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## **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 of the World Health Organization**

The Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on 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 of the World Health Organization,<sup>1</sup> and special arrangements for settlement of arrears;

Having noted the report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly;<sup>2</sup>

Noting that, at the time of opening of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly, the voting rights of Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Comoros, Dominica, Gabon, Lebanon, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen were suspended, such suspension shall 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 Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Pakistan were in arrears at the time of the opening of the Seventy-seventh 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 the voting privileges of those countries should be suspended at the opening of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly in 2025,

DECIDES:

(1) that, in accordance with the statement of principles set out in resolution WHA41.7 (1988), if, by the time of the opening of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pakistan are still in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, their voting privileges shall be suspended as from the said opening;

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<sup>1</sup> Document A77/21.

<sup>2</sup> Document A77/38.

(2) that any suspension that takes effect as set out in paragraph (1) above shall continue at the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and subsequent Health Assemblies, until the arrears have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization;

(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 of the World Health Organization.

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