

The Regional Committee,

Referring to resolution WPR/RC4.R18, which recommended that the travelling expenses of Member and Associate Member States for attendance at sessions of Regional Committees be borne by the Member and Associate Member governments;

Noting that the cost of travel, excluding per diem, of a delegate from each Member State to the World Health Assembly is borne by the Organization;

Recognizing the increasing involvement of the Regional Committee in the work of WHO and its role as a major policy-making organ and a forum for promoting technical cooperation between Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region;

Stressing the need for all Member States of the Region to be involved in the deliberations of the Regional Committee;

1. SYMPATHIZES with those Member States that, because of financial constraints, have either been unable to send representatives to sessions of the Regional Committee in recent years or have sent representatives despite the financial hardship involved;
2. RECOMMENDS to the Executive Board and, through it, to the World Health Assembly that action should be taken for WHO to consider financing the cost of travel, excluding per diem, of a representative from each Member State to attend sessions of the Regional Committee.