



REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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PLACE AND DATE OF THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

1. The Regional Committee is invited to decide on the place of the Forty-second Session and any future sessions.
2. In this connection, it might be recalled that the Regional Committee had earlier received invitations to hold sessions in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Sudan. However, for various compelling reasons, the three Governments had requested deferment of their invitations.
3. Accordingly, the Regional Committee, at its Fortieth Session in 1993, decided to hold its Forty-first Session in Alexandria, at the headquarters of the Regional Office, unless an invitation was received from a Member State for hosting it (resolution EM/RC40/R.16). At the kind invitation of the Government of Bahrain and following consultation with the Chairman of the Fortieth Session, the Forty-first session is being held in Manama, Bahrain, from 2 to 5 October 1994.
4. In taking a decision on this matter, the Regional Committee might like to keep in view the resolution of the Ninth World Health Assembly (WHA9.20) which "... INVITES the attention of the regional committees to the desirability of host governments participating in the cost resulting from holding regional committee meetings outside the regional headquarters ...". Similarly, resolution EM/RC6A/R.13 of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean "... CALLS UPON Member States inviting the Committee to meet in their territories to make the maximum possible contribution towards this additional cost".
5. The Secretariat is at the disposal of members of the Regional Committee for any further details or clarification on this matter.