
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

The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on 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 of the World Health Organization,¹ and special arrangements for the settlement of arrears, and having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly;²

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Dominica, Myanmar, Saint Lucia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen were suspended, such suspension shall continue until the arrears of the Member States concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan and the United States of America were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Seventy-ninth 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 the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended at the opening of the Eightieth World Health Assembly in 2027,

DECIDES:

- (1) that, in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 (1988), if, by the time of the opening of the Eightieth World Health Assembly, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan and the United States of America are still in arrears in the

¹ Document A79/17.

² Document A79/28.

payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;

(2) that any suspension that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Eightieth World Health Assembly 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;

(3) 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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