

Election of the Director-General

Presentation by the Legal Counsel



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Legal Framework

- Article 31 of the WHO Constitution
 - The Director-General shall be appointed by the Health Assembly on the nomination of the Board on such terms as the Health Assembly may determine.
- Executive Board in resolution EB140.R3 (2017) nominated
 - Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
 - Dr David Nabarro
 - Dr Sania Nishtar



Legal Framework

- Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly
 - Rule 70bis
 - Rules 106–110
- Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot
- Note by the Legal Counsel (A70/4)



Legal Framework

“The Health Assembly shall consider the Board’s nomination at a private meeting and shall come to a decision by secret ballot...” (Rule 108)

- Private Meeting
- Secret Ballot



Who can vote?

- Each Member has one vote unless its voting privileges have been suspended by the Health Assembly
- Chief Delegate entitled to vote for the delegation
- (S)he may designate another Delegate or Alternate to vote
 - Advisers may not be designated to vote
 - Chief Delegates', Delegates' and Alternates' badges marked with two orange stripes



Voting Procedure

- Six voting stations at front of Assembly Hall
- Each voting station has
 - One legal officer at a desk
 - One ballot box and voting shield with pen on a table
 - One teller
- Delegates vote at the voting station in front of their section



Tellers and Ushers

- Six Tellers

- Appointed by the President following regional consultation
- Responsible for ballot boxes
- Count the votes
- Three of them collate the results onto one record sheet

- Ushers

- Direct voters to voting stations and back to their seats



Legal Officers

- Six legal officers
 - Check entitlement to vote
 - Hand out and record ballot papers
 - Three of them assist tellers with the count
- Other legal officers
 - Assist and advise as necessary
 - Guard, distribute and shred ballot papers
- Legal Counsel



