



FIFTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA56.10

Agenda item 16.3

26 May 2003

Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the third report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly on Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;¹

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of Moldova, Somalia, Suriname, Tajikistan, Togo, Turkmenistan and Ukraine remained suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Member State concerned have been reduced, at the present or future Health Assemblies, to a level below the amount which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that, in accordance with resolution WHA55.4, the voting privileges of Argentina have been suspended as from 19 May 2003 at the opening of the Health Assembly, such suspension to continue until the arrears have been reduced to a level below the amount which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution;

Noting that Belarus, Burundi, Peru, Saint Lucia and Venezuela were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Fifty-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 these countries should be suspended at the opening of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly,

DECIDES:

(1) that, in accordance with the statement of principles in resolution WHA41.7, if, by the time of the opening of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, Belarus, Peru, Saint Lucia and Venezuela are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would

¹ Document A56/32.

justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;

(2) that any suspension which takes effect as aforesaid shall continue at the Fifty-seventh and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears of Belarus, Peru, Saint Lucia and Venezuela have been reduced to a level below the amount which 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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