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Article 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization stipulates that “The head of the Regional Office shall be the Regional Director appointed by the Board in agreement with the regional committee”.

The Director-General has informed Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region that the Regional Director currently holding office, Dr Hussein A. Gezairy, has indicated his willingness to be nominated and thus is a candidate for nomination without needing to be proposed.

The amendment to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board states that “...the appointment of a Regional Director shall be for five years and he or she shall be eligible for reappointment once only”.⁽¹⁾

The preambular paragraph of this Resolution accepts the proviso that such a change in the rule “applies only to future new appointments and not to a reappointment of any current Regional Director”.

Dr Hussein A. Gezairy was first appointed Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, by the Executive Board at its 69th session upon nomination by the Regional Committee, from 1 September 1982⁽²⁾, for a period of five years.

He was reappointed for four successive terms by the Board at its 79th session, 89th session, 99th session and 109th session.

To enable the Executive Board, at its 119th session in January 2007, to consider the appointment of the Regional Director as from 1 October 2007, the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, at its Fifty-third Session, is kindly requested to consider the nomination of the Regional Director and make its recommendation to the Executive Board.

In accordance with Rule 51(g) of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the nomination will take place by secret ballot, at a private meeting of the Committee.

¹ Resolution EB102.R1

² Dr Hussein A. Gezairy assumed office as of 1 October 1982