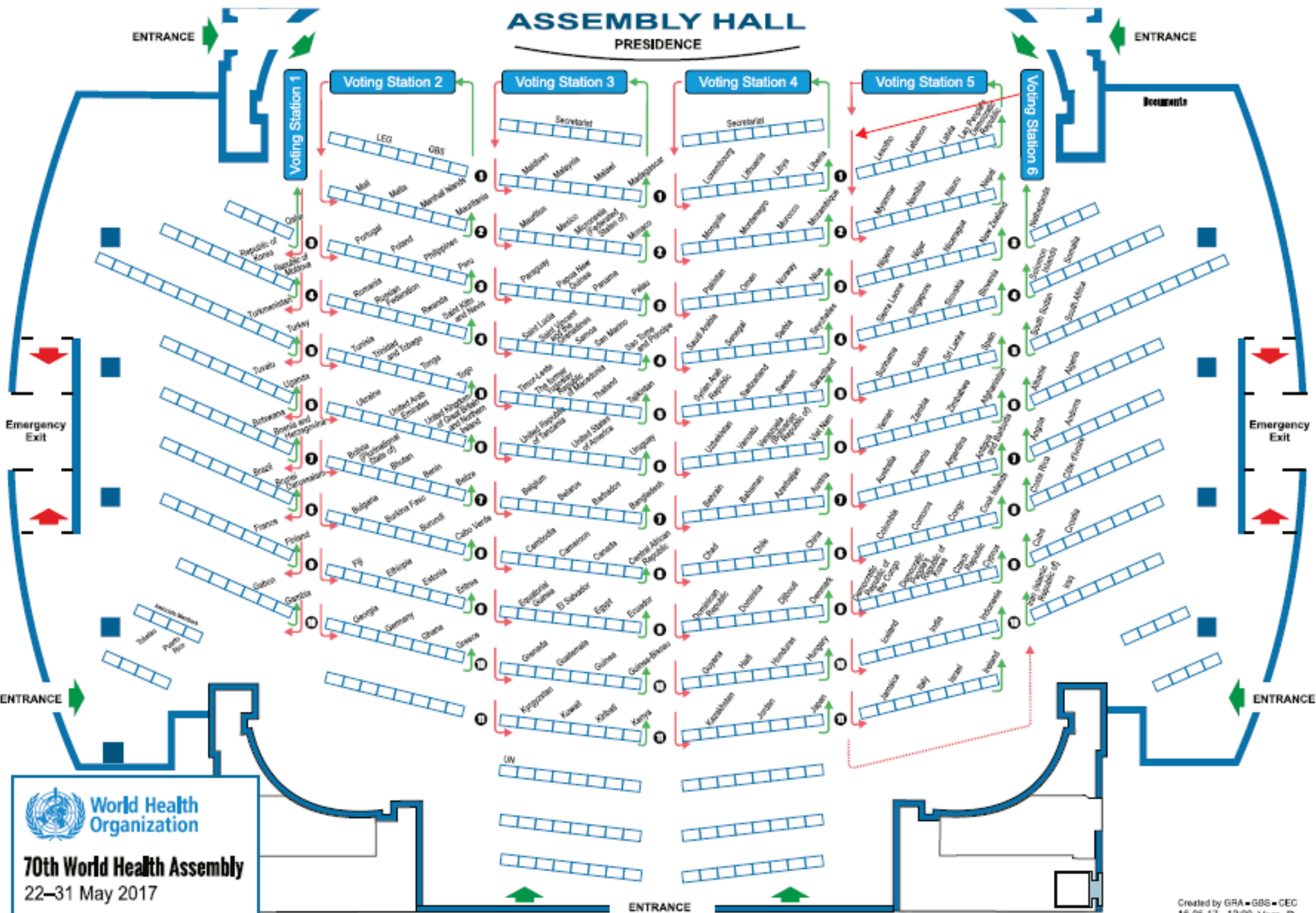
Voting Procedure

- Delegates called row-by-row, starting with front row
- One Delegate or Alternate from each delegation walks to the voting station in front of their block
- Come when called; no need to vote strictly in order
- Ushers will direct



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At the voting station

- Present your badge (with two orange stripes)
- Receive a ballot paper
- Vote behind the shield on the table
- Fold ballot paper twice and insert into the ballot box
- Walk back to your seat



During the Voting

- Remain seated unless actually voting
 - If you leave the Hall, take your access badge with you
- No breaks between rounds of voting
- No interruptions except on a point of order in connexion with the actual conduct of voting
- Any questions or concerns about the voting must be raised before the result is announced

Counting the votes

- Three Counting Tables on the podium
 - Two tellers and ballot boxes on each table, plus one legal officer
 - Empty the ballot boxes and check the number of votes cast
 - Count the votes and record the results
- Three tellers collate the results onto one result sheet
 - Ballot papers held by a legal officer
- Legal Counsel delivers the result to the President



The Result

- President announces the result of each ballot
 - Ballot papers shredded
- If there is a winner
 - The Assembly adopts a resolution of appointment and the contract for the Director General elect
 - A public meeting is held to announce the result, swear in the new Director-General and sign the contract
- If there is no winner, another ballot is held



Rounds of Voting

- Up to four substantive rounds of voting
- Additional rounds possible in the case of a tie
- A “clear and strong majority” is required
 - What constitutes a clear and strong majority differs for different rounds (Rule 108)



Round One

- Three candidates
- Two-thirds majority or more of the Members present and voting
 - Excludes abstentions and null and void votes
 - For example: if 185 valid votes, the majority required is 124
- If no candidate obtains the required majority, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated



Round Two

- Two candidates
- Two-thirds majority or more of the Members present and voting
 - Excludes abstentions and null and void votes
 - For example: if 185 valid votes, the majority required is 124
- If no candidate obtains the required majority, a third round of voting takes place



Round Three

- Two candidates
- A majority of the Member States of the World Health Organization or more
 - For example: if 194 Members the majority required is 98
- If no candidate obtains the required majority, a fourth round of voting takes place

Round Four

- Two candidates
- A majority or more of the Members present and voting
 - Excludes abstentions and null and void votes
 - For example: if 185 valid votes, the majority required is 93
- In the case of a tie, the ballot is re-run (Rule 82)



How to fill in the ballot paper

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How to fill in the ballot paper

- Place a cross or a tick in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote
- Leave blank or write “Abstention” to abstain
- Do not write anything else on the ballot paper
- If you make a mistake
 - Correct if you can do so clearly and without ambiguity; or
 - Request a new ballot paper



