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FIFTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Third report of Committee B

Committee B held its third meeting on 21 May under the chairmanship of Dr Jigmi Singay (Bhutan).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached resolutions relating to the following agenda item:

15. Financial matters

15.2 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

Two resolutions entitled:

- Member in arrears in the payment of its contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution
- Arrears in payment of contributions: Ukraine

Agenda item 15.2

Member in arrears in the payment of its contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly on Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;¹

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nauru, Niger, Republic of Moldova, Somalia, Suriname, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan remained suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Member State concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Solomon Islands and Uruguay were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly to such an extent that it is necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether or not the voting privileges of these countries should be suspended at the opening of the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly;

Having been informed that as Uruguay had subsequently paid its arrears in full it would no longer be included on the list of Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution,

DECIDES:

- (1) that, in accordance with the statement of principles in resolution WHA41.7, if, by the time of the opening of the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly, Solomon Islands is still in arrears in the payment of its contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;
- (2) that any suspension which takes effect as aforesaid shall continue at the Fifty-eighth and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Solomon Islands have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;
- (3) that this decision shall be without prejudice to the right of any Member to request restoration of its voting privileges in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

¹ Document A57/22.

Agenda item 15.2**Arrears in payment of contributions: Ukraine**

The Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board on Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, with respect to the request of Ukraine for the settlement of its outstanding contributions,¹

1. DECIDES to restore the voting privileges of Ukraine at the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly on the following conditions:

(i) Ukraine shall pay its outstanding arrears of assessed contributions, totalling US\$ 36 163 544 over 15 years, subject to payment of at least half the total amount of arrears, i.e. US\$ 18 081 772, by the end of 2011;

(ii) Ukraine shall make a minimum payment of US\$ 1 500 000 per annum, which shall be applied first, against its current-year assessment, second, against the eight annual instalments of US\$ 342 848 each, due under resolution WHA45.23, and third, against the balance of its arrears;

2. DECIDES that, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, voting privileges shall be automatically suspended again if Ukraine does not meet the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 above;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly on the prevailing situation;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to communicate this resolution to the Government of Ukraine.

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¹ Document A57/22.