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**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 (APED), established in 1981, is to support Member States in ensuring the regular supply of essential drugs of acceptable quality and low cost. The Program addresses the highly complex technological, social, political and economic issues involved in the development and implementation of national drug policies. In recognition of the sensitive and potentially controversial areas covered by the APED, the WHO Executive Board established a special Ad Hoc Committee on Drug Policies.

The establishment of a Management Advisory Committee (MAC), similar to that for the AIDS Program, was considered needed 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 approved at the Third Meeting of Interested Parties, Geneva, 25-26 May 1989 (Annex I). The Committee has the formal responsibility for advising the Director-General on the policy, strategy, financing, management, monitoring and evaluation of the APED, while the Executive Board Committee on Drug Policies would report to the Executive Board on any matter on drug policy referred to it by the Board. The Chairman of the Executive Board is an *ex officio* member of the MAC.

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 are Ecuador (1991 through 1993) and Argentina (1992 through 1994), the mandate for each country being three years. Attached for easy reference is a chart reflecting the regional membership of the Committee (Annex II).

The Regional Committee is requested to select one Member Government to serve for three years from 1 January 1994 through 31 December 1996. The terms of reference allow reappointment to the MAC. It is suggested that selection be made from those countries undertaking essential drug policy and program development.

Annexes

## ACTION PROGRAMME 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 Programme 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's Action Programme on Essential Drugs (APED).

### Functions

- Review, analyse and guide the programme of activities and related budget of APED and make appropriate recommendations to the Director-General;
- Review the arrangements envisaged by the Director-General of WHO for financing and managing APED;
- Review proposed longer-term plans of action and their financial implications;
- Review of financial statements of APED;
- Review periodic reports evaluating the progress of APED 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 APED and of other relevant programmes and organizations; and
- Consider any other matters relating to APED referred to it by the Director-General of WHO, the Programme Manager of APED or any member of the Committee.

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

### Composition

- The governments of those countries which contributed funding in support of APED's general budget in the previous fiscal year or which provided bilateral support to developing countries for the formulation or implementation of national drug policies in conformity with WHO's policies on essential drugs;

- Two Member States from each of WHO's six Regions selected by the respective Regional Committees for three-year terms from among those Member States with which APED is collaborating;
- The four major international organizations collaborating in the implementation of WHO's RSD, namely - UNDP, UNICEF, UNIDO and the World Bank; and
- The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Drug Policies of the Executive Board, or a member designated by the Chairman.

Representatives of governments and intergovernmental organizations not included on MAC as well as nongovernmental organizations involved in the RSD may, on request, be granted observer status.

The identity of those countries contributing funding in support of APED's general budget and those providing bilateral support in the above manner, and hence their eligibility for membership in MAC, shall be ascertained annually. Members selected from the six Regions of WHO may be reappointed. The four major international organizations shall be considered to have permanent seats for as long as they continue to participate in APED in support of WHO's RSD. The Chairperson of MAC should, in principle, be a government representative and shall be elected from and by members of 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 MAC and undertake whatever additional duties may be assigned by MAC, in agreement with the Director-General of WHO.

#### Operation

The MAC shall meet once a year. The Meeting shall concentrate on reviewing APED's programme for that year in light of the financial support that will have been pledged and the past, present, and future coordination of external support for APED's principal areas of activity (country support, development work and operational research). The meeting shall also review and guide the following year's programme 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 will 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, wherever possible, adopt its conclusions by consensus. The Programme Manager of APED shall be the Secretary of MAC.

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

Review

At the second meeting of the MAC, its terms of reference as set out above will be reviewed in the light of members' experience.

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MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION  
PROGRAMME ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS

Regional Representation

	MAC1 1989	MAC2 1990	MAC3 1991	MAC4 1992	MAC5 1993	MAC6 1994	MAC7 1995
<b>AFRICA*</b>							
Guinea	XXX	XXX					
Tanzania	XXX	XXX					
Uganda			XXX				
Zaire			XXX	XXX			
Zambia				XXX	XXX	XXX	
Zimbabwe					XXX	XXX	XXX

	MAC1 1989	MAC2 1990	MAC3 1991	MAC4 1992	MAC5 1993	MAC6 1994	MAC7 1995	MAC8 1996
<b>AMERICAS</b>								
Jamaica	XXX	XXX						
Bolivia	XXX	XXX	XXX					
Ecuador			XXX	XXX	XXX			
Argentina				XXX	XXX	XXX		
NEW						XXX	XXX	XXX

\* Selection after 1991 will follow alphabetical order, dixit cable from Regional Office for Africa, 26 October 1990, confirmed by 1991 Regional Committee at its thirteenth meeting.

	MAC1 1989	MAC2 1990	MAC3 1991	MAC4 1992	MAC5 1993	MAC6 1994	MAC7 1995	MAC8 1996
<b>EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN</b>								
Yemen	XXX	XXX						
Tunisia			XXX	XXX				
Syria			XXX	XXX	XXX			
Egypt					XXX	XXX	XXX	
NEW						XXX	XXX	XXX

	MAC1 1989	MAC2 1990	MAC3 1991	MAC4 1992	MAC5 1993	MAC6 1994	MAC7 1995	MAC8 1996
<b>EUROPE</b>								
Hungary			XXX	XXX				
Israel			XXX	XXX	XXX			
Turkey					XXX	XXX	XXX	
NEW						XXX	XXX	XXX

	MAC1 1989	MAC2 1990	MAC3 1991	MAC4 1992	MAC5 1993	MAC6 1994	MAC7 1995	MAC8 1996
<b>SOUTH-EAST ASIA</b>								
Bhutan			XXX	XXX				
Indonesia	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Bhutan					XXX	XXX	XXX	

	MAC1 1989	MAC2 1990	MAC3 1991	MAC4 1992	MAC5 1993	MAC6 1994	MAC7 1995	MAC8 1996
<b>WESTERN PACIFIC</b>								
Viet Nam	XXX	XXX	XXX					
Malaysia			XXX	XXX	XXX			
China				XXX	XXX	XXX		
NEW						XXX	XXX	XXX

**NB.** Representation at MAC1 (1989) and MAC2 (1990) agreed upon between the Director-General and Regional Directors. Regional Committees asked to select two countries from each Region for MAC3 (1991), from which meeting staggered representation commenced.