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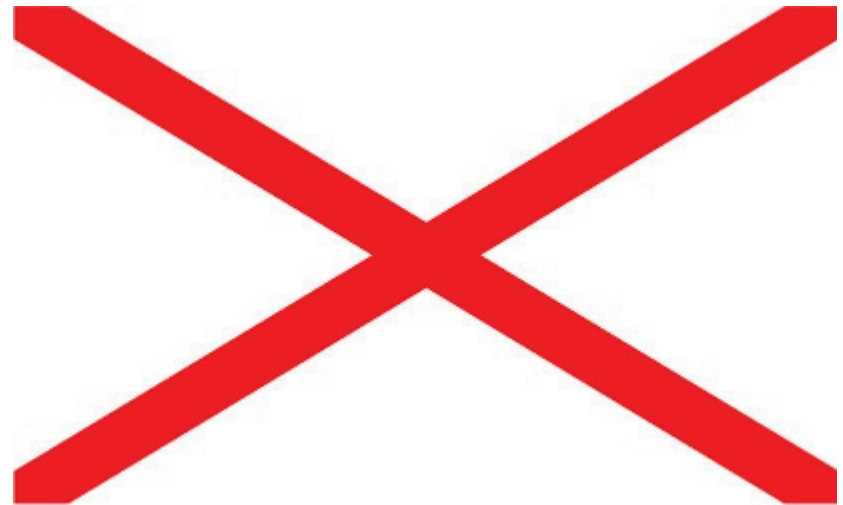
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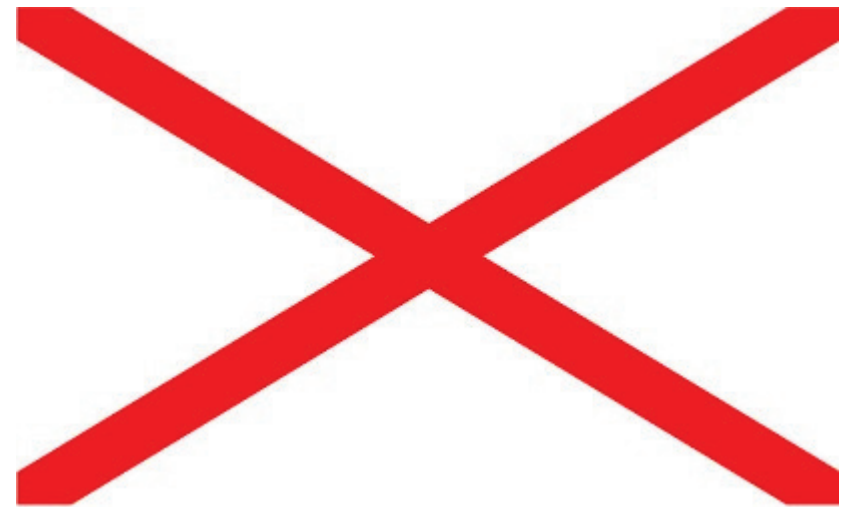
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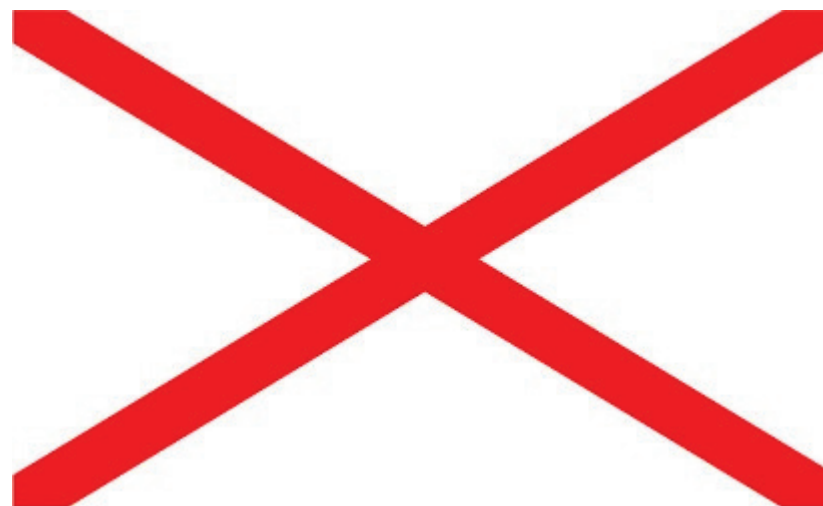
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Code of Conduct

- Avoid behaviours and actions that could be perceived as aiming at influencing the appointment
- Refrain from communicating or broadcasting the proceedings through electronic devices
- Refrain from publicly announcing in advance an intention to vote for a particular candidate



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