

## **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**

### **Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly**

1. Referring to the report by the Director-General,<sup>1</sup> the Secretariat advised the Committee that the collection data in Annex 4 was provided as at 7 April 2020. Since that date, three Member States – Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Lebanon and Rwanda – had paid sufficient contributions such that they were no longer subject to the suspension of voting privileges under Article 7 of the Constitution. The names of the Member States concerned would therefore be removed from the draft resolution on that matter, which was to be considered by the Seventy-third World Health Assembly. The Secretariat also advised that Member States would be updated should additional payments from the Member States concerned be received in advance of the Health Assembly.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

2. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the Health Assembly note the report contained in document A73/26, and adopt the following amended draft resolution:

The Seventy-third 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, and special arrangements for settlement of arrears;<sup>1</sup>

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly;<sup>2</sup>

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Comoros, Congo, Gambia, Senegal and South Sudan were suspended, such suspension shall continue until the arrears of the Member States concerned have been reduced, at the present

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<sup>1</sup> Document A73/26.

<sup>2</sup> Document A73/38.

or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Benin, ~~Bolivia (Plurinational State of)~~, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), ~~Lebanon~~, Libya, ~~Rwanda~~, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Turkmenistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Seventy-third 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 – for Central African Republic, Somalia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) at the opening of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly in 2020, and for the remaining 10 Member States at the opening of the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly in 2021,

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 Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly, Benin, ~~Bolivia (Plurinational State of)~~, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), ~~Lebanon~~, Libya, ~~Rwanda~~, Sudan, Suriname, Turkmenistan and Yemen 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 resolutions WHA70.1 (2017), WHA72.10 (2019), and WHA72.14 (2019), if, by the time of the opening of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, Central African Republic, Somalia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 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 Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Benin, ~~Bolivia (Plurinational State of)~~, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), ~~Lebanon~~, Libya, ~~Rwanda~~, Sudan, Suriname, Turkmenistan and Yemen 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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