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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”.¹

The appointment of the incumbent Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, Dr Hussein A. Gezairy, comes to an end on 30 September 2012.

Therefore, in order to enable the Executive Board, at its 130th session in January 2012, to consider the appointment of the Regional Director as from 1 October 2012, the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, at its Fifty-eighth Session, 2-5 October 2011, is kindly requested to consider the nomination of the Regional Director and make its recommendation to the Executive Board.

The procedure of the nomination of the Regional Director is described in Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (Annex 1).

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 WHO Basic Documents, forty-seventh edition, 2009, p.13

Annex 1

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Rule 51

- (a) Not less than six months before the date fixed for the opening of a session of the Committee at which a person is due to be nominated as Regional Director, the Director-General shall inform each Member State of the Region that he will receive proposals of names of candidates for nomination by the Committee as Regional Director.
- (b) Any Member State of the Region may propose the name of one or more persons from within the Region who has indicated willingness to act as Regional Director, submitting with the proposal particulars of the person's qualifications and experience. Such proposals shall be sent to the Director-General so as to reach him not less than twelve weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session.
- (c) A person holding office as Regional Director for the Region shall be a candidate for nomination without being proposed under the preceding paragraph if he or she has indicated to the Director-General a willingness to be nominated.
- (d) The Director-General shall not less than ten weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session, cause copies of all proposals for nomination as Regional Director (with particulars of qualifications and experience) received by him within the period specified to be sent to each Member State of the Region. The Director-General shall also indicate to each Member State whether or not the person holding the office is a candidate for nomination.
- (e) If no proposals have been received by the Director-General in time for transmission to Member States in accordance with this Rule, they shall be informed accordingly not less than ten weeks before the opening of the candidates composed of the names proposed in secret by the representatives present and entitled to vote.
- (f) The procedure laid down in the second sentence of paragraph (e) above shall also apply in cases where the post of Regional Director falls vacant within the period of six months laid down in paragraph (a) of this Rule.
- (g) The nomination of the Regional Director shall take place at a private meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall make a selection from among the persons who are candidates under this Rule. The nomination of the Regional Director shall be decided by secret ballot.
- (h) For this purpose each representative entitled to vote shall write on his ballot paper the name of a single candidate chosen from the above-mentioned list. If no candidate obtains the majority required, the candidate who obtains the least number of votes shall be eliminated at each ballot. If the number of candidates is reduced to two, there shall be not more than three further ballots. In the event of a tie after the third such ballot, the whole voting procedure established by this Rule shall be recommenced.
- (i) The name of the person so nominated shall be submitted to the Executive Board.