Technical matters:

Selection of a subject for the Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee

The attached document lists the subjects of the Technical Discussions held since 2001 in conjunction with the respective sessions of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia.

It also provides a list of proposed subjects for Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-eighth Session of the Regional Committee in 2015.

The High-Level Preparatory (HLP) Meeting held in the Regional Office in New Delhi from 14 to 17 July 2014 reviewed the attached working paper and made the following recommendation:

**Action by the WHO Regional Office**

1. The topic of “Strengthening community-based health-care services” is recommended as the subject for Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee in 2015. The recommendation for this topic will be submitted for consideration of the Sixty-seventh Regional Committee in September 2014.

The working paper and the HLP Meeting recommendation are submitted to the Sixty-seventh Session of the Regional Committee for its consideration.
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1. The following subjects have been dealt with in the Technical Discussions held in conjunction with the sessions of the Regional Committee since 2001:
   - 2001: Mental health and substance abuse, including alcohol
   - 2002: Management of decentralization of health care
   - 2003: Social health insurance
   - 2004: Emergency health preparedness
   - 2005: Skilled care at every birth
   - 2006: Promoting patient safety at health-care institutions
   - 2007: Nutrition and food safety
   - 2008: Revitalizing primary health care
   - 2009: Protecting human health from climate change
   - 2010: Injury prevention and safety promotion
   - 2011: Strengthening of community-based health workforce in the context of revitalization of primary health
   - 2012: Noncommunicable diseases, including mental health and neurological disorders
   - 2013: Universal health coverage
   - 2014: Covering every birth and death: improving civil registration and vital statistics.

2. In selecting a subject for the Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee in 2015, the following subjects may be considered:
   1. Moving from coverage to quality in maternal and reproductive health;
   2. Community-based rehabilitation: reaching the unreached;
   3. Making the Region free from TB by 2035; and
   4. Strengthening community-based health-care services.