



Rules of Procedure for the appointment of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

Draft resolution proposed by Burundi on behalf of the Member States of the African Region

The Executive Board,

RECOMMENDS to the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly, the adoption of the following resolution:

The Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly,

PP1 Having regard to the Constitution of the World Health Organization, in particular Articles 30 to 37;

PP2 Recalling the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board relating to the appointment of the Director-General;

PP3 Taking note of the report of the Secretariat on the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization contained in document EB128/27;

PP4 Stressing the imperative need for further strengthening of the guarantees of transparency and equity among the six geographical regions of the World Health Organization in the process of nomination and appointment of the Director-General of the Organization;

PP5 Recognizing that the issue of the nomination and appointment of the Director-General of the World Health Organization has been under active review since 2006 within the relevant bodies of the Organization;

PP6 Reaffirming the continued relevance of the criteria which should be met by the candidate for the post of Director-General, as adopted by the Executive Board in its resolution EB97.R10;

PP7 Inspired by the practice observed in terms of geographical rotation for similar functions within the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and informed by the moral conscience for principles of equity and equality;

1. APPROVES the principle of geographic rotation of the post of Director-General among the six regions of the World Health Organization;

2. REQUESTS the Executive Board to establish the modalities of implementation of paragraph 1 above and to recommend amendments to the existing procedures for the nomination and appointment of the Director-General;
3. FURTHER REQUESTS the Executive Board to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly.

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