

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 and special arrangements for settlement of arrears: Tajikistan

Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly

1. The Committee considered the 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. It was noted that the rate of collection of assessed contributions for 2012 was 87%.
2. The Committee was informed that subsequent payments had been received from Bangladesh, Sudan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Marshall Islands, Niger, Swaziland, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, which meant that Article 7 of the Constitution need no longer be invoked with regard to those Member States. Accordingly, the relevant paragraphs of the draft resolution proposed in document A66/30 in respect of Article 7 of the Constitution should be duly amended.
3. The Secretariat informed the Committee that Tajikistan had requested to reschedule repayment of the remaining balance of US\$ 366 513 over a 10-year period from 2013 to 2022.¹

RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

4. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly adopt the following amended draft resolution:²

The Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, and special arrangements for settlement of arrears;¹

¹ See document A66/45.

² Amendments are indicated in strikethrough.

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau and Somalia were suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Members 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, the voting rights of Bangladesh and Sudan were suspended during the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, effective from the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly and to continue until the arrears of the Members 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 Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, ~~Iran (Islamic Republic of)~~, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi and ~~Marshall Islands, Niger, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tuvalu and Vanuatu~~ were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-sixth 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 countries should be suspended – for Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan at the opening of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, and for the remaining eight Member States at the opening of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

(1) that in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, ~~Iran (Islamic Republic of)~~, Jordan, Malawi, ~~Marshall Islands, Niger,~~ and Sierra Leone, ~~Swaziland, Tuvalu and Vanuatu~~ are still in arrears in the 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; and in accordance with resolution WHA59.6 and resolution WHA61.8 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan, respectively, are still in arrears in the payment of their rescheduled assessments, their voting privileges shall be suspended automatically;

(2) that any suspension that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies until the arrears of Afghanistan Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, ~~Iran (Islamic Republic of)~~, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi and ~~Marshall Islands, Niger, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tuvalu and Vanuatu~~ 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.

5. The Committee also recommended that the Health Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A66/45 concerning the special arrangements for settlement of arrears of Tajikistan.

¹ Document A66/30.