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Decision

Governance of the WHO Regional Office for Europe: amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the report of the Twenty-sixth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe;

Recalling decision EB144(3), Annex, Item C, that recommends alignment of the terminology used in the Rules of Procedure of the governing bodies with that used in the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors;

Further recalling the provisions in resolutions EUR/RC60/R3 and EUR/RC63/R7 on the periodicity of membership of the WHO Executive Board for those Member States in the WHO European Region that are permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, and mindful of the principle of ensuring an equitable geographical balance of the membership of Member States in the European Region in the Executive Board and the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee;

1. ADOPTS the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe, Part 1, Rule 2, paragraph 2, as per Annex 1 of this decision, to be effective from the end of this session;
2. ADOPTS the long-term schedules of membership to the Executive Board and the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee, as outlined in Annex 2 of this decision, to be effective forthwith.

Annex 1. Proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Part 1: Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe

Rule 2:

Subject to the terms of any existing agreements, the Regional Committee may arrange for consultation with the respective regional committees of the United Nations and with those of other specialized agencies and with other regional international organizations having interests in common with the World Health Organization and for their participation, without vote, in its discussions.

The Regional Director, in consultation with the Regional Committee, may invite States not members of the Committee to participate without vote in the sessions of the Committee. ~~Non-State actors~~ Representatives of nongovernmental organizations, international business associations and philanthropic foundations admitted into official relations with the World Health Organization pursuant to the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors are invited to participate without vote in the sessions of the Regional Committee, as provided for in paragraph 55 of the Framework of Engagement. ~~The Regional Committee may also adopt a procedure granting accreditation to other international, regional and national non-State actors not in official relations with the World Health Organization to participate in its meetings provided that the procedure is managed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Framework of Engagement.~~ Other international, regional and national nongovernmental organizations,¹ international business associations and philanthropic foundations not in official relations with the Organization but accredited to participate in meetings of the Committee in accordance with paragraph 57 of the Framework of Engagement may also participate without vote in the deliberations of the Regional Committee, as provided for in the Framework of Engagement.

¹ In accordance with Article 71 of the WHO Constitution.

Annex 2. A. Schedule of European membership to the Executive Board

Table 1. Annual overview of vacant seats per subregional grouping – by year of nomination

Nomination Year	Group A	Group B	Group C
2019	United Kingdom	No vacant seat	Russian Federation
2020	1 vacant seat	France 1 vacant seat	1 vacant seat
2021	1 vacant seat	No vacant seat	1 vacant seat
2022	No vacant seat	1 vacant seat	1 vacant seat
2023	2 vacant seats	1 vacant seat	1 vacant seat
2024	No vacant seat	1 vacant seat	1 vacant seat
2025	United Kingdom	No vacant seat	Russian Federation

The nomination year indicates the year when Member States are requested to nominate candidates and the Regional Committee will consider these nominations at its annual session, usually held in September. The nomination year is one year prior to the actual year of commencement of the term as an Executive Board member.

B. Schedule of European membership to the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee

Table 2. Annual overview of vacant seats per subregional grouping – by year of nomination

Nomination Year	Group A	Group B	Group C
2019	1 vacant seat	2 vacant seats	1 vacant seat
2020	2 vacant seats	1 vacant seat	1 vacant seat
2021	1 vacant seat	1 vacant seat	2 vacant seats
2022	1 vacant seat	2 vacant seats	1 vacant seat
2023	2 vacant seats	1 vacant seat	1 vacant seat
2024	1 vacant seat	1 vacant seat	2 vacant seats
2025	1 vacant seat	2 vacant seats	1 vacant seat

The nomination year indicates the year in which Member States are requested to nominate candidates and the Regional Committee will consider these nominations at its annual session, usually held in September. The selected candidates will take office immediately after that session of the Regional Committee.