

DECISION

WPR/RC74 (1)

GOVERNANCE REFORM

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Secretariat regarding governance reform, contained in document WPR/RC74/10, decided that:

(1) in order to facilitate the work of the Regional Committee, including matters that involve preparations for sessions or that arise between sessions, the Regional Director shall, as required, convene consultative meetings with officers of the Regional Committee and Western Pacific members of the Executive Board; and that the outcomes from such meetings shall be circulated to Members of the Western Pacific Region;

(2) the Regional Director shall provide regular briefings to Members of the Western Pacific Region on important developments related to the Regional Office for the Western Pacific on the sidelines of sessions of the Executive Board and World Health Assembly as well as at other opportunities that may arise;

(3) Members of the Western Pacific Region shall meet in private during the session of the Regional Committee to discuss proposals for the elective posts, with the agreed proposals then announced at a public meeting;

(4) amendments to its Rules of Procedure contained in Annex 6 to document WPR/RC74/10 in accordance with Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific shall be adopted;

(5) amendments in order to replace or supplement gender-specific language shall be made in English only and that United Nations practice shall be followed for the other official and working languages of the Regional Committee;

(6) in the non-English language versions of the Rules of Procedure, in accordance with generally accepted rules of interpretation, the use of one gender shall be considered as including a reference to the other unless the context otherwise requires;

(7) the foregoing amendments to the Rules of Procedure shall become effective upon the closure of the seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee;

(8) pending the adoption by the Regional Committee of an accreditation procedure in accordance with paragraph 57 of the WHO Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors, only international, regional and national non-State actors not in official relations with WHO that have already been invited to Regional Committee sessions, may continue to be invited to future sessions of the Regional Committee pursuant to Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended; and

(9) the Secretariat shall renumber the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, at an appropriate time, taking into account the amendments adopted through this decision.

Sixth meeting, 18 October 2023