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ORIGINAL: ENGLISH**SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER GOVERNMENT FROM THE REGION
OF THE AMERICAS TO THE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE WHO ACTION PROGRAM ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS**

The objective of the WHO Action Program on Essential Drugs (DAP), established in 1981, is to support Member States in ensuring the regular supply of essential drugs of acceptable quality and low cost, to help achieve the goal of health for all by the year 2000. The Program addresses the highly complex technological, social, political, and economic issues involved in the development and implementation of national drug policies.

The establishment of the Management Advisory Committee (MAC) was considered necessary for discussion of the managerial and policy issues encountered to ensure the continuity and coherence of the Essential Drugs Program, which has a wide range of activities funded primarily from sources outside the regular WHO budget. Terms of reference for the Committee were recently revised (Annex I). The Committee has the formal responsibility for advising the Director-General on the policy, strategy, financing, management, monitoring, and evaluation of the DAP.

With respect to regional representation, a system of "staggered" change of membership has been adopted to achieve a three-year cycle in which four out of the twelve regional members are replaced each year. The Regional Committee for the Americas selects two member governments, each entitled to designate a person to serve on the MAC.

The two countries currently representing the Region of the Americas for three years each are Argentina (now in its third year) and Mexico (in its first year). Attached for easy reference is a chart reflecting the above (Annex II).

The Regional Committee is requested to select a replacement for Argentina to serve for three years, from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1997. The terms of reference allow reappointment to the MAC. It is suggested that selection be made from those countries undertaking drug policy and program development.

Annexes

ACTION PROGRAM ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS

Terms of Reference of the Management Advisory Committee

The Management Advisory Committee (MAC) represents the interests and responsibilities of WHO's external partners collaborating with WHO in its Action Program on Essential Drugs. It acts as an advisory body to the Director-General of WHO, making recommendations on matters related to the policy, strategy, finance, management, monitoring and evaluation of the WHO Action Program on Essential Drugs (DAP).

Functions

- Review, analyze and guide the program of activities and related budgets of DAP and make appropriate recommendations to the Director-General;
- Review the arrangements envisaged by the Director-General for financing and managing DAP;
- Review proposed longer-term plans of action and their financial implications;
- Review financial statements of DAP;
- Review periodic reports evaluating the progress of DAP towards the achievement of its objectives and submit its findings and recommendations to the Director-General;
- Recommend ways of improving, as appropriate, coordination between the activities of DAP and of other relevant programs and organizations;
- Consider any other matters relating to DAP referred to it by the Director-General, the Director of DAP or any member of the Committee;

In carrying out its function, MAC shall be informed of all policy decisions and recommendations concerning DAP or WHO's Revised Drug Strategy (RDS) made by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board.

Composition

Members

- The government representatives of those countries which contributed funding in support of DAP's budget in the previous two years;

- Two Member States undertaking drug policy and program development from each of WHO's six Regions selected by the respective Regional Committees for three-year terms. Regional Committees, responsible for choosing representatives, should be asked to select from countries undertaking drug policy and program development;
- Major international organizations collaborating in the implementation of WHO's RDS, such as UNDP, UNICEF, UNIDO and the World Bank.

Observers

- Other concerned parties invited by the Director-General to attend as observers.

Members selected from the six Regions of WHO may be reappointed. The Chairperson of the MAC shall, in principle, be a government representative and shall be elected from and by members of the MAC for a period of two years but, while eligible for re-election, may not serve consecutive terms. The Chairperson shall preside over meetings of the MAC and undertake whatever additional duties may be assigned by the MAC, in agreement with the Director-General of WHO. Observers are encouraged to take part in the deliberations of the MAC.

Operation

The MAC shall meet once a year. The meeting shall concentrate on reviewing DAP's program in light of the financial support that will have been pledged and the past, present, and future coordination of external support for DAP's principal areas of activity (country support, development work, operation research, and management). The meeting shall also review and guide the following years' program and related budget. The MAC may also meet more often upon the proposal of either its Chairperson or the Director-General of WHO, and with the latter's agreement. The MAC shall decide its method of work, which may include the establishment of a number of functional subcommittees. All such subcommittees shall have an advisory role to MAC. Each MAC meeting shall elect a rapporteur from among its members who shall assist in ensuring that the decisions reached by the meeting are adopted and recorded before its closure. The MAC should, whenever possible, adopt its conclusions by consensus. The Director of DAP shall be the Secretary of the MAC.

For these purposes, the MAC shall be assisted in its endeavors by the provision by WHO of whatever secretariat and other support services may be considered necessary and reasonable.

**MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE ACTION PROGRAM ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS**

Regional Representation

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