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**SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH
TRAINING IN HUMAN REPRODUCTION - MEMBERSHIP OF THE
POLICY AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE**

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:

- 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 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.

2. COMPOSITION

2.1 Members

The PCC consists of 32 members from among the Cooperating Parties as follows:

(1) Largest financial contributors

Eleven government representatives from the countries which were the largest financial contributors to the Special Programme in the previous 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 and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

Members of PCC in categories (2) and (3) may be re-elected.

2.2 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
IN RESPECT OF CATEGORY (2)**

The current membership of PCC from the South-East Asia Region under category (2) is as follows:

Country	Term of Office
Bangladesh	January 1990 - December 1992
Nepal	January 1989 - December 1991
Sri Lanka	January 1988 - December 1990

Since the term of office of Sri Lanka ends on 31 December 1990, 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 1991. In this connection, it should be noted that India's membership of PCC under category (1) will expire on 31 December 1991. Nepal

has already been elected under category (2) to serve until December 1991. Thailand's membership under category (3) expires on 31 December 1990. With the exception, therefore, of Bangladesh, India and Nepal, all the other countries in the Region may be considered for election.

In selecting a Member Country, the Regional Committee 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 field of family planning, research and development in human reproduction and fertility regulation as demonstrated by national policies and programmes.