

EB33.R26 Accommodation for the Regional Office for South-East Asia

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the accommodation for the Regional Office for South-East Asia; ¹

Recalling that, in other regions, the Organization either owns or is building its office accommodation, or occupies accommodation placed at its disposal by the host government, rent-free or for a nominal rental equivalent to less than one US dollar per year;

Recalling, further, that it has always been the understanding of the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly that the building for the Regional Office for South-East Asia will be leased to the Organization for a nominal rental,

1. NOTES the report;
2. EXPRESSES its concern that the established principle that accommodation for regional offices be provided rent-free or at a nominal rental by the host government be maintained;
3. EXPRESSES the hope that the Government of India may find it possible to adhere to this principle in any arrangements concluded for the occupancy of the excellent accommodation generously constructed by the Government of India for the Regional Office;
4. CONSIDERS that the Organization cannot accept the provisions of Article 12 of the lease agreement proposed by the Government of India; and
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to bring to the attention of the host government the expression of views at the thirty-third session of the Executive Board and to report developments in this matter to a future session of the Executive Board.