

## **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.

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