



FIFTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Agenda item 22.2

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Status of collection of assessed contributions

The Fiftieth World Health Assembly,

Noting with concern that, as at 31 December 1996:

(a) the rate of collection in 1996 of contributions to the effective working budget for that year amounted to 77.72%, leaving US\$ 93 394 425 unpaid;

(b) only 102 Members had paid their contributions to the effective working budget for that year in full, and 63 Members had made no payment;

(c) total unpaid contributions in respect of 1996 and prior years exceeded US\$ 169 million,

1. EXPRESSES deep concern at the continuing high level of contributions outstanding, which has had a deleterious effect on programmes and on the financial situation;
2. CALLS THE ATTENTION of all Members to Financial Regulation 5.6, which provides that instalments of contributions shall be considered as due and payable in full by the first day of the year to which they relate, and to the importance of paying contributions as early as possible to enable the Director-General to implement the programme budget in an orderly manner;
3. REMINDS Members that, as a result of the adoption, by resolution WHA41.12, of an incentive scheme to promote the timely payment of assessed contributions, those that pay their assessed contributions early in the year in which they are due will have their contributions payable for a subsequent programme budget reduced appreciably, whereas Members paying later will have their contributions payable for that subsequent programme budget reduced only marginally or not at all;
4. URGES Members that are systematically late in the payment of their contributions to take immediate steps to ensure prompt and regular payment;
5. REQUESTS the Director-General, taking into account developments in other organizations of the United Nations system and in the review of the WHO Constitution, to continue to review all additional measures that may be appropriate to the circumstances of WHO with a view to ensuring a sound financial basis for programmes and to report on this matter to the 101st session of the Executive Board and the Fifty-first World Health Assembly;
6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Director-General to draw this resolution to the attention of all Members.

Eighth plenary meeting, 12 May 1997
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