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ANNOTATED AGENDA

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

The formal opening will take place at the Dewan Tunku Abdul Rahman, Jalan Ampang, at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 2 September 1974. As the formal opening is arranged by the Host Government, details will be provided to Representatives on their arrival in Kuala Lumpur.

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 ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS: CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND RAPORTEURS

The officers of the 1971, 1972 and 1973 meetings were:

Twenty-second session - 1971

Chairman : Dr Tran-Minh-Tung (Republic of Viet-Nam)
Vice-Chairman : Dr So Satta (Khmer Republic)
Rapporteur (in English) : Tan Sri Datuk (Dr) Abdul Majid bin Ismail
(Malaysia)
Rapporteur (in French) : Dr Phouy Phouthasak (Laos)

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)

4 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.

5 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Document WPR/RC25/1 Rev.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".

6 TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

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 twenty-fourth session of the Regional Committee, has selected Mr Cheong Weng-Hooi, Chief Entomologist, Institute of Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as Chairman of the Technical Discussions, the subject of which is "Control of vector mosquitoes of dengue haemorrhagic fever".

Three sessions have been set aside for the discussions: the morning and afternoon of Friday, 6 September and the morning of Monday, 9 September.

¹Resolution WPR/RC11.R11, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 4.5.2.

- 7 PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES, 1976 AND 1977 (Documents WPR/RC25/2, WPR/RC25/P&B/1, WPR/RC25/P&B/2, WPR/RC25/P&B/3, WPR/RC25/P&B/4 and WPR/RC25/P&B/5)

7.1 Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget

The Committee, at its twenty-first session,¹ 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 Members² 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 - 1971

Australia, China (Taiwan), France, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and the Republic of Viet-Nam (Chairman).

Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1972

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

Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1973

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

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 Tuesday, 10 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

¹Resolution WPR/RC21.R1, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 2.4.

²"Half the Members" means that half an odd number would be the next higher full number - e.g., one half of 17 is 9.

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 REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (Document WPR/RC25/3)

The Report presented to the Committee contains information on the health programmes in the Region assisted by WHO during the period 1 July 1973 to 30 June 1974.

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.

10 RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS FIFTY-THIRD SESSION (Document WPR/RC25/4)

Document WPR/RC25/4 contains the resolutions of regional interest adopted by the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its fifty-third session. 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) Interrelationship between the central technical services of WHO and programmes of direct assistance to Member States (resolutions EB53.R44 and WHA27.18)
- (b) Health education (resolution WHA27.27)
- (c) The role of WHO in bilateral or multilateral health aid programmes (resolution WHA27.29)
- (d) Continuing education for physicians (resolution WHA27.31)
- (e) Coordination with the United Nations system: general matters (resolution WHA27.35)
- (f) Infant nutrition and breast-feeding (resolution WHA27.43)
- (g) Promotion of national health services (resolution WHA27.44)
- (h) WHO's human health and environment programme (resolution WHA27.49)
- (i) WHO's human health and environment programme: coordination programmes and action in the field of the environment (resolution WHA27.50)

- (j) Development of the antimalaria programme (resolution WHA27.51)
 - (k) Intensification of research on tropical parasitic diseases (resolution WHA27.52)
 - (l) WHO expanded programme on immunization (resolution WHA27.57)
 - (m) Coordination and strengthening of leprosy control (resolution WHA27.58)
 - (n) Prevention of road traffic accidents (resolution WHA27.59)
 - (o) Standardization of diagnostic materials (resolution WHA27.62)
- 11 DISINSECTION OF AIRCRAFT (Resolution WPR/RC24.R4) (Document WPR/RC25/5)

The Regional Committee, at its twenty-fourth session, adopted resolution WPR/RC24.R4 requesting the Regional Director to submit a report on the action taken by the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly on the adoption or otherwise of the vapour disinsection system and a statement of each country's position regarding this system.¹

Document WPR/RC25/5 provides the information requested. The Committee will note that 22 countries/territories have decided to adopt this system.

- 12 QUALITY OF WATER AND FOOD IN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION (Resolutions WPR/RC24.R5 and WPR/RC24.R6) (Document WPR/RC25/6)

As requested by the Regional Committee at its twenty-fourth session,² the Regional Director has submitted a progress report on the action taken by the Director-General and the Regional Director to improve the quality of water and food served on international carriers. Representatives are invited to provide information or to make comments on current practices in their countries.

