

## **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 Seventy-first 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.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Secretariat explained that five countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, El Salvador, Grenada and Niue) listed in Annex 4 of that report as being in arrears to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution had subsequently paid sufficient contributions and were no longer subject to the suspension of privileges indicated.

#### **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 Seventy-first 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, and special arrangements for settlement of arrears;<sup>1</sup>

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-first World Health Assembly;<sup>2</sup>

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly, the voting rights of the Central African Republic, Comoros, Gambia, ~~Grenada~~, Guinea-Bissau,

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<sup>1</sup> Document A71/31 Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> Document A71/47.

South Sudan 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 ~~Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, El Salvador, Libya, Niger, Niue, Suriname, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)~~ were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Seventy-first 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 Seventy-first World Health Assembly in 2018, and for the remaining eight Member States at the opening of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in 2019,~~

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-second World Health Assembly, ~~Bangladesh, Cameroon, El Salvador, Libya, Niger, Niue, Suriname, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)~~ 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 resolution WHA59.6 (2006), if, by the time of the opening of the Seventy-first 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-second World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of ~~Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, El Salvador, Libya, Niger, Niue, Suriname, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)~~ 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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