



**Governing Council
Sixty-eighth Session**

GC/68/R4

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**ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES
AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL – RULE 50**

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/68/7](#), “Admission of new Participating States – Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council – Rule 50”,

Recalling its Resolution [GC/67/R15](#) requesting the Secretariat to work with the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States to develop a proposal regarding Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council to be presented for consideration at its Sixty-eighth Session,

1. NOTES the recommendation of the Subcommittee to amend the deadline for applications from at least ninety (90) to at least sixty (60) days before the opening of the Governing Council session at which such applications shall be considered; and
2. DECIDES to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council as shown in the table below, with effect from the closure of the Sixty-eighth session of the Governing Council.

Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council – Rule 50

Present text	<i>Amended text</i>
<p>“Applications made by Members of the World Health Organization for admission as Participating States in the Agency shall be addressed to the Director-General and shall be transmitted immediately to Participating States and the Director of the Agency.</p> <p>Any such application shall be placed on the agenda of the next session of the Governing Council provided the application reaches the Director-General at least ninety days before the opening of such session.”</p>	<p>“Applications made by Members of the World Health Organization for admission as Participating States in the Agency shall be addressed to the Director-General and shall be transmitted immediately to Participating States and the Director of the Agency.</p> <p>Any such application shall be placed on the agenda of the next session of the Governing Council provided the application reaches the Director-General at least ninety sixty days before the opening of such session.”</p>