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BUREAU RÉGIONAL DU PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. FORMAL OPENING OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The meeting will be formally opened by the Right Honourable Sir Robert G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia. Following the official ceremony, there will be a short intermission. The Committee will then reconvene and in the absence of the retiring Chairman, Dr. F.Q. Duque, and of the Vice-Chairman, Dr. D.J.M. MacKenzie, the Regional Director will act as Chairman until the new Chairman is elected.

2. ADDRESS BY THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

It is customary for the retiring Chairman to deliver a short address at the opening meeting of each session of the Regional Committee. In the absence of Dr. Duque, the speech of the retiring Chairman will be read by the Regional Director.

3. ADDRESS BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Unfortunately the Director-General will not be able to attend this session of the Committee. The Regional Director will, however, present a statement on his behalf.

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS: CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEURS

The officers of the Regional Committee are the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur for the English language and that for the French language. The officers of the 1960, 1961 and 1962 meetings were:

Eleventh session - 1960

Chairman	:	Dr. R.K.C. Lee (United States of America)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. Ten Yoon Fong (Malaya)
Rapporteur (in English)	:	Dr. O.J.M. Kranendonk (Netherlands)
Rapporteur (in French)	:	Dr. J.P. Martins (Portugal)

Twelfth session - 1961

Chairman : Dr. H.B. Turbott (New Zealand)
Vice-Chairman : Dr. E. Valencia (Philippines)
Rapporteur (in English) : Dr. S.W. Yun (Korea)
Rapporteur (in French) : Médecin-Colonel L. Caillard

Thirteenth session - 1962

Chairman : Dr. F.Q. Duque (Philippines)
Vice-Chairman : Dr. D.J.M. MacKenzie (United Kingdom)
Rapporteur (in English) : Dr. R.G.T. Lewis (New Zealand)
Rapporteur (in French) : Dr. Tiao Singkeo (Laos)

5. ADDRESS BY INCOMING CHAIRMAN

It is customary for the incoming Chairman to give a brief address to the Committee. It is, however, not essential for the address to be given at this point of the agenda. This may, should the incoming Chairman wish, be postponed to a time later in the session.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Document WP/RC14/1)

According to Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee, "the Director may, in consultation with the Chairman, include any question suitable for the agenda which may arise or reach him up to twenty-one days before the opening day of the session, in a supplementary agenda which the Committee shall examine together with the provisional agenda. Any items arising or submitted later shall be included in a supplementary agenda provided that the Committee agrees."

The provisional agenda distributed to Representatives contains all the items suggested for discussion up to twenty-one days before the opening day of the session.

7. TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

7.1 Statement by the Chairman

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Regional Committee at its eleventh session,¹ the Regional Director, in consultation with the Chairman of the Regional Committee, has selected Dr. Le-Cuu-Truong, Director-General of Health and Hospitals in Viet-Nam, as Chairman of the Technical Discussions.

The function of the Chairman is to guide the general discussions along the lines of the agenda, to assist the members to adhere to the schedule for discussions, to ensure that all members so desirous are heard, and to endeavour to effect a full and balanced discussion of the theme chosen.

¹ Resolution WP/RC11.R11, WPR Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 1962, 3rd ed., section 5.5.2 (8), page 19

Dr. Truong will make a statement to the Committee regarding the arrangements made this year for the Technical Discussions, the subject of which is "The Role of the Local Health Services in Leprosy Control."

7.2 Acceptance of the Programme for Technical Discussions
(Document WP/RC14/TD2)

Three sessions have been set aside for the discussions, the morning of Saturday, 7 September and the morning and afternoon of Monday, 9 September. Details of the programme are contained in document WP/RC14/TD2. The Committee is invited to consider the proposed programme and, if there are no objections, to accept it.

8. PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1965 (Document WP/RC14/3)

8.1 Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget

The Committee, at its seventh session,¹ decided that the establishment of a sub-committee on programme and budget, consisting of six members, plus the Chairman of the Regional Committee, should become a routine activity of the Committee. It further recommended that the membership of the Sub-Committee should be rotated among the Representatives of the various Members, subject to the provision that any Representative wishing to do so should be entitled to participate.

Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1960

Australia, France, Korea, Netherlands, Portugal and the United States of America (Chairman).

Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1961

Cambodia, China, Japan, Malaya, New Zealand (Chairman), Philippines, the United Kingdom and Viet-Nam.

Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1962

Australia, France, Korea, Laos, Philippines (Chairman), Portugal, Western Samoa and the United States of America.

