Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution: Special arrangements for settlement of arrears

The Executive Board,

RESPONDING to the suggestion at the Fifty-third World Health Assembly that the Executive Board should propose a standard procedure for handling requests from Member States for special arrangements for the settlement of arrears in the payment of assessed contributions;¹

DECIDES to recommend to the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

RECALLING previous resolutions of the Health Assembly concerning Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution and, in particular, resolutions WHA8.13 and WHA41.7;

INVITES Members that are in arrears to an extent which would invoke the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution, or that anticipate difficulties in meeting their obligations to the Organization, to contact the Director-General to review the status of their accounts;

FURTHER INVITES those Members in arrears who wish to reschedule the payment of their arrears as part of an arrangement to have their voting rights restored to address requests in writing to the Director-General, to be received no later than 31 March. The requests should include at least the following information: (i) the total amount due, including the current year’s assessment; (ii) the period over which payment is proposed; (iii) the minimum amount of payment that the Member State intends to make each year; and (iv) an indication of whether the Member State expects to request approval from the Director-General to make the payment in local currency, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules;

REQUESTS the Director-General to review such requests with the Member States concerned and to submit proposals to reschedule payment of arrears to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board at its session immediately before the Health Assembly; and

¹ See document WHA53/2000/REC/3, summary record of the fifth meeting of Committee B, section 5.
REQUESTS the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee to make appropriate recommendations on behalf of the Executive Board to the Health Assembly for consideration.

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