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SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN  
TROPICAL DISEASES - JOINT COORDINATING BOARD -  
NOMINATION OF A MEMBER

A special programme for research and training in tropical diseases has been planned and initiated by the World Health Organization with the co-sponsorship of the United Nations Development Programme and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to stimulate and coordinate research and training in tropical diseases.

The programme, which is a long-term endeavour, has two principal objectives:

- (1) To develop for large-scale application, effective and low-cost methods to control, in the first instance, six tropical diseases, namely, malaria, schistosomiasis, filariasis, trypanosomiasis, leishmaniasis and leprosy, and
- (2) To train scientists and technicians and strengthen research institutions in the countries affected by the diseases, thus increasing the capability of these countries to deal with the problems of disease control.

For the purpose of coordinating the interests and responsibilities of the parties cooperating in the Programme, a Joint Coordinating Board has been established.

As per the Memorandum of Understanding on the Administrative and Technical Structures of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (document No. TDR/CP/78.5), the composition of the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB) is as follows:

"The JCB shall consist of 30 members from among the cooperating parties as follows:

- 2.2.1 Twelve government representatives selected by the contributors to the Special Programme resources.
- 2.2.2 Twelve government representatives selected by the WHO regional committees from among those countries directly affected by the diseases dealt with by the Special Programme, or from among those providing technical or scientific support to the Special Programme.
- 2.2.3 Three members designated by the JCB itself from among the remaining cooperating parties.

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2.2.4 The three agencies which comprise the Standing Committee.

Members of the JCB shall serve for a period of three years and may be reappointed.

Other cooperating parties may, at their request, be represented as observers upon approval by JCB."

At present, under Section 2.2.2, from the South-East Asia Region, the two Member States nominated by the Regional Committee to be represented at the JCB are Thailand and India. Thailand was nominated at the Thirty-third session of the Regional Committee in 1980 for a period of three years, i.e., till 31 December 1983, and India was nominated at the thirty-fifth session of the Regional Committee in 1982 also for a period of three years, i.e., till 31 December 1985.

In view of the fact that the term of representation of the Government of Thailand will expire on 31 December 1983, the Regional Committee needs to consider nominating a Member State from this region to serve as a member of the JCB for a period of three years beginning 1 January 1984. In nominating a member, the Regional Committee may keep in mind the criteria for the purpose, namely, that representatives should be nominated from among those countries directly affected by the diseases dealt with by the Special Programme, or from among those providing technical or scientific support to the Programme.

In the South-East Asia Region, the following Member States meet the above criteria:

Bangladesh  
Bhutan  
Burma  
India\*  
Indonesia  
Maldives  
Nepal  
Sri Lanka  
Thailand\*\*

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\*Currently Member of the JCB under para 2.2.2 above up to 31 December 1985.  
\*\*Nominated by JCB itself under para 2.2.3 up to 1986.

Representatives from the following Member States of this region have served or are serving on the Joint Coordinating Board:

Burma (nominated by the Regional Committee)	:	1978 1979 1980
India (nominated by the Regional Committee)	:	1978 1979
Indonesia (nominated by the Regional Committee under para 2.2.2)	:	1980 1981 1982
India (nominated by contributors under para 2.2.1)	:	1980 1981 1982
Thailand (nominated by the Regional Committee under para 2.2.2)	:	1981 1982 1983
Thailand (nominated by the JCB itself under para 2.2.3)	:	1984 1985 1986
India (nominated by the Regional Committee under para 2.2.2)	:	1983 1984 1985