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APPOINTMENT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

1. In view of the fact that the appointment of the present Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean will expire on 31 August 1982, an item entitled "Nomination of the Regional Director" was placed on the agenda of the thirtieth (1981) session of the Regional Committee.
2. This session did not take place. However, in order to enable the Executive Board to appoint a successor to Dr A. H. Taba, the Director-General decided to proceed with the nomination of the Regional Director by postal vote, as provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee.
3. For this purpose, on 9 October 1981 the Director-General addressed a letter to each Member State of the Eastern Mediterranean Region inviting it to submit by 9 November the name of the candidate it wished to be considered. By letter dated 16 November the Director-General informed the Member States of the Region that Dr Hussein Abdul-Razzaq Gezairy had been proposed. Accordingly the Director-General invited each Member State of the Region to proceed by postal vote to a secret ballot, using the voting ticket and the standard envelope annexed to the letter. Each Member State was invited to vote either for or against or to abstain by marking the appropriate box on the voting ticket and to enclose it in the standard envelope, which had to be sealed and returned in a further sealed confidential envelope, to be received by the Director-General not later than 14 December 1981.
4. On 16 December the opening of the envelopes and the counting of the votes took place at the headquarters of the Organization in Geneva. These proceedings were conducted by Dr Lidia Oradean, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board designated by the Chairman of the Board, in the presence of the Director-General, the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean and the Legal Counsel of the Organization. The Member States of the Region had been informed of the venue and the time of these operations and some representatives of the Governments concerned were present.
5. As a result of this ballot Dr Hussein Abdul-Razzaq Gezairy has been nominated for the post of Regional Director by the Members of the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Accordingly his name is submitted to the Executive Board in order to enable it to exercise its prerogative in accordance with Article 52 of the Constitution and taking into account Staff Regulation 4.5 which provides that the Regional Director shall be appointed for a period not exceeding five years.

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