

## SUMMARY RECORD OF THE NINTH MEETING

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CHAIRPERSON: Dr Margaret CHAN (Hong Kong, China)

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1. TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIFTIETH AND FIFTY-FIRST SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE: Item 18 of the Agenda

The REGIONAL DIRECTOR said that the Regional Committee would no doubt wish the Representative of Macao to inform it about the situation regarding the invitation of his Government to hold the fiftieth session in Macao.

Dr TRONI (Macao) confirmed the invitation of the Government of Macao to host the fiftieth session of the Regional Committee. He was pleased to report that preparations for the meeting were already underway and he looked forward to reciprocating the hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the current session.

The CHAIRPERSON expressed the Committee's appreciation for the kind invitation of the Government of Macao.

The REGIONAL DIRECTOR said that, in consultation with the representative of Macao, it had been decided to hold the fiftieth session from 13 to 17 September 1999. He said that the fifty-first session would be held at the Regional Office in Manila.

Regarding the venue of the fifty-second session, the Regional Director reported that an invitation had been received from the Government of Brunei Darussalam and that the Committee would no doubt wish the Representative of Brunei Darussalam to inform it about the situation regarding the invitation of his Government.

Mr AHMAD MATNOR (Brunei Darussalam) extended a cordial invitation to the Regional Committee to hold its fifty-second session in Brunei Darussalam.

In response to a query from the representative of Nauru, the REGIONAL DIRECTOR said that the secretariat had not planned any special activity for the fiftieth session of the Regional Committee but would be happy to consider any proposals.

2. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

The Committee considered the following draft resolutions:

2.1 New horizons in health (Document WPR/RC49/Conf. Paper No. 8)

Decision: The draft resolution, as presented, was adopted (see resolution WPR/RC49.R10).

2.2 Ageing and health (Document WPR/RC49/Conf. Paper No. 9)

Dr UEDA (Palau) proposed that the word "feminization" in the sixth preambular paragraph be replaced by the words "gender imbalance". He also suggested that in operative paragraph 2(4), the words "and positive social values and" be inserted between "traditional care" and "practices". That would reflect the interventions of Palau, Papua New Guinea and Malaysia.

Mr DAVIES (New Zealand) proposed that the seventh preambular paragraph be reworded as follows:

"Recognizing that population ageing will be one of the most important health, social and economic challenges to face future generations;"

He further suggested that in order not to limit implications of ageing populations to health economics, but to cover its broader implications to national economics, the operative paragraph 2(3) be reworded as follows:

"(3) to ensure that due consideration is given to the economic implications of ageing populations"

Decision: The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted (see resolution WPR/RC49.R11).

2.3 WHO Fellowships (Document WPR/RC49/Conf. Paper No. 10)

Ms WARD (Australia) proposed the following amendments: from operative paragraph 3(1) the word "accurately" be substituted for "properly"; in operative paragraph 3(2) the addition of the words "and study tour participants" after "fellows" and the replacement of the word "programmes" for "courses"; in operative paragraph 4(6) to substitute the word "improve" for "encourage" and to insert the word "all" between "compliance with" and "the requirements".

Decision: The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted (see resolution WPR/RC49.R12).

2.4 Fiftieth and fifty-first sessions of the Regional Committee

(Document WPR/RC49/Conf. Paper No. 11)

Decision: The draft resolution was adopted (see resolution WPR/RC49.R13).

3. STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE  
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH WHO:

Item 19 of the Agenda

At the invitation of the CHAIRPERSON, statements were presented by the following  
intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations:

International Labour Organisation

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

World Confederation for Physical Therapy

Christoffel Blindenmission

Helen Keller International

International Council of Nurses

International Federation of Medical Students Associations

International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations

Rotary International

World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation

World Federation of Chiropractic

World Hypertension League

World Organization of Family Doctors

World Veterans Federation

World Veterinary Association

The CHAIRPERSON said that a statement had been received for circulation to Members from the International Confederation of Midwives.

4. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Dr ENOSA (Samoa) presented a draft resolution of appreciation.

Mrs JACOBSEN (Niue) endorsed the proposed resolution.

Decision: The draft resolution was adopted (see resolution WPR/RC49.R14).

5. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION: Item 20 of the Agenda

The CHAIRPERSON said that the draft report would be sent out to all representatives in the following week, indicating the dates by which comments should reach the Regional Office, after which it would be considered to have been accepted.

The REGIONAL DIRECTOR presented the Chairperson with a gavel set in appreciation of her chairmanship of the forty-ninth session of the Regional Committee.

As this was his last attendance at the Regional Committee as Regional Director, the REGIONAL DIRECTOR took the opportunity to thank all the representatives and the governments they represented for the excellent cooperation they had extended him as Regional Director of the WHO Western Pacific Region. The last 10 years had been the pinnacle of his 44 years of active involvement in public health. Those years had also seen the formation of lasting bonds of friendship with colleagues, many of whom were also attending the session, and with many others working at the country level. Their friendship had withstood the disagreements he had sometimes had with them, and he hoped to maintain it for the rest of his life. He would be retiring from his official relationship with WHO, but would continue to contribute to WHO in his new role as Regional Director Emeritus. Therefore, he would not be saying goodbye, but instead "au revoir".

On behalf of the representatives, the CHAIRPERSON thanked the Regional Director, the Secretariat, the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteurs for their support and hard work throughout the session, and the nongovernmental organizations for their participation.

She then declared the forty-ninth session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific closed.

The meeting closed at 11:45 a.m.

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