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ANNOTATED AGENDA

1 FORMAL OPENING OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The retiring Chairman will open the session, which will start at 9.00 a.m., on Monday, 1 September 1975, and will be held in the WHO Conference Hall.

2 ADDRESS BY RETIRING CHAIRMAN

It is customary for the retiring Chairman to deliver a short address at the opening of each session of the Regional Committee.

3 ADDRESS BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Dr H.T. Mahler, Director-General, will attend this session of the Committee.

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

The officers of the 1972, 1973 and 1974 meetings were:

Twenty-third session - 1972

Chairman	:	Mr F.S. Cruz (United States of America)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Sivakami Devi (Singapore)
Rapporteur (in English)	:	Dr C.N.D. Taylor (New Zealand)
Rapporteur (in French)	:	Dr D.H. Silva Ferreira (Portugal)

Twenty-fourth session - 1973

Chairman : Dr C.N.D. Taylor (New Zealand)  
Vice-Chairman : Dr D. Singh (Fiji)  
Rapporteur (in English) : Dr Ho Guan Lim (Singapore)  
Rapporteur (in French) : Dr Phouy Phoutthasak (Laos)

Twenty-fifth session - 1974

Chairman : Tan Sri Dato (Dr) Abdul Majid bin Ismail  
(Malaysia)  
Vice-Chairman : Dr J. Dizon (Philippines)  
Rapporteur (in English) : Dr Peni Vuiyale (Fiji)  
Rapporteur (in French) : Dr J. Laigret (France)

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. It may, should the incoming Chairman wish, be postponed to a time later in the session.

6 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Documents WPR/RC26/1 Rev.1 and WPR/RC26/1 Add.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."

7 REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET, 1976-1977 (Documents WPR/RC26/2 and Corr.1, WPR/RC26/P&B/1, WPR/RC26/P&B/2 and Add.1, WPR/RC26/P&B/3 and WPR/RC26/P&B/4)

The programme budget estimates for the biennium 1976-1977 were presented to the Regional Committee at its twenty-fifth session in 1974. After endorsement by the Committee in resolution WPR/RC25.R17 they were transmitted to the Director-General, who incorporated them in Official Records No. 220 (Proposed Programme Budget for the Financial Years 1976-1977). The fifty-fifth session of the Executive Board, after considering the proposals in Official Records No. 220, recommended a budget for 1976 to the World Health Assembly by its resolution EB55.R15. The Assembly

approved the recommendation of the Executive Board by its resolution WHA28.60.<sup>1</sup> The budget for 1977 will be considered by the fifty-seventh session of the Executive Board in January 1976 and the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly in May 1976.<sup>1</sup>

Documents WPR/RC26/2 and Corr.1 present for review revisions to the 1976-1977 Programme Budget that have become necessary, for the reasons explained in document WPR/RC26/P&B/3, since the twenty-fifth session of the Regional Committee.

#### 7.1 Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget

The Committee, at its twenty-first session,<sup>2</sup> decided that the membership of the Sub-Committee (established in accordance with resolution WPR/RC7.R7, adopted by the Regional Committee at its seventh session) should "consist of half the Members<sup>3</sup> in the Region plus the Chairman of the Regional Committee and that it be rotated among the representatives of various Members, subject to the provision that any representative desiring to participate in the discussion of the Sub-Committee should be entitled to do so."

##### Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1972

Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, United States of America (Chairman) and Western Samoa.

##### Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1973

Australia, People's Republic of China, Fiji, France, Japan, New Zealand (Chairman), Republic of Korea, South Viet-Nam and United Kingdom.

##### Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1974

Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia (Chairman), Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, United States of America and Western Samoa.

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<sup>1</sup>In accordance with Articles 34 and 55 of the WHO Constitution until amendments adopted by the Twenty-sixth World Health Assembly have been accepted by two-thirds of the Member States of the Organization.

<sup>2</sup>Resolution WPR/RC21.R1, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 2.4.

<sup>3</sup>"Half the Members" means that half an odd number would be the next higher full number - e.g. one half of 17 is 9.

7.2 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 Saturday, 6 September.

8 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. Reports received in sufficient time will be reproduced in English and French and distributed to all Representatives. The Chairman will make an announcement to acknowledge their receipt.

9 NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (Document WPR/RC26/3)

In accordance with Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific Region, the Committee will consider this item, in view of its character, in a private meeting.

