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WORKING GROUP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON STREAMLINING THE GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS OF PAHO

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RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONFERENCE Part IX – ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR Rule 56

The Conference shall elect the Director by secret ballot, in conformity with Article 21, paragraph A, of the Constitution and the Rules Governing the Election Process for the Post of Director, as approved by the Directing Council. The election process shall begin at least six months prior to the date fixed for the opening session of the Conference or by March 1st, which ever comes first, with a notification from the incumbent Director to the Members and Associate Members, inviting nominations for the post of Director to be submitted to the President of the Executive Committee. Such notification shall include a copy of the Rules Governing the Election Process for the Post of Director.

Each Member and Associate Member may submit the name of one of **their nationals** as a candidate for the post of Director in accordance with the referenced Rules Governing the Election Process for the Post of Director. The nomination will be sent in a sealed confidential envelope addressed to the President of the Executive Committee, c/o Legal Counsel, Pan American Health Organization, Washington, D.C., at least four months prior to the opening session of the Conference or by May 1st, which ever comes first, after which time the nomination period shall be closed. All nominations received shall be compiled by the Bureau, translated into the four official languages of the Organization, and forwarded by the President of the Executive Committee to the Members and Associate Members at least three months prior to the opening session of the Conference or by June 1st, which ever comes first.

In accordance with the Rules Governing the Election Process for the Post of Director, the President of the Executive Committee shall invite nominated candidates to make a presentation to all Members and Associate Members wishing to attend a Candidate's Forum to be held on the margins of the Executive Committee session immediately preceding the session of the Conference.

The Conference shall elect the Director from among the nominated candidates by the Members and Associate Members in accordance with in the Rules Governing the Election Process for the Post of Director. If in the first two ballots no person receives the majority required, two further ballots restricted to the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the second of the unrestricted ballots shall then be taken. If no candidate receives the majority required, two unrestricted and two restricted ballots shall be taken alternatively until a candidate is elected.
