

WPR/RC57.R3 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed document WPR/RC57/17 as well as the options proposed therein;

Wishing to include in the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee a flexible mechanism for the convening of special sessions of the Committee in particularly urgent situations requiring immediate action;

Further wishing to clearly address in the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee the situation created by a vacancy in the post of Regional Director or by the inability of the Regional Director to perform the functions of his office;

Having considered the report of an informal Working Group on this subject;

1. AMENDS Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee by adding a second paragraph as follows:

“If exceptional events, such as those referred to in Article 28(i) of the Constitution, occur requiring immediate action by the Regional Committee, the Director shall, in consultation with the Chairman, convene the Committee in a special session and shall fix the date and determine the place of the session; however, the special session shall not be held if a majority of the Members object, within two weeks of the date of dispatch of the letter of convocation, to convening the Committee.”

2. AMENDS Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee by adding the following paragraph at the end of the Rule:

“If the Director is unable to perform the functions of his or her office or if his or her office becomes vacant before his or her term of office is completed, the Committee shall nominate a person for the post of Director at its next session, provided that the other provisions of this Rule are met. If the other provisions of this Rule cannot be met, the Committee shall take a decision at its next session with a view to nominating a person and submitting his or her name to the Executive Board as soon as possible.”