

Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization: amendments to Annexes 1 and 2 to resolution WHA66.18 (2013)

The Seventy-third World Health Assembly, having considered the report of the Chairperson of the informal consultations on the evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization;¹ having also considered the Chair's summary and proposed way forward regarding the informal consultations;² taking into account the discussions at the 146th session of the Executive Board;³ and having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly,⁴ decided to adopt the amendments to Annexes 1 and 2 to resolution WHA66.18 (2013) on the code of conduct for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the candidates' forum, respectively, as set out in Annexes 1 and 2 to this decision.

¹ Document EB146/39.

² Document A73/20 Add.1.

³ See the summary records of the Executive Board at its 146th session, fourteenth meeting, section 6, and fifteenth meeting, section 1.

⁴ Document A73/41.

ANNEX 1

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

Amendments to the code of conduct for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization are set out below.

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B. Requirements for the different steps of the election process

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II. Electoral campaign

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3. All Member States and candidates should promptly disclose their campaign activities (for example, hosting of meetings, workshops and visits), together with the amount and source of all funding for campaign activities, and communicate them to the Secretariat. Information so disclosed will be posted on a dedicated page of the WHO website.

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7. Member States proposing persons for the post of Director-General should promptly disclose grants or aid funding to other Member States during the campaign period and the previous two years in order to ensure full transparency and mutual confidence among Member States.

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10. Candidates, whether internal or external, should not combine their official travel with campaigning activities. Electoral promotion or propaganda under the guise of technical meetings or similar events should be avoided. It is understood, however, that candidates for the post of Director-General on official travel may participate in the web forum, the candidates' forums and in campaign activities on the margins of regional committee sessions.

11. After the Director-General has dispatched all proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information to Member States in accordance with Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Secretariat will open on the WHO website a password-protected forum for questions and answers, open to all Member States and candidates. Such a forum will not be held in the case of only one candidate being proposed. The Secretariat will also post on the WHO website information on all candidates including their curricula vitae and other particulars of their qualifications and experience as received from Member States within the deadline provided in the second paragraph of Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board as well as their contact information. The website will also provide links to individual websites of candidates if any and upon request. Each candidate is responsible for setting up and financing her or his own website.

ANNEX 2

AMENDMENTS TO THE CANDIDATES' FORUM

Amendments to the candidates' forum are set out below.

CANDIDATES' FORUMS

Convening and conduct of the forums

1. Two candidates' forums will be convened by the Secretariat at the request of the Executive Board as a self-standing events: one preceding the session of the Board at which candidates will be nominated for the post of Director-General and one prior to the session of the Health Assembly at which the appointment will take place. Both candidates' forums ~~and~~ will be chaired by the Chair of the Board, with the support of the Officers of the Executive Board. The Board will decide the dates of the forums at the session preceding the session at which the nomination will take place.

Timing

2. The candidates' forums shall be held not later than two months in advance of the sessions of the Board and the Health Assembly-at which the nomination and appointment will take place, respectively.

Duration

3. The duration of the candidates' forums will be decided by the Officers of the Board depending on the number of candidates. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum duration of the forums shall be three days each.

Format

4. The first candidates' forum will consist of interviews with the candidates. Each candidate shall make a presentation of up to 10 minutes, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session so that the overall duration of each interview shall be 60 minutes. The order of the interviews shall be determined by lot.

4 bis. The second candidates' forum will consist of a more interactive panel discussion between the candidates and Member States and Associate Members attending the forum.

5. Further detailed arrangements for the interviews may be decided either by the Board at its session preceding the event or by the Member States and Associate Members attending the forum upon the proposal of the Chair of the Board.

Participation

6. Participation in the candidates' forums will be limited to Member States¹ and Associate Members of the World Health Organization.

7. The candidates' forums will be broadcast by the Secretariat through a link on the WHO website accessible to the public.

Documentation

8. The curricula vitae of candidates and other supporting information provided in line with Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board within the deadline set out in the second paragraph thereof will be made available electronically to all Member States and Associate Members in the WHO official languages.

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¹ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.