World Health Assembly

Fourth Session
Online, 5 Nov – 14 Nov, 2021

Organization of Work of the Assembly

Note by Secretariat

The draft organization of work of the eighteenth session of the WIMUN World Health Assembly, which is contained in the Annex, has been prepared in order to facilitate the Assembly’s consideration of the item, “Global agenda on health, environment and climate.”

Length of statements

1. The Assembly recommends a time limit of 2 minutes for individual Member States and 3 minutes for delegates speaking on behalf of political groups during the General Discussion.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

2. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the WIMUN WHA, unless otherwise specified, the meetings will be held from 3:30pm-4:30pm CET on 5 November 2021; 1:00pm – 3:00pm CET on 6 November 2021; 8:00am – 11:00am CET, 1:00pm – 3:00pm CET on 7 November 2021; 8:00am – 11:00am CET, 1:00pm – 3:00pm CET on 13 November 2021; and 8:00am – 11:00am CET on 14 November 2021. In this connection, the Assembly wishes to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly discussion of the assigned agenda item.

Informal Consultations

3. During the first informal meeting, delegates will draft resolutions in Regional Groups and then merge the different drafts until there is only resolution on the item. After introducing the
resolutions, delegates will return to informal consultations to review the drafts line by line and propose amendments.

4. The Bureau may serve as, or appoint, facilitators in order to contribute to the process of reaching consensus. If consensus is not reached on any of the resolutions in the time allotted for informal negotiations, delegates may request that they be put to a vote during the final formal meeting.

Conclusions of the work of the Assembly

5. Bearing in mind the number of meetings scheduled for the WIMUN WHA, the Assembly sets a target date of 14 November 2021 at 11:00am CET for the conclusion of its work.
Annex (This is a tentative schedule)

Draft Programme of Work of the Assembly

5 November 2021 - Friday
3:30 - 4:30 CET
Interactive session with UN expert

6 November 2021 - Saturday
1:00pm – 1:10pm CET
Opening Plenary, Adoption of Organization of Work

1:10pm – 2:00pm CET
Choosing 4 sub-topics

2:00pm – 3:00pm CET
Drafting Resolutions in regional groups

7 November 2021 - Sunday
8:00am – 9:00am CET
Drafting Resolutions in regional groups

9:00am – 11:00am CET
Vienna Formula to merge resolutions

1:00pm – 1:30pm CET
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1:30pm - 3:00pm CET
Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

13 November 2021 - Saturday
8:00am – 11:00am CET
Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments

1:00pm – 3:00pm CET
Informal consultations to propose and negotiate amendments
14 November 2021 - Sunday
8:00pm – 9:30am CET
Informal Consultations to propose and negotiate amendments/add additional text if time allows

9:30am - 10:30am CET
Committee A – General Discussion

10:30am – 10:45am CET
Taking action on Draft Resolution

10:45am – 11:00am CET
Closing Plenary