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**NUTRITION IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION,
INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION**

Since the background document was printed, two more countries (Cambodia and Singapore) have submitted their report on infant and young child nutrition (resulting in a total of 26 responses or 74% of all countries and areas). Singapore reported that some form of control on the marketing of breast-milk substitutes is in place, so that a total of 13 governments now report this encouraging development. The "baby-friendly hospital initiative" is now active in Singapore. The Government has reported the designation of one "baby-friendly" hospital. In August 1993 a hospital in Malaysia was also awarded such status. There are now 135 "baby-friendly" hospitals in eight countries. Cambodia reported that women working in civil services are granted a maternity leave of more than 12 weeks. A total of 14 countries and areas in this Region now grant maternity leave of at least 12 weeks to civil servants.

Since the document was printed, plans for follow-up on the International Conference on Nutrition have evolved in three countries. Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam have submitted proposals for support in developing national plans of action in nutrition.