World Health Organization

SEVENTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY **WHA76.10**
Agenda item 19.5 **30 May 2023**

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

The Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on 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,[1] and having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly;[2]

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Comoros, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen were suspended, such suspension shall continue until the arrears of the Member States 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 Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe and Sierra Leone were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly to such an extent that it was necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended at the opening of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in 2024,

DECIDES:

(1) that, in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 (1988), if, by the time of the opening of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe and Sierra Leone are still in arrears in the payment of their 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 that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears

[1] Document A76/21.

[2] Document A76/44.

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.

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