

## **Closure of the Health Assembly**

### **Suspension of the session**

#### **Report by the Director-General**

1. Following a series of consultations with Member States on the holding of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, the Executive Board agreed through a written silence procedure that the Seventy-third World Health Assembly would open on Monday, 18 May 2020 and be suspended no later than Tuesday 19 May 2020, and that it would take place virtually, using video conference technology.
2. This report is intended to enable the Health Assembly to take a decision in respect of the suspension of its session.

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

3. In view of the foregoing, the Health Assembly may wish to consider the following draft decision.

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report on the suspension of the session,<sup>1</sup> decided:

- (1) that the Seventy-third session shall be suspended and shall resume at such date and either in Geneva or through such means as to be decided by the Executive Board or, exceptionally, by the Officers of the Executive Board in consultation with the Director-General;
- (2) that all items that have not been considered at the virtual meeting of the Seventy-third session between its opening on 18 May 2020 and its suspension not later than 19 May 2020 will be considered by the Health Assembly at its resumed Seventy-third session, including any item in respect of which a proposal has been considered under the written silence procedure in accordance with the Health Assembly's decision in that regard;<sup>2</sup>
- (3) that the date of suspension of the virtual Seventy-third session will be regarded as the closing of the session for the purposes of ascertaining the beginning and end of the terms of office of the Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Board in accordance with Rule 105 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A73/34.

<sup>2</sup> Decision WHA73(X).