

PART III

EXAMINATION OF THE REVISIONS TO THE PROGRAMME BUDGET
FOR 1978 AND 1979

In accordance with usual practice, a Sub-Committee on Programme Budget was established to review *inter alia* the proposed revisions to the 1978 and 1979 programme budget. The Sub-Committee met on 2, 4 and 5 August 1977 and submitted its report to the Regional Committee (Annex 3).

The Sub-Committee noted with satisfaction that a substantial additional budget allocation had been made available for direct technical co-operation in 1978 and 1979 under the Regional Director's Development Programme. The Sub-Committee reviewed extensively the proposed utilization of these funds. During the course of its review, the Sub-Committee was able to increase the amounts available under the Regional Director's Development Programme by transferring certain provisions within the original allocation. The Sub-Committee also proposed that this increased allocation should reinforce activities directed towards primary health care, health manpower development (for primary health care), family health with emphasis on child health, and biomedical and health services research.

While reviewing the working paper on the 1976 financial implementation by countries which had been requested by the twenty-ninth session of the Regional Committee, the Sub-Committee noted that the overall financial implementation in 1976 had been favourable.

The Sub-Committee was informed of the new features in the programme budget preparation and the form of programme budget presentation that would be adopted for the biennium 1980-1981. In this connexion, it was noted that in 1978 the Regional Director would convene a meeting of representatives from all Member countries to review the parameters of the resource allocation formula. The Sub-Committee also suggested that certain working papers should be prepared, primarily on the inter-country programme, for the thirty-first session of the Regional Committee.

The minor revisions to the programme budget for 1978 and 1979 were noted by the Sub-Committee.

The Regional Committee approved the report of the Sub-Committee on Programme Budget and adopted a resolution to that effect (resolution SEA/RC30/R9).