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The Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP) was established in 1972 as the main instrument within WHO for the promotion, coordination and support of international research and development of technology relating to human reproduction and family planning for health.

The objectives of the Special Programme are to promote, coordinate, support, conduct and evaluate research in human reproduction, with particular reference to the needs of developing countries, by:

- promoting and supporting research aimed at finding and developing safe and effective methods of fertility regulation, and identifying and eliminating obstacles to such research and development;
- identifying and evaluating health and safety problems associated with fertility regulation technology, analyzing the behavioural and social determinants of fertility regulation, and testing cost-effective interventions to develop improved approaches to fertility regulation within the context of reproductive health services;
- strengthening the training and research capabilities of developing countries in the field of human reproduction; and
- establishing a basis for collaboration with other programmes engaged in research and development in human reproduction, which will include the identification of priorities across the field and the coordination of activities in the light of such priorities.

The Special Programme is structured on the basis of cosponsorship by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank, and operates within a broad framework of intergovernmental and interagency cooperation and participation.

The **Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC)** is the governing body of the Special Programme. It shall consist of 32 members from among the cooperating parties as follows:

- a) Largest financial contributors: 11 government representatives from the countries that were the largest financial contributors to the Special Programme in the previous biennium.

- b) Countries elected by the WHO regional committees: 14 government representatives from Member States elected by the WHO regional committees for a three-year term, according to population distribution and regional needs, of whom one representative will be elected from the Eastern Mediterranean Region.
- c) Other interested cooperating parties: two members elected by the PCC for a three-year term from the remaining cooperating parties.
- d) Permanent members: Cosponsors of the Special Programme and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

PCC members in categories (b) and (c) may be reelected.

The 11 major donors to the Special Programme in the last biennium were: Argentina, Australia, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The following Member States were previously nominated by the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean as members of the PCC:

Tunisia (January 1985 - December 1987)  
Morocco (January 1988 - December 1990)  
Islamic Republic of Iran (January 1991 - December 1993)

As the term of office of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be coming to an end on 31 December 1993, the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean is therefore kindly requested to elect from among Member States of the Region, one member for category (b) of the PCC to serve for a three-year period commencing 1 January 1994.

Election should take into account a country's interest in the field of family planning for health, research and development in human reproduction and fertility regulation, as demonstrated by national policies and programmes.

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The Regional Committee nominated  
to serve as a member of the Policy and Coordination Committee of the  
Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human  
Reproduction for a three-year term from 1 January 1994 to  
31 December 1996.