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**WHO SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND  
RESEARCH TRAINING IN HUMAN REPRODUCTION: POLICY AND  
COORDINATION COMMITTEE (PCC) – REPORT ON ATTENDANCE  
AT PCC IN 2005 AND NOMINATION OF A MEMBER IN PLACE OF  
THAILAND WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON 31 DECEMBER 2005**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

The Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC) of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction acts as a 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:

- (1) reviews and decides upon the planning and execution of the Special Programme;
- (2) 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;
- (3) reviews the proposals of the Standing Committee and approves arrangements for the financing of the Special Programme;
- (4) reviews proposed longer-term plans of action and their financial implications;
- (5) reviews the annual financial statements submitted by the Executing Agency, and the audit report thereon, submitted by the External Auditor of the Executing Agency;
- (6) reviews periodic reports that will evaluate the progress of the Special Programme towards the achievement of its objectives;
- (7) reviews and endorses the selection of members of STAG by the Executing Agency in consultation with the Standing Committee, and
- (8) considers such other matters relating to the Special Programme as may be referred to it by any Cooperating Party.

## 2. COMPOSITION

The PCC consists of 30 members from among the Cooperating Parties as follows (Annex):

- (1) **Largest financial contributors:** Nine government representatives from the countries which are the largest financial contributors to the Special Programme in the 2002-2003 biennium.
- (2) **Countries elected by WHO Regional Committees:** Fourteen Member Countries elected by the WHO Regional Committees for three-year terms according to population distribution and regional needs. Three countries represent South-East Asia under this category.

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, 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 co-sponsors 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.

### 3. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

#### 3.1 Report on PCC Session

The Regional Committee, at an earlier session, recommended that PCC members elected by it should report to the Consultative Committee for Programme Development and Management (CCPDM) giving a summary of the deliberations of the last PCC session attended by them.

The representatives from Sri Lanka and Thailand attended the eighteenth meeting of PCC held in Geneva on 30 June – 1 July 2005. A representative from Thailand reported on the deliberations to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of CCPDM, held in Dhaka on 5-7 July 2005. The Regional Committee may note the report presented to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of CCPDM.

#### 3.2 Membership from the South-East Asia Region under Category 2

The current membership of PCC from the South-East Asia Region is as follows:

Country	Period	Elected by	Paragraph of the Memorandum on the Administrative structure Under which elected
Nepal	1989-1991	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	2000-2002	PCC	2.2.3
	<b>2005-2007</b>	<b>Regional Committee</b>	<b>2.2.2</b>
Sri Lanka	1988-1990	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1994-1996	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	<b>2004-2006</b>	<b>Regional Committee</b>	<b>2.2.2</b>
Thailand	1988-1990	PCC	2.2.3
	1991-1993	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	1997-1999	Regional Committee	2.2.2
	<b>2003-2005</b>	<b>Regional Committee</b>	<b>2.2.2</b>

At present, the three Member States from the South-East Asia Region that are members of PCC are Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Since the term of office of Thailand ends on 31 December 2005, the Regional Committee may consider electing, in this session, one of its Member States to serve on PCC for a three-year term of office from 1 January 2006.

**Annex**

**Category (1) – Largest Financial Contributors in the previous biennium**

Canada  
China  
Germany  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
United Kingdom  
United States of America

**Category (2) – Countries elected by the WHO Regional Committees**

Cameroon  
Cape Verde  
Central African Republic  
Chile  
Comoros  
Fiji  
Nepal  
Sri Lanka  
Jordan  
Panama  
Papua New Guinea  
Slovenia  
Thailand\*\*  
Viet Nam

**Category (3) – Other interested cooperating parties**

Kazakhstan  
Sudan

**Category (4) – Permanent members**

UNDP  
UNFPA  
WHO  
The World Bank  
IPPF

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\*\* Thailand also qualified for membership in Category (1) and (2), and has indicated that it wishes to be a member of PCC in Category (2)