

## **Members in arrears to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution**

The Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-fifth 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;<sup>1</sup>

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, 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 WHA54.5, the voting privileges of Belarus, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Suriname and Togo have been suspended as from 13 May 2002 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 Argentina, Gabon, Paraguay and Solomon Islands were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Fifty-fifth 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 these countries should be suspended at the opening of the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly;

Having been informed that as Gabon and Solomon Islands had subsequently paid their arrears in full they would no longer be included on the list of Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution,

DECIDES:

- (1) that in accordance with the statement of principles in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly, Argentina and Paraguay are still in

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<sup>1</sup> Document A55/26.

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-sixth and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Argentina and Paraguay 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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