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REAL ESTATE FUND: ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC

Resolution EB65.R15 adopted by the Executive Board at its sixty-fifth session requested the Director-General to report to its sixty-seventh session in January 1981 the short-term and long-term accommodation requirements of the Organization at Headquarters and in the regional offices.

Article 50 of the WHO Constitution stipulates that one of the functions of a regional committee shall be "to supervise the activities of the regional office". Accommodation requirements of a regional office are based on its activities. The accommodation requirements of the Regional Office are therefore presented to the Regional Committee in this document.

1. In operative paragraph 3 of resolution EB65.R15,¹ the Executive Board requested the Director-General "to examine the short- and long-term accommodation requirements of the Organization at headquarters and in the regional offices and to submit a report on this matter to the sixty-seventh session of the Executive Board", to be held in January 1981.

2. Projections of the accommodation requirements of a regional office are largely based on projections of its future activities and Article 50 of the Constitution stipulates that one of the functions of a regional committee shall be "to supervise the activities of the regional office."² It is, therefore, appropriate that all the accommodation requirements, both short-term and long-term, of the Regional Office for the Western Pacific should first be reviewed by the Regional Committee.

3. During the period 1 June 1974 to 31 May 1980 the accommodation requirements of the Regional Office were fulfilled as follows:

(a) Extension of the building of the Regional Office was approved by the World Health Assembly in 1976.³ Construction was completed in April 1978 at a total cost of US\$538 638.

(b) The central air-conditioning system of the main building, which was installed in 1958, was completely replaced early in 1980, in accordance with resolution WHA23.14,⁴ at a total cost of US\$128 486.

(c) Installation of automatic fire detection and control equipment, authorized by the World Health Assembly⁵ was completed in 1978 at a total cost of US\$25 097.

(d) To meet the space requirements of the Regional Office, the World Health Assembly authorized the addition of two floors to the present annex building which would give the Regional Office space for additional offices and meeting rooms and one floor to the supply storage building, within an estimated cost of US\$1 367 000 (see Annex 1). An additional covered parking space has also been provided for. Construction is expected to start in the near future and will take about eight months to complete.

¹Executive Board, sixty-fifth session: Resolutions and decisions (WHO document EB65/1980/REC/1), page 17.

²WHO Basic Documents, 30th ed., 1980, page 12.

³See resolution WHA29.28, WHO Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, Vol. II, 3rd ed., 1979, page 190.

⁴WHO Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, Vol. I, 1973, page 406.

⁵See resolution WHA27.16, WHO Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, Vol. II, 3rd ed., 1979, page 189.

4. As far as can be foreseen, no further space will be required at the Regional Office for the next ten years following completion of the construction outlined in paragraph 3(d) above. However, should the present rate of growth of the programme of the Region increase significantly, it would become necessary to reassess accommodation requirements.

RESOLUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

THIRTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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REAL ESTATE FUND

The Thirty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution EB65.R15 and the report of the Director-General on the status of projects financed from the Real Estate Fund and the estimated requirements of the Fund for the period 1 June 1980 to 31 May 1981;¹

Recognizing that certain estimates in that report must necessarily remain provisional because of the continuing fluctuation in exchange rates;

Noting in particular that it is now necessary to undertake a further extension to the building of the Regional Office for the Western Pacific;

1. AUTHORIZES the financing from the Real Estate Fund of the projects envisaged in the Director-General's report at the following estimated costs:

	US\$
Extension of the Regional Office for the Western Pacific ...	1 367 000
Demolition of part of building "V" at headquarters and the construction of a new outer wall	115 000
Construction of an additional car parking area at headquarters	85 000

2. APPROPRIATES to the Real Estate Fund, from casual income, the sum of US\$ 1 290 000.

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¹Document EB65/1980/REC/1, Annex 7.