

First report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its first meeting on 9 November 2020, chaired by Mr Mamadou Henri Konate (Mali) and Mrs Elizabeth Wilde (Australia).

In accordance with Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Ahmad Jawad Osmani (Afghanistan) and Mrs Elizabeth Wilde (Australia) as Vice-Chairs and Mr Tashi Penjor (Bhutan) as Rapporteur. In addition, and in accordance with the Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Mr Amadou Thiam (Mali) as Vice-Chair ad interim.

Committee B held its second and third meetings on 10 November 2020, chaired by Mrs Elizabeth Wilde (Australia) and Mr Amadou Thiam (Mali).

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

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

21. Audit and oversight matters

21.1 Report of the External Auditor

One decision

19. Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

One decision

Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being

15. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

15.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

One decision

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

18. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

Managerial, administrative and governance matters

18.5 Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

One resolution and one decision

18.6 Data and innovation: draft global strategy on digital health

One decision

Staffing matters

18.9 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

One resolution

Agenda item 21.1

Report of the External Auditor

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly;¹ and having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly,² decided to accept the report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly.

¹ Document A73/27.

² Document A73/39.

Agenda item 19

Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

1. The Seventy-third World Health Assembly renewed Dr Alan Ludowyke of the delegation of Sri Lanka as a member and appointed him for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in May 2023.
2. The Seventy-third World Health Assembly appointed Dr Arthur Williams of the delegation of Sierra Leone, the most senior alternate, as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of his term of office until the closure of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022.
3. The Seventy-third World Health Assembly appointed Ms Yanjmaa Binderiya of the delegation of Mongolia as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of the term of office of Dr Chieko Ikeda until the closure of the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly in May 2021.
4. The Seventy-third World Health Assembly appointed Dr Kai Zaehle of the delegation of Germany as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of the term of office of Dr Christoph Hauschild until the closure of the Seventy-fourth Assembly in May 2021.
5. The Seventy-third World Health Assembly appointed Dr Ahmed Shadoul of the delegation of Sudan as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in May 2023.

Agenda item 15.2

Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the reports on maternal, infant and young child nutrition,¹ and recalling the mandates given in resolutions and decisions on: the International Code of Marketing Breastmilk Substitutes (WHA34.22 (1981), WHA35.26 (1982), WHA37.30 (1984), WHA39.28 (1986), WHA41.11 (1988), WHA43.3 (1990), WHA45.34 (1992), WHA46.7 (1993), WHA47.5 (1994), WHA49.15 (1996), WHA54.2 (2001), WHA58.32 (2005), WHA59.21 (2006), WHA61.20 (2008) and WHA63.23 (2010)); the WHO/UNICEF Global Strategy for infant and young child feeding (WHA55.25 (2002)); the WHO Global Comprehensive Implementation Plan on Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (WHA65.6 (2012)); maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators (WHA68(14)); ending inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children (WHA69.9 (2016) and WHA71.9 (2018)); and ending childhood obesity (WHA69(12) (2016) and WHA70(19) (2017)), decided to request the Director-General:

- (1) to streamline future reporting requirements on maternal, infant and young child nutrition, through biennial reports to the Health Assembly, through the Executive Board, until 2030 (to be issued in 2022, 2024, 2026, 2028 and 2030, respectively);
- (2) to review current evidence and prepare a comprehensive report to understand the scope and impact of digital marketing strategies for the promotion of breast-milk substitutes to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in 2022, through the Executive Board.

¹ Documents A73/4 (section 15.2) and A73/4 Add.2.

Agenda item 18.5

Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly,

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Having considered the report on the evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization;¹

Wishing to extend the transition period between the election of future Directors-General and their taking office;

Pursuant to Article 31 of the Constitution and Rules 108, 109 and 122 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly,

(1) SUSPENDS Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly in relation to the length of the term of office of the Director-General to allow for an extension of one and a half months;

(2) APPROVES the amendments to the contract establishing the terms and conditions of appointment, salary and other emoluments for the post of Director-General, as set out in the Annex to this resolution.

II

Pursuant to Rule 112 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly,

AUTHORIZES the President of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly to sign the amendment to this contract in the name of the Organization.