8.2 Consideration of the report presented by the Sub-Committee
on Programme and Budget

The report of the Sub-Committee will be discussed in plenary session on Tuesday morning, 10 September.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF BRIEF REPORTS RECEIVED FROM
GOVERNMENTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THEIR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Governments may either submit short written reports in advance of the session or present their annual reports to the Committee.

¹Resolution WP/RC7.R7, WPR Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 1962, 3rd ed., section 3.4, page 20

Reports received in sufficient time will be mimeographed in English and French and distributed to all Representatives. The Chairman will make an announcement to acknowledge receipt of such reports.

10. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (Document WP/RCl4/2)

The report presented to the Committee contains information not only on the progress made over the year - and this has been considerable - but also draws attention to some of the major problems encountered. It is felt that it would greatly facilitate the development of the regional programme if there could be a frank discussion on the areas of weakness mentioned. The pooling of ideas and the sharing of experience would most certainly be beneficial both to health departments and the Organization.

Representatives of the United Nations and specialized agencies, other inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO, who wish to present statements to the Committee, will be invited to do so under this item of the agenda.

11. FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES (Document WP/RCl4/4)

This paper is presented as a sequel to the Technical Discussions held in Wellington in 1961 and is intended to provide a digest of all available information on the safety, simplicity and economy of fluoridation of drinking water as the most efficacious single measure against dental decay. It is hoped that discussions will take place on the possibility of introducing fluoridation in the countries and territories of the Region where the need warrants its implementation.

12. KURU IN THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (Document WP/RCl4/5)

In view of the fact that the Regional Committee is meeting in Port Moresby, it was felt that it would be of interest to Representatives to receive a report on "Kuru", which occurs in a defined area in the Okapa Sub-District of the Eastern Highlands of the Territory of New Guinea. In addition to the document presented, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the paper presented by Dr. D.C. Gajdusek at a meeting of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, which gives a clear assessment of the past and present position.

13. FACILITIES FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION (Document WP/RCl4/6)

During the thirteenth session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific Region, the Regional Director presented a report on "Facilities for Education and Training of Health Personnel in the

Western Pacific Region.¹ The Committee, reacting favourably to the report, adopted a resolution² requesting the Regional Director to prepare a consolidated statement of the facilities available for the education and training of health personnel within the Region and to distribute this to Member States. Document WP/RC14/6 contains all the information received to-date.

14. STUDIES ON CHOLERA EL TOR (Document WP/RC14/7)

The Regional Committee at its thirteenth session adopted a resolution³ requesting the Regional Director to collect information on the cholera studies in operation in the Region and on any future developments in this field. The document presented to the Committee contains a summary of the replies received from governments.

15. RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE THIRTY-FIRST AND THIRTY-SECOND SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (Document WP/RC14/8)

Document WP/RC14/8 contains the resolutions of regional interest adopted by the thirty-first and thirty-second sessions of the Executive Board and the Sixteenth World Health Assembly. A short note has been added in connection with resolutions EB31.R47, WHA16.17, EB31.R31, WHA16.23, WHA16.26, WHA16.27, EB31.R39, WHA16.31 and EB32.R11, as it was felt that the attention of the Committee should be specifically drawn to some of the operative paragraphs of these resolutions.

16. SELECTION OF TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE (Document WP/RC14/9)

Document WP/RC14/9 contains suggestions of the Secretariat as to the topics which might be considered for the Technical Discussions in 1964.

17. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT PRESENTED BY THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The report of the Technical Discussion Group will be presented in plenary session for consideration of the Committee.

¹ Unpublished document WP/RC13/8

² Resolution WP/RC13.R2, WPR Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 1962, 3rd ed., section 1.7.3, page 31

³ Resolution WP/RC13.R5, WPR Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 1962, 3rd ed., section 1.3.3.1, page 23

18. TIME, PLACE AND DURATION OF THE FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Unless the Committee decides otherwise, the fifteenth session of the Regional Committee will be held in Manila, in accordance with the past procedure that every second year the meeting will be held at regional headquarters.

The Committee, at its twelfth session, accepted the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea to hold its sixteenth session in Seoul, Korea.¹

19. OTHER BUSINESS

20. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The various decisions made and the resolutions adopted will be incorporated into a final report for approval at the last plenary session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

¹ Resolution WP/RCl2.R11, WPR Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 1962, 3rd ed., section 5.3.2 (12), page 7