
**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

and

**Assessment of new Members and Associate
Members: South Sudan**

**Third report of the Programme, Budget and Administration
Committee of the Executive Board to the
Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly**

1. The sixteenth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee was held in Geneva from 16 to 18 May 2012 under the chairmanship of Dr M.A.O Saíde (Mozambique).¹
2. 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, the outstanding arrears of the former Yugoslavia, and the assessment of the new Member, South Sudan.
3. It was noted that the rate of collection of assessed contributions for the biennium 2010–2011 was 93%.
4. The Committee noted that Dominica would now be able to vote in the upcoming Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly as a result of recent payments of arrears. In addition, payments received from

¹ For the list of participants, see document A65/44, Annex.

Belarus, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan and Palau meant that Article 7 of the Constitution need no longer be invoked with regard to those Member States. Accordingly, the relevant paragraphs of the resolution proposed in document A65/30 in respect of Article 7 of the Constitution should be duly amended.

5. The Committee supported the proposed resolution to write off arrears of US\$5 532 592 from the former Yugoslavia.

6. The Secretariat noted that there were no requests from any Member States for special arrangements for settlement of arrears.¹

7. Finally, the Committee noted that following the admission of South Sudan as a new Member State of WHO,² the United Nations assessment rate would be established in late 2012 and the Executive Board, at its 132nd session in January 2013, would be advised of the relevant proposed rate of assessment, which would then be applied retrospectively, pro rata, to the last three months of 2011 (October to December 2011), and to 2012.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

8. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the World Health Assembly adopt the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution 1

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the reports on the status of collection of assessed contributions,³ including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;⁴

Noting that, at the time of the opening of the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Tajikistan were suspended with such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Member States 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, Bangladesh, Grenada, Guinea, Gambia, Micronesia (Federated States of), Saint Lucia, Sudan, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-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 those countries should be suspended, for Afghanistan, Grenada and Guinea at the opening of the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, and for the remaining Member States at the opening of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly,

¹ See document A65/30.

² Document A65/41.

³ Documents A65/30 and A65/46.

⁴ Document A65/30.

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-sixth World Health Assembly, Bangladesh, Gambia, Micronesia (Federated States of), Saint Lucia, Sudan and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 WHA59.6 and 64.31 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, Afghanistan, Grenada and Guinea, 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 subparagraph (1) above shall continue at the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Gambia, Grenada, Guinea, Micronesia (Federated States of), Saint Lucia, Sudan and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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.

Draft resolution 2

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered that the outstanding arrears of the former Yugoslavia from 1991 to 2000 amounting to US\$ 5 532 592 have already been fully provided for and noting the United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/249 concerning unpaid assessed contributions of the former Yugoslavia,

DECIDES, in accordance with Financial Regulation 13.6, to approve the write-off of the unpaid arrears from the former Yugoslavia from 1991 to 2000 of US\$ 5 532 592.

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