

Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization secret ballot and Director-General's contract transition period

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having adopted the written silence procedure through decision WHA73(7) (2020),¹ decided:

- (1) to continue conducting the appointment of the Director-General by means of a paper-based secret ballot vote as currently provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly;
- (2) that in future, the beginning of the Director-General's contract be set for mid-August of the year of appointment, to lengthen the transition period between the appointment of the Director-General by the Health Assembly in May and her or his taking office, and that the contract of the incumbent Director-General be amended accordingly.

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¹ See also document A73/20.