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**SELECTION OF ONE MEMBER GOVERNMENT FROM THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS TO THE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE GLOBAL PROGRAM ON AIDS**

The Global Program on AIDS (GPA) is the component of WHO responsible for promoting, coordinating, monitoring and evaluating the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS.

The Global Program on AIDS Management Committee (GMC) acts as an advisory body to the Director-General of WHO, making recommendations on the program of activities and budget of the Global Program on AIDS (GPA), its financing and management, progress towards achievement of its objectives, and ways of improving GPA coordination with relevant organizations. The GMC represents the interests and responsibilities of WHO's external partners collaborating with WHO in the implementation of the global AIDS strategy.

The GMC membership includes:

- The governments of those countries which contributed undesignated funding in support of GPA's general budget in the previous fiscal year;
- Two government representatives from each of WHO'S six Regions selected by the respective Regional Committees for 3-year terms from among those Member States with which GPA is collaborating;
- The six major intergovernmental organizations contributing to the implementation of WHO's global AIDS strategy, namely: UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNESCO, World Bank, and EEC;
- The Chairman of the Global Commission on AIDS.

Other intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations deeply involved in the global AIDS strategy are, on request, granted observer status.

The terms of reference of the GMC and other background information are presented in the Annex.

The terms of reference of the GMC provide that governments selected by the Regional Committees shall be replaced on a rotating basis, so that four new members, or one third of the regional representation, shall be selected each year. In 1988, the Regional Committee for the Americas selected Barbados to serve a 2-year term of office, mid-1988 to mid-1990, preparatory to achieving a regular rotating cycle in the GMC. In April 1989, the terms of all current Regional members of the GMC were extended by six months to allow future terms to expire at the end of December. In 1989 the Directing Council of PAHO, acting as the Regional Committee of WHO, selected Mexico to a three-year term, 1990-1992.

In 1990 the XXIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, in its capacity as the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, reappointed Barbados to serve for an additional one-year term, which will expire 31 December 1991.

Consequently, in 1991 the Directing Council, acting as the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, must select a government to replace Barbados and represent the Region for the three-year period 1992-1994, consonant with the April 1989 resolution, which placed the American Region in Category E for terms of office. Thereafter, all Regional members of the GMC will be serving rotating three-year terms of office.

The following table illustrates how this three-year cycle is being achieved:

TERMS OF OFFICE

REGIONS	MEMBERS	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
A	1	=====**		+++++					
	2	=====**	-----			+++++			
B	1	=====**		+++++					
	2	=====**	-----			+++++			
C	1	=====**		+++++					
	2	=====**	+++++			+++++			
D	1	=====**		+++++					
	2	=====**	+++++			+++++			
E <sup>1</sup>	1	=====**	Barbados	///		+++++			
	2	=====**	Chile	+++++		+++++			
F	1	=====**		///		+++++			
	2	=====**	Mexico	+++++		+++++			

1 the Region of the Americas was placed in this category

==== indicates the original term of office of 1 or 2 years

\*\* indicates the 6-month extension

----- indicates the period for which elections for two years will need to be made as a transitional measure

/// indicates the period for which elections for one year will need to be made--unless a Regional Committee decides to reappoint the current member as a transitional measure

++++ indicates the 3-year terms provided for under the revised terms of reference

## GLOBAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the first meeting of the GPA Management Committee in November 1988, agreement was reached on revised terms of reference covering the functions, composition and operations of the Management Committee. The terms of reference are reproduced in Annex 2 of the report of the Management Committee (Document GPA/GMC(1)/88.1). They provide a general framework for the Committee's activities, leaving matters of detail to be decided in the light of experience.

### Composition of the Committee

The terms of reference provide that the Committee is to include "the governments of those countries which contributed undesignated funding in support of GPA's general budget in the previous fiscal year." The following clarifications are proposed:

- a) "contributed" - funding is considered as contributed on the date it is actually received by WHO or actually credited to the bank account designated by WHO for such contributions, whichever date is the earlier;
- b) "undesignated" - funding is considered as undesignated if it is not the subject of any legally binding condition preventing or restricting its use for any purpose that may be decided within the framework of the Global Program on AIDS;
- c) "fiscal year" - the year starting on 1 January and ending on 31 December.

With respect to regional representation on the GPA Management Committee, each of the six WHO regional committees is to select two members whose terms of office are increased from two to three years under the revised terms of reference. The first regional appointments, made under the original terms of reference, were for one and two year terms of office in order to achieve some continuity in membership. It will therefore be necessary to adjust the length of some terms of office at the next regional committee elections so that the "staggered" membership is maintained and the 3-year cycle is achieved. A procedure for this is proposed in this document.

### Observers

Representatives of governments and intergovernmental organizations not included on the Committee, as well as certain nongovernmental organizations, may, on request, be granted observer status. It would be desirable to agree on the role that may be played by observers and to give an indication of the way in which the request should be made. The following clarifications are proposed:

- a) Observers may, unless the Committee decides otherwise, participate in its deliberations, but may not take part in the formulation of its recommendations;
- b) Requests for observer status must be made in writing to the Director-General, for the attention of Director GPA, and must reach the Organization not later than one month before the opening day of the meeting.

### Officers

Under the terms of reference, the Chairman of the Management Committee should, in principle, be a government representative and is to be elected from among members of the Committee for a period of two years. An unclear situation could arise if the government the Chairman represented in the previous year is no longer a member of the Committee or if the government is no longer represented by that person. The following clarification is proposed:

The Chairman's period of office will come to an end if the government he or she represented at the time of election is no longer a member of the Committee or if the government is no longer represented on the Committee by the person elected. In such cases, a new Chairman will be elected. The election will be for a full two-year term unless the Committee decides otherwise.

The terms of reference do not provide for a Vice Chairman but consideration could be given to continuing the ad hoc selection of such an officer to assist the Chairman in the performance of his/her duties.

### Convening of Meetings

Twelve weeks before the opening day of a regular meeting, notices convening the Committee will be sent by the Director-General to its members. A general announcement, included in the Activities Update of the Global Program on AIDS, will serve as notice to the governments and organizations eligible to request observer status.

### Procedures

- a) Sixteen members--eight members from the category of contributors and eight members from the category of regional representatives--will constitute a quorum.
- b) For other matters, if more formal procedures are necessary, reference will be made to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.