



Status of collection of assessed contributions

Report by the Director-General

This report brings up to date the Director-General's report on the same subject to the 101st session of the Executive Board in January 1998 (document EB101/25), and is designed to assist the Health Assembly in reviewing the financial position of the Organization.

1. The attached statement shows the status of collection of assessed contributions as at 30 April 1998. As required by resolution WHA16.20, the Director-General is submitting a separate report concerning those Members subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of resolution WHA8.13, referring to the suspension of the voting rights of Members.

COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS, 1998 ASSESSMENTS (part 2, pages 2 and 3 of the attached statement)

2. Collections of contributions due in 1998 in respect of the effective working budget amount to US\$ 90 830 497, or 21.7% of the assessments on the Members concerned, as compared with 33.4% at the same time in 1997 and 31.1% in 1996. The percentage of collection of contributions for the first four months of 1998 is the lowest in the past 10 years for that period of time.

FIGURE 1**Percentage rate of collection of contributions at end April****1989 to 1998****ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS****Total arrears**

3. On 1 January 1998 total arrears of contributions due for years prior to 1998 from Members amounted to US\$ 179 676 194. Payments received since that date amount to US\$ 18 081 727, reducing such arrears to US\$ 161 594 467 at 30 April 1998. The corresponding figure at 30 April 1997 was US\$ 164 354 198. These amounts include arrears for which the Health Assembly authorized special arrangements and the unbudgeted assessment for one Member.

Contributions for which the Health Assembly authorized special arrangements (part 3, page 4)

3.1 This part of the statement shows the status of the instalment payments due from certain Members under the provisions of resolutions WHA33.7, WHA37.6, WHA39.16, WHA45.23, WHA50.22 and WHA50.30 in the amount of US\$ 6 166 105.

Contributions due from other Members in respect of the effective working budget and unbudgeted assessments (part 4, pages 5 and 6)

3.2 This part of the statement shows other arrears of contributions due from Members in respect of years prior to 1998 in the amount of US\$ 153 908 827, and the unbudgeted assessment of one Member in the amount of US\$ 1 519 535. Figure 2 below shows the increasing trend of unpaid prior years' arrears during the eight years ending in 1996, peaking at an unprecedented amount of US\$ 191 million in that year (this does not include the arrears for which the Health Assembly made special arrangements and the unbudgeted assessment for one Member). There were, however, improvements in 1997 and 1998. Unpaid prior years' arrears amounted to US\$ 158 million in 1997 and a further improvement in 1998 when unpaid prior years' arrears amounted to nearly US\$ 154 million. Three Members owe 64% or US\$ 98.7 million of the US\$ 154 million of 1998 unpaid prior years' arrears.

FIGURE 2

Unpaid prior years' arrears to the regular budget at end April

1989 to 1998

Contributions for year 1999 received in advance (part 5, page 7)

3.3 This part of the report shows the contributions received in advance.

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4. The Health Assembly may wish to consider for adoption the text of the resolution recommended by the Executive Board in its resolution EB101.R17.