



REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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Provisional Agenda item 11

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Addendum

The following is the text of a resolution on the above subject adopted by the WHO Regional Committee for Europe at its fifteenth session, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 7 to 11 September 1965 (EUR/RC15/R7, dated 10 September 1965):

"The Regional Committee for Europe,

"Having regard to Articles 49 and 52 of the Constitution, and

"Considering Rule 49 of its Rules of Procedure,

"DECIDES to substitute the following text in place of Rule 47 of its Rules of Procedure:

"1. Not less than six months before the date fixed for the opening of a session of the Committee at which a person is due to be nominated as Regional Director, the Director-General shall inform each Member of the Region that he will receive proposals of names of candidates for nomination by the Committee as Regional Director.

"2. Any Member of the Region may propose the name of one or more persons each of whom has indicated willingness to act as Regional Director, submitting with the proposal particulars of the person's qualifications and experience. Such proposals shall be sent to the Director-General so as to reach him not less than twelve weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session.

"3. A person holding office as Regional Director for the Region shall, if he is eligible and has so requested, be a candidate for nomination without being proposed under the preceding paragraph.

"4. The Director-General shall, not less than ten weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session, cause copies of all proposals for nomination as Regional Director (with particulars of qualifications and experience) received by him within the period specified to be sent to each member of the Region and shall indicate to each member whether or not the person holding the office is a candidate for nomination. Copies shall be sent to each representative appointed to attend the session of the Committee.

"5. If no proposals have been received by the Director-General in time for transmission to Members in accordance with this Rule, Members shall be informed accordingly not less than ten weeks before the opening of the session of the Committee. The Committee shall itself establish a list of

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candidates composed of the names proposed in secret by the representatives present and entitled to vote.

"6. The procedure laid down in the second sentence of paragraph 5 above will also apply in cases where the post of Regional Director falls vacant within the period of six months laid down in paragraph 1 of this Rule.

"7. The nomination of Regional Director shall take place at a private meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall make a selection by secret ballot from among the persons who are candidates under this Rule, in the following manner:

- (a) at each ballot, each representative entitled to vote shall write on his ballot paper the name of a single candidate chosen from those who are candidates under this Rule;
- (b) if a candidate obtains at any ballot the majority required under Rule 39, he shall be declared nominated;
- (c) if at a ballot no candidate obtains the required majority and one candidate obtains a lesser number of votes than any other candidate, he shall be eliminated and a further election ballot held;
- (d) if at any ballot no candidate obtains the required majority and two or more candidates obtain the same lesser number of votes than other candidates, the Committee shall decide by ballot as to which of the candidates obtaining such lesser number of votes shall be eliminated and, such candidate having been eliminated, a further election ballot shall be held.

"8. If the number of candidates is reduced to two, and if there is a tie between those two candidates after three further ballots the names of both those candidates shall be forwarded for selection to the Executive Board.

"9. The name of the person or persons so nominated shall be announced at a public meeting of the Committee and submitted to the Executive Board.

"10. The Committee may also inform the Executive Board of the name of another candidate considered suitable in case the person first nominated is not available."