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RULES GOVERNING THE ELECTION PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

Mechanisms for Conducting the Forum of Candidates for the Post of Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

1. In response to Decision D5 of the 137th Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization (“PAHO”) held on 30 September 2005, an open-ended Working Group on Streamlining the Governance Mechanisms of PAHO was established. The report of the Working Group was presented at the 138th Session of the Executive Committee held on 19-23 June 2006, which in turn recommended to the Directing Council a Resolution (CE138.R20) outlining specific rules and mechanisms intended to render the pre- and post-election process of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (“PASB”) more explicit and equitable for internal and external candidates
2. The 47th Session of the Directing Council of PAHO held in Washington D.C. from 25-29 September 2006 adopted Resolution CD47.R4 which contained the Rules Governing the Election Process for the Position of Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (“the Rules”) and the corresponding modifications to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council and of the Pan American Sanitary Conference.
3. The nomination process established pursuant the Rules call for a Candidate’s Forum to be held on the margins of the Executive Committee session preceding the Conference, thus enabling all candidates aspiring to the post of Director of the PASB to present their platforms and answer questions from the Organization’s membership. Specifically, Article III of the Rules Governing the Election Process for the Position of Director of the PASB provides the following:

Article III
Candidate's Forum

- 3.1 The President of the Executive Committee shall invite nominated candidates to make a presentation to all Member States, Participating States, and Associate Members wishing to attend a Candidate's Forum to be held on the margins of the Executive Committee session proceeding the session of the Conference.
- 3.2 Information regarding the time, date, and logistics of the Candidate's Forum shall be sent by the President of the Executive Committee to the nominated candidates and to all Member States, Participating States, and Associate Members immediately after the closure of the presentation of candidatures as specified in Article 2.3 above.
- 3.3 Nominated candidates shall be responsible for all expenses related to their participation in the Candidate's Forum.
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- 3.5 Wherever possible, modern technology will be utilized to facilitate the widest possible participation of all of the Organization's membership, including video conferencing. Verbatim transcripts of the presentations and discussions at the Candidate's Forum will also be made available.
- 3.6 The order of the presentations to be made by the candidates shall be determined by lot, and candidates will be called one at a time. Candidates shall be allowed no more than 30 minutes to make an oral presentation and one hour for questions and answers from Member States, Participating States, and Associate Members in attendance. The oral presentation shall include the candidate's platform outlining their vision, proposed policy priorities, and financial and programmatic direction for the Organization. The time limit should be strictly adhered to.
4. During the discussions of the Working Group of the Executive Committee leading up to the recommendation and adoption by the Directing Council of the Rules Governing the Election Process for the Position of Director of the PASB, the Member States recommended the certain specific details of the Candidate's Forum, such as the number of questions and specific process to followed, be left to the Executive Committee.
5. The 139th Session of the Executive Committee is invited to consider this issue.