

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

Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventieth World Health Assembly

1. The Committee 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
2. The Secretariat stated that 13 Member States had paid sufficient contributions since document A70/41 had been issued and would therefore no longer be subject to Article 7, namely: Afghanistan, Burundi, El Salvador, Guinea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Tonga, Uganda and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). The Committee agreed that the relevant paragraphs of the draft resolution proposed in paragraph 14 of document A70/41 should be amended accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

3. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the Health Assembly adopt the following amended draft resolution:

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report 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, and special arrangements for settlement of arrears;¹

¹ Document A70/41.

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventieth World Health Assembly;¹

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Seventieth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, ~~Guinea~~, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Ukraine 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 the voting rights of Burundi, El Salvador and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela were suspended during the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, with that suspension effective from the opening of the Seventieth World Health Assembly and to continue until the arrears of the Members 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 ~~Afghanistan, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Grenada, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, and South Sudan, Tonga and Uganda~~ were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Seventieth 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 —~~for Afghanistan at the opening of the Seventieth World Health Assembly, and for the remaining 12 Member States~~ at the opening of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly,

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-first World Health Assembly, ~~Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Grenada, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, and South Sudan, Tonga and Uganda~~ 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; ~~and, in accordance with resolutions WHA59.6 (2006), if, by the time of the opening of the Seventieth World Health Assembly, Afghanistan is still in arrears in the payment of its rescheduled assessment, its voting privileges shall be suspended automatically;~~

(2) that any suspension that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Seventy-first World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of ~~Afghanistan, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Grenada, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, and South Sudan, Tonga and Uganda~~ 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 A70/60.