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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Opening of the session**
2. **Address by the retiring Chairman**
3. **Election of new officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteurs**
4. **Address by the incoming Chairman**
5. **Adoption of the agenda**

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6. **Address by the Director-General**
7. **Report of the Regional Director**

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The Regional Director's report to the Regional Committee this year is a short one, covering the period 1 July 1993 - 30 June 1994. This is in accordance with resolution WPR/RC27.R8, which authorizes the Regional Director to issue a short report in even-numbered years covering significant matters and developments from 1 July of the preceding year to 30 June of that year; and, in odd-numbered years, a comprehensive report on the work of WHO during the preceding two years.

As usual, there are a number of technical subjects on the agenda of the Regional Committee. Representatives are encouraged to comment freely during the discussions of the individual agenda items rather than on the relevant sections of the Regional Director's report.

8. Programme budget

8.1 Budget performance, 1992-1993 (final report)

WPR/RC45/3

This report has been prepared as a follow-up to the interim report presented to the Regional Committee at its forty-fourth session in 1993. It shows the final implementation of the regular budget for the 1992-1993 biennium as at 31 December 1993. It also covers the financial implementation of the Regional Director's Development Programme and supplementary funding provided from other sources for the biennium.

The figures in this report are derived from the monitoring records for each project activity as at 31 December 1993, covering the expenditures incurred for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993. In monetary terms, the operating budget was fully implemented as at 31 December 1993.

The Regional Committee may wish to review and further discuss the final implementation figures.

8.2 Proposed programme budget, 1996-1997

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The 1996-1997 proposed programme budget conforms to the new Classified List of Programmes. The format and presentation of the document have also been revised for greater clarity.

The proposed 1996-1997 programme budget amounts to US\$ 71 531 000.

The presentation is of a broad programme budget prepared in collaboration with Member States. It is derived from the detailed programme budget submitted by Member States. Implementation will be based on the detailed programme budget.

The amount of the total regional allocation is the same as was given for 1994-1995. The Director-General has decided to give cost increases later in order to allow the 1996-1997 budget to be discussed in real terms.

Member States are asked to examine the proposed programme budget and, after due consideration, to request the Regional Director to transmit the proposals to the Director-General for consideration and inclusion in his proposed programme budget for the financial period 1996-1997.

9. AIDS

9.1 Annual report on AIDS, including sexually transmitted diseases

WPR/RC45/5

In accordance with resolution WPR/RC38.R5, adopted by the Regional Committee at its thirty-eighth session, the Regional Director submits an annual report on AIDS, including sexually transmitted diseases. This year's report includes an epidemiological overview of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases in the Region, cooperation with national programmes, and intervention priorities.

Attention is also drawn to the trends in transmission of HIV and the impact of other sexually transmitted diseases on the spread of HIV. Future directions of HIV infection and sexually transmitted disease prevention and control programmes should be noted, emphasizing four priority areas, of youth and women, sexually transmitted disease control and management, commercial sex activity, and injecting drug use.

In January 1994, the WHO Executive Board, in resolution EB93.R5, agreed to the establishment of a Joint and Cosponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS with WHO as administering agency. The roles of WHO Representatives and of the regional offices in the Programme are not yet clear.

It is hoped that the Regional Committee will wish to assess the progress and achievements of the programme so far and recommend future directions to be pursued. Discussions might be expected to include the implications of the new Joint and Cosponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the role Member States wish WHO to play at regional and country levels.

9.2 Global Programme on AIDS: Membership of the Management Committee

WPR/RC45/6

The Regional Committee will consider the recommendation of the Global Programme on AIDS Management Committee to the Director-General, in connection with the new Joint and Cosponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, that the mandates of regional members expiring at the end of 1994 should be extended until 1995. The current members from the Region are Fiji and Malaysia. Their terms of office are due to expire on 31 December 1994 and 31 December 1996, respectively.

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The Regional Committee may wish accordingly to extend the term of Fiji for a period of one year, ending 31 December 1995, to facilitate the transition to the new Programme.

10. Eradication of poliomyelitis in the Region: Progress report

WPR/RC45/7

In May 1988, the Forty-first World Health Assembly adopted a resolution on global eradication of poliomyelitis by the year 2000. This was followed in September 1988 by the resolution of the Regional Committee at its thirty-ninth session on poliomyelitis eradication in the Region by 1995. Reports have been made annually to the Regional Committee on the progress in eradication since 1990 (in compliance with resolution WPR/RC41.R5).

It is hoped that the Regional Committee will emphasize the importance of continued commitment to eradication by Member States at a high political level, the continuation of national immunization days, improvement of acute flaccid paralysis surveillance, and laboratory investigation of cases. As the target date nears, the importance of continued surveillance by countries not reporting poliomyelitis also needs to be stressed.

11. Sub-Committee of the Regional Committee on Programmes and Technical Cooperation

11.1 Country visits: Report of the Sub-Committee, Part I

WPR/RC45/8

In fulfilment of item (5) of the Sub-Committee's terms of reference, four members visited Solomon Islands, Singapore and the Philippines to review WHO's collaboration in the field of health and sustainable development - environmental health.

The attention of representatives is drawn in particular to sections 2.2 and 2.3 which present the conclusions of the Sub-Committee and the regional implications of the visits, and the recommendations of the Sub-Committee to both WHO and the Member States for future action.

The report places special emphasis on the importance of political commitment by Member States to environmental health policies, comprehensive management of environmental health issues with appropriate, enforced legislation, and the need for the direct involvement by the health sector in both environmental management and the development planning process. It is hoped that the Regional Committee will reflect these concerns.

