

PART III

EXAMINATION OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET
FOR 1980-1981

A Sub-Committee on Programme Budget was, in accordance with usual practice, established to review the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981. The Sub-Committee met on 22, 24 and 25 August 1978 and submitted its report to the Regional Committee (Annex 3).

The Sub-Committee took note of the report of the meeting on resource allocation between countries, held on 28 and 29 February 1978 in New Delhi. It endorsed the conclusions of the meeting and recommended that the resource allocation parameters should be further reviewed and refined prior to allocating resources for the 1982-1983 programme budget.

A working paper on the financial implementation of the 1977 programme was discussed. The Sub-Committee expressed its satisfaction that the available financial resources had been fully utilized in 1977. It also agreed that closer monitoring of the current programme by the national authorities on the basis of similar information, which was available through WHO, would further improve the delivery of the programme.

The Sub-Committee also reviewed a working paper on the 1978 and 1979 inter-country programme which gave a clear picture of the interest and usefulness of these activities to Member countries.

The Sub-Committee noted that the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 had been drafted and presented in a new programme-oriented format as discussed and endorsed by the Regional Committee in 1976 and 1977, and that the distribution of resources complied fully with the recommendations of the meeting on allocation of resources between countries referred to above. As the proposals had been prepared in close collaboration with the Member countries, and as the flexibility in programme budgeting had increased with the new procedures, the Sub-Committee was in agreement with the proposals.

In resolution SEA/RC31/R2 the Regional Committee approved the report of the Sub-Committee on Programme Budget and requested the Regional Director to transmit the programme budget proposals to the Director-General for inclusion in the consolidated programme budget proposals for 1980-1981.