REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Forty-second Session

Agenda item 10

SUBJECTS FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND TECHNICAL PAPERS IN 1996 AND 1997
The Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) at its eighteenth meeting in 1994 selected the following topics for consideration by the Regional Committee in the coming years:

- Health Legislation
- Mobilization of the community in support of HFA, with emphasis on NGOs
- Role of academia and professional associations in support of HFA
  (including referral systems, maximizing the use of university students in support of country health programmes)
- Health ethics
- Cancer prevention and control
- Role of WHO in emergencies
- Appropriate health technology (including advanced health equipment, drugs, vaccines and biotechnology)
- Health in development - WHO visibility and leadership
- Collaboration for health for all (EMRO/countries and EMRO/other UN and non-UN organizations)

The Committee at its nineteenth meeting in 1995 recommended the addition of the topic, "Health education on sexual behaviour issues" to the above list.

Two of the topics listed above, Health legislation and health ethics, are being considered at the current session.

For the Forty-third Session in 1996, it is proposed that the Regional Committee consider the following topics for Technical Discussions and Technical Papers:

**Technical Discussions**

Appropriate health technology

**Technical papers**

Health education on sexual behaviour issues
Cancer prevention and control
Role of WHO in emergencies.

The Regional Director would appreciate selection, based on the reports of the RCC, by the Regional Committee of subjects for Technical Discussions and Technical Papers to be considered at the Forty-fourth Session in 1997.

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Keeping in view the current health situation in the Region, the Regional Director proposes the following items:

**Technical Discussions**

- Health in Development

**Technical Papers**

- Mobilization of the community in support of HFA
- Role of academia and professional associations in support of HFA.

A list of topics presented for Technical Discussions, Technical Papers and other technical subjects and discussed during the sessions of the Regional Committee from 1983 to 1994 is annexed.
Annex

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, TECHNICAL PAPERS AND OTHER TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, DISCUSSED BY THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FROM 1983 TO 1994

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

**Thirtieth session (1982)**

Continuing education for health personnel

**Thirty-first session (1984)**

Intersectoral collaboration in health development

**Thirty-second session (1985)**

Water, sanitation and health

**Thirty-third session (1986)**

Adolescence, health and social development

**Thirty-fourth session (1987)**

Health systems research as part of the managerial process in support of the strategy for health for all

**Thirty-fifth session (1988)**

Maternal and infant mortality in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

**Thirty-sixth session (1989)**

Healthy lifestyles

**Thirty-seventh session (1990)**

Programmes in support of health for all

**Thirty-eighth session (1991)**

Health economics

**Thirty-ninth session (1992)**

The impact of urbanization on health

**Fortieth session (1992)**

The role of women in support of health for all
Forty-first session (1994)

The role of the community (including NGOs) in AIDS prevention and control activities

TECHNICAL PAPERS AND OTHER TECHNICAL MATTERS

Thirtieth session (1983)

Regional strategy for the promotion of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade objectives

Review of the reports on monitoring progress in implementation of the strategies and plans of action for health for all by the year 2000

Study of WHO's structure in the light of its functions

Regional Arabic Programme

Thirty-first session (1984)

Women, health and development

Basic radiological system: the WHO approach to better population coverage with diagnostic radiology

Review of the progress in the implementation of the strategies of HFA/2000 and report on the evaluation activities

Report on the progress made in the activities of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (IDWSSD)

Thirty-second session (1985)

Update of the Expanded Programme on Immunization in the EMR


Report on the progress of WHO-sponsored research activities in the Region

Onchocerciasis control programme activities in Africa

Utilization of alcohol in medicaments

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Thirty-third session (1986)

Essential drugs

Health manpower development in countries of the EMR

Collaboration between Member States in prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade: progress report by the Regional Decade Advisory Committee
Thirty-fourth session (1987)

- Prevention of accidents
- Diarrheal disease control
- Progress report of the Expanded Programme on Immunization in the EMR
- Progress report of WHO-sponsored research activities in the EMR
- Progress report on health-for-all leadership development activities in the EMR
- Progress report on the development of Action-Oriented School Health Curriculum
- Progress report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)
- Development of national blood transfusion services in countries of EMR
- WHO's public image and advocacy for health for all

Thirty-fifth session (1988)

- Promotion and protection of mental health
- Management of WHO's resources and review of the Organization's structure
- Progress report on health manpower development in the Region
- Second report on monitoring progress in the implementation of HFA strategies
- Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome - progress report
- Poliomyelitis eradication in the EMR
- Traditional practices affecting the health of women and children
- Rational use of drugs - report on progress made and problems encountered in implementation of the programme
- Relations with NGOs at regional and national levels - review of experience gained

Thirty-sixth session (1989)

- Viral hepatitis
- Oral health
- Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) - progress report
- Poliomyelitis eradication in the EMR - progress report
- Report on progress of WHO-sponsored research activities in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
- Tuberculosis situation in the EMR
- Regional programme for emergency preparedness
- Monitoring progress in the implementation of health-for-all strategies
- Health systems research as part of the managerial process in support of the strategy for health for all
- Progress report: WHO's public image and advocacy for HFA
- Interim report on the Leadership Development Programme in International Health

Thirty-seventh session (1990)

- Iodine deficiency disorders in the EMR
- Malaria situation in the EMR - global and regional approaches and future outlook
- Progress report on maternal and infant mortality in the EMR - socioeconomic implications and urgent need for control
- Progress report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)
- Leprosy situation in the EMR
Technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC)
Emergency preparedness and relief operations in the case of natural disasters
Report on the Leadership Development Programme in International Health (LDP-1)

Thirty-eighth session (1991)
Health of the elderly and problems of the handicapped elderly
Integration into primary health care of: occupational health; safeguards against toxic effects of pesticide use; health laboratory services; and basic surgery
Development of national health information systems in the Region
Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) - progress report
Expanded Programme on Immunization in the EMR - progress report
Second report on regional evaluation of health-for-all strategies
Report on progress of WHO-sponsored research activities in the EMR
Interim report on the Leadership Development Programme in Health (LDP-2)

Thirty-ninth session (1992)
Zoonotic diseases
Advocacy of health for all among medical practitioners
Reduction in maternal and infant mortality - progress report
Promotion of healthy lifestyles - progress report

Fortieth-session (1993)
Leishmaniasis
Abuse of narcotics and psychoactive drugs
Malaria control in the Region - progress report
Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) - progress report
Polio eradication in the EMR - progress report
Report on progress of WHO-sponsored research activities in the EMR

Forty-first session (1994)
Sustainability of national immunization levels
Changing patterns of diseases and their impact on WHO collaborative programmes
Third report on monitoring progress in the implementation of health-for-all strategies
Diabetes prevention and control
The need for national planning for nursing and midwifery in the EMR
Tuberculosis control - progress report
Polio eradication in the EMR - progress report
Status of plague and methods of control
WHO response to global change