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## **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**

### **Sixth report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-third World Health Assembly**

1. The twelfth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee was held in Geneva on 14 May 2010 under the chairmanship of Dr M. Dahl-Regis (Bahamas).<sup>1</sup>
2. The Committee considered 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.
3. The rate of collection of assessed contributions for the biennium 2008–2009 was 86% as at 31 December 2009 and, since then, the rate had improved to 97%, a level consistent with that in recent years.
4. The Committee noted that, as a result of very recent payments received from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Marshall Islands and Papua New Guinea, those Member States were no longer concerned by Article 7 of the Constitution. Accordingly it was noted that the relevant paragraphs of the resolution proposed in document A63/33 in respect of Article 7 of the Constitution should be duly amended.

**The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the World Health Assembly adopt the following draft resolution:**

The Sixty-third World Health Assembly,

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

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<sup>1</sup> For list of participants, see document A63/49, Annex.

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>

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-third World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominica, Guinea-Bissau, Palau, Somalia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan were suspended, such suspension to 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 Djibouti and Equatorial Guinea were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-third 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 at the opening of the Sixty-fourth 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-fourth World Health Assembly, Djibouti and Equatorial Guinea 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 aforesaid shall continue at subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Djibouti and Equatorial Guinea 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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<sup>1</sup> See document A63/33.