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**GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON AIDS:
MEMBERSHIP OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

WHO's Global Programme on AIDS (GPA) has an advisory body called the GPA Management Committee, with two representatives from each of WHO's six regions.

China and Tonga are currently the Member States from the Western Pacific Region whose representatives serve on GPA's Management Committee. The term of office of Tonga will end in December 1989 and that of China in December 1990. In order to establish a staggered membership with a three-year cycle, the Regional Committee at its fortieth session will have to decide which Member State will be represented on the GPA Management Committee for a two-year period, as a transitional measure, commencing 1 January 1990.

1. INTRODUCTION

WHO's main activities on AIDS started in 1986 with the creation of a control programme on AIDS in the Division of Communicable Diseases. Programme activities increased rapidly and on 1 February 1987, the Special Programme on AIDS was established. In May 1987, the Fortieth World Health Assembly in its resolution WHA40.26, endorsed the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS. In January 1988, the Executive Board endorsed the proposal of the Director-General to rename the programme Global Programme on AIDS (GPA).

The main funding of GPA activities comes from extrabudgetary sources. To coordinate the efforts of participating countries, the Director-General formed a Committee of Participating Parties. This Committee served as an advisory body in reviewing the plans, activities, budgets and other aspects of GPA. With rapidly expanding activities and budget, and with an increase in the number of countries collaborating with WHO, the Committee soon needed to be restructured. Therefore, in April 1988, the fifth meeting of the Committee of Participating Parties endorsed the Director-General's proposal to replace it with the GPA Management Committee.

2. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE GPA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The GPA Management Committee represents the interests and responsibilities of WHO's external partners collaborating in the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS. It acts as an advisory body to the Director-General of WHO, making recommendations on policy, strategy, financing, management, monitoring and evaluation of GPA.

Its functions are to do the following:

- (1) Review, analyse and guide the GPA programme of activities and related budget of GPA and make appropriate recommendations to the Director-General.
- (2) Review the arrangements envisaged by the Director-General of WHO for financing and managing GPA.
- (3) Review proposed longer-term plans of action and their financial implications.
- (4) Review the financial statements of GPA.
- (5) Review periodic reports evaluating the progress of GPA towards the achievement of its objectives and submit its findings and recommendations to the Director-General.
- (6) Recommend ways of improving, as appropriate, coordination between the activities of GPA and of other relevant programmes and organizations.
- (7) Consider any other matters relating to GPA referred to it by the Director-General of WHO or the Director of GPA or any member of the Committee.

3. OPERATION OF THE GPA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The GPA Management Committee meets twice a year. The first meeting reviews GPA's programme for that year in the light of the financial support that has been pledged. The second meeting is for the purpose of reviewing and guiding the following year's programme and related budget. The Management Committee may also meet more often upon the proposal of either its Chairperson or the Director-General of WHO, and with the latter's agreement. The Management Committee decides its method of work, which may include the establishment of a number of functional sub-committees.

4. COMPOSITION OF THE GPA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The GPA Management Committee consists of the following:

- (1) The governments of those countries which contributed undesignated funding in support of GPA's general budget in the previous fiscal year.
- (2) Two government representatives from each of WHO's six regions, selected by the respective regional committees for three-year terms from among those Member States with which GPA is collaborating.
- (3) The six major intergovernmental organizations contributing to the implementation of WHO's global AIDS strategy, namely UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, the World Bank and the EEC.
- (4) The Chairman of the Global Commission on AIDS.¹

Representatives of governments and intergovernmental organizations involved in the Global AIDS strategy may, on request, be granted observer status.

5. SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES TO REPRESENT THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

The GPA Management Committee had its first meeting from 7 to 8 November 1988. The regional committees did not have time to select members for this meeting and the Director-General therefore appointed the first members after consultation with the Regional Directors. The countries appointed in June 1988 to represent the Western Pacific Region were China and Tonga. During the second Management Committee meeting in April 1989, a mechanism was established for selection of regional representatives by the regional committees.

¹ The Global Commission on AIDS advises the Director-General on scientific priorities for the GPA research agenda. It is composed of 25-30 biomedical and social scientists, primary health care specialists, legal and economic experts and technical and aid management experts. They are appointed by the Director-General to serve in their personal capacity for a period of three years.

To stagger the expiration of the initial terms of office, half the members were to serve for one year and the other half for two years. In its April 1989 meeting, the Management Committee agreed to use a three-year cycle in which four of the 12 regional members would be replaced each year. This would keep membership on a staggered basis and increase continuity, as shown in Annex 1.

The terms of office of the 12 current members will be extended so that they expire at the end of each calendar year. Future terms of office will thus begin in January and end in December. This would mean that the terms of office of six members expire at the end of 1989 and six at the end of 1990.

China and Tonga are the two current members for the Western Pacific Region. In 1988, China was appointed for a two-year term and Tonga for a one-year term. In view of the extension to the end of the calendar year, China will serve until the end of 1990 and Tonga will serve until the end of 1989. (Annex 1 indicates the terms of office of representatives from regions. The Western Pacific Region is designated as letter A. Currently, Member 1 is China and Member 2 is Tonga.)

The Regional Committee, at its fortieth session, is invited to select a country for a two-year term of office, from 1990 to 1991, as a transitional measure, to replace Tonga.

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REGIONS	MEMBERS	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
A	1	=====**			+++++				
	2	=====**	-----			+++++			
B	1	=====**			+++++				
	2	=====**	-----			+++++			
C	1	=====**			+++++				
	2	=====**		+++++			+++++		
D	1	=====**			+++++				
	2	=====**		+++++			+++++		
E	1	=====**	»»»»»			+++++			
	2	=====**		+++++			+++++		
F	1	=====**	»»»»»			+++++			
	2	=====**		+++++			+++++		

===== Indicates the original term of office of 1 or 2 years.

***** Indicates the proposed six-month extension.

----- Indicates the period for which elections for two years will need to be made as a transitional measure.

»»»»» Indicates the period for which elections for 1 year will need to be made - unless the regional committees decide to reappoint the current member - as a transitional measure.

++++ Indicates the three-year term provided for under the revised terms of reference.

Annex 1

At regional committee sessions in 1989:

Regions A and B would elect one member each for two-year terms starting from January 1990.

Regions C and D would elect one member each for the full three-year term starting from January 1990.

Regions E and F would elect one member each for the full three-year term starting from January 1990 and at the sessions in 1990 would elect one member each for one year only (1991) - unless it was decided to reappoint the current member for an additional year at their sessions in 1989.