
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. As reported to the 120th Executive Board in January 2007, the rate of collection for 2006 was 89%, being marginally lower than that for 2005;¹ contributions were received in full from 133 of the 194 Members and Associate Members.
3. Unpaid contributions as at 31 December 2006 amounted to US\$ 87 million, with a further US\$ 56 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 10 Member States have been suspended; Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Central African Republic,

¹ See document EB120/19.

Comoros, Dominican Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Kyrgyzstan, Nauru, Niger and Somalia. Details of the amounts outstanding are provided in Annex 2. The suspension is to continue at the Sixtieth and subsequent 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 WHA59.5, the voting privileges of Democratic Republic of Congo and Dominica will be suspended at the Sixtieth 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. Two other Members, Cape Verde and Palau, are in arrears in the payment of their contributions in amounts which 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 Sixtieth World Health Assembly may wish to adopt a resolution deciding that the voting privileges of Cape Verde and Palau will be suspended as from the opening day of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly in May 2008, 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 almost US\$ 6 million were received in 2006 in accordance with these special arrangements, and all Member States concerned with the exception of Central African Republic and Dominican Republic are respecting their commitments under these arrangements. Discussions are continuing with the other Member States concerned by Article 7 of the Constitution, but no further repayment plans were submitted for consideration by the Sixtieth World Health Assembly.

ACTION BY THE PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

11. 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 14 May 2007 under resolution WHA59.5 (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).

12. The Committee may wish to propose a draft resolution in accordance with the principles stated in resolution WHA41.7, for consideration by the Sixtieth World Health Assembly in respect of Cape Verde and Palau.

ANNEX 1

**Payments made under special arrangements authorized
by the Health Assembly, 2006**

| Member State | Resolution | Payment period | Payment received | Balance outstanding ^a |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | US\$ | US\$ |
| Afghanistan | WHA59.6 | 2007–2020 | 0 | 232 500 |
| Armenia | WHA59.7 | 2006–2023 | 45 300 | 2 400 850 |
| Azerbaijan | WHA55.5 | 2003–2011 | 100 000 | 3 694 273 |
| Belarus | WHA45.23 | 1997–2006 | 90 836 | 272 508 |
| Central African Republic | WHA59.8 | 2006–2010 | 0 | 164 841 |
| Dominican Republic | WHA59.9 | 2006–2020 | 0 | 1 019 572 |
| Georgia | WHA58.8 | 2006–2020 | 88 460 | 4 350 703 |
| Iraq | WHA58.9 | 2006–2020 | 423 603 | 5 975 198 |
| Kazakhstan | WHA56.11 | 2003–2012 | 1 699 536 | 2 190 952 |
| Republic of Moldova | WHA58.10 | 2006–2020 | 245 000 | 2 705 023 |
| Tajikistan | WHA58.11 | 2006–2015 | 49 215 | 419 859 |
| Turkmenistan | WHA59.10 | 2006–2015 | 246 784 | 1 012 230 |
| Ukraine | WHA57.6 | 2004–2018 | 2 896 624 | 31 686 494 |
| Total | | | 5 885 358 | 56 125 003 |

^a In addition to the minimum annual payments in respect of arrears, the Member States concerned must also pay their current year assessed contributions.

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 2007
(US\$)

| Members | Amounts payable during | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | 1987 to 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Total |
| Members that have lost their voting privileges as from previous Health Assemblies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 118 930 | 8 410 | 8 410 | 8 422 | 8 422 | 8 590 | 12 880 | 13 400 | 13 400 | 200 864 |
| Argentina | 4 213 130 | 4 562 180 | 4 562 180 | 4 597 512 | 4 026 622 | 4 735 350 | 4 103 510 | 4 269 090 | 4 269 090 | 39 338 664 |
| Central African Republic(resolution WHA59.8) | | | | | | | | 4 470 | 4 470 | 8 940 |
| current year | | | | | | | | 32 970 | 32 970 | 65 940 |
| rescheduled arrears | | | | | | | | | | |
| Comoros | 414 436 | 4 200 | 4 200 | 4 211 | 4 210 | 4 290 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 448 777 |
| Dominican Republic (resolution WHA59.9) | | | | | | | | 120 575 | 132 233 | 252 808 |
| current year | | | | | | | | 67 970 | 67 970 | 135 940 |
| rescheduled arrears | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guinea-Bissau | 197 189 | 4 200 | 4 200 | 4 211 | 4 210 | 4 290 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 231 530 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1 156 773 | 25 230 | 25 230 | 4 211 | 4 210 | 4 290 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 1 233 174 |
| Nauru | 74 130 | 4 200 | 4 200 | 4 211 | 4 210 | 4 290 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 108 471 |
| Niger | 45 357 | 8 410 | 8 410 | 4 211 | 4 210 | 4 290 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 88 118 |
| Somalia | 374 823 | 4 200 | 4 200 | 4 211 | 4 210 | 4 290 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 409 164 |
| Members that may lose their voting privileges as from the Sixtieth World Health Assembly (resolution WHA59.5) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | | | | | 215 | 16 740 | 12 880 | 13 400 | 13 400 | 56 635 |
| Dominica | | | | | 3 680 | 4 290 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 21 200 |
| Other Members concerned (resolution WHA41.7) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cape Verde | | | | | | 4 243 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 17 473 |
| Palau | | | | | | 3 946 | 4 290 | 4 470 | 4 470 | 17 176 |

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