

WHA18.48 Amendments to Article 7 of the Constitution

The Eighteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering the proposal made by the Government of the Ivory Coast for the amendment of Article 7 of the Constitution; ¹ and

Noting that the provision of Article 73 of the Constitution, which requires that the texts of proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be communicated to Members at least six months before consideration by the Health Assembly, has been duly complied with,

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1. ADOPTS the amendments to the Constitution set forth in the Annexes to this resolution, and which shall form an integral part of this resolution, the texts in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages being equally authentic;
2. DECIDES that two copies of this resolution shall be authenticated by the signatures of the President of the Eighteenth World Health Assembly and the Director-General of the World Health Organization, of which one copy shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, depositary of the Constitution, and one copy retained in the archives of the World Health Organization;

II

Considering that the aforesaid amendments to the Constitution shall come into force for all Members when accepted by two-thirds of the Members in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, as provided for in Article 73 of the Constitution,

DECIDES that the notification of such acceptance shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as required for acceptance of the Constitution by Article 79(b) of the Constitution.

CHINESE TEXT

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- (一)如會員國不克履行其對本組織所擔負之財政義務，或遇有其他特別情形，衛生大會認為情形適當時，得停止該會員國所享有之選舉特權及便利，衛生大會並有權恢復此種選舉特權及便利。
- (二)如會員國忽視本組織法所定之人道原則及宗旨，故意施行種族歧視政策，衛生大會得予以停權或開除其在世界衛生組織之會籍。但如有詳細報告，證明該國已放棄原先引致其停權或開除之歧視政策，衛生大會得依據執行委員會之建議，恢復其權利，特權暨會籍。

ENGLISH TEXT

Article 7 — *Delete and replace by*

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(a) If a Member fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization or in any other exceptional circumstances, the Health Assembly may, on such conditions as it thinks proper, suspend the voting privileges and services to which a Member is entitled. The Health Assembly shall have the authority to restore such voting privileges and services.

(b) If a Member ignores the humanitarian principles and the objectives laid down in the Constitution, by deliberately practising a policy of racial discrimination, the Health Assembly may suspend it or exclude it from the World Health Organization.

Nevertheless, its rights and privileges, as well as its membership, may be restored by the Health Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Board following a detailed report proving that the State in question has renounced the policy of discrimination which gave rise to its suspension or exclusion.

