

Second report of Committee B

(Draft)

Committee B held its second and third meetings on 26 May 2016 under the chairmanship of Dr Phusit Prakongsai (Thailand) and Dr Mahlet Kifle (Ethiopia).

It was decided to recommend to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached three decisions and seven resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

20. Programme budget and financial matters
 - 20.1 WHO programmatic and financial report for 2014–2015 including audited financial statements for 2015

One resolution
 - 20.2 Financing of Programme budget 2016–2017

One decision entitled:
– Strategic budget space allocation
 - 20.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

One resolution
 - 20.5 Scale of assessments for 2017

One resolution
21. Audit and oversight matters
 - 21.1 Report of the External Auditor

One resolution

22. Staffing matters

22.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

One resolution entitled:

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

One resolution entitled:

- Amendments to the Staff Regulations: dispute resolution

22.4 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

One decision

23. Management and legal matters

23.1 Real estate: update of the Geneva buildings renovation strategy

One decision

23.2 Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

One resolution, as amended

Agenda item 20.1

**WHO programmatic and financial report for 2014–2015
including audited financial statements for 2015**

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the WHO programmatic and financial report for 2014–2015, including audited financial statements for 2015;¹

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,²

ACCEPTS the WHO programmatic and financial report for 2014–2015, including audited financial statements for 2015.

¹ Document A69/45.

² Document A69/62.

Agenda item 20.2

Strategic budget space allocation

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, having considered the report on Financing of Programme budget 2016–2017: strategic budget space allocation,¹ decided the following:

- (1) to welcome the report of the Working Group on the Strategic Budget Space Allocation and express its appreciation to the members of the Working Group for their thoroughness in reviewing the previous work and for developing a revised model in an objective and timely manner;
- (2) to endorse the proposed model recommended by the Working Group on the Strategic Budget Space Allocation;
- (3) to request the Director-General, with respect to the endorsed model:
 - (a) to implement the recommended model, over a period of three to four bienniums, and to minimize any negative budgetary impact at regional and country levels, particularly in the countries with the greatest need, in consultation with the Regional Directors, using the current allocation for technical cooperation at country level as the starting point;
 - (b) to report every biennium on the implementation of the new model, as part of the programme budget reports, to the Executive Board through its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee;
 - (c) to conduct reviews at least every six years in order to assess the relevance of the model to country needs and its impact on the regional budget envelopes;
- (4) to further request the Director-General to work with regional directors to strive towards the use of WHO country budgets and the Organization's social and intellectual capital to leverage additional resources in order to implement and sustain national priority programmes effectively.

¹ Document A69/47.

Agenda item 20.3

Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on the status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, and special arrangements for settlement of arrears;¹

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly;²

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Ukraine were suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Member States concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting further that the voting rights of Guinea and Yemen were suspended during the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly, with that suspension effective from the opening of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly and to continue until the arrears of the Members concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting also that Burundi, El Salvador, Solomon Islands and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly to such an extent that it was necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended at the opening of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, and for the remaining four Member States at the opening of the Seventieth World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

(1) that, in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 (1988), if, by the time of the opening of the Seventieth World Health Assembly, Burundi, El Salvador, Solomon Islands and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;

¹ Document A69/48.

² Document A69/63.

- (2) that any suspension that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Seventieth World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Burundi, El Salvador, Solomon Islands and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;
- (3) that this decision shall be without prejudice to the right of any Member to request restoration of its voting privileges in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

Agenda item 20.5

Scale of assessments for 2017

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on the scale of assessments for 2017,¹

ADOPTS the scale of assessments of Members and Associate Members for the year 2017 as set out below.

Members and Associate Members	WHO scale for 2017 %
Afghanistan	0.0060
Albania	0.0080
Algeria	0.1610
Andorra	0.0060
Angola	0.0100
Antigua and Barbuda	0.0020
Argentina	0.8920
Armenia	0.0060
Australia	2.3371
Austria	0.7201
Azerbaijan	0.0600
Bahamas	0.0140
Bahrain	0.0440
Bangladesh	0.0100
Barbados	0.0070
Belarus	0.0560
Belgium	0.8851
Belize	0.0010
Benin	0.0030
Bhutan	0.0010
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.0120
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.0130
Botswana	0.0140
Brazil	3.8232
Brunei Darussalam	0.0290
Bulgaria	0.0450
Burkina Faso	0.0040
Burundi	0.0010

¹ Document A69/49.

