



Treaty Series No. 24 (1961)

Amendments  
to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution  
of the World Health Organisation

signed at New York on July 22, 1946

Adopted by the  
Twelfth World Health Assembly

Geneva, May 28, 1959

[The United Kingdom instrument of  
acceptance was deposited on April 1, 1960]

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by Command of Her Majesty  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE TWELFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY  
AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANISATION**

*(Articles 24 and 25)*

The Twelfth World Health Assembly

Considering the proposal made by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the increase of the number of persons designated to serve on the Executive Board;

Having examined the text of the amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution<sup>(1)</sup> communicated by the Director-General to Member States on 3 November 1958;

Noting that the provision of Article 73 of the Constitution, which requires that 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;

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 Twelfth World Health Assembly and the Director-General of the World Health Organisation, 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.

3. FURTHER DECIDES that acceptance of the amendments to the Constitution set forth in this resolution under Article 73 of the Constitution, shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations<sup>(2)</sup>.

IN FAITH WHEREOF we have appended our signatures hereto.

Done at Geneva this twenty-eighth day of May 1959 in two copies.

President of the Twelfth World  
Health Assembly

JOHN A. CHARLES.

Director-General of the World  
Health Organisation

M. G. CANDAU.

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<sup>(1)</sup> "Treaty Series No. 43 (1948)", Cmd. 7458.

<sup>(2)</sup> The amendments, having been accepted by two-thirds of the Members, entered into force on October 25, 1960, in accordance with the provisions of Article 73 of the Constitution.

**RESOLUTION DE LA DOUZIEME ASSEMBLEE MONDIALE DE LA SANTE AMENDANT LA CONSTITUTION DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTE**

*(Articles 24 et 25)*

La Douzième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé,

Considérant la proposition présentée par le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord tendant à augmenter le nombre des personnes appelées à siéger au Conseil exécutif;

Ayant examiné le texte des amendements proposés aux Articles 24 et 25 de la Constitution que le Directeur général a communiqué aux Etats Membres le 3 novembre 1958;

Constatant que les stipulations de l'article 73 de la Constitution, d'après lesquelles les textes des amendements proposés à la Constitution doivent être communiqués aux Etats Membres six mois au moins avant qu'ils ne soient examinés par l'Assemblée de la Santé, ont été dûment observées;

1. ADOPTE les amendements à la Constitution figurant dans les annexes à cette résolution et qui en font partie intégrante, les textes anglais, chinois, espagnol, français et russe étant également authentiques.

2. DÉCIDE que deux exemplaires de la présente résolution sont authentifiés par la signature du Président de la Douzième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé et celle du Directeur général de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé, qu'un de ces exemplaires est transmis au Secrétaire général des Nations Unies, dépositaire de la Constitution, alors que l'autre est conservé dans les archives de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé.

3. DÉCIDE EN OUTRE