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Monday, 14 September 2020: Political and strategic matters

09:00–09:30	<p>Opening of the session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of officers• Adoption of special rules and procedures• Adoption of the provisional agenda, provisional programme and provisional annotated programme• Report of the Twenty-seventh Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe <p><i>Opening by the outgoing RC69 President, followed by the election of the RC70 President, the Executive President, the Deputy Executive President and the Rapporteur.</i></p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is invited to note for information the decision EUR/Inter-session (1) on the dates and places of regular sessions of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in 2020–2021, and is reminded of the assessment by the 27th SCRC to organize RC70 as a virtual, de minimis session.</i></p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is invited to adopt the special rules and procedures to accommodate for a virtual de minimis session, and to adopt the abridged agenda and annotated programme for the session.</i></p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is invited to review the consolidated report of the Twenty-seventh Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (including the report of the fifth session of the 27th SCRC) and to adopt the related draft resolution. The introduction of the report by the Chairperson of the Twenty-seventh Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe will be provided as a recorded video statement in advance of the start of the session.</i></p>
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09:30–10:00	<p>Address by the WHO Director-General: the state of health in the world, including lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p><i>The plenary debate on the Director-General’s address will be taken jointly with comments to the Regional Director’s presentation, during the session following the Regional Director’s address.</i></p>
10:00–10:30	<p>Address by the WHO Regional Director for Europe: the state of health in the WHO European Region, including lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is invited to review the work of WHO in the European Region in 2019–2020 presented in the Regional Director’s report, including the status of 2020-2021 Programme budget implementation and lessons learned so far from the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is also invited to note the information documents on the Overview of implementation of the Programme budget 2018–2019 in the WHO European Region, the European Transformative Leadership Academy and the ‘Oslo Initiative’.</i></p> <p><i>The plenary debate on the Regional Director’s address will be taken jointly with the comments to the Director-General’s address, during the session following the morning intermission.</i></p>
10:30–10:45	<p>Intermission</p>
10:45–13:45	<p>Discussion on the addresses by the Director-General and the Regional Director</p> <p><i>Following the Director-General and Regional Director’s addresses, a general debate will be held on both addresses, jointly.</i></p> <p><i>At the end of the discussion, the Regional Committee is invited to adopt the related draft resolution on the Regional Director’s report.</i></p>
13:45–14:00	<p>Intermission</p>
14:00–16:00	<p>The European Programme of Work (2020–2025) – “United Action for Better Health in Europe”</p> <p><i>The Regional Director will introduce this agenda item, followed by a video keynote address by the special guest, the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety.</i></p> <p><i>The Regional Committee will then discuss the document, and at the end of the session, the Regional Committee is invited to adopt the related draft resolution.</i></p>

Tuesday, 15 September 2020: Governance matters

09:00–09:45	<p>Private meeting: elections and nominations (followed by announcement of outcome in public session)</p> <p>(a) Nomination of four members of the Executive Board</p> <p>(b) Election of four members of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe</p> <p>(c) Membership Category 2 of the Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC), Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP)</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee will consider, in a private meeting, the nominations received for WHO bodies and committees contained in the membership document. The Regional Committee will also consider the proposal of the RC70 President with regard to filling a WHO European Region vacancy in the PCC of HRP.</i></p> <p><i>The outcomes of the private meeting will be announced in the subsequent public session.</i></p>
09:45–10:00	<p>Intermission</p>
10:00–10:15	<p>Transformation in the WHO European Region</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee will be presented with an overview of the current and planned activities in the WHO Regional Office for Europe, as part of the WHO transformation at global and regional levels. The Regional Committee is invited to review the relevant working document.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the Regional Committee will be updated on the status of the WHO transformation agenda as requested by the Executive Board (global document on transformation referred to the regional committees under Matters arising from resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board). The Regional Committee is invited to note the relevant information document.</i></p>
10:15–10:30	<p>Proposed high-level programme budget 2022–2023: for Regional Committee consultations</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee will receive an update on the Proposed high-level programme budget 2022–2023. It is invited to provide its observations and recommendations to inform the next version of the budget to be presented at the 148th session of the Executive Board in January 2021.</i></p>
10:30–11:30	<p>Discussion</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee will discuss both items on transformation and Programme budget, jointly.</i></p>
11:30–11:45	<p>Intermission</p>

11:45–12:00	<p>Accreditation of regional non-State actors to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is invited to review the related working document and to adopt the related draft decision.</i></p> <p>Matters arising from resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is invited to review the technical resolutions and decisions adopted by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly under the written silence procedure, and of particular relevance to the European Region. The link between the Executive Board and the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (EB-SCRC) will deliver an intervention on this topic.</i></p> <p><i>The global items referred by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board on Transformation and Programme budget 2022–2023 will be taken together with their relevant items already on the agenda.</i></p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is also invited to provide input on the draft global patient safety action plan (2021–2030). Any other global items that would normally be referred to the regional committees will be addressed through technical briefings and consultations after RC70.</i></p> <p>Progress reports</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee will be invited to note the progress reports that were due in accordance with adopted resolutions.</i></p> <p><i>Comments on any of the above items will be made only through written statements.</i></p>
12:00–12:15	<p>Confirmation of dates and places of regular sessions of the Regional Committee</p> <p><i>The Regional Committee is invited to adopt the draft resolution on dates and places for the RC in 2021–2023.</i></p> <p>Other matters</p> <p>Closure of the session</p>
13:00–14:00	<p><i>First session of the Twenty-eighth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe</i></p>