

The Regional Committee,

Having studied the report by the Regional Director on "Costs of Meetings of the Regional Committee", submitted in response to the Committee's request in resolution WPR/RC21.R14,¹

Recalling its resolutions WPR/RC4.R3 of September 1953 and WPR/RC19.R4 of October 1968;

Noting that it is not the practice of most other Regional Committees to require host governments to meet in their entirety the extra costs of holding the Regional Committee outside of the regional headquarters;

Recognizing that requiring host governments to meet all extra costs of holding the Regional Committee meeting outside regional headquarters has deprived the Committee of the opportunity to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the health situations and health problems of the peoples of the Region;

Considering that the Twenty-fourth World Health Assembly (May 1971) has already appropriated funds for the 1972 estimated costs of holding the Regional Committee meeting in Manila,

1. DECIDES that, for future years, and to the extent that the host government is unable to meet the additional expenses of meetings of the Regional Committee held outside the regional office headquarters, such costs may be met by the budget of the Organization;
2. CALLS on each host government to provide the local facilities and to pay as much as possible of the additional expenses of meetings of the Regional Committee held on its territory, particularly that part which can be met in its national currency;

¹ Document WPR/RC22/11.

3. REQUESTS governments wishing to serve as host to the regional committee meeting to issue their invitations two years in advance of the committee meeting in order to enable the Regional Director, if the invitation is accepted by the Regional Committee, to include costs which may have to be borne by the Organization in his budget proposals to the Director-General.

Seventh meeting, 27 September 1971.