

**1. f) Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization**

*Geneva, 18 May 1978*

**NOT YET IN FORCE:** see article 73 of the Constitution which reads as follows: "1. Texts of proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be communicated by the Director-General to Members at least six months in advance of their consideration by the Health Assembly. Amendments shall 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."

**STATUS:** Parties: 112.

**TEXT:** [World Health Assembly, resolution WHA31.18](#), *Official Records of the World Health Organization*, No. 247, p. 11.

*Note:* The amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization was adopted by the Thirty-first World Health Assembly by resolution WHA 31.18 of 18 May 1978.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>
Afghanistan.....	10 Aug 2005 A	Ecuador.....	29 Aug 2006 A
Algeria.....	14 Sep 1987 A	Egypt.....	4 Mar 1981 A
Andorra.....	30 Apr 2001 A	Estonia.....	9 Mar 2005 A
Argentina.....	10 Jul 2002 A	Ethiopia.....	5 Jul 2000 A
Australia.....	29 Sep 1981 A	Fiji.....	9 Feb 1999 A
Austria.....	15 Sep 2005 A	Finland.....	15 May 1980 A
Bahamas.....	16 Aug 2005 A	France.....	6 Oct 1980 A
Bahrain.....	19 May 1982 A	Greece.....	7 Dec 1998 A
Bangladesh.....	24 Mar 2000 A	Guatemala.....	12 Feb 1980 A
Belgium.....	1 Feb 1980 A	Honduras.....	28 Nov 2006 A
Belize.....	10 Oct 2003 A	Iceland.....	22 Jul 1983 A
Bhutan.....	14 Apr 1999 A	India.....	2 Oct 2003 A
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....	22 Dec 2004 A	Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	3 May 2002 A
Botswana.....	4 Oct 2004 A	Iraq.....	17 Sep 1984 A
Brazil.....	9 May 2002 A	Ireland.....	26 Jun 2002 A
Brunei Darussalam.....	7 Feb 2007 A	Jamaica.....	20 Dec 2001 A
Burkina Faso.....	26 Aug 2005 A	Jordan.....	30 Aug 1982 A
Cabo Verde.....	26 Nov 1979 A	Kuwait.....	2 Jan 1980 A
Cambodia.....	12 Apr 2006 A	Lebanon.....	10 Jan 1986 A
Canada.....	29 Apr 1999 A	Liberia.....	16 Sep 2005 A
China <sup>1</sup> .....	1 Dec 2005 A	Libya.....	20 Apr 1981 A
Colombia.....	29 Jan 2008 A	Luxembourg.....	22 Jun 1982 A
Cook Islands.....	14 Feb 2000 A	Madagascar.....	16 Sep 1999 A
Croatia.....	29 Jun 2000 A	Malawi.....	3 Jul 1979 A
Cuba.....	21 Nov 2002 A	Malaysia.....	19 Aug 2002 A
Cyprus.....	3 Apr 1987 A	Maldives.....	6 May 1999 A
Czech Republic.....	12 Nov 2002 A	Malta.....	29 Mar 2000 A
Djibouti.....	30 Mar 2005 A	Marshall Islands.....	23 May 2006 A
Dominica.....	13 Aug 1998 A	Mauritania.....	27 May 1982 A

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Mexico.....	20 Jun 2001 A	Saudi Arabia .....	30 Oct 1978 A
Micronesia (Federated States of).....	17 Nov 2006 A	Serbia .....	28 Dec 2004 A
Monaco .....	3 Feb 1983 A	Seychelles .....	6 Oct 2004 A
Mongolia.....	5 May 2005 A	Singapore .....	17 Apr 1979 A
Morocco.....	2 Mar 1987 A	Slovakia .....	11 May 2005 A
Mozambique .....	9 Jul 1998 A	Slovenia .....	5 Feb 2004 A
Myanmar.....	20 Oct 2003 A	Somalia .....	24 Jan 2006 A
Namibia .....	21 Sep 2004 A	Spain .....	26 Sep 2001 A
Nauru .....	6 Aug 1998 A	St. Kitts and Nevis .....	7 Jul 2004 A
Nepal.....	22 Aug 2003 A	Sudan .....	12 Feb 1999 A
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>2</sup> .....	5 Jan 1982 A	Sweden.....	13 Aug 2001 A
New Zealand <sup>3</sup> .....	16 Jun 2000 A	Switzerland .....	13 Nov 1998 A
Niger .....	18 Apr 1979 A	Syrian Arab Republic .....	18 Dec 1979 A
Niue .....	12 Oct 1998 A	Thailand.....	22 Jul 1998 A
North Macedonia .....	9 Mar 1999 A	Togo.....	15 Dec 1998 A
Norway .....	18 Apr 1979 A	Trinidad and Tobago .....	18 Oct 2004 A
Oman .....	18 Jul 1985 A	Tunisia .....	30 Sep 1983 A
Pakistan.....	23 Jun 2000 A	Uganda.....	29 May 2002 A
Palau .....	7 Oct 2003 A	United Arab Emirates .....	18 Aug 1982 A
Panama.....	16 Aug 2004 A	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	16 Dec 2004 A
Paraguay .....	11 Apr 2005 A	United Republic of Tanzania.....	23 Sep 1998 A
Philippines .....	1 Oct 2004 A	United States of America.....	10 Dec 1980 A
Portugal.....	7 Jan 2005 A	Uruguay .....	7 Nov 2007 A
Qatar .....	25 Apr 1985 A	Uzbekistan .....	23 Apr 2004 A
Russian Federation .....	1 Apr 1982 A	Viet Nam.....	4 Jun 1999 A
Samoa .....	19 Aug 1998 A	Yemen <sup>4</sup> .....	8 Mar 1982 A

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> With the following territorial application:

In accordance with the provision of article 153 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and article 138 of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that the Amendment shall apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

<sup>2</sup> On behalf of the Kingdom in Europe and the Netherlands Antilles. See also note 1 under "Netherlands" regarding Aruba/Netherlands Antillies in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> The formality was effected by the Yemen Arab Republic. See also note 1 under "Yemen" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

