Time and place of future sessions of the Regional Committee

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Background

1. According to Rule 4 of the “Rules of Procedure of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia”, the Regional Committee determines at each session the time and place of its next session.

2. The annual session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia takes place in early September. It is scheduled so as not to overlap with the dates of regional committee sessions of the other WHO regions.

3. Considering the proposals for venues and dates, the Regional Committee is requested to keep in view the relevant excerpts of the following resolutions of the World Health Assembly:
   
   (1) WHA7.26: “RECOMMENDS that, in deciding on the place of their meetings, regional committees should consider holding them from time to time at the site of the Regional Office, taking into account the costs involved for the Organization and the Member States concerned”;

   (2) WHA9.20: “INVITES the attention of the regional committees to the desirability of host governments participating in the increased cost resulting from holding regional committee meetings outside the regional headquarters.”

4. The Regional Committee is invited to decide on the venue and date of future sessions based on invitations received from Member States to host such sessions.

5. When no formal invitation is received, the Regional Committee session is held at the Regional Office.

Venue of the Seventieth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia

6. The Sixty-ninth Session is informed that in August 2016, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Maldives, H.E. Abdulla Nazim Ibrahim, Minister of Health, extended an invitation to host the Seventieth Session of the Regional Committee in September 2017 in Maldives.

Action for the Regional Committee

7. The Regional Committee is invited to consider and to formally accept the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Maldives to host the Seventieth Session in September 2017 in Maldives.