



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
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Miscellaneous Income

Report by the Secretariat

BACKGROUND

1. The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly was advised that a transitional arrangement would be applied in respect of the financial incentive scheme, and that the provision of resolution WHA41.12 "Incentive scheme to promote timely payment of assessed contributions by Members" would apply to payment of assessed contributions for 2001. The revised Financial Regulations and Financial Rules, containing a new financial incentive scheme, became effective in January 2001. However, as a transitional measure, the previous financial incentive scheme continued in 2001 in respect of payments of assessed contributions for 2001.¹ The new financial incentive scheme will be applied with effect from 2002 in respect of payments of assessed contributions for 2002.

2. The Executive Board at its 109th session in January 2002 noted that, in accordance with resolution WHA41.12, interest earned in 2001 would be applied to Member States as a credit to their accounts in 2004-2005. It was proposed that Member States' accounts should be credited in 2002-2003 with their respective shares of the interest earned in 2001 instead of waiting until the 2004-2005 biennium. This would allow completion of the transition to the new Scheme as quickly as possible.

3. In resolution EB109.R19, the Executive Board recommended adoption of this proposal to the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly. The Board had been informed that the estimated amount of interest earned and available for the financial incentive scheme would be some US\$ 15 000 000. It noted that the exact amount would be indicated to the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly, after finalization of the financial report of the Organization for the financial period 2000-2001. The exact figure is sizeably higher than estimated and stands at US\$ 21 976 333.

¹ See documents A54/6 and Corr.1, Annex 3.

ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

4. The Health Assembly is invited to consider the draft resolution contained in resolution EB109.R19. It may also wish to include the following additional paragraph:

DECIDES that the total amount to be apportioned among Member States in 2002-2003 should be US\$ 21 976 333.

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