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NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Article 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization provides that the head of the regional office shall be the Regional Director appointed by the Executive Board in agreement with the regional committee.¹

Following the appointment of Dr Hiroshi Nakajima at the Forty-first World Health Assembly in May 1988 as Director-General, effective 21 July 1988,² the post of Regional Director became vacant at that date, that is prior to the normal date at which the post would have become vacant fixed at 30 June 1989. In the interim this post has been filled by the special representative of the Director-General until such time as the new Regional Director will be appointed by the Executive Board in January 1989.

To enable the Executive Board, at its eighty-third session, to carry out its task, the Regional Committee should nominate a person for the post of Regional Director in accordance with Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific. For the reason already explained above, the period of service of the newly appointed Regional Director will commence on 1 February 1989.

This item of the agenda will be considered in a closed meeting at approximately 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 15 September 1988.

¹WHO Basic Documents, 37th ed., 1988, page 13.

²Resolution WHA41.1.