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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**

### **Report by the Secretariat**

#### **STATUS OF COLLECTION**

1. In order that WHO may deliver the approved programme budget in full, contributions from Member States must be received in full and on time. All Member States are required under Financial Regulation 6.4 to pay their contribution as of 1 January of the year in which it is due.
2. The rate of collection for 2007 was 90%, being marginally higher than that for 2006; contributions were received in full from 137 of the 195 Members and Associate Members. The rate of collection for the biennium 2006–2007 as a whole was 95%.
3. Unpaid contributions as at 31 December 2007 amounted to US\$ 83 million, with a further US\$ 52 million due under special arrangements authorized by the Health Assembly, payable in the future, under instalment schemes. Details of payments made to date are shown at Annex 1.

#### **MEMBERS IN ARREARS AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

4. Article 7 of the Constitution states that “If a Member fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization ... the Health Assembly may ... suspend the voting privileges ... to which a Member is entitled.”. If at the time of the opening of the Health Assembly, a Member is in arrears in an amount that equals or exceeds the amount of contributions due from it for the preceding two full years, the Health Assembly takes a decision on suspension of the Member’s voting privileges in accordance with resolution WHA41.7.
5. In accordance with previous Health Assembly resolutions, the voting privileges of the following 11 Member States have been suspended; Afghanistan, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Central African Republic, Comoros, Dominica, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Somalia and Turkmenistan. Details of the amounts outstanding are provided in Annex 2. The suspension is to continue at the Sixty-first and subsequent World Health Assemblies until the arrears have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution.

6. In accordance with resolution WHA60.4, the voting privileges of Cape Verde will be suspended at the Sixty-first World Health Assembly until the arrears have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution.

7. Seven other Members, Belarus, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Sudan and Togo, are in arrears in the payment of their contributions in amounts that equal or exceed the amounts due from them for the preceding two full years, as listed in Annex 2.

8. Pursuant to resolution WHA41.7, unless there are exceptional circumstances justifying a different measure, the Sixty-first World Health Assembly may wish to adopt a resolution deciding that the voting privileges of Belarus, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Sudan and Togo will be suspended as from the opening day of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly in May 2009, if at that time the Members concerned are still in arrears to the extent referred to in paragraph 7 above.

9. Member States in arrears of payment to an extent that they are concerned by Article 7 of the Constitution are encouraged to submit proposals to the Health Assembly for repaying such arrears over an extended period. Such proposals for special arrangements are considered by the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board, which subsequently makes its recommendations to the Health Assembly.

10. Annex 1 lists the Member States that currently have special arrangements for repayment of arrears. Payments totalling over US\$ 4 million were received in 2007 in accordance with these special arrangements. All Member States concerned are respecting their commitments under these arrangements, with the exception of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Central African Republic, Iraq and Turkmenistan, where discussions on repayments are continuing.

11. Discussions are continuing with a number of Members concerned by Article 7. A proposal has been received from Kyrgyzstan in respect of their arrears owed for assessed contributions, which total US\$ 1 213 895. A copy of the letter dated 25 February 2008 and the proposed Rescheduling Plan are attached as Annexes 3 and 4. Kyrgyzstan proposes to repay this amount over a period of 20 years. In exchange for this commitment, Kyrgyzstan requests the Health Assembly to consider restoring its voting privileges which are currently suspended in accordance with the provision of Article 7 of the Constitution.

## **ACTION BY THE PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

12. No action is required by the Committee in respect of those Members whose voting privileges have already been suspended under previous Health Assembly resolutions, or of those Members that may lose their voting privileges as from 19 May 2008 under resolution WHA60.4 (if by that time these Members are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that justifies invoking Article 7 of the Constitution).

13. The Committee may wish to propose a draft resolution in accordance with the principles stated in resolution WHA41.7, for consideration by the Sixty-first World Health Assembly in respect of Belarus, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gambia, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Sudan and Togo.

14. The Committee may wish to propose a draft resolution on the proposed arrears rescheduling plan submitted by Kyrgyzstan.

