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PROVISION OF ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM
ALLOWANCE BY WHO FOR THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVES OF
MEMBER STATES IN REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGSproposed by the Philippine
Delegation

WHO provides round-trip travel expenses and per diem allowances to chief delegates attending the World Health Assembly and members of the Executive Board and Expert Committees. However, representatives of Member States attending Regional Committee Meetings, which are just as important and necessary as the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board and Expert Committee Meetings, are not provided with such allowances. The Philippine Delegation is aware of the financial difficulties in which most Member States of the Western Pacific Region find themselves in sending representatives to Regional Committee Meetings. The Philippine Delegation, therefore, believes that in order to ensure the attendance at Regional Committee meetings of at least one representative from each Member State, WHO should also provide travelling expenses and per diem allowances to the Chief Delegate of each Member State within the Region.

In view of the above, the Philippine Delegation submits the following Resolution for consideration by the Committee:

The Regional Committee for the Western Pacific

NOTES that WHO provides round-trip travel expenses and per diem allowances to members attending the Executive Board and Expert Committee meetings;

RECOGNIZES that Regional Committee meetings are a necessary activity of WHO; and

COGNIZANT of the financial difficulty which most Member Countries in the Western Pacific Region find in sending representatives to Regional Committee meetings; and

BELIEVING that the provision by WHO of travel expenses and per diem allowances might ensure the attendance of at least one representative from each Member State to the Regional Committee meetings;

REQUESTS the Regional Director, in preparing the budget for the Region, to allocate an amount which would provide round-trip transportation and per diem allowances for one representative of each Member State for attendance to Regional Committee meetings; and further

REQUESTS the Regional Director to obtain the favourable recommendation of the Director-General for approval by the Executive Board at its 11th Session or the Sixth World Health Assembly of such allocation.