

WHA66.13 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 Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the reports on status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members 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;¹

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Central African Republic, Comoros, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau and Somalia were suspended, such suspension to continue until the arrears of the Members 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, Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi and Sierra Leone were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Sixty-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 those countries should be suspended – for Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan at the opening of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, and for the remaining eight Member States at the opening of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

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-seventh World Health Assembly, Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Jordan, Malawi, and Sierra Leone 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 resolution WHA59.6 and resolution WHA61.8 if, by the time of the opening of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan, 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 paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies until the arrears of Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi and Sierra Leone 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.

¹ Documents A66/30 and A66/55.