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 Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the fifth report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly on the 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

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, Dominica, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Tajikistan were suspended, and such suspension was to continue until the arrears of the Member States concerned had 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 Grenada, Guinea and Kyrgyzstan were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-fourth 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 or not the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended; for Kyrgyzstan at the opening of the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly, and for the remaining two Member States at the opening of the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

(1) that in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, Grenada and Guinea were still to be 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; and in accordance with resolution WHA61.8 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly, Kyrgyzstan were still to be in arrears in the payment of its rescheduled assessments, its voting privileges shall be suspended automatically;

¹ See document A64/31.
(2) that any suspension that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Grenada, Guinea and Kyrgyzstan 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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