

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

First special session

Virtual session, 14 January 2025

NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Regional Committee,

Expressing condolences regarding the sudden and untimely death of Dr Faustine Ndugulile, whom the Regional Committee for Africa at its Seventy-fourth session in August 2024 had nominated for the position of Regional Director for Africa;

Noting the need for the Regional Committee to make provision for the further selection of a candidate for the position of Regional Director for Africa;

Considering Article 52 of the WHO Constitution and Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Africa;

Taking into account the discussion at its first special session,

1. DECIDED on an accelerated procedure to nominate and appoint the next Regional Director, as follows:

- (a) Not later than 21 January 2025: the Director-General invites Member States of the Region to submit in writing proposals for the post of Regional Director.
- (b) 28 February 2025: deadline for Member States to submit proposals.
- (c) 2 April 2025: virtual live candidates' forum.

2. DECIDED to request the Director General to convene a second, in-person special session of the Regional Committee in Geneva on 18 May 2025 for the purpose of nominating the next Regional Director.

3. DECIDED that any adjustments to the timing or modality of these arrangements shall be made by the Director-General in consultation with the Officers of the Regional Committee for Africa.

4. DECIDED to suspend provisions addressing the procedure to nominate a candidate for Regional Director, set out in Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Africa, to the extent necessary to permit the above accelerated procedure to be implemented.

5. INVITED the Executive Board to appoint the next Regional Director at its 157th session.