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The Regional Committee is invited to decide on the place and date of its Fifty-third Session in 2006 and may also wish to consider proposals, if any, for its Fifty-fourth Session in 2007.

Before doing so, the Committee is reminded of some of the invitations previously extended by Member States which were postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, namely from Kuwait, Qatar, Sudan and United Arab Emirates.

In considering such proposals, the Committee is requested to keep in view the following resolutions of the World Health Assembly and of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean:

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”;
3. **EM/RC6A/R.13: “CALLS UPON** Member States inviting the Committee to meet in their territories to make the maximum possible contribution towards this additional cost”.

Decisions taken by the Regional Committee for its venues in 2006 and 2007 will enable the Regional Director to make appropriate administrative and financial arrangements on a timely basis.

The Secretariat is at the disposal of the Regional Committee for any further details or clarification on this matter.