

Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

Report by the Secretariat

EXECUTIVE BOARD, 134TH SESSION

1. Article 26 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Board shall meet at least twice a year and shall determine the place of each meeting.” Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board provides that the Board “shall determine at each session the time and place of its next session”.
2. It is proposed to convene the 134th session of the Executive Board on Monday, 20 January 2014, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and to close the session no later than Saturday, 25 January 2014. It is further proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its nineteenth meeting on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 January 2014, at WHO headquarters.

SIXTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

3. Article 13 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Health Assembly shall meet in regular annual session”. Article 14 further provides that “The Health Assembly, at each annual session, shall select the country or region in which the next annual session shall be held, the Board subsequently fixing the place.” In accordance with Article 15, “The Board ... shall determine the date of each annual ... session.” In its decision WHA30(xvi), the Thirtieth World Health Assembly requested the Executive Board to fix the duration of each session.
4. Assuming that the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly decides that the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland, it is proposed to convene the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly on Monday, 19 May 2014, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Health Assembly no later than Saturday, 24 May 2014. Should the Board agree to this, it is proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twentieth meeting on Thursday and Friday, 15 and 16 May 2014, at WHO headquarters.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

5. The Board may wish to consider adoption of the following draft decisions:

The Executive Board decided that its 134th session should be convened on Monday, 20 January 2014, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Saturday, 25 January 2014. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its nineteenth meeting on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 January 2014, at WHO headquarters.

The Executive Board decided that the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, opening on Monday, 19 May 2014, and that it should close no later than Saturday, 24 May 2014. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its twentieth meeting on Thursday and Friday, 15 and 16 May 2014, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

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