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## **Resolution**

### **Report of the Eighteenth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the report of the Eighteenth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (documents EUR/RC61/4 and EUR/RC61/4 Add.1);

Recalling its resolution EUR/RC60/R3 concerning governance of the WHO Regional Office for Europe;

Recalling further that some elements of governance were delegated by it for further study by the Eighteenth Standing Committee, notably issues concerning linkages between the Standing Committee and the Regional Committee;

1. THANKS the Chairperson and the members of the Standing Committee for their work on behalf of the Regional Committee;
2. ADOPTS the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee and Standing Committee of the Regional Committee contained in the annex to this resolution;
3. CALLS ON Member States to apply the full set of criteria referred to in that annex and in resolution EUR/RC60/R3 when nominating candidates to serve on the WHO Executive Board and on the Standing Committee;
4. INVITES the Standing Committee to pursue its work on the basis of the discussions held and resolutions adopted by the Regional Committee at its sixty-first session;

5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to take action, as appropriate, on the conclusions and proposals contained in the report of the Standing Committee, taking fully into account the proposals and suggestions made by the Regional Committee at its sixty-first session, as recorded in the report of the session.

## **Annex 1. Proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee and the Standing Committee**

### **Regional Committee**

#### **Rule 14.2.2 (b)**

“The Officers of the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Executive President of the Regional Committee, shall seek consensus among Member States submitting nominations. In so doing the Standing Committee shall seek to achieve the criteria enumerated in Rule 14.2.1, as well as the additional criteria for subregional grouping of Member States and experience and areas of competence of candidates as decided by the Regional Committee.<sup>1</sup> Member States having submitted nominations may ...”

#### **Rule 14.2.2 (c), fifth line**

“... which, in the Standing Committee’s opinion, would best meet – if elected – the criteria enumerated in Rule 14.2.1, as well as the additional criteria for subregional grouping of Member States and experience and areas of competence of candidates as decided by the Regional Committee.<sup>1</sup> The Standing Committee ...”

### **Standing Committee**

#### **Rule 9, first line**

~~As specified in Rule 14.2.4 of the Regional Committee’s Rules of Procedure, the Deputy Executive President of the Regional Committee shall be ex officio the Chairperson of the Standing Committee.~~

#### **Rule 9: third line**

“The Standing Committee itself shall elect a Vice-Chairperson from among its members each year at its first scheduled session. For the purposes of continuity, strengthened governance and better linkages between the Regional Committee and the Standing Committee, the Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee will normally, unless the Regional Committee decides otherwise, be elected Deputy Executive President of the Regional Committee at the session of the Committee held in the year following his/her election. At such time, he/she will also – in accordance with Rule 14.2.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee – become ex officio the Chairperson of the Standing Committee.”

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution EUR/RC60/R3

The rest of Rule 9, starting on the fourth line with “These officers ...” could then become a new Rule 9bis.