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SPECIAL PROGRAMMES:

UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/WORLD BANK SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH TRAINING IN HUMAN REPRODUCTION: POLICY AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE (PCC): REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT PCC IN 2009 AND NOMINATION OF A MEMBER IN PLACE OF MYANMAR WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON 31 DECEMBER 2009

The Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC) acts as the governing body of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction. The last PCC meeting was held from 18 to 19 June 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland. Its report is being presented to the High-Level Preparatory (HLP) Meeting.

At present, there are three Member states from the South-East Asia Region (Indonesia, Myanmar and Sri Lanka) that are members of the PCC. Since the term of office of Myanmar ends on 31 December 2009, the HLP Meeting may consider electing, in this session, one of the Member States of the Region to serve on the PCC for a three-year term of office from 1 January 2010. The recommendation of the HLP Meeting will be submitted to the Sixty-second Session of the Regional Committee for its consideration.

Background

1. The Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC) of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction acts as the governing body of the Special Programme and is responsible for its overall policy and strategy. For the purpose of coordinating the interests and responsibilities of the parties cooperating in the Special Programme, it:

- Reviews and decides upon the planning and execution of the Special Programme;
- Reviews and approves the plan of action and budget for the coming financial period prepared by the Executing Agency and reviewed by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) and the Standing Committee;
- Reviews the proposals of the Standing Committee and approves arrangements for the financing of the Special Programme;
- Reviews the proposed longer-term plans of action and their financial implications;
- Reviews the annual financial statements submitted by the Executing Agency, and the audit report thereon, submitted by the External Auditor of the Executing Agency;
- Reviews periodic reports that will evaluate the progress of the Special Programme towards the achievement of its objectives;
- Reviews and endorses the selection of members of STAG by the Executing Agency in consultation with the Standing Committee, and
- Considers such other matters relating to the Special Programme as may be referred to it by any Cooperating Party.

Composition

2. The PCC consists of members from among the Cooperating Parties as follows (Annex 1):

- (1) Largest financial contributors: eleven government representatives from countries that are the largest financial contributors to the Special Programme, including India and Thailand.
- (2) Countries elected by WHO regional committees: fourteen Member states elected by the WHO regional committees for three-year terms according to population distribution and regional needs. Three countries representing the South-East Asia Region under this category are **Indonesia, Myanmar** and **Sri Lanka**. In their election, due account is taken of a country's financial and/or technical support to the Special Programme, as well as its interest in the fields of family planning, and research and development in human reproduction and fertility regulation, as demonstrated by national policies and programmes.

- (3) Other interested Cooperating Parties: two members elected by PCC for three-year terms from the remaining Cooperating Parties.
- (4) Permanent members: the cosponsors of the Special Programme viz., UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, The World Bank and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Members of PCC in Categories 2 and 3 may be re-elected.
- (5) Observers: other Cooperating Parties may be represented as observers upon approval of the Executing Agency, which is the World Health Organization, after consultation with the Standing Committee. Observers may attend sessions of PCC at their own expense.

Action to be taken by the Regional Committee

Report on the PCC Session

3. The Regional Committee, at its earlier session, recommended that the PCC members elected by it should report to the Regional Committee giving a summary of the deliberation of the last PCC session attended by them. The report of the PCC meeting held on 18-19 June 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland is being presented to the High-Level Preparatory (HLP) Meeting for noting.

Membership from the South-East Asia Region under Category 2

4. The following table depicts the membership of PCC from the South-East Asia Region over the past few years.

Country	Period	Elected by	Paragraph of the Memorandum on the administrative structure under which elected
Bangladesh	1987-1989	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1990-1992	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2000-2002	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2006-2008	Regional Committee	2.2.2
India	1988-1989	PCC	2.2.1
	1990-1991	PCC	2.2.1
	1993-1995	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1996-1998	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1999-2001	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2002-2004	Regional Committee	2.2.2
Indonesia	1992-1994	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1995-1997	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1998-2000	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2001-2003	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2008-2010	Regional Committee	2.2.2

Country	Period	Elected by	Paragraph of the Memorandum on the administrative structure under which elected
Myanmar	2007-2009	Regional Committee	2.2.2
Nepal	1989-1991	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2000-2002	PCC	2.2.3
	2005-2007	Regional Committee	2.2.2
Sri Lanka	1988-1990	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1994-1996	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2004-2006	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2009-2011	Regional Committee	2.2.2
Thailand	1988-1990	PCC	2.2.3
	1991-1993	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1997-1999	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2003-2005	Regional Committee	2.2.2

5. At present, the three Member states from the South-East Asia Region that are members of PCC are Indonesia, Myanmar and Sri Lanka. **Since the term of office of Myanmar ends on 31 December 2009, the High-Level Preparatory (HLP) Meeting may consider electing, in this session, one of the Member States of the Region to serve on the PCC for a three-year term of office from 1 January 2010.** The recommendation of the HLP Meeting will be submitted to the Sixty-second Session of the Regional Committee for consideration.

6. In selecting a Member state, the HLP Meeting may keep in view that due account should be taken of a country's financial and/or technical support to the Special Programme, as well as its interest in the fields of family planning, and research and development in human reproduction and fertility regulation, as demonstrated by the national policies and programmes.

Category 1 – Largest financial contributors in the previous biennium

Canada
China
Flemish Government, Belgium
India
Netherlands
Norway
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Category 2 – Countries elected by the WHO Regional Committees

Armenia
Colombia
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ecuador
Equatorial Guinea
Indonesia
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Malaysia
Myanmar
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Syrian Arab Republic

Category 3 – Other interested Cooperating Parties

United Arab Emirates
Zambia

Category 4 – Permanent members

UNDP
UNFPA
WHO
The World Bank
IPPF