

## **Special arrangements for settlement of arrears**

### **Islamic Republic of Iran**

#### **Report by the Director-General**

1. In accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution and resolutions WHA8.13 (1955) and WHA41.7 (1988), Member States that have been in arrears for more than two years at the time of the Health Assembly are subject to a resolution of the Health Assembly to the effect that their voting privileges will be suspended as from the opening of the next Health Assembly unless the arrears have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7.
2. In accordance with resolution WHA54.6 (2001), Member States with arrears of assessed contributions payable to the Organization to an extent that would justify invoking the provisions of Article 7 may request these arrears to be rescheduled over an extended period.
3. In return for a commitment to pay such arrears over an agreed extended period, voting rights of the Member States concerned can be restored, on condition that the Member States respect the payment schedule in addition to making full payment of the annual assessments which arise over the extended period.
4. Pursuant to resolution WHA54.6, any such request should be received no later than 31 March. The Director-General would review such requests with the Member States concerned and submit proposals to reschedule payment of arrears to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board<sup>1</sup> at its meeting immediately before the Health Assembly, with a view to the Committee making appropriate recommendations to the Health Assembly for consideration.
5. The Islamic Republic of Iran submitted a request on rescheduling of payment of its arrears over an extended period on 19 May 2022, requesting that this proposal be considered notwithstanding the above-mentioned deadline and procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> Since 2005, the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board.

**ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

6. The Health Assembly may wish to consider the following draft resolution:

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the request of the Islamic Republic of Iran in respect of its outstanding contributions up to and including 2022 of US\$ 10 222 277; considering also the request of the Islamic Republic of Iran to reschedule payment of this balance over the period 2022–2031;

Noting that this request did not comply fully with the requirements of resolution WHA54.6 as to timing and procedure,

1. DECIDES to restore the Islamic Republic of Iran's voting privileges at the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly on the following conditions:

The Islamic Republic of Iran shall pay its outstanding arrears of assessed contributions, totalling US\$ 10 222 277 over 10 years from 2022 to 2031, as set out below, in addition to payment of its annual assessment from 2023;

<b>Year</b>	<b>US\$</b>
2022	1 022 227
2023	1 022 227
2024	1 022 227
2025	1 022 227
2026	1 022 227
2027	1 022 227
2028	1 022 227
2029	1 022 227
2030	1 022 227
2031	1 022 234
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 222 277</b>

2. FURTHER DECIDES that, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, voting privileges shall be automatically suspended if the Islamic Republic of Iran does not meet the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 above;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to future Health Assemblies as appropriate on the prevailing situation;
4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Director-General to communicate this resolution to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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