

1. DECIDES that:

- (a) should the timing of meetings of WHO's governing bodies remain unchanged, the fortieth session shall be held at regional headquarters in Copenhagen from 10 to 15 September 1990;
- (b) should the timing of the Forty-fourth World Health Assembly be changed to October/November 1991 and that of the eighty-seventh session of the Executive Board to May 1991, the fortieth session of the Regional Committee for Europe shall be held at regional headquarters in Copenhagen from 21 to 26 January 1991;

2. FURTHER DECIDES that the forty-first session shall be held in Portugal in September/October 1991 (if (a) above applies) or in January/February 1992 (if (b) above applies), for a period not exceeding five days.

**Annual Report of the Regional Director
EUR/RC40/R1**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the reports on the work of WHO in the European Region in 1989 and the first six months of 1990;

1. THANKS the Regional Director for his reports;
2. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the work accomplished by the Regional Office in 1989 and during the first six months of 1990;
3. ASKS the Regional Director to take into account the suggestions made during the discussion in the future work of the Regional Office.

**Mechanisms and Procedure for the
Selection of the Regional Director for
Europe
EUR/RC40/R3**

The Regional Committee,

Conscious of the vital role of the Regional Director in the work of WHO in the European Region and of the need to establish a clear procedure to ensure the suitability of candidates in terms of their personal and technical competence for the post;

Bearing in mind the discussions on the subject which took place at the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the Regional Committee;

Having reviewed document EUR/RC40/4 on the mechanisms and procedure for selection of the Regional Director for Europe, the evaluation of the experimental phase and the Consultative Group on Programme Development's comments thereon (document EUR/RC40/7);

1. APPROVES the proposals set out in document EUR/RC40/4 regarding criteria for candidates for the post of Regional Director and the selection process;
2. AMENDS Rules 5 and 47 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe as follows.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE REGIONAL
COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE**

Rule 5

At the end of the text, *add*:

"In the event that the post of Regional Director unexpectedly falls vacant, the Director-General may, in consultation with the Chairman, convene the Committee for the purpose of establishing a Regional Search Group and taking related decisions in accordance with Rule 47."

Rule 47

New paragraph

At the beginning of the text, *insert* a new paragraph as follows:

"1. At its session preceding the one at which a person is due to be nominated as Regional Director, the Committee shall appoint a Regional Search Group to make a preliminary evaluation of candidates for nomination in the light of the criteria specified by the Committee and to perform related functions as set out in this Rule."

Paragraph 1

In the first line, *replace* the figure "1" by "2" and the words "six months" by "eleven months".

Paragraph 2

Replace the figure "2" in the first line by "3" and the words "twelve weeks" in the fifth line by

"seven months" and *add* the following sentences at the end of the paragraph:

"This time limit may be extended by the Chairman of the Committee on the proposal of the Regional Search Group. Any such extension shall be communicated by the Chairperson of the Regional Search Group to the Director-General, who shall promptly inform the Member States of the Region."

Paragraph 3

In the first line, *replace* the figure "3" by "4" and in the second line, after the words "so requested", *insert* "within the time limit referred to in paragraph 3".

New paragraph

Insert a new paragraph 5 as follows:

"5. Not later than two weeks after the expiration of the time limit referred to in paragraph 3, the Director-General shall transmit a list of names and all particulars of candidates received to the Chairperson of the Regional Search Group."

Paragraph 4

Replace the figure "4" in the first line by "6". At the end of the paragraph, *insert* the following phrase:

"... as well as to the Chairperson of the Regional Search Group."

New paragraph

Insert a new paragraph 7 as follows:

"7. At the same time, the Chairperson of the Regional Search Group shall send, under confidential cover, the evaluation report of the Search Group to the Chairman of the Committee, to each Member State of the Region for the attention of its chief representative designated to attend the Committee's next session, and to the Director-General."

Paragraph 5

For the existing text, *substitute*:

"8. If within the prescribed time limit no proposals have been received in accordance with paragraph 3, and no request has been made by a person holding office as Regional Director for the Region as described in para-

graph 4, or if in the opinion of the Regional Search Group the candidatures submitted did not offer an adequate choice for the Committee, the Regional Search Group shall propose the extension of the time limit in accordance with paragraph 3. It shall take such action as it considers appropriate to identify potential candidates and report to the Member States of the Region on the results of such action. The Regional Search Group may also propose the name or names of one or more persons for nomination as Regional Director in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 3."

Paragraph 6

For the existing text, *substitute*:

"9. In the event that the post of Regional Director unexpectedly falls vacant, the Director-General shall:

- (a) designate a person to act as Regional Director until the appointment of a new incumbent;
- (b) decide, in consultation with the Chairman, whether a special meeting of the Committee should be convened as set out in Rule 5."

Paragraphs 7–10

Renumber paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10 as paragraphs 10, 11, 12 and 13 respectively.

**Cooperation with Countries of Central and Eastern Europe
EUR/RC40/7**

The Regional Committee,

Having studied the report submitted by the Regional Director (EUR/RC40/Inf.Doc./2);

Mindful of the continuing health problems which still exist in certain Member States yet noting with grave concern the gap in health status between Member States of central and eastern Europe and many other parts of the Region and the possible rapid further deterioration of the situation in the short term;

Aware of the fact that this situation can only be corrected gradually and on the basis of lasting international solidarity;