10 REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (Document WPR/RC26/4)

The report presented to the Committee contains information on the health programmes in the Region assisted by WHO during the period 1 July 1974 to 30 June 1975.

Representatives are invited to review the report section by section. Their comments will enable the Regional Director to obtain a clearer understanding of the needs of and problems facing governments and provide him with further guidance for the future.

11 RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS FIFTY-FIFTH AND FIFTY-SIXTH SESSIONS (Document WPR/RC26/5 and Add.1)

Document WPR/RC26/5 contains the resolutions of regional interest adopted by the Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions. Short notes have been added in connexion with the following resolutions as it was felt that the attention of the Committee should be specifically drawn to some of the operative paragraphs:

- (a) Organizational study on the interrelationships between the central technical services of WHO and programmes of direct assistance to Member States (resolutions EB55.R26 and WHA28.30)
- (b) Coordination with the United Nations system - general matters (resolutions EB55.R56 and WHA28.40)

- (c) WHO activities in regard to the development of methods of controlling the tropical parasitic diseases (resolution WHA28.51)
- (d) Mycotic diseases (resolution WHA28.55)
- (e) Mental retardation (resolution WHA28.57)
- (f) Control of sexually transmitted diseases (resolution WHA28.58)
- (g) Rheumatic diseases (resolution WHA28.59)
- (h) Fluoridation and dental health (resolution WHA28.64)
- (i) Utilization and supply of human blood and blood products (resolution WHA28.72)
- (j) Special assistance to Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Republic of South Viet-Nam (resolution WHA28.79)
- (k) The need for laboratory animals for the control of biological products and the establishment of breeding colonies (resolution WHA28.83)
- (l) Development of the antimalaria programme (resolutions EB55.R36 and WHA28.87)

The Committee may wish to establish a working group on malaria to give special attention to the situation in the Region and make recommendations for its consideration regarding the orientation of antimalaria programmes in the regional framework.

- (m) Promotion of national health services relating to primary health care (resolutions EB55.R16 and WHA28.88)

Document WPR/RC26/5 Add.1 has been prepared to assist the Committee in its consideration of the two resolutions.

- (n) Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion (resolution EB56.R12)

12 CURRENT PROGRESS OF PROGRAMMES RECEIVING WHO ASSISTANCE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION (Resolution WPR/RC22.R18) (Document WPR/RC26/6)

Document WPR/RC26/6 summarizes and evaluates the replies of governments to a questionnaire on the progress of long-term projects receiving WHO assistance during the period July 1973 to June 1974. It constitutes the third evaluation of the progress of this type of WHO assistance; the first evaluation, for the period July 1969 to June 1970, having been submitted

to the twenty-first session of the Regional Committee<sup>1</sup> and the second, for the period July 1970 to June 1971, having been submitted to the twenty-second session of the Regional Committee.<sup>2</sup>

13 DENGUE HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER: PROVISION FOR ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCIES  
(Document WPR/RC26/7)

Following recent outbreaks of dengue fever/dengue haemorrhagic fever in many areas of the Region, WHO provided technical assistance in the control of the vector mosquitoes. It was found, however, that the equipment and insecticides needed to carry out the task effectively were not always available locally for immediate use. Since WHO has not been able to hold a stock of such items because of budgetary restrictions limiting their purchase, the approval of the Committee is being requested to place US\$10 000 in the List of Additional Projects for 1976 and future years for the purchase of ULV ground application machines and small quantities of insecticides to be made available in emergencies, to governments in the Region on request, for the control of outbreaks.

14 INFANT NUTRITION AND BREAST-FEEDING (Resolution WPR/RC25.R10)  
(Document WPR/RC26/8)

This item, suggested for inclusion in the provisional agenda by the Government of the United Kingdom with special reference to its being found a useful basis for action by health administrators in the Region, will be introduced by the Representative of the United Kingdom.

Document WPR/RC26/8 contains a brief report on progress since the Committee adopted resolution WPR/RC25.R10<sup>3</sup> at its twenty-fifth session and outlines proposals for future action.

15 WHO'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH: GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF THE REGIONS IN RESEARCH  
(Document WPR/RC26/9 and Corr.1)

Resolutions WHA27.61 and WHA28.70 adopted by the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth World Health Assemblies and resolution EB55.R35 adopted by the Executive Board at its fifty-fifth session call for greater participation of Regional Committees and Regional Offices in the research activities of

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<sup>1</sup>Document WPR/RC21/10; resolution WPR/RC21.R9, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 1.1.3.

