

## **Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly**

### **Report by the Secretariat**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD, 132ND 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 132nd session of the Executive Board on Monday, 21 January 2013, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and to close the session no later than Tuesday, 29 January 2013.<sup>1</sup> Further to the agreement reached at the meeting of Member States on programmes and priority setting, held in February 2012 as part of the WHO reform process,<sup>2</sup> it is proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its seventeenth meeting from 5 to 7 December 2012, at WHO headquarters.

#### **SIXTY-SIXTH 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-fifth World Health Assembly decides that the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly should be held in Switzerland, it is proposed to convene the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly on Monday, 20 May 2013, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, and to close the Health Assembly no later than Tuesday, 28 May 2013.<sup>1</sup> Should the Board agree to this, it is proposed that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its eighteenth meeting from 15 to 17 May 2013, at WHO headquarters.

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<sup>1</sup> As the discussions on the sequencing of governing body meetings have not yet been concluded, this date may change.

<sup>2</sup> See document A65/40.

**ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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

The Executive Board decided that its 132nd session should be convened on Monday, 21 January 2013, at WHO headquarters, Geneva, and should close no later than Tuesday, 29 January 2013. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its seventeenth meeting on 5 to 7 December 2012, at WHO headquarters.

The Executive Board decided that the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, opening on Monday, 20 May 2013, and that it should close no later than Tuesday, 28 May 2013. The Board further decided that the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board should hold its eighteenth meeting from 15 to 17 May 2013, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

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