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REVISION OF RULES 26 AND 28 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
WESTERN PACIFIC (WP/RCl/2 Rev. 1, 24 May 1951)

Comparison of Present Rules of Procedure 26 and 28 with those which are
Proposed:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Rule 26:</u>	All elections and the nomination of the Director shall be decided by secret ballot.	"All elections shall be decided by secret ballot. However, except as concerns the vote required for the nomination of the Regional Director, an election may be held by a show of hands or by acclamation, provided that there is no more than one candidate for one elective office and that no delegate requests otherwise.
		The nomination of the Regional Director shall always be decided by secret ballot."
<u>Rule 28:</u>	When only one elective place is to be filled and no candidate obtains in the first ballot the majority required, a second ballot shall be taken which shall be restricted to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the Chairman shall decide between	"For the nomination of the Regional Director, the Committee shall establish a list of candidates whose names are selected by secret ballot and presented in alphabetical order. The Committee shall then select its candidate by secret ballot. For that purpose each member of the Committee shall write down the name of a single

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Present

Proposed

Rule 28 (cont'd.)

the candidates by drawing lots.

candidate which he chooses from the above-mentioned list.

The candidate who receives the least number of votes shall be eliminated at each balloting. There will be as many ballots as are necessary in order to reduce the number of candidates to two. Once the number of candidates has been reduced to two, there shall be no more than three ballots taken to secure a majority for either candidate, otherwise the whole procedure established by this rule shall start again.

The name of the person so nominated shall be submitted to the Executive Board, by the Director-General."

Remarks:

A certain degree of uniformity in the Rules of Procedure of the various organs of WHO (the Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committees) is deemed desirable.

The proposed revision of Rule 26 contains additional provisions which would serve to conform with the practice already being followed by the Executive Board.

The proposed revision of Rule 28 is to conform with the procedure established by the Executive Board in its resolution EBL1.R47 Rev. 1 (Annex A to WP/RC5/13).

The revision of Rules 26 and 28 is now being undertaken by all Regional Committees at the request of the Director-General.

The revision of Rules 26 and 28 is considered by your Secretariat not only important but also urgent.

This revision of Rules 26 and 28 of the Rules of Procedure at this session does not at all preclude further revisions of the Rules of Procedures as proposed by the Philippine delegation.

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