ANNEX

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACT OF THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL^{1,2}**

Current version	Proposed amended version
<p>...</p> <p>(2) The Director-General has been duly appointed by the Health Assembly at its meeting held on the twenty-third day of May of the year two thousand and seventeen for a period of five years.</p> <p>NOW THIS CONTRACT WITNESSETH and it is hereby agreed as follows,</p> <p>I. (1) The Director-General shall serve from the first day of July of the year two thousand and seventeen until the thirtieth day of June of the year two thousand and twenty-two, on which date the appointment and this Contract shall terminate.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>...</p> <p>(2) The Director-General has been duly appointed by the Health Assembly at its meeting held on the twenty-third day of May of the year two thousand and seventeen for a period of five years. The current term is extended as reflected in paragraph I.(1) below to five years and one and a half months.</p> <p>NOW THIS CONTRACT WITNESSETH and it is hereby agreed as follows,</p> <p>I. (1) The Director-General shall serve from the first day of July of the year two thousand and seventeen until the thirtieth fifteenth day of June August of the year two thousand and twenty-two, on which date the appointment and this Contract shall terminate.</p> <p>...</p>

¹ The contract of the Director-General is contained in document WHA70/2017/REC/1, Annex 1.

² Proposed deletions are indicated in strikethrough and proposed additions in bold.

Agenda item 18.5

Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report of the Chairperson of the informal consultations on the evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization¹ and taking into account the discussions at the 146th session of the Executive Board,² decided to adopt the amendments to Annexes 1 and 2 to resolution WHA66.18 (2013) on the code of conduct for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the candidates' forum, respectively, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to this document.

Appendix 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Proposed amendments to the code of conduct for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization, as contained in resolution WHA66.18, Annex 1, are set out below,³ with proposed deletions indicated in strikethrough and proposed additions in bold text.⁴

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B. Requirements for the different steps of the election process

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II. Electoral campaign

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3. All Member States and candidates should ~~consider~~ **promptly** disclosing their campaign activities (for example, hosting of meetings, workshops and visits), **together with the amount and source of all funding for campaign activities**, and communicate them to the Secretariat. Information so disclosed will be posted on a dedicated page of the WHO website.

¹ Document EB146/39.

² See the summary records of the Executive Board at its 146th session, fourteenth meeting, section 6, and fifteenth meeting, section 1.

³ The appendix shows the proposed amendments contained in document EB146/39, Annex 2, that were considered by the Executive Board at its 146th session.

⁴ Proposed changes arising from the informal consultations are indicated: bold and strikethrough indicates proposed deletions to proposed additions included in document EB146/39, Annex 2, and bold and underlined indicates proposed new text. Note that the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board in document EB146/39, Annex 2, were numbered according to the 48th edition of Basic documents. The Rules of Procedure in the current appendix have therefore been numbered according to the 49th edition of Basic documents.

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7. Member States proposing persons for the post of Director-General should ~~consider~~ **promptly** disclosing grants or aid funding to other Member States **during the campaign period and** the previous two years in order to ensure full transparency and mutual confidence among Member States.

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10. Candidates, whether internal or external, should not combine their official travel with campaigning activities. Electoral promotion or propaganda under the guise of technical meetings or similar events should be avoided. **It is understood, however, that candidates for the post of Director-General on official travel may participate in the web forum, the candidates' forums and events in campaign activities on the margins of regional committee sessions.**

11. After the Director-General has dispatched all proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information to Member States in accordance with Rule ~~5262~~ of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Secretariat will open on the WHO website a password-protected forum for questions and answers, open to all Member States and candidates. ~~who request to participate in such a forum~~ **Such a forum will not be held in the case of only one candidate has been proposed.** The Secretariat will also post on the WHO website information on all candidates ~~who so request~~ including their curricula vitae and other particulars of their qualifications and experience as received from Member States; **within the deadline provided in the second paragraph of Rule ~~5262~~ of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization,** as well as their contact information. The website will also provide links to individual websites of candidates **if any and** upon request. Each candidate is responsible for setting up and financing ~~his~~ or ~~her~~ **his** own website.

