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REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

FINANCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS
AND REGIONAL OFFICES

The second session of the Executive Board considered the question of financial relations between headquarters and regional offices and adopted the following policy (EB2/89):

A APPLICATION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES TO REGIONAL OFFICES

The Financial Regulations and Rules are applicable to the entire Organization. All funds received by the Organization will be subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules. Adjustments which may be required in regional areas because of local conditions will be made by amending or supplementing the Financial Rules rather than by establishing separate rules for any area.

B REGIONAL BUDGETS

As Regional Organizations are integral parts of WHO, their budgets must be presented to the World Health Assembly as part of the budget which the Director-General, in accordance with the Constitution, is required to present. The regional budget should include the complete plan of operations for the year and should indicate what part, if any, is expected to be met by supplementary contributions by the States in the Region. Normally, the regional budget will be recommended to the Director-General by the Regional Committee. The Regional budget should be divided into two parts:

(1) Budget for Operation of the Regional Office

This budget should be prepared for the operation of the Regional Office proper. Normally the costs of the Regional Office will be met by funds made available by the Organization.

(2) Budget for Operation of Programmes

The budget for programmes should include a statement of the requirements of the respective States within the Region for services, such as demonstration and advisory services, fellowships, medical literature, special medical teaching equipment, etc. This budget should take into consideration, inter alia

- (i) The objectives and programme of the World Health Organization
- (ii) The statements of individual States as to their requirements
- (iii) The recommendations of the Regional Committee

C FINANCIAL RULES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE REGION

Provision will be made in the Financial Rules for separate accounting of funds received as local currency funds for country programmes. Provision will also be made for crediting unobligated balances of local contributions toward the operating budget for the existing year.