

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

The Executive Board, having considered the report on the process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization,¹

Decided:

- (1) that in the event that more than one candidate is proposed for the post of Director-General, the first candidates' forum shall be held starting on 22 November 2021 for a duration that shall be further decided by the Officers of the Board depending on the number of candidates; and the second candidates' forum shall be held starting on 16 March 2022 for a duration that shall be further decided by the Officers of the Board depending on the number of nominated candidates;
- (2) that the interviews of candidates at the first candidates' forum shall be conducted in accordance with the detailed arrangements set out in the Annex to this decision;
- (3) that the interpretations recalled in paragraph 9 of document EB149/4 shall be applied, if applicable, during the nomination of candidate(s) that will take place at the 150th session of the Executive Board and any subsequent nominations.

¹ Document EB149/4.

ANNEX

**DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS
AT THE FIRST CANDIDATES' FORUM**

Seating arrangements

1. In the event that participants physically attend the candidates' forum, participants from Member States and Associate Members will be invited to take seats in the Executive Board Room according to their respective regional membership.

Presentation by candidates

2. The presentation by each candidate shall not exceed 10 minutes. Visual aids, including electronic presentation tools, shall not be used.

Selection of questions

3. Each Member State and Associate Member present at the candidates' forum will be given colour-coded tokens, one for each candidate to be interviewed, bearing the Member's name. Member States and Associate Members present will be invited to indicate if they wish to ask a question by placing their token(s) in one of six receptacles (one for each). Once all tokens have been collected by the Secretariat, the Chair will pull one token from each receptacle, following the order of regions that he or she has previously determined by lot. After six questions, one from each region, have been asked, the contents of the six receptacles will be merged into one and the selection of those invited to ask questions will continue, one-by-one, on a fully random basis until the time available for each candidate has been exhausted.

Questions and answers

4. Member States and Associate Members will have up to one minute to ask one question only. Multiple-part questions will not be permitted. Candidates will have up to three minutes to respond to each question. Each interview will conclude after 60 minutes have elapsed, even if there are still questions pending. A candidate will, however, be permitted to complete his or her answer to the question being addressed when the 60 minutes elapse. Should there still be time available when the questions have been exhausted, the candidate may, if he or she wishes, make additional remarks within the remaining time.

Timekeeping

5. It is expected that a traffic light system or other electronic timekeeping system will be used to help participants to keep within the time limits during both parts of the interview.

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