

Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

The Fifty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-third World Health Assembly on Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;¹

Noting that, at the time of the opening of the Fifty-third World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Niger, Republic of Moldova, Somalia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Yugoslavia remained suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Member State concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that, in accordance with resolutions WHA52.3 and WHA52.4, the voting privileges of Liberia and Guinea have been suspended as from 15 May 2000 at the opening of the Fifty-third World Health Assembly, such suspension to continue until the arrears have been reduced to a level below the amount which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Belarus, Djibouti, Grenada, Nauru and Nigeria were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Fifty-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 Members should be suspended at the opening of the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

1. DECIDES that in accordance with the statement of principles in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly, Belarus, Djibouti, Grenada, Nauru and Nigeria are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;

¹ Document A53/28.

2. DECIDES that any suspension which takes effect as aforesaid shall continue at the Fifty-fourth and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Belarus, Djibouti, Grenada, Nauru and Nigeria have been reduced to a level below the amount which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

3. DECIDES 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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