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**SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH,
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HUMAN REPRODUCTION: MEMBERSHIP OF THE
POLICY AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

The Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC) is the governing body of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction.

It has a total of 32 members, in four categories. Category (2) membership is composed of 14 members elected by the WHO regional committees. Three members have been allocated to the Western Pacific Region under this category. The term of one category (2) member will expire on 31 December 1991.

The Regional Committee is requested to elect one member to represent the Region under category (2) effective 1 January 1992 for a three-year term.

The structure and functions of the Committee are defined in the Annex.

There are four categories of members:

(1) Category (1) is composed of 11 government representatives from countries which were the largest financial contributors to the Special Programme in the previous biennium.

(2) Category (2) is composed of 14 member countries each elected by the WHO regional committees for a three-year term, according to population distribution and regional needs. In electing members, the regional committees are asked to take into account a country's financial and/or technical support to the Special Programme as well as its interest in human reproduction as demonstrated by national policies. The Western Pacific Region has been allocated three members.

(3) Category (3) is composed of two members each elected by the PCC for a three-year term from the remaining cooperating parties.

(4) Category (4) is composed of the co-sponsors of the Special Programme and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), who are permanent members.

Members of the PCC in categories (2) and (3) may be re-elected.

In 1991, the status of category (2) members elected by the Regional Committee from among Member States of the Western Pacific Region is as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Year elected</u>	<u>Term of office</u>
Tonga	1988	1 January 1989 - 31 December 1991
Singapore	1989	1 January 1990 - 31 December 1992
Papua New Guinea	1990	1 January 1991 - 31 December 1993

It will be noted that the term of Tonga will expire on 31 December 1991. In order to fill this vacancy, it will be necessary for the Regional Committee to elect at its forty-second session one member from the Western Pacific Region under category (2) for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1994.

The Regional Committee is thus requested to elect one member to represent the Region under category (2) effective 1 January 1992 for a three-year term.

POLICY AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE (PCC)¹

The PCC is the governing body of the Special Programme.

1. Functions

The PCC shall, for the purpose of coordinating the interests and responsibilities of the parties cooperating in the Special Programme, have the following functions:

1.1 Review and decide upon the planning and execution of the Special Programme. For this purpose it will keep itself informed of all aspects of the development of the Special Programme and consider reports and recommendations submitted to it by the Standing Committee referred to in Section 3 of the Memorandum on the Administrative Structure of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (hereinafter called the Standing Committee), the Executing Agency and the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group referred to in Section 4 of this Memorandum (hereinafter called STAG).

1.2 Review and approve the plan of action and budget for the coming financial period prepared by the Executing Agency and reviewed by STAG and the Standing Committee.

1.3 Review the proposals of the Standing Committee and approve arrangements for the financing of the Special Programme.

1.4 Review proposed longer-term plans of action and their financial implications.

1.5 Review the annual financial statements submitted by the Executing Agency, and the audit report thereon submitted by the External Auditor of the Executing Agency.

1.6 Review periodic reports that will evaluate the progress of the Special Programme towards the achievement of its objectives.

1.7 Review and endorse the selection of members of STAG by the Executing Agency in consultation with the Standing Committee.

1.8 Consider such other matters relating to the Special Programme as may be referred to it by any Cooperating Party.

2. Membership

The PCC shall consist of 32 members from among the Cooperating Parties as follows:

2.1 Largest financial contributors: 11 government representatives from the countries which were the largest financial contributors to the Special Programme in the previous biennium.

¹The following is an excerpt from the Memorandum on the Administrative Structure of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (Document HRP/1988/1).

Annex

2.2 Countries elected by WHO regional committees: 14 government representatives from Member States elected by the WHO regional committees for three-year terms according to the population distribution and regional needs, distributed as follows:

Africa	4
Americas	2
Eastern Mediterranean	1
Europe	1
South-East Asia	3
Western Pacific	3

In these elections due account should be taken of a country's financial and/or technical support to the Special Programme as well as its interest in the fields of family planning, research and development in human reproduction and fertility regulation as demonstrated by national policies and programmes.

2.3 Other interested Cooperating Parties: two members each elected by the PCC for a three-year term from the remaining Cooperating Parties.

2.4 Permanent members: the Co-Sponsors of the Special Programme, and the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Members of the PCC in categories (2) and (3) may be re-elected.

3. Observers

Other Cooperating Parties may be represented as observers with the approval of the Executing Agency, after consultation with the Standing Committee. Observers attend sessions of the PCC at their own expense.

4. Operation

4.1 The PCC will meet at least once a year, and in extraordinary sessions if required, subject to the agreement of the majority of its members. The Executing Agency shall provide the Secretariat.

4.2 The PCC shall elect each year from among its members, a chairman, a vice-chairman and a rapporteur.

4.3 The Chairman shall:

- convene and preside over sessions of the PCC; and
- undertake such additional duties as may be assigned by the PCC.

4.4 Subject to any special arrangements as may be decided upon by the PCC, members of the PCC shall make their own arrangements to cover the expenses incurred in attending sessions of the PCC.

5. Procedures

5.1 The PCC shall, in its proceedings, be guided *mutatis mutandis* by the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly.

5.2 In consultation with the Chairman, the Secretariat shall prepare an annotated provisional agenda for each session.

5.3 A report, prepared by the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the Secretariat, shall be circulated as soon as possible after the conclusion of the session for the subsequent approval of participants.