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

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

The Joint Coordinating Board of the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) consists of 31 members drawn from among the cooperating parties as follows:

- Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding: these are 12 government representatives selected by contributors to the resources of the Special Programme;
- Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding: these are 12 government representatives selected by WHO's 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. From the Region, Kuwait is a member until 31 December 2004, and Bahrain until 31 December 2006;
- Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding: these are three members designated by the Joint Coordinating Board itself from among the remaining cooperating parties. From the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Islamic Republic of Iran is a member until 31 December 2006;
- The four agencies that comprise the Standing Committee (UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank and WHO).

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, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Republic of 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 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)

As of 1 January 2005, there will be one vacancy from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to replace Kuwait, whose term of office will end on 31 December 2004. In this connection, eligible Eastern Mediterranean Region countries were invited to express their wish to apply for this vacancy. The following countries applied:

- Djibouti
- Palestine
- Oman
- Egypt
- Jordan
- Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- United Arab Emirates
- Morocco

The Regional Committee is requested to nominate one Member State to serve on the Joint Coordinating Board for a three-year period, 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2007.