¹ See Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 1.6.1 (2).

² Resolutions WPR/RC24.R5 and WPR/RC24.R6, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 1.9.2 (2).

13 DRUG DEPENDENCE (Resolution WPR/RC24.R8) (Document WPR/RC25/7)

The Regional Committee, at its twenty-fourth session, adopted a resolution¹ requesting the Regional Director to stimulate and develop activities in the field of the control of drug abuse and drug dependence; and to explore further the possibility of inter-regional cooperation with the South-East Asia Regional Office after completion of the pilot project and to submit to the Committee at its twenty-fifth session a report on the progress made.

Document WPR/RC25/7 contains a progress report of the action taken. The collection of epidemiological data has been initiated and arrangements are in hand to continue the programme through the recruitment of a long-term staff member and consultants, and through training activities. Some financial support has been obtained from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the Government of the United States of America and the Aw Boon Haw Foundation of Hong Kong, and liaison with the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia has been established. Information on drug dependence has been gathered from Member States and a summary of the findings is provided.

Representatives will note that the Region's programme on drug dependence is now under way. First indications are that alcoholism is currently the most widespread form of dependence, with the abuse of other drugs varying widely in different areas.

14 REVIEW OF THE FIFTH GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK COVERING A SPECIFIC PERIOD (1973-1977 INCLUSIVE) (Document WPR/RC25/9)

Document WPR/RC25/9 contains a report by the Regional Director on a consultation held in Manila during the last week of July. This was attended by the following:

Dr J.D. MacGregor
Director of Medical Services
British Solomon Islands Protectorate

Dr Raja Ahmad Noordin
Director of Health Services
Ministry of Health
Malaysia

Dr A. Acosta
Head Executive Assistant
Department of Health
Philippines

¹Resolution WPR/RC24.R8, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 1.7.4.

Dr Chang Dong Min
Director
Bureau of Medical Affairs
Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
of the Republic of Korea

Dr Truong-Minh-Cac
Director-General of Health
Ministry of Health
Republic of Viet-Nam

The purpose of this consultation was to review how regional activities have conformed to the fifth general programme of work of WHO for a specific period (1973-1977) and the progress made in implementing them. Guidelines laid down by a consultant to WHO Headquarters, Professor E. Aujaleu, formed the basis for the discussions.

The comments of Representatives are invited so that, with similar information from Headquarters and the five other Regions of the Organization, a report may be prepared for presentation to the fifty-fifth session of the Executive Board.

- 15 PROJECT SYSTEMS ANALYSIS: ITEM PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA (Document WPR/RC25/9)

This item will be introduced by the Representative from Malaysia.

- 16 CHOLERA PRECAUTIONS - IMPORTATION BY PILGRIMS OF HOLY WATER: ITEM PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI (Document WPR/RC25/10)

Document WPR/RC25/10 contains the text of a circular issued by the Ministry of Health, Fiji, to all public health officials regarding precautions to be taken in allowing pilgrims to bring holy water into Fiji.

- 17 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 Wednesday, 4 September.

- 18 SELECTION OF TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE (Documents WPR/RC25/11 and WPR/RC25/11 Add.1)

Document WPR/RC25/11 contains topics suggested by the Secretariat for the Technical Discussions which will be held in connexion with the twenty-sixth session of the Regional Committee in 1975. Document WPR/RC25/11 Add.1 contains a proposal from the Government of Australia.

19 TIME AND PLACE OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH AND TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee, at its twenty-fourth session,¹ decided that the twenty-sixth session of the Regional Committee would be held in Manila. It further 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.

No Government has yet extended an invitation for the twenty-seventh session of the Regional Committee. The Committee is required to make a decision in connexion with the site of its twenty-seventh session.

20 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT PRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The Chairman of the Technical Discussions will present the report on the Technical Discussions to the Committee at its plenary session on the morning of Tuesday, 10 September. The final report will be issued as document WPR/RC25/TD8.

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

¹Resolution WPR/RC24.R10, Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, 1974, 8th ed., section 4.3.3.