



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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First report of Committee B

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On the proposal of the Committee on Nominations,¹ Dr M. Dahl-Regis (Bahamas) and Dr P. Pothisiri (Thailand) were elected Vice-Chairmen, and Dr J. Mandla Kunene (Swaziland), Rapporteur.

Committee B held its first, second and third meetings on 16 and 17 May under the chairmanship of Mr D.Á. Gunnarsson (Iceland).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached decision and seven resolutions relating to the following agenda items:

16. Staffing matters

16.2. Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules

One resolution entitled:

- Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

16.4 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

One decision

15. Financial matters

15.1 Reports

- Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2000 and comments thereon of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee.

One resolution entitled:

- Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2000

¹ Document A54/41.

15.2 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

One resolution entitled:

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

15.3 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears

One resolution entitled:

- Special arrangements for settlement of arrears

15.4 Real Estate Fund

One resolution

15.5 Casual income

One resolution

15.6 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members

One resolution entitled:

- Assessment of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Agenda item 16.2

Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendation of the Executive Board with regard to remuneration of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General,

1. ESTABLISHES the salary for ungraded posts at US\$ 151 840 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 104 341 (dependency rate) or US\$ 94 484 (single rate);
2. ESTABLISHES the salary for the Director-General at US\$ 205 309 per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 137 492 (dependency rate) or US\$ 122 268 (single rate);
3. DECIDES that those adjustments in remuneration shall take effect on 1 March 2001.

Agenda item 16.4

**Appointment of representatives to the
WHO Staff Pension Committee**

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly re-nominated Dr J. Larivière of the delegation of Canada as a member, and Dr Shyam P. Bhattarai of the delegation of Nepal as an alternate member, each for a period of three years.

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly also nominated Mr L. Rokovada of the delegation of Fiji as a member, and Mr M. Chakalisa of the delegation of Botswana as an alternate member, for the remainder of the terms of office of Dr L. Malolo and Dr J.W. Mulwa respectively.

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly also nominated Dr J. Kr. Gøtrik of the delegation of Denmark as an alternate member, for the remainder of the term of office of Dr E. Krag.

Agenda item 15.1

Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2000

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Having examined the unaudited interim financial report for the year 2000 of the financial period 2000-2001;¹

Having noted the report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board,

ACCEPTS the Director-General's unaudited interim financial report for the year 2000.

¹ Documents A54/20, A54/20 Add.1 and A54/20 Add.1 Corr.1.

Agenda item 15.2

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

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-fourth 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;

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Niger, Republic of Moldova, Somalia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine 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 resolution WHA53.2, the voting privileges of Nauru and Nigeria have been suspended as from 14 May 2001 at the opening of the 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, Burundi, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Mauritania, Peru, Suriname and Togo were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly to such an extent that it is necessary for the Health Assembly to consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether or not the voting privileges of these countries should be suspended at the opening of the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

- (1) that in accordance with the statement of principles in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly, Belarus, Burundi, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Peru, Suriname and Togo 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;
- (2) that any suspension which takes effect as aforesaid shall continue at the Fifty-fifth and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Belarus, Burundi, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Peru, Suriname and Togo have been reduced to a level below the amount which 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.

Agenda item 15.3

Special arrangements for settlement of arrears

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Recalling previous resolutions of the Health Assembly concerning Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution and, in particular, resolutions WHA8.13 and WHA41.7;

1. INVITES Members that are in arrears to an extent which would invoke the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution, or that expect difficulties in meeting their obligations to the Organization, to contact the Director-General to review the status of their accounts;
2. FURTHER INVITES those Members in arrears who wish to reschedule the payment of their arrears as part of an arrangement to have their voting rights restored to address requests in writing to the Director-General, to be received no later than 31 March, including at least the following information: (i) the total amount due, including the current year's assessment; (ii) the period over which payment is proposed; (iii) the minimum amount of payment that the Member State intends to make each year; and (iv) an indication of whether the Member State expects to request approval from the Director-General to make the payment in local currency, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to review such requests with the Member States concerned and to submit proposals to reschedule payment of arrears to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board at its meeting immediately before the Health Assembly; and
4. REQUESTS the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, to make appropriate recommendations to the Health Assembly for consideration.

Agenda item 15.4

Real Estate Fund

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the status of projects financed from the Real Estate Fund and the estimated requirements of the Fund for the period 1 June 2001 to 31 May 2002 and the possible future WHO/UNAIDS office development in Geneva;

Expressing appreciation to the Swiss Confederation and to the Republic and Canton of Geneva for the continued expression of their hospitality;

Recognizing that certain estimates must necessarily remain provisional,

1. AUTHORIZES the financing from the Real Estate Fund of the expenditures indicated under Section III of the Director-General's report, at an estimated cost of US\$ 3 250 000;
2. APPROPRIATES to the Real Estate Fund from casual income the sum of US\$ 2 689 712;
3. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to proceed with negotiations with the Swiss authorities on the project outlined in Section II of her report;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to report further on the project to the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly.

Agenda item 15.5

Casual income

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

DECIDES that the estimated amount available in casual income as at 31 December 2000 should be used:

	US\$
(i) to part finance the regular budget for the period 2002-2003, to be apportioned among Members in accordance with the financial incentive scheme (resolution WHA41.12) from the estimated interest earnings in 2000	6 883 150
(ii) to finance the Real Estate Fund in accordance with proposals contained in the report by the Director-General	2 689 712
(iii) to replenish the Working Capital Fund by the estimated amount of arrears of contributions credited to casual income	7 602 828
(iv) to retain the estimated balance in the Casual Income account pending disposition as part of Miscellaneous Income	6 111 160

Agenda item 15.6

Assessment of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Noting that the United Nations General Assembly, in resolution 55/5, established the assessment of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at the rate of 0.026% for 2000 and of 0.020% for 2001;

Recalling the principle established in resolution WHA8.5, and confirmed in resolution WHA24.12, that the latest available United Nations scale of assessments should be used as a basis for determining the scale of assessments to be used by WHO,

DECIDES:

- (1) that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be assessed at an annual rate of 0.026% for the year 2000;
- (2) that its assessment for the year 2000 shall be reduced to two-twelfths of 0.026%;
- (3) that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be assessed at an annual rate of 0.020% for the year 2001.

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