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REVISIONS TO THE PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984/85

The proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984/85 was developed during 1982 and presented in document EM/RC30(82)/3. The document was not discussed by the Regional Committee as it did not meet in 1982. The proposed programme budget for the 1984/85 biennium is the third two-year programme budget submitted by the Organization to its governing bodies. It also covers the first biennium of the Seventh General Programme of Work of the Organization which extends over the six years 1984/89. In addition it introduced a revised programme classification structure. The Regional programme budget document, as in the past, was prepared in collaboration with Member States, either through direct communication with the individual countries or through the WHO Representative and Programme Coordinator in countries where there is one. As a result special guidance from a great majority of the countries was received.

It will be recalled that the Seventy-first Executive Board and the Thirty-Sixth World Health Assembly reviewed the proposed programme budget of the Director-General for 1984/85 earlier this year and that the World Health Assembly approved it in resolution WHA36.33. This approval of the Director-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984/85 included the proposed programme budget for the Eastern Mediterranean Region as contained in document EM/RC30(82)/3 referred to above.

There is no formal requirement that regional committees of the Organization review a report prepared by the Regional Director on changes in the approved regional programme budget for any particular biennium. However, the Thirty-fifth World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA35.2, operative paragraphs 1 and 2, decided that changes in any biennial programme budget would be subject to a brief review to be undertaken by the Executive Board. The Assembly therefore requested that the Board in even numbered years review such changes as might have been made when it considered the reports of Regional Directors on Regional Committee matters requiring the particular attention of the Board. Accordingly, any reports by Member States of significant changes now anticipated to their programme of cooperation with the Organization for 1984/85 will be reported by the Regional Director to the Seventy-third Session of the Executive Board in January 1984.

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The Committee is now asked to note the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984/85 for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (document EM/RC30(82)/3) which the Committee has not had the opportunity to examine before. In addition, the Member States are requested to indicate any significant changes in the direction, trend or emphasis of programmes of cooperation with the Organization for 1984/85 now foreseen.