

REPORT BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
AT THE TWENTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLYMethod of work of the Executive Board in relation to
programme development

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report by the representatives of the Executive Board to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly;¹

Noting resolution WHA29.20 on the Sixth General Programme of Work covering a Specific Period, which requests the Executive Board to undertake annual reviews, in-depth studies and evaluations, to ensure that the overall work of the Organization is proceeding in conformity with the Sixth General Programme of Work, and to continue the study of long-term trends;

Recalling resolutions WHA28.75, WHA28.76 and WHA29.48 on technical cooperation with developing countries and programme budget policy;

Taking into account resolution WHA28.62, which inter alia recognizes the progressive trend towards a more effective role of the Executive Board in policy-making, and assistance to the work of the World Health Assembly ;

Desiring to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the Executive Board in its continuing collective responsibility under Chapter VI of the Constitution, and to set up mechanisms to enable the Executive Board to make the most effective contribution to the work of WHO;

¹ Document EB58/2.

1. CONGRATULATES the representatives of the Executive Board to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly, Professor J. Kostrzewski and Dr L.B.T. Jayasundara, on the able manner in which they fulfilled their responsibilities.
2. DECIDES that the representatives of the Board at the Health Assembly shall be present to report on the work of the Health Assembly to the first session of the Board after the Health Assembly, in their present or past capacities, and requests the Director-General to make the necessary arrangements to this end;
3. REQUESTS the ad hoc committee established under resolution EB57.R53 on methods of work of the Health Assembly and of the Executive Board to pursue its work, taking into account the discussions at the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly and the fifty-eighth session of the Board, with a view to ensuring better and more responsible involvement of Executive Board members during their terms of office in the work of WHO at all levels, and, inter alia, to consider the frequency and duration of sessions of the Executive Board, documentation, the establishment of committees and working groups, the responsibility of the President of the Health Assembly and the responsibility of Executive Board members between sessions;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to provide the ad hoc committee with an analysis of the implications of the proposals made in operative paragraph 3. above and the discussions during the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly and the fifty-eighth session of the Board;
5. DECIDES further to establish a programme committee composed of the Chairman and 8 (eight) additional members which shall:

