

2. METHODS

Data on alcohol control policies for this report were collected from the SEAR Member States by means of a questionnaire designed by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse of WHO, Geneva. The questionnaire was sent to the Ministry of Health of each Member State through the WHO Country Office. The questionnaire covered issues such as price and taxation, restrictions on availability including enforcement, drink-driving and advertising. The same questionnaire had also been used by WHO, Geneva in 2002. Results of the previous survey have been published in a document entitled "Global Status Report – Alcohol Policy" (WHO, 2004b). The respondents in the 2002 and 2006 survey may be different. The respondents in the current survey were either the Ministries of Health or National Resource Centres dealing with alcohol-related issues in the country.

