

## Status of collection of assessed contributions

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the status of collection of assessed contributions;<sup>1</sup>

Taking into account the genuine difficulties faced by some developing countries arising out of adverse international economic factors beyond their control, and also realizing that these conditions may continue for longer than expected,

1. EXPRESSES its deep concern at:
  - (1) the continuing high level of outstanding contributions by Member States;
  - (2) the effect of such delays on the programme of work approved by the Health Assembly;
2. URGES Members that are in arrears to pay their outstanding contributions before the Fifty-second World Health Assembly;
3. RECOMMENDS to the Fifty-second World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Fifty-second World Health Assembly,

Noting with concern that, as at 31 December 1998:

- (a) the rate of collection in 1998 of contributions to the effective working budget for that year amounted to 77.94%, leaving US\$ 92 373 784 unpaid;
- (b) only 105 Members had paid their current-year contributions to the effective working budget in full, and 63 Members had made no payment towards their current year contributions;
- (c) total unpaid contributions in respect of 1998 and prior years exceeded US\$ 180 million,

1. EXPRESSES deep concern at the continuing high level of outstanding contributions, which has had a deleterious effect on the work programme and financial situation of the Organization;
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2. CALLS THE ATTENTION of all Members to Financial Regulation 5.6, which provides that instalments of contributions shall be considered as due and payable in full by the first day of the year to which they relate, and to the importance of paying contributions as early as possible to enable the Director-General to implement the budget in an orderly manner;
3. REMINDS Members that, as a result of the adoption, by resolution WHA41.12, of an incentive scheme to promote the timely payment of assessed contributions, those that pay their assessed contributions early in the year in which they are due will have their contributions payable for a subsequent budget reduced appreciably, whereas Members paying later will see their contributions payable for that subsequent budget reduced only marginally or not at all;
4. URGES Members that are systematically late in the payment of their contributions to take immediate steps to ensure prompt and regular payment;
5. REQUESTS the Director-General and the Regional Directors to intensify contacts with Member States to pay their outstanding contributions;
6. REQUESTS the Director-General to review, taking into account developments in other organizations in the United Nations system, current financial arrangements and to propose other possibilities to promote early payments with a view to ensuring a sound financial basis for the work programme, and to report on this matter to the Executive Board at its 105th session and to the Fifty-third World Health Assembly;
7. REQUESTS the Director-General to draw this resolution to the attention of all Members.

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