<sup>2</sup>Document WPR/RC22/12; resolution WPR/RC22.R18, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 1.1.3.

<sup>3</sup>Resolution WPR/RC25.R10, Report of the Regional Committee, twenty-fifth session, 1974, Part IV, page 37.

the Organization. Such participation is expected to promote better coordination between WHO Headquarters, the Regional Offices and Member States, avoid duplication and ensure that research is directed to priority problems in each Region.

Document WPR/RC26/9 describes the background to, and development of, the Organization's research activities, the current status of its research programme and the implications for the Western Pacific Region as its involvement in research increases.

16 DRUG DEPENDENCE (Resolution WPR/RC25.R3) (Document WPR/RC26/10)

Document WPR/RC26/10 contains a progress report of the action taken to implement the recommendations of resolution WPR/RC25.R3<sup>1</sup> adopted by the Regional Committee at its twenty-fifth session.

Representatives are invited to review the progress made and the proposals for future activities indicated in the progress report.

17 PREPARATION OF THE SIXTH GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK COVERING A SPECIFIC PERIOD (1978-1983 INCLUSIVE) (Document WPR/RC26/11)

Early in 1975, after consultations between governments and WHO Representatives, the principal and detailed objectives of WHO's programme in the Western Pacific Region for the period 1978-1983 were formulated in the Regional Office. In March 1975, these objectives were transmitted to a Secretariat Working Group, composed of Directors of Health Services of the six WHO Regions and Divisional Directors at Headquarters, for consideration in drafting the Sixth General Programme of Work.

As a result, a list of objectives for the Organization as a whole is now before the Committee as Annex 2 of document WPR/RC26/11 showing the priority tentatively accorded to each objective for the Western Pacific Region.

The Committee is requested to review Annex 2 of document WPR/RC26/11, together with the supporting documentation accompanying it, and to comment on the priorities suggested for this Region. The comments and priorities accorded to the programme objectives by the Committee will be transmitted to the Secretariat Working Group who will use them, with those from the other Regional Committees, to prepare a draft document on the Sixth General Programme of Work. The draft document will be presented in November 1975 to a Working Group established by the Executive Board at

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<sup>1</sup>Resolution WPR/RC25.R3, Report of the Regional Committee, twenty-fifth session, 1974, Part IV, page 31.

its fifty-fifth session for the purpose of preparing the Sixth General Programme of Work which will formulate the final draft for submission to the Executive Board at its fifty-seventh session in January 1976.

18 STATEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH WHO

Representatives of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO, wishing to do so, will be invited to make statements on the morning of Friday, 5 September.

19 SELECTION OF TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL PRESENTATION DURING THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE (Document WPR/RC26/12)

A resolution adopted by the Regional Committee at its twenty-fifth session decided that the Technical Discussions held up to 1974 be replaced by a Technical Presentation dealing with a special subject or health problem to be given by one or two recognized experts in the chosen topic.<sup>1</sup> Document WPR/RC26/12 contains topics suggested by the Secretariat for the Presentation to be made during the twenty-seventh session of the Regional Committee in 1976.

20 TIME AND PLACE OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH AND TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee at its twenty-fourth session decided that sessions of the Regional Committee could be held in another country if an invitation was extended by a Member State, it being understood that this would not happen in two consecutive years and that all other sessions would be held at the regional headquarters.<sup>2</sup>

At its twenty-fifth session the Committee accepted the tentative invitation of the Government of Japan to hold its twenty-seventh session in Tokyo.<sup>3</sup> If the twenty-seventh session is to be held in Tokyo, the Committee will no doubt wish to decide, in accordance with resolution WPR/RC24.R10, that its twenty-eighth session be held at regional

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<sup>1</sup>Resolution WPR/RC25.R12, Report of the Regional Committee, twenty-fifth session, 1974, Part IV, page 38.

<sup>2</sup>Resolution WPR/RC24.R10, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 4.3.3.

<sup>3</sup>Resolution WPR/RC25.R14, Report of the Regional Committee, twenty-fifth session, 1974, Part IV, pages 39-40.



headquarters in Manila. In the event the Government of Japan is unable to confirm its tentative invitation, the Committee is required to make a decision in connexion with the site of its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions.

21 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

A summary of the discussions and the resolutions adopted will be incorporated into a final report for approval at the last plenary session.

22 ADJOURNMENT