

**Ad hoc Working Group on the Secretariat's Legal Capacity (SLC)  
First Meeting  
Oslo, Norway  
11 December 2006**

<b>Reference</b>	SLC 1/2/2
<b>Title</b>	Provisional annotated agenda
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<b>Summary / Note</b>	This document provides explanatory notes regarding the items included in the provisional agenda and, within a given item, specifies actions requested from the meeting participants
<b>Requested action</b>	For reference

### **1. Opening of the meeting and welcome**

The meeting will be opened by Mr. Viktoras Meižis, the NDPHS CSR Chair, who will chair the Meeting until the Chair for the *ad hoc* SLC WG is elected and takes over the chairing of the meeting (cf. agenda item 3).

The Host Country, Norway, is invited to welcome the participants.

### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Meeting is invited to **adopt** the Provisional agenda with timetable (submitted as document SLC 1/2/1).

### **3. Election of the Chair for the *ad hoc* SLC WG**

The Meeting is invited to **elect** the Chair for the *ad hoc* SLC WG.

### **4. Present state of affairs regarding the question of the Secretariat's legal capacity and further steps to resolve it**

#### **4.1 Originally proposed procedure aimed to authorize legal capacity to the Secretariat**

During its ninth meeting the CSR considered the issue of the NDPHS Secretariat's legal capacity and agreed, *inter alia*, that Sweden would continue its work to resolve this question and, to that end, remain in contact with France to try to find a solution to the issues raised during CSR 9.

Sweden is invited to report on its efforts taken in the meantime to resolve the question of the Secretariat's legal capacity, as well as the current state of affairs in this matter.

The Meeting is invited to consider the information presented by Sweden, and **decide** if and what further steps should be taken to finalize the procedure. To that end, the Meeting is invited

to **keep in mind** that CSR 9 decided to also work to find new solutions to the question of the Secretariat's legal capacity (cf. item 4.2 below).

#### **4.2 Other options to resolve the question of the Secretariat's legal capacity**

As mentioned above, during its ninth meeting the CSR decided to also work to find new solutions to the question of the Secretariat's legal capacity. To that end, the *ad hoc* SLC WG was requested to report on its progress in this matter to the next CSR meeting.

The Meeting is invited to consider what other options should be explored aimed to resolve the question of the Secretariat's legal capacity and **decide**, as appropriate.

To that end, the Meeting might wish to **take into account** the proposal made by Norway in her document "The situation concerning the work for authorizing legal capacity of the NDPHS Secretariat" (submitted to the CSR 9 Meeting as document CSR 9/5/1 and available on the NDPHS website). As written in that paper: "Should the efforts mentioned above fail, one has to consider other options. Possible options are:

- that the secretariat rotates with the chair;
- arrangements with other regional organisations where all partner countries are members, such as WHO;
- arrangements with independent private entities or NGOs, such as the Red Cross."

#### **5. Any other business**

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other business not covered under other agenda items and **decide**, as appropriate.

#### **6. Next meeting of the *ad hoc* SLC WG**

The Meeting is invited to consider the need to hold the next meeting of the *ad hoc* SLC WG, and possibly **decide** about the date and place for it.

#### **7. Adoption of the SLC 1 Meeting minutes**

The Secretariat proposes that it would send out draft SLC 1 Meeting minutes to participants on 21 December 2006 and that comments on the draft would be due, at the latest, on 28 December 2006. A revised report would then be distributed on 29 December 2006 to be adopted *per capsulam* provided that no further comments are submitted within one week.

The Meeting is invited to **decide**, as appropriate.

#### **8. Closing of the Meeting**

The Meeting is expected to terminate at 12:00 hours.