



TWENTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS ENTITLED TO DESIGNATE
A PERSON TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Consequent upon the confirmation by the United Nations of the entry into force of the amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution,¹ the Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly will be enabled to elect the six additional Members to be entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board, in order to constitute a membership of 30 on the Executive Board.

As provided in the amendments to Article 25, of the additional Members so elected, the terms of two Members shall be for one year and the terms of two Members shall be for two years, as determined by lot.

Taking into account the second option included in the draft transitional provisions concerning the increase in the membership of the Executive Board, prepared for the consideration of the Assembly,² the Director-General suggests that the following procedures could be applied for these elections:

(1) The Health Assembly shall elect a further six Members entitled to designate persons to serve on the Executive Board. Of those Members elected, two shall serve for a period of three years, two for a period of two years and two for a period of one year, as determined by lot by the President of the Health Assembly immediately after the election has been completed.

(2) The election of the six Members shall take place in accordance with Rules 97 to 100 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, provided that:

2.1 The General Committee shall nominate and draw up a list of nine Members, recommending in such list the six Members which, in the Committee's opinion would provide, if elected, a balanced distribution of the Board as a whole.

2.2 The Health Assembly shall elect by secret ballot from among the Members so nominated, the further six Members to be entitled to designate persons to serve on the Board, as in (1) above.

It would remain for the General Committee, subject to the decision of the Health Assembly, to determine the arrangements and time for these elections.

The Director-General suggests that these arrangements could be as follows:

Thursday morning 22 May. Announcement in plenary by the President, requesting Members desirous of putting forward suggestions regarding the election of the further six Members to place their suggestions before the General Committee (Rule 98).

Monday 26 May, at noon. Nomination by General Committee of list of Members (Rule 99).

Wednesday morning 28 May. Election of Members by Health Assembly in plenary (Rule 100).

These arrangements would permit telegraphic notifications to be sent to the Governments of the Members so elected, in time for them to designate persons to serve on the Executive Board at its fifty-sixth session.

¹ Resolution WHA20.36; Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the World Health Assembly and Executive Board, Vol. I, p. 345.

² Document A28/46.