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**ACTION PROGRAMME ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS:
MEMBERSHIP OF THE
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Action Programme on Essential Drugs created the Management Advisory Committee to replace the Meeting of Interested Parties with two representatives from each of WHO's six regions.

Viet Nam and Malaysia are currently the Member States from the Western Pacific Region whose representatives serve on the Management Advisory Committee. The term of office of Viet Nam will end in December 1991. To maintain a staggered membership with a three-year cycle, the Regional Committee at its forty-second session will have to select one Member State to represent the Western Pacific Region on the Management Advisory Committee, to serve for three years from 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1994.

1. INTRODUCTION

The third Meeting of Interested Parties of the Action Programme on Essential Drugs took place in Geneva on 25 and 26 May 1989. It adopted the refined draft for the terms of reference of the Management Advisory Committee. With the approval of the Director-General, the Meeting of Interested Parties was replaced by the Management Advisory Committee.

2. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Management Advisory Committee represents the interests and responsibilities of WHO's external collaborating partners in its Action Programme on Essential Drugs. It acts as an advisory body to the Director-General of WHO, making recommendations on matters related to the policy, strategy, finance, management, monitoring and evaluation of WHO's Action Programme on Essential Drugs.

The Management Advisory Committee's functions are specified as follows:

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

In carrying out its function, the Management Advisory Committee is to be informed of all policy decisions and recommendations concerning the Action Programme and WHO's Revised Strategy on Drugs made by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board.

3. OPERATION

The Management Advisory Committee is to meet once a year, mainly to review the Action Programme on Essential Drugs for that year in the light of the financial support that will have been pledged, and to coordinate external support for the Action Programme's principal areas of activity, which are country support, development work and operational research. The meeting is also to review and provide guidance on the following year's programme and related budget. The Management Advisory 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 Advisory Committee is to decide its method of work, which may include the establishment of a number of functional sub-committees, which will have an advisory role to the Management Advisory Committee. At each Management Advisory Committee meeting, a rapporteur will be elected from among the members. The rapporteur will assist in ensuring that the decisions reached by the meeting are adopted and recorded before its closure. The Management Advisory Committee will, wherever possible, adopt its conclusions by consensus. The Manager of the Action Programme will serve as the Secretary of the Management Advisory Committee.

WHO will support the Management Advisory Committee in its endeavours by providing whatever secretariat and other support services may be considered necessary and reasonable.

4. COMPOSITION

The composition of the Management Advisory Committee will be as follows:

- (1) the governments of those countries which contributed funding in support of the Action Programme's general budget in the previous fiscal year or which provided bilateral support to developing countries for the formulation or implementation of national drug policies in conformity with WHO's policies on essential drugs;
- (2) two Member States from each of WHO's six regions each selected by the respective regional committees for a three-year term from among those Member States with which the Action Programme is collaborating;
- (3) the four major international organizations collaborating in the implementation of WHO's Revised Strategy on Drugs, namely UNDP, UNICEF, UNIDO and the World Bank; and
- (4) the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Drug Policies of the Executive Board, or a member designated by the Chairman.

Representatives of governments and intergovernmental organizations not included in the Management Advisory Committee as well as nongovernmental organizations involved in the Revised Strategy on Drugs may, on request, be granted observer status.

Those countries contributing funds in support of the Action Programme's general budget and those providing bilateral support as defined under (1) above, and hence eligible

for membership in the Management Advisory Committee, shall be ascertained annually. Members selected from the six regions of WHO may be reappointed. The four major international organizations shall be considered to have permanent seats for as long as they continue to participate in the Action Programme in support of WHO's Revised Strategy on Drugs. The Chairperson of the Management Advisory Committee should, in principle, be a government representative elected from and by members of the Management Advisory Committee for a period of two years. The Chairperson is eligible for re-election, but may not serve consecutive terms. The Chairperson shall preside over meetings of the Management Advisory Committee and undertake whatever additional duties may be assigned to him or her by the Management Advisory Committee, in agreement with the Director-General of WHO.

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

The Management Advisory Committee had its first meeting from 5 to 6 October 1989. 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 country appointed to represent the Western Pacific Region at the meeting in October 1989 was Viet Nam. It was agreed in this meeting that until the regional committees were able to meet and select their representative members of the Management Advisory Committee, those countries which had attended (or been invited to attend) the present meeting would continue as members of the Committee up to the second meeting in March 1990.

In order for the Management Advisory Committee at its meeting in 1991 to consist of members who represent countries selected by the regional committees, the Committee agreed to adopt a system of "staggered" changes in membership to achieve a three-year cycle in which four out of the twelve regional members would be replaced each year. The Chairperson drew lots to determine which regions would be in which of the three categories. The result was as follows:

- Category 1. One member for 1 year and 1 member for 2 years: Africa, South-East Asia;
- Category 2. One member for 1 year and 1 member for 3 years: Americas, Western Pacific;
- Category 3. One member for 2 years and 1 member for 3 years: Eastern Mediterranean, Europe.

The Annex indicates the terms of office of representatives from the Western Pacific Region.

The forty-first session of the Regional Committee, which was held in Manila from 10 to 14 September 1990, selected Viet Nam for a one-year term of office (1991) and Malaysia for a three-year term of office (1991-1993).

In this context, the Regional Committee, at its forty-second session, is invited to select one country to replace Viet Nam for a three-year term of office (1992-1994).

ANNEX

**ACTION PROGRAMME ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WESTERN PACIFIC REGION REPRESENTATION

1991-1994

	1991	1992	1993	1994
Member 1	Viet Nam	N e w M e m b e r		
Member 2	M a l a y s i a			New Member