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**SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT
AND RESEARCH TRAINING IN 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 selected by the WHO regional committees. The Western Pacific Region has been allocated three members under this category. The term of one category (2) member, the Philippines, will expire on 31 December 1996.

The Regional Committee is requested to select one member to represent the Region under category (2), effective 1 January 1997, for a three-year term.

The structure and functions of the Policy and Coordination Committee are defined in Annex 1.

There are four categories of membership:

(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 representatives from Member States, 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 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. The Western Pacific Region has been allocated three members.

(3) Category (3) is composed of two members, each elected by the Policy and Coordination Committee 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 Committee in categories (2) and (3) may be elected for further terms.

In 1996, the status of category (2) members elected by the Regional Committee from among Member States of the Western Pacific Region is as follows:

Member	Year elected	Term of office
Philippines	1993	1 January 1994 - 31 December 1996
New Zealand	1994	1 January 1995 - 31 December 1997
Japan	1995	1 January 1996 - 31 December 1998

The periods of tenure of past and present representatives from the Western Pacific Region to the Policy and Coordinating Committee under category (2) from 1986 onwards are shown in Annex 2.

It will be noted that the term of the Philippines will expire on 31 December 1996. In order to fill this vacancy, it will be necessary for the Regional Committee to elect, at its forty-seventh session, one member from the Western Pacific Region under category (2) for the period 1 January 1997 - 31 December 1999.

The Regional Committee is thus requested to elect one member under category (2), effective 1 January 1997 for a three-year term.

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2. POLICY AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE (PCC)¹

The Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC) is the governing body of the Special Programme.

2.1 Functions

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

2.1.1 To 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 this Memorandum (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).

2.1.2 To 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.

2.1.3 To review the proposals of the Standing Committee and approve arrangements for the financing of the Special Programme.

2.1.4 To review proposed longer-term plans of action and their financial implications.

2.1.5 To review the annual financial statements submitted by the Executing Agency, and the audit report thereon submitted by the External Auditor of the Executing Agency.

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).

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2.1.6 To review periodic reports that will evaluate the progress of the Special Programme towards the achievement of its objectives.

2.1.7 To review and endorse the selection of members of STAG by the Executing Agency in consultation with the Standing Committee.

2.1.8 To consider such other matters relating to the Special Programme as may be referred to it by any Cooperating Party.

2.2 Membership

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

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

2.2.2 Countries elected by the 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
South-East Asia	3
Europe	1
Eastern Mediterranean	1
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.

2.2.3 Other interested Cooperating Parties: two members elected by PCC for three-year terms from the remaining Cooperating Parties.

2.2.4 **Permanent members:** the Co-sponsors of the Special Programme, and the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Members of PCC in categories 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 may be re-elected.

2.3 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 PCC at their own expense.

2.4 Operation

2.4.1 PCC shall 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.

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

2.4.3 The Chairman shall:

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

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

2.5 Procedures

2.5.1 In its proceedings, PCC shall be guided mutatis mutandis by the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly.

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

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2.5.3 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 approval of participants.

**PAST AND PRESENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE POLICY AND
COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH TRAINING IN HUMAN REPRODUCTION**

Country	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Category 2													
<i>Countries elected by the WHO Regional Committee</i>													
Viet Nam	→	→	→	→			→	→	→				
Republic of Korea	→	→											
Singapore	→	→	→		→	→	→						
Philippines			→	→	→				→	→	→		
Tonga				→	→	→							
Papua New Guinea						→	→	→					
Fiji								→	→	→			
New Zealand										→	→	→	
Japan											→	→	→