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**Nomination of a Member State to the joint
Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for
Research and Training in Tropical Disease**

1. Composition of the Joint Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases

The Joint Coordinating Board of the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) consists of 34 members drawn from among the cooperating parties as follows:

- Twelve government representatives selected by contributors to the resources of the Special Programme;
- Twelve government representatives selected by WHO regional committees from among those countries directly affected by the diseases dealt with by the Special Programme, or from among those providing technical or scientific support to the Special Programme;
- Six members designated by the Joint Coordinating Board itself from among the remaining cooperating parties;
- The four Agencies that comprise the Standing Committee (UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank and WHO).

Members of the JCB serve for a period of three years and may be reappointed.

From the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Djibouti, Islamic Republic of Iran and Syrian Arab Republic are currently JCB members. The term of office of Djibouti will expire on 31 December 2007 and it was informed of the mechanism for re-selection to JCB membership from 2008.

The Regional Office invited the Member States for apply to vacancies that exist under paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding (members selected by the Joint Coordinating Board itself). Cuba and Panama were selected under this paragraph. The Islamic Republic of Iran is the only contributor to the TDR resources from the Region (US\$ 20 000 in 2007).

2. Observer Status on the Joint Coordinating Board

Other cooperating parties may, on request, be represented as observers, upon approval by the Joint Coordinating Board. The Eastern Mediterranean Region Member States who have observer status are: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen.

3. Member States selected by the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean to the Joint Coordinating Board

The following Member States were previously selected by the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean to the Joint Coordinating Board:

Egypt	1978 – 1979 (2 years)
Pakistan	1978 – 1980 (3 years)
Iraq	1980 – 1982 (3 years)
Yemen Arab Republic	1984 – 1985 (2 years)
Sudan	1984 – 1986 (3 years)
Islamic Republic of Iran	1986 – 1988 (3 years)
Morocco	1987 – 1989 (3 years)
Somalia	1989 – 1991 (3 years)
Republic of Yemen	1990 – 1992 (3 years)
Egypt	1992 – 1994 (3 years)
Saudi Arabia	1993 – 1995 (3 years)
Tunisia	1995 – 1997 (3 years)
Islamic Republic of Iran	1996 – 1998 (3 years)
United Arab Emirates	1998 – 2000 (3 years)
Oman	1999 – 2001 (3 years)
Saudi Arabia	2001 – 2003 (3 years)
Kuwait	2002 – 2004 (3 years)
Bahrain	2004 – 2006 (3 years)
Syrian Arab Republic	2007 – 2009 (3 years)

As of 1 January 2008, there will be one vacancy from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to replace Djibouti, whose term of office will end on 31 December 2007. This vacancy exists under paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding (Members selected by the WHO regional committees). The Regional Office has invited the Member States to apply for this vacancy. The following Member States applied:

- Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Sudan
- United Arab Emirates
- Republic of Yemen

The Regional Committee is requested to nominate one Member State to serve on the Joint Coordinating Board for a three-year period, 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010.