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**DATES AND PLACES OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH AND FIFTY-EIGHTH
SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

1. In accordance with Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee and Procedural Decision No.10 of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee, the Regional Committee will take a decision on the venue of the fifty-seventh session at its fifty-sixth session. It is proposed to hold the fifty-seventh session of the Regional Committee at the Regional Office in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. The venue of the fifty-eighth session of the Regional Committee will be the Regional Office, unless a Member State offers to host the Regional Committee.
2. As regards Member States' requests to host the Regional Committee, it should be noted that the cost of holding the Committee outside the Regional Office is high. Furthermore, by virtue of Resolution AFR/RC41/R13, the additional costs of hosting the Regional Committee in a country other than that of the Regional Office shall be fully borne by the host country.
3. Should a Member State wish to host a Regional Committee, an agreement is drawn up between the host country's government and the World Health Organization, covering the following items which are required for the Regional Committee meeting:
 - (a) premises, furniture and equipment, including interpretation equipment required for the Regional Committee's work;
 - (b) lighting equipment, including maintenance, electric power supply and ventilation of the premises;
 - (c) staff for maintenance, cleaning and surveillance of the premises, installations, equipment and supplies;
 - (d) postal and telephone service, together with radio and television coverage essential for the efficient and proper coverage of the Regional Committee's proceedings;
 - (e) accommodation and travel expenses for the WHO secretariat authorized to attend the meeting;
 - (f) vehicles for transporting Member State representatives, members of the WHO secretariat, equipment, supplies and documents;
 - (g) national currency at the best rate of exchange and in the amount needed to meet the Organization's expenses in the host country.
4. The Regional Director deems it expedient to draw the attention of the Member States to the need to give full consideration to these commitments.
5. The Regional Committee is requested to endorse the venue of the fifty-seventh session and propose the venue for holding the fifty-eighth session.