Members and Associate Members	WHO scale for 2017 %
Cabo Verde	0.0010
Cambodia	0.0040
Cameroon	0.0100
Canada	2.9211
Central African Republic	0.0010
Chad	0.0050
Chile	0.3990
China	7.9212
Colombia	0.3220
Comoros	0.0010
Congo	0.0060
Cook Islands	0.0010
Costa Rica	0.0470
Côte d'Ivoire	0.0090
Croatia	0.0990
Cuba	0.0650
Cyprus	0.0430
Czech Republic	0.3440
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.0050
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.0080
Denmark	0.5840
Djibouti	0.0010
Dominica	0.0010
Dominican Republic	0.0460
Ecuador	0.0670
Egypt	0.1520
El Salvador	0.0140
Equatorial Guinea	0.0100
Eritrea	0.0010
Estonia	0.0380
Ethiopia	0.0100
Fiji	0.0030
Finland	0.4560
France	4.8592
Gabon	0.0170
Gambia	0.0010
Georgia	0.0080
Germany	6.3892
Ghana	0.0160
Greece	0.4710
Grenada	0.0010
Guatemala	0.0280
Guinea	0.0020
Guinea-Bissau	0.0010

Members and Associate Members	WHO scale for 2017 %
Guyana	0.0020
Haiti	0.0030
Honduras	0.0080
Hungary	0.1610
Iceland	0.0230
India	0.7370
Indonesia	0.5040
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.4710
Iraq	0.1290
Ireland	0.3350
Israel	0.4300
Italy	3.7482
Jamaica	0.0090
Japan	9.6802
Jordan	0.0200
Kazakhstan	0.1910
Kenya	0.0180
Kiribati	0.0010
Kuwait	0.2850
Kyrgyzstan	0.0020
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.0030
Latvia	0.0500
Lebanon	0.0460
Lesotho	0.0010
Liberia	0.0010
Libya	0.1250
Lithuania	0.0720
Luxembourg	0.0640
Madagascar	0.0030
Malawi	0.0020
Malaysia	0.3220
Maldives	0.0020
Mali	0.0030
Malta	0.0160
Marshall Islands	0.0010
Mauritania	0.0020
Mauritius	0.0120
Mexico	1.4351
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.0010
Monaco	0.0100
Mongolia	0.0050
Montenegro	0.0040
Morocco	0.0540
Mozambique	0.0040

Members and Associate Members	WHO scale for 2017 %
Myanmar	0.0100
Namibia	0.0100
Nauru	0.0010
Nepal	0.0060
Netherlands	1.4821
New Zealand	0.2680
Nicaragua	0.0040
Niger	0.0020
Nigeria	0.2090
Niue	0.0010
Norway	0.8491
Oman	0.1130
Pakistan	0.0930
Palau	0.0010
Panama	0.0340
Papua New Guinea	0.0040
Paraguay	0.0140
Peru	0.1360
Philippines	0.1650
Poland	0.8411
Portugal	0.3920
Puerto Rico	0.0010
Qatar	0.2690
Republic of Korea	2.0391
Republic of Moldova	0.0040
Romania	0.1840
Russian Federation	3.0882
Rwanda	0.0020
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.0010
Saint Lucia	0.0010
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.0010
Samoa	0.0010
San Marino	0.0030
Sao Tome and Principe	0.0010
Saudi Arabia	1.1461
Senegal	0.0050
Serbia	0.0320
Seychelles	0.0010
Sierra Leone	0.0010
Singapore	0.4470
Slovakia	0.1600
Slovenia	0.0840
Solomon Islands	0.0010
Somalia	0.0010

