Note on the Membership of the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB)

Agenda item: 10.1

Action / Information: JCB is invited to designate JCB membership from 1 January 2024

Purpose: This document presents the applications received for JCB membership from 1 January 2024 under paragraph 2.2.3 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding.
Selection for membership of the Joint Coordinating Board from 2024 is due under paragraph 2.2.3 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding:

- paragraph 2.2.1 (government representatives selected by the contributors to the Special Programme resources) – no vacancies occurring in 2024.
- paragraph 2.2.2 (government representatives selected by the WHO Regional Committees) – no vacancies occurring in 2024.\(^1\)
- paragraph 2.2.3 (members designated by the JCB itself from among the remaining Cooperating Parties) – two vacancies occurring in 2024.

**Applications received under paragraph 2.2.3:**

Two applications were received by the applicable deadline, i.e. 15 April 2023, from the Governments of Cuba and Sri Lanka.

A third application was received from the Philippines as follows:

- The application from the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Department of Health of the Philippines, was received on 15 April 2023.
- The Department of Health of the Office of the Secretary of the Philippines submitted a letter of endorsement of such application on 9 May 2023, i.e. after the applicable deadline for submitting applications.

**Next steps:**

Details of the procedures and current membership for all three membership categories under the TDR Memorandum of Understanding are shown in this document, together with the list of candidatures received under paragraph 2.2.3.

JCB46 will be invited to designate two new members under paragraph 2.2.3 from among the applications mentioned under section 3.3 below.

**Special circumstances:**

In light of the information provided above concerning the applications received under paragraph 2.2.3, the JCB is invited to consider and decide on the receivability of the application submitted by the Philippines.

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\(^1\) The Member State selected by the Regional Committee in 2022 to represent the WHO African Region for the period 2023–2026, has not yet been confirmed.
1. **Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.1 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding**  
   (government representatives selected by the contributors to the Special Programme resources)

No selection for membership of the JCB from 2024 is due under paragraph 2.2.1 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding.

The current membership under paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding is as follows:

- Belgium to 31 December 2026
- China to 31 December 2026
- Japan to 31 December 2026
- Malaysia to 31 December 2025
- Mexico to 31 December 2025
- Nigeria to 31 December 2026
- Sweden to 31 December 2026
- Switzerland to 31 December 2025
- Germany and Luxembourg Constituency to 31 December 2025
- India and Thailand Constituency to 31 December 2025
- Panama and Spain Constituency to 31 December 2025
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America Constituency to 31 December 2025

2. **Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding**  
   (government representatives selected by the WHO Regional Committees)

No selection for membership of the JCB from 2024 is due under paragraph 2.2.2 of the TDR Memorandum of Understanding.

The current membership under paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding is as follows:

- Bangladesh to 31 December 2026
- Guatemala to 31 December 2026
- Kyrgyzstan to 31 December 2026
- Morocco to 31 December 2026
- Republic of Korea to 31 December 2026
3. **Members designated according to paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding**  
   (members designated by the JCB itself from among the remaining Cooperating Parties)

3.1 **Rules of procedure**

   Applications for membership under paragraph 2.2.3 should be submitted by Cooperating Parties to the Special Programme Coordinator in writing at least 60 days before the next scheduled session of the JCB. Applications are valid for consideration by the JCB at one session only and cannot be carried over to subsequent sessions.

   Voting rights are extended to JCB members.

   The rules of procedure under paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding are contained in the Reports of the First and Fourth Sessions of the JCB.

   The selection of the Cooperating Parties to fill the two vacancies which will occur in January 2024 under paragraph 2.2.3 will be made by JCB46 under item 10.1 of its Agenda.

3.2 **Current membership under paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding**

   - Burkina Faso to 31 December 2025
   - Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi) to 31 December 2025
   - FIOCRUZ to 31 December 2025
   - * Peru to 31 December 2023
   - * Sri Lanka to 31 December 2023
   - Zambia to 31 December 2025

3.3 **List of written applications submitted for membership (or continuation of membership) under paragraph 2.2.3 by 15 April 2023 – 60 days before the forty-sixth Session of the JCB**

   - Cuba
   - Philippines, subject to the JCB’s determination of the receivability of the application
   - Sri Lanka

* Membership expires on 31 December 2023.
3.4 Adherence to the 60-day deadline

In the past, with the exception of special circumstances, the JCB has adhered to the 60-day deadline and has not considered applications received after the deadline.

As mentioned above, the application from the Philippines was as follows:

- The application from the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Department of Health of the Philippines, was received on 15 April 2023.

- The Department of Health of the Office of the Secretary of the Philippines submitted a letter of endorsement of such application on 9 May 2023, i.e. after the applicable deadline for submitting applications.

The JCB is therefore invited to consider and decide on the receivability of the application submitted by the Philippines.