Appendix 2

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CANDIDATES' FORUM

Proposed amendments to the candidates' forum, as contained in resolution WHA66.18, Annex 2, are set out below,¹ with proposed deletions indicated in strikethrough and proposed additions in bold text.²

CANDIDATES' FORUMS ~~AND OTHER EVENTS WITH CANDIDATES~~ ~~A. CANDIDATES' FORUMS~~

Convening and conduct of the forums

¹ The appendix shows the proposed amendments contained in document EB146/39, Annex 3, that were considered by the Executive Board at its 146th session.

² Text in bold and strikethrough indicates proposed deletions, arising from the informal consultations, to proposed additions included in document EB146/39, Annex 3. Note that the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board in document EB146/39, Annex 2, were numbered according to the 48th edition of Basic documents. The Rules of Procedure in the current appendix have therefore been numbered according to the 49th edition of Basic documents.

1. ~~Two~~ The candidates' forums will be convened by the Secretariat at the request of the Executive Board as a self-standing events: **one preceding the session of the Board, at which candidates will be nominated for the post of Director-General and one prior to the session of the Health Assembly at which the appointment will take place. Both candidates' forums** and will be chaired by the ~~Chairman~~ **Chair** of the Board, with the support of the Officers of the Executive Board. The Board will ~~formally convene the candidates' forum and decide its~~ **the dates of the forums** at the session preceding the session at which the nomination will take place.

Timing

2. The candidates' forums shall be held not later than two months in advance of the sessions of the Board ~~and the Health Assembly session~~ at which the nomination **and appointment** will take place, **respectively**.

Duration

3. The duration of the candidates' forums will be decided by the Officers of the Board depending on the number of candidates. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum duration of the forums shall be three days **each**.

Format

4. **The first candidates' forum will consist of interviews with the candidates.** Each candidate shall make a presentation of up to ~~30~~ **10** minutes, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session so that the overall duration of each interview shall be 60 minutes. The order of the interviews shall be determined by lot. ~~The forum shall decide, upon the proposal of the Chairman, on detailed arrangement for the interviews.~~

4 bis. The second candidates' forum will consist of a more interactive panel discussion between the candidates and Member States and Associate Members attending the forum.

~~5. Member States and Associate Members participating in the candidates' forum will be invited to prepare questions for each candidate during the initial presentation. Questions to be asked to each candidate will be drawn by lot by the Chairman.~~

5. Further detailed arrangements for the interviews may be decided either by the Board at its session preceding the event or by the Member States and Associate Members attending the forum upon the proposal of the Chair of the Board.

Participation

6. Participation in the candidates' forums will be limited to Member States¹ and Associate Members of the World Health Organization.

7. ~~For those Member States or Associate Members which are not able to attend,~~ The candidates' forums will be broadcast by the Secretariat through a **link on the WHO website accessible to the public** ~~password-protected web site.~~

Documentation

8. The curricula vitae of candidates and other supporting information provided in line with Rule ~~52~~**62** of the Rules of Procedure of the Board **within the deadline set out in the second paragraph thereof** will be made available electronically to all Member States and Associate Members in the **WHO official languages** ~~versions provided on a password-protected website.~~

~~B. OTHER EVENTS WITH CANDIDATES~~

~~9. The Secretariat will, in a format to be decided upon by the Executive Board in consultation with the relevant Regional Directors, convene (an) event(s) for all the candidates who so wish, on the margins of each regional committee session preceding the Board session at which the nomination will take place. Those events will not be held in case only one candidate has been proposed.~~

¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

Agenda item 18.6

Data and innovation: draft global strategy on digital health

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the draft global strategy on digital health, decided:

- (1) to endorse the global strategy on digital health;
- (2) to request the Director-General to report back on progress in the implementation of the global strategy on digital health to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in 2023.

Agenda item 18.9

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

The Seventy-third 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 salary of each Assistant Director-General and Regional Director at US\$ 182 411 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 135 891;
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Deputy Director-General at US\$ 200 998 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 148 159;
3. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 251 859 gross per annum with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 189 801;
4. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect from 1 January 2020.

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