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FIFTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Provisional agenda item 15

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Fiftieth anniversary of WHO

1. On Thursday, 14 May, the Health Assembly will consider agenda item 15, Fiftieth anniversary of WHO, in a plenary meeting starting at 10h00. Delegates are requested to take their seats at 09h40.

2. The focus of the anniversary celebrations is a Forum for Heads of State or Government on the theme “Health for all in the twenty-first century”. The participants expected to take part in the Forum are:

Mrs Ruth Dreifuss, Vice-President of Switzerland
H.E. Fidel Castro, President of Cuba
H.E. Mamooun Abd El Gayoon, President of the Maldives
H.E. Henri Konan Bédié, President of Côte d’Ivoire
The Honourable Tofilau Eti Alesana, Prime Minister of Samoa.

The Forum will be moderated by Ms Fionnuala Sweeney, anchor-person at CNN’s London bureau.

3. Each Head of State or Government will address the Assembly on a subject relating to “Health for all in the twenty-first century”. Subsequently, the Heads of State or Government will be invited to comment on key issues that will be introduced by the Moderator and that are also central to the attainment of health for all.

4. A short performance by a singer from Benin, Ms Anne Teko, accompanied by her brother Mr Just Teko, will take place after the arrival of the Heads of State or Government and before the discussion.

5. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Director-General will present “Health for all” medals to each of the Heads of State or Government in recognition of their contributions to the health of their peoples.

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