Members and Associate Members	WHO scale for 2017 %
South Africa	0.3640
South Sudan	0.0030
Spain	2.4431
Sri Lanka	0.0310
Sudan	0.0100
Suriname	0.0060
Swaziland	0.0020
Sweden	0.9561
Switzerland	1.1401
Syrian Arab Republic	0.0240
Tajikistan	0.0040
Thailand	0.2910
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.0070
Timor-Leste	0.0030
Togo	0.0010
Tokelau	0.0010
Tonga	0.0010
Trinidad and Tobago	0.0340
Tunisia	0.0280
Turkey	1.0181
Turkmenistan	0.0260
Tuvalu	0.0010
Uganda	0.0090
Ukraine	0.1030
United Arab Emirates	0.6040
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.4632
United Republic of Tanzania	0.0100
United States of America	22.0000
Uruguay	0.0790
Uzbekistan	0.0230
Vanuatu	0.0010
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.5710
Viet Nam	0.0580
Yemen	0.0100
Zambia	0.0070
Zimbabwe	0.0040
Total	100.0000

Agenda item 21.1

Report of the External Auditor

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly;¹

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,²

ACCEPTS the report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly.

¹ Document A69/50.

² Document A69/64.

Agenda item 22.3

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

The Sixty-ninth 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 salaries of assistant directors-general and regional directors at US\$ 176 463 gross per annum, with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 137 024 (dependency rate) or US\$ 124 080 (single rate);
2. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Deputy Director-General at US\$ 194 136 gross per annum, with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 149 395 (dependency rate) or US\$ 134 449 (single rate);
3. ESTABLISHES the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 238 644 gross per annum, with a corresponding net salary of US\$ 180 551 (dependency rate) or US\$ 160 566 (single rate);
4. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect on 1 January 2016.

Agenda item 22.3

Amendments to the Staff Regulations: dispute resolution

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the Executive Board with regard to dispute resolution,

1. ADOPTS the proposed amendment to the title of Article XI of the Staff Regulations;
2. ADOPTS the proposed amendment to Staff Regulation 11.2;
3. DECIDES that these amendments shall take effect from the entry into force of the Organization's internal justice reform policies.

Agenda item 22.4

Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly nominated Dr Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala of the delegation of Sri Lanka, as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2019.

The Health Assembly nominated Dr Naoko Yamamoto of the delegation of Japan and Dr Gerardo Lubin Burgos Bernal of the delegation of Colombia as alternate members of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for three-year terms until May 2019.

Agenda item 23.1

Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, having considered the report of the Director-General on real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy,¹ decided:

- (1) to reiterate its appreciation to the Swiss Confederation and to the Republic and Canton of Geneva for the continued expression of their hospitality;
- (2) to adopt the Geneva buildings renovation strategy, as described in the report on real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy;
- (3) to authorize the Director-General to proceed with the renovation of the main building (110 million Swiss francs) and the construction of a new building (140 million Swiss francs) at WHO headquarters in Geneva with a total cost of 250 million Swiss francs, on the understanding that if during the evolution of the design period, the likely total cost of the project was to increase by more than 10%, further authority would be sought from the Health Assembly;
- (4) to authorize the Director-General to accept the full 50-year, interest-free loan of 140 million Swiss francs from the Swiss federal authorities, subject to their final approval in December 2016;
- (5) to approve the use of the Real Estate Fund for the cost of renovations and the repayment over a 50-year period of the interest-free loan if provided by the Swiss authorities with effect from the first year of the completion of the building; and
- (6) to request the Director-General:
 - (a) to ensure the allocation of US\$ 25 million per biennium to the Real Estate Fund; and
 - (b) to report at least every two years to the Executive Board and the Health Assembly on progress in the construction of the new accommodation and on related construction costs.

¹ Document A69/56.

Agenda item 23.2

Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on the process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization,¹

DECIDES that candidates nominated by the Executive Board for the post of Director-General of the World Health Organization shall address the Health Assembly before the vote for appointment of the Director-General, on the understanding that:

- (a) statements shall be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes;
- (b) the order of statements shall be decided by lot;
- (c) there shall be no questions and answers after the statement;
- (d) statements shall be webcasted on the WHO website in all official languages.

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¹ Document A69/57.