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The Director-General has the honour to refer to resolution EB96.R1, adopted by the ninety-sixth session of the Executive Board, in which he was requested to propose for the consideration of the Forty-ninth World Health Assembly draft amendments to the Constitution increasing the membership of the Executive Board from thirty-two to thirty-three.

The Director-General also has the honour to refer to a communication from the Government of the Cook Islands, dated 26 September 1995, proposing to amend Articles 24 and 25 of the WHO Constitution increasing the membership of the Executive Board from thirty-two to thirty-four. The communication from the Government noted that this proposal was made pursuant to resolution WPR/RC46.R19, adopted by the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific Region at its last session.

Consequently, the Director-General has set forth below a combined set of proposed amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution. The words that would be deleted from the present text have been struck out; the words that would be added have been placed inside square brackets. Alternative texts for the Health Assembly to choose from are shown by two sets of bracketed texts appearing together.

Article 24

The Board shall consist of ~~thirty-two~~ [thirty-three]¹ [thirty-four]² persons designated by as many Members. The Health Assembly, taking into account an equitable geographical distribution, shall elect the Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Board, provided that, of such Members, not less than three shall be elected from each of the regional organizations established pursuant to Article 44. Each of these Members should appoint to the Board a person technically qualified in the field of health, who may be accompanied by alternates and advisers.

Article 25

These Members shall be elected for three years and may be re-elected; provided that of the Members elected at the first session of the Health Assembly held after the coming into force of the amendment to this Constitution increasing the membership of the Board from ~~thirty-one~~ [thirty-two] to ~~thirty-two~~ [thirty-three]¹ [thirty-four]² the term of office of the additional Member elected shall, insofar as may be necessary, be of such lesser duration as shall facilitate the election of at least one Member from each regional organization in each year.

In accordance with Article 73 of the Constitution, the Director-General hereby communicates to your Government both of these proposed amendments to Articles 24 and 25 in order that they may be considered at the Forty-ninth Health Assembly.

The Director-General takes this opportunity to renew to your Government the assurances of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 15 November 1995

¹ Proposal pursuant to resolution EB96.R1.

² Proposal by the Cook Islands.

