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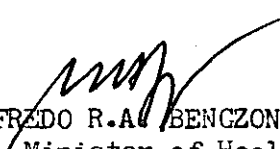
TO : All Bureau Directors, Chiefs of Offices
and Services, Regional Health Directors,
Chiefs of Integrated Provincial Health
Offices, Chiefs of Hospitals and all other
health personnel concerned.

SUBJECT : Global Implementation of WHO Non- Smoking
Policy

For the information of all concerned, attached is a letter dated 9 September 1986 from the Office of the WHO Representative and Programme Coordinator in the Philippines expressing the concern and desire of WHO for an aggressive global implementation of its non-smoking policy, with a reminder that tobacco is harmful to health.

A request is made that this policy be extended to include workshops or meetings organized by WHO.

Strict compliance herewith is enjoined.


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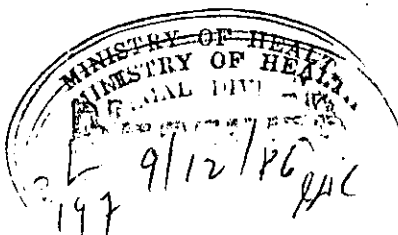
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In reply please refer to: WR/86/628



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Dear Dr Acosta,

I have pleasure in informing you that over the last three years, WHO has been conducting an aggressive programme to collaborate with Member Governments in implementing smoking control strategies. The last World Health Assembly passed Resolution WHA39.14 calling on the Organization to reiterate its clear and firm policy on tobacco versus health, wherein the Director-General was, inter alia, requested to ensure that WHO plays an effective global advocacy role in tobacco and health issues and that, in common with other health institutions, it plays an exemplary role in non-smoking practices.

Therefore, the Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, has decided that WPRO should adopt a non-smoking policy within its premises, including offices of WHO Representatives.

In this connexion, I would appreciate it if this policy could be further extended to include workshops or meetings organized by WHO.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hu Ching-Li".

Dr Hu Ching-Li
WHO Representative

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