; and to recommend that the explanatory memorandum referred to in the third paragraph of Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, as amended, be limited to 500 words;
- (2) to amend Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as set out in the Annex to document A72/51, in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, with effect from the closure of its Seventy-second session;
- (3) to amend the definitions at the beginning of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, Rules 3, 14, 19, 22, the heading between Rule 43 and Rule 44, and Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as set out in the Annex to document A72/51, in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, with effect from the closure of its Seventy-second session;
- (4) that resolutions and decisions should provide for clear reporting requirements, including reporting cycles of up to six years, with biennial reports, unless otherwise advised by the Director-General.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A72/51.

## **Agenda item 18.1**

### **WHO reform: amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly**

The Seventy-second World Health Assembly decided:

- (1) to adopt the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, as set out in the Annex to document A72/52, in accordance with Rule 119 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, with effect from the closure of that session of the Health Assembly;
- (2) to request the Director-General to renumber the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, at an appropriate time, taking into account the amendments adopted through this decision.

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