

Highlights from the sixth day of the 132nd Executive Board (Geneva, Saturday, 26.01.13)

Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations (Document EB132/34 and Document EB132.R9)

The Board decided to defer the review of relations with Churches' Action for Health and requested that a report would be submitted to the Board at its 134th session on the status of the relations, in particular, on the organization's constitutional arrangements.

The Board decided to defer the review of relations with the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants, the International Federation of Hospital Engineering, The Commonwealth Pharmacists Association, and the International Medical Parliamentarians Organization, until the 134th session of the Executive Board, at which time reports, either on agreed plans for collaboration or on the status of relations, would be considered.

The Board decided to defer the review of relations with the International Conference of Deans of French-Language Faculties of Medicine, and requested that a report, either on the agreed plan or on the status of relations, would be submitted to the Executive Board at its 134th session.

The Board decided to defer the review of relations with OXFAM until the 134th session of the Executive Board, at which time a report, either on collaboration or on the status of relations, would be considered.

The Board decided to maintain CroPLife International and the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science in official relations with WHO, as well as the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine.

As reported in the document EB132.R9 (http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB132/B132_R9-en.pdf) the Committee decided to admit into official relations with WHO the following nongovernmental organizations: The Global Alliance for Rabies Control, Inc., WaterAid, the Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation, the European Society for Medical Oncology, The Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance, and the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care Inc. It also decided to postpone consideration of the application for admission into official relations from The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition to the Executive Board's 134th session, and requested that the following information be provided to the Board through its

Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations: information concerning the nature and extent of the Alliance's links with the global food industry, and the position of the Alliance with regard to its support and advocacy of WHO's nutrition policies, including infant feeding and marketing of complementary foods.

Please note that the other issues discussed on Saturday were not covered by the watchers.