## ANNEX 1

**PAYMENTS MADE IN 2007 UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS  
AUTHORIZED BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

<b>Member States</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Payment period</b>	<b>Payments received during 2007</b>	<b>Balance outstanding</b>
Afghanistan	WHA59.6	2007–2020	0	232 500
Armenia	WHA59.7	2006–2023	45 300	2 355 550
Azerbaijan	WHA55.5	2003–2011	890	3 693 383
Belarus	WHA45.23	1997–2006	90 836	181 672
Central African Republic	WHA59.8	2006–2010	0	164 841
Dominican Republic	WHA59.9	2006–2020	138 515	881 057
Georgia	WHA58.8	2006–2020	91 558	4 259 145
Iraq	WHA58.9	2006–2020	2 976	5 972 222
Kazakhstan	WHA56.11	2003–2012	1 095 587	1 095 365
Republic of Moldova	WHA58.10	2006–2020	200 000	2 505 023
Tajikistan	WHA58.11	2006–2015	22 400	397 459
Turkmenistan	WHA59.10	2006–2015	1 018	1 011 212
Ukraine	WHA57.6	2004–2018	2 750 224	28 936 270
<b>Total</b>			<b>4 439 304</b>	<b>51 685 699</b>

## ANNEX 2

**MEMBERS IN ARREARS IN THE PAYMENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN EXTENT  
WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY INVOKING ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION**  
Status as at 31 March 2008  
(US\$)

Members	Amounts payable during									Total
	1987 to 2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
<b>Members that have lost their voting privileges as from previous World Health Assemblies</b>										
Afghanistan (resolution WHA59.6)										
current year								8 930	4 645	13 575
rescheduled arrears								16 600	16 600	33 200
Argentina	8 775 310	4 562 180	4 597 512	4 026 622	4 735 350	4 103 510	4 269 090	4 269 090	1 509 370	40 848 034
Azerbaijan (resolution WHA55.5)										
current year									23 220	23 220
rescheduled arrears								99 110	100 000	199 110
Central African Republic (resolution WHA59.8)										
current year							4 470	4 470	4 650	13 590
rescheduled arrears								32 970	32 970	98 910
Comoros	414 166	4 200	4 211	4 210	4 290	4 290	4 470	4 470	4 650	448 957
Dominica				3 680	4 290	4 290	4 470	4 470	4 650	25 850
Guinea-Bissau	201 389	4 200	4 211	4 210	4 290	4 290	4 470	4 470	4 650	236 180
Iraq (resolution WHA58.9)										
current year								71 450	69 670	141 120
rescheduled arrears								426 579	426 579	853 158
Kyrgyzstan	1 162 724	25 230	4 211	4 210	4 290	4 290	4 470	4 470	4 650	1 218 545
Somalia	379 023	4 200	4 211	4 210	4 290	4 290	4 470	4 470	4 650	413 814
Turkmenistan (resolution WHA59.10)										
current year									27 870	27 870
rescheduled arrears								3 998	125 900	129 898
<b>Member that may lose their voting privileges as from the Sixty-first World Health Assembly (resolution WHA60.4)</b>										
Cape Verde					4 243	4 290	4 470	4 470	4 650	22 123
<b>Other Members concerned (resolution WHA41.7)</b>										
Belarus (resolution WHA45.23)										
current year						77 256	80 380	80 380	92 890	330 906
rescheduled arrears						90 836	90 836			181 672
Democratic Republic of Congo						1 547	13 400	13 400	13 940	42 287
Gambia						30	4 470	4 470	4 650	13 620
Marshall Islands						4 290	4 470	4 470	4 650	17 880
Solomon Islands						4 290	4 470	4 470	4 650	17 880
Sudan						30 150	35 730	35 730	46 440	148 050
Togo						1 029	4 470	4 470	4 650	14 619

## ANNEX 3

КЫРГЫЗ РЕСПУБЛИКАСЫНЫН  
ЖЕНЕВА ШААРЫНДАГЫ  
ТУРУКТУУ ӨКҮЛДҮГҮ



THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE  
KYRGYZ REPUBLIC OF THE  
IN GENEVA

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The Permanent Mission of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the World Health Organization and has the honour to inform that the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic accepts the Draft Plan for the rescheduling of the arrears of Kyrgyzstan to the World Health Organization. All prior years dues will be paid in 20 rescheduled annual installments.

The Permanent Mission of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 25 February 2008

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