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**PROPOSED NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PSC**

1. In accordance with Rule 16 of the Regional Committee's Rules of Procedure, the Programme Subcommittee (PSC) is a subsidiary body of the Regional Committee established by the latter to study, report and make recommendations on matters to be discussed by the Regional Committee, advise and facilitate its work. The Programme Subcommittee shall:

- (a) Support the preparatory work of the Regional Committee by reviewing the draft agenda, working documents, reports, and draft resolutions submitted by the Regional Director;
- (b) Advise the Regional Director on matters of due importance that require consideration by the Regional Committee;
- (c) Advise the Regional Director on proposals for designation of Member States on councils and committees that require representation from the African Region;
- (d) Review and make recommendations on matters related to the WHO General Programme of Work, Programme Budget, and regional public health strategies, before they are considered by the Regional Committee. Additionally, the Programme Subcommittee shall:
  - (i) advise if the analysis and proposals put forward are in keeping with the expectations of Member States as well as regional and international health goals;
  - (ii) give an opinion as to whether the cost implications and needed funds are realizable within the time frame proposed;
  - (iii) determine if an appropriate monitoring and evaluation system has been established.
- (e) Recommend to the Regional Committee additional resources required by the Regional Office and propose a mechanism for Member States to contribute additional funding for the implementation of Committee resolutions;
- (f) Consider reports on the implementation of resolutions and advise the Regional Director on sunsetting of resolutions;
- (g) Examine reports on human resources and on the implementation of the report of internal and external auditors, advise the Regional Director on ways to prevent further audit queries and report to the Regional Committee;
- (h) Consider and make recommendations on any other programmatic, administrative, budgetary or financial matters that the Regional Committee may deem appropriate;
- (i) Make recommendations to the Regional Director on public health matters requiring immediate and urgent action;
- (j) Through its Chairperson participate in any other committee(s) requiring the input or participation of the Regional Committee; including coordination with the Coordinator of the African Group in Geneva on intergovernmental processes and negotiations at the global level;
- (k) Submit proposals to the Regional Committee.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

2. The Programme Subcommittee will consist of eighteen (18) representatives of Member States. Persons representing the Member States shall be selected from among highly competent technical and managerial officials in senior positions and with considerable experience in health development. In addition, three (3) members of the Executive Board from the African Region will participate in the Programme Subcommittee meetings. Membership, both for representatives of Member States and members of the Executive Board, shall be on a rotating basis following the English alphabetical order. No country shall serve simultaneously in the Programme Subcommittee and Executive Board.

3. The Regional Director may invite such persons as may be considered relevant in advancing an understanding of any particular agenda item(s) or technical paper(s) under consideration by the Programme Subcommittee as observers.

4. All members other than the Executive Board members shall be appointed by the Regional Committee and shall serve for a three-year period on the Programme Subcommittee, replacing six each year following the English alphabetical order. Members of the Executive Board completing their term on the Executive Board shall not be eligible to serve on the Programme Subcommittee until at least two years have elapsed. The order of succession in this case shall pass on to the next Member State in line, alphabetically.

5. A chairperson, vice-chairperson and three rapporteurs representing the three official languages of the Region shall be elected by the Programme Subcommittee from among the non-Executive Board members for a one-year period or two sessions of the Programme Subcommittee.

6. The Regional Director shall, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Regional Committee, convene a Programme Subcommittee meeting at least once annually for a duration not exceeding five working days. When necessary, ad hoc emergency meetings of the Programme Subcommittee shall be convened for a period not exceeding three (3) days.