
Application of the Republic of South Sudan for reassignment from the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region to the WHO African Region

1. Following the adoption of resolution A/Res/65/308 by the United Nations General Assembly, South Sudan was admitted as a Member State of the United Nations on 14 July 2011. South Sudan became a Member State of WHO on 27 September 2011 and fell within the geographical scope of the Eastern Mediterranean Region. South Sudan has requested to be reassigned from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the African Region.
2. The process to be followed in case of a request by a Member State for reassignment from one region to another was laid out by the World Health Assembly in resolution WHA49.6. The Health Assembly prescribed that any such request should be examined by the regional committees concerned and that their views should be conveyed to it for consideration before it acts upon the request. In accordance with resolution WHA49.6, therefore, the Regional Committee is invited to examine this request and express its views thereon. The Regional Director will convey the views of the Committee to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly for its consideration and decision. It should be noted that the Regional Committee for the Africa will also consider the request by South Sudan at its forthcoming session.