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Technical Discussions:

Selection of a subject for the Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-ninth 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-ninth Session of the Regional Committee in 2016.

The High-Level Preparatory (HLP) Meeting held in the WHO Regional Office in New Delhi from 29 June to 2 July 2015 reviewed the attached working paper and made the following recommendation:

**Action by Member States**

1. Member States should convey to the Regional Committee the recommendation of the HLP not to convene Technical Discussions prior to the Regional Committee, beginning with the Sixty-ninth Session.

The working paper and HLP recommendation are submitted to the Sixty-eighth Session of the Regional Committee for its consideration.
Selection of a subject for Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-ninth Session of the Regional Committee in 2016

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
   - 2015: Strengthening community-based health-care services.

2. In selecting a subject for the Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-ninth session of the Regional Committee in 2016, the following subjects may be considered:
   - (1) Water, sanitation and hygiene in health facilities
   - (2) Ending preventable maternal, newborn and child mortality
   - (3) Making the Region free from TB by 2035
   - (4) Air pollution