

Committee B

Scale of assessments for 2024–2025 and Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules, and Status of collection of assessed contributions

Seychelles and Equatorial Guinea speaks on behalf of the 47 member states in the AFRO region on:

- Agenda item 19.3: Scale of assessments for 2024–2025 – Documents **A76/7 Rev.1 and EB152/2023/REC/1, resolution EB152.R3**
- Agenda item 19.4: Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules. Documents **A76/7 Rev.1, A76/20 and EB152/2023/REC/1, resolution EB152.R4.**
- Agenda item 19.5 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 - Document **A76/21**

The African Region Member States have noted that the proposed scale of assessments for 2024–2025 are in line with Member States landmark agreement during last assembly to progressively increase assessed contributions over the next decade. The African Region Member States 2024–2025 proposed figures have indeed reflected the start of this journey with a US\$ 200 million increase.

The African Region Member States also note the concomitant commitment that most of the increased contributions will be channelled to country offices to enable them to support Member states better. The African Region Member States therefore endorses the recommendation of the Executive board to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly for the adoption of the resolution on the scale of assessments of Members and Associate Members for the biennium 2024–2025 as set out in the document **EB152.R3**

The African Region Member States have noted the need for the Assembly to compel Member States with outstanding contributions to timely meet up to their obligations. The African Region Member States have also noted the notable improvements registered in this area with only few member states in the Region currently having outstanding contributions.

The African Region Member States, having considered the proposed amendments to the financial regulations detailed in document A76/20 and in the annex EB152/30, recognize the necessity of changes and therefore recommends the Assembly to streamline the process of applying Article 7 when Members reach defined level of arrears of Assessed Contributions, thus aligning WHO's application of article 7 with procedures followed by other UN organizations.

Thank you