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The proposed subject in 1995 is collaboration in the field of healthy lifestyles, with focus on tobacco-or-health activities. The proposed countries are Australia, China and Singapore.

11.2 Membership of the Sub-Committee

The period of tenure of four of the members of the Sub-Committee will end at the forty-fifth session of the Regional Committee. It is expected that four more members will be appointed for a three-year term.

12. Third monitoring of the Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000: Report of the Sub-Committee, Part II

WPR/RC45/9

The plan of action for implementing the regional strategy for health for all by the year 2000 was accepted by the Regional Committee in 1981 (WPR/RC32.R5). The plan stipulates that an evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of national strategies will be made every six years, with a monitoring report every three years in between. The last evaluation was carried out in 1991.

The report summarizes the current activities in the Region. It highlights two important themes: new initiatives or activities to promote and achieve health-for-all goals that have been started since the 1991 evaluation, and the processes which are being used to plan, implement and evaluate the health-for-all strategies.

It is hoped that the Regional Committee will wish to encourage the continuation of efforts to implement national strategies for health for all, and to improve the monitoring and evaluation, as part of the overall management of the health system. Representatives may wish to use the information gathered to review and update their health-for-all strategies, further promote technical exchanges between countries, and adopt relevant policies and strategies.

At the time of the preparation of the report, the data from countries was incomplete. Additional information received from countries as at September 1994 will be distributed to representatives at the beginning of the session.

13. Collaboration with nongovernmental organizations: Report of the Sub-Committee, Part III

WPR/RC45/10

The document summarizes the joint activities developed at regional and country levels, and reviews difficulties encountered. The Sub-Committee noted, *inter alia*, that nongovernmental organizations are playing an increasing role in national health development throughout the Region and that WHO Representatives can play an important role, together with national governments, in coordinating such collaboration.

The Regional Committee may wish to request that the Regional Office should continue to foster working relations with nongovernmental organizations. It is expected that the Regional Committee will wish to take account of the Sub-Committee's recommendations on future collaboration.

14. WHO Response to Global Change: Report of the Sub-Committee, Part IV

WPR/RC45/11

The Sub-Committee's report summarizes the current status of WHO's response to the 47 recommendations in the Executive Board Working Group Report (EB94/4) and subsequent consideration by the governing bodies. The Sub-Committee was mandated, by the Regional Committee at its forty-fourth session, to consider certain of the issues raised in greater detail. Its report and recommendations are presented for consideration by the Regional Committee at its forty-fifth session.

The Regional Committee is asked to discuss the recommendations of the Sub-Committee. Its views will be transmitted to the Executive Board at its ninety-fifth session in January 1995.

15. Quality assurance in health services

WPR/RC45/12

Resolution WPR/RC43.R7 requires the Regional Director to report on the implementation of quality assurance in health services to the Regional Committee at its forty-fifth session. The document duly records the progress made, and analyses trends in the development of quality assurance which will form the basis for the future of quality of care.

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It is hoped that the Regional Committee may consider encouraging Member States to ensure that their policies and strategies in this field are as comprehensive as possible, to continue to provide a wide variety of learning opportunities for health workers in skill development on quality assurance, and to increase their efforts to share experiences on progress in implementing quality assurance activities.

16. Regional Action Plan on Tobacco or Health for 1990-1994

WPR/RC45/13

The agenda item is a review of the Regional Action Plan on Tobacco or Health for 1990-1994. The report summarizes the progress made since the last review by the Regional Committee at its forty-third session, includes the evaluation made by the Third Working Group on Tobacco or Health in April 1994, and introduces the next Action Plan.

It is hoped that the Regional Committee will endorse the Action Plan for 1995-1999, and resolve to take all steps necessary to implement it.

17. Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction: Membership of the Policy and Coordination Committee

WPR/RC45/14

The Regional Committee is expected to elect one member from the Western Pacific Region under category (2) to serve on the Policy and Coordination Committee for the period 1 January 1995 - 31 December 1997.

18. Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases: Membership of the Joint Coordinating Board

WPR/RC45/15

The Regional Committee is expected to select one Member State to send a representative to the Joint Coordinating Board for the three-year term commencing 1 January 1995.

19. Action Programme on Essential Drugs: Membership of the Management Advisory Committee

WPR/RC45/16

The Regional Committee is expected to select a Member State whose representative will serve on the Management Advisory Committee under category (b) for the three-year term commencing 1 January 1995.

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20. Correlation of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee

20.1 Consideration of resolutions of the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its ninety-third and ninety-fourth sessions

WPR/RC45/17

The document for this agenda item lists resolutions, adopted by the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly in May 1994, that are of regional relevance and interest. Resolutions from either governing body that relate directly to items on the agenda form part of the documentation for those particular items. Representatives may wish to make comments on the significance of the resolutions to the Region.

20.2 Consideration of the agenda of the ninety-fifth session of the Executive Board

WPR/RC45/18

The document for this item presents the draft provisional agenda of the ninety-fifth session of the Executive Board in January 1995. Representatives may wish to comment on the draft provisional agenda in relation to the work of the World Health Assembly and the Regional Committee.

21. Selection of topic for the Technical Discussions in conjunction with the forty-sixth session of the Regional Committee

WPR/RC45/19

The document for this item presents three suggested topics for the Technical Discussions in 1995. Representatives may, of course, wish to suggest other topics for the Regional Committee to consider.

22. Time and place of the forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions of the Regional Committee

The forty-sixth session of the Regional Committee will be held in the Regional Office in Manila. The proposed dates are 11-15 September 1995. The location of the forty-seventh session has not yet been established.

23. Statements by representatives of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO

24. Closure of the session