

1. c) Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization

Geneva, 23 May 1967

ENTRY INTO FORCE:	21 May 1975, in accordance with article 73 of the Constitution, for all Members of the World Health Organization*.
REGISTRATION:	21 May 1975, No. 221.
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Note: The amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization were adopted by the Twentieth World Health Assembly by resolution WHA 20.36 of 23 May 1967.

In accordance with article 73 of the Constitution, amendments come into force for all Members when adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Health Assembly and accepted by two-thirds of the Members in accordance with their respective constitutional processes. Following is the list of States which had accepted the Amendments prior to the entry into force of the Amendments.

*See chapter IX.1 for the complete list of Participants, Members of the World Health Organization, for which the above amendments are in force, pursuant to article 73 of the Constitution.

<i>Participant</i> ^{1,2}	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>	<i>Participant</i> ^{1,2}	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>
Afghanistan.....	28 Apr 1975 A	Finland.....	21 Dec 1967 A
Albania.....	17 Oct 1974 A	France	24 Feb 1970 A
Argentina	5 Feb 1971 A	Gabon.....	13 Dec 1974 A
Australia.....	14 Oct 1968 A	Gambia.....	13 May 1974 A
Austria	10 Feb 1970 A	Germany ^{6,7}	23 Dec 1971 A
Azerbaijan.....	2 Oct 1992 A	Ghana.....	30 Aug 1968 A
Bangladesh.....	25 Apr 1975 A	Guatemala.....	30 Apr 1975 A
Barbados	27 Dec 1967 A	Guinea.....	12 Nov 1973 A
Belgium	3 May 1968 A	Haiti	5 Sep 1974 A
Benin.....	14 Dec 1970 A	Honduras.....	31 Oct 1974 A
Brazil	8 Aug 1968 A	Iceland	12 Jul 1972 A
Bulgaria	26 Jan 1973 A	India	16 Mar 1971 A
Burkina Faso.....	10 Jan 1972 A	Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	31 Jul 1972 A
Burundi	11 May 1970 A	Iraq.....	9 Apr 1970 A
Cameroon.....	2 Dec 1970 A	Ireland.....	3 Mar 1975 A
Canada	24 May 1968 A	Israel	20 Oct 1970 A
Central African Republic.....	30 Dec 1970 A	Jamaica	28 Sep 1970 A
China ^{3,4,5}	14 Jan 1974 A	Japan	21 Jun 1972 A
Côte d'Ivoire	12 Sep 1967 A	Jordan.....	11 May 1970 A
Cyprus.....	24 Nov 1969 A	Kenya.....	3 Jan 1972 A
Denmark	20 Nov 1967 A	Kuwait	2 Jan 1968 A
Ecuador	22 Oct 1974 A	Lao People's Democratic Republic.....	29 Jul 1968 A
Egypt.....	26 Jul 1968 A	Lesotho	21 Feb 1974 A
Ethiopia.....	1 May 1972 A	Luxembourg.....	5 Apr 1972 A
Fiji	29 Jan 1975 A	Madagascar.....	19 Oct 1967 A

<i>Participant^{1,2}</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>
Malawi.....	20 May 1970 A
Malaysia.....	24 Jan 1974 A
Maldives.....	2 Dec 1968 A
Mali.....	6 Aug 1968 A
Mauritania.....	21 May 1975 A
Mauritius.....	8 Apr 1969 A
Mexico.....	6 Sep 1968 A
Monaco.....	14 May 1970 A
Mongolia.....	5 Oct 1971 A
Myanmar.....	27 Feb 1969 A
Nepal.....	20 May 1975 A
Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	7 Jun 1968 A
New Zealand ⁸	28 Dec 1967 A
Nicaragua.....	6 Dec 1974 A
Niger.....	4 Sep 1968 A
Nigeria.....	24 Jan 1968 A
Norway.....	7 Feb 1968 A
Oman.....	25 Jun 1971 A
Panama.....	26 Feb 1975 A
Peru.....	18 Oct 1967 A
Philippines.....	10 Nov 1971 A

<i>Participant^{1,2}</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>
Poland.....	19 Feb 1971 A
Republic of Korea ⁹	13 Dec 1967 A
Romania.....	24 Feb 1972 A
Samoa.....	19 Feb 1975 A
Saudi Arabia.....	9 Nov 1967 A
Senegal.....	12 Jun 1970 A
Sierra Leone.....	26 Jan 1970 A
Somalia.....	26 Apr 1971 A
Spain.....	21 Apr 1970 A
Sri Lanka.....	12 Apr 1974 A
Sweden.....	9 Sep 1968 A
Switzerland.....	5 Dec 1967 A
Thailand.....	27 Jan 1975 A
Togo.....	29 Dec 1969 A
Trinidad and Tobago.....	27 Feb 1968 A
Tunisia.....	5 Oct 1967 A
Türkiye.....	15 Aug 1969 A
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	19 Jun 1968 A
United States of America ¹⁰	19 May 1975 A
Yemen ¹¹	17 Jan 1975 A
Zambia.....	25 Jan 1968 A

Notes:

¹ The former Yugoslavia had accepted the amendments on 3 September 1968. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

² By a letter dated at Hanoi on 12 July 1976, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet-Nam notified the Director-General of the World Health Organization that the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Republic of South Viet-Nam had united to form the Socialist Republic of Viet-Nam, and that the latter would continue to exercise the official membership in the World Health Organization of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Republic of South Viet-Nam. The above-mentioned communication from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet-Nam was brought to the attention of the Member States of the World Health Organization by a circular letter from the Director-General of that Organization dated 30 August 1976. The Thirtieth World Health Assembly took note of the said notification in its resolution WHA 30.13 dated 10 May 1977. The amendments had been accepted on behalf of the Republic of Viet-Nam (later replaced by the Republic of South Viet-Nam) on 12 July 1973.

³ With a declaration to the effect that the acceptance of the Amendments by the Chiang Kai-shek clique usurping the name of China is illegal and null and void. See note concerning

signatures, ratifications, accessions, etc., on behalf of China (note 1 under "China" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume). An instrument of acceptance on behalf of the Republic of China had been deposited with the Secretary-General on 19 January 1971. In this connection, the Secretary-General had received communications from the Governments of Mongolia, Poland, Romania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics objecting to the said acceptance, as well as communications in reply on behalf of the Government of the Republic of China.

⁴ See note 3 under "China" regarding Macao in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ See note 2 under "China" regarding Hong Kong in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁷ The German Democratic Republic had accepted the amendments on 21 February 1974. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁸ See note 1 under “New Zealand” regarding Tokelau in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁹ In a communication received by the Secretary-General on 24 February 1972 with reference to the above-mentioned acceptance, the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations stated that his Government considers that the said acceptance constitutes an illegal act, inasmuch as the South Korean authorities can, in no case, act on behalf of Korea.

¹⁰ The instrument of acceptance contains the following statement:

"As was the case in the original acceptance by the United States of America of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, the present acceptance is subject to the provisions of the joint resolution of the Congress of the United States of America approved June 14, 1948 (Public Law 643, 80th Congress)."

¹¹ The formality was effected by Democratic Yemen. See also note 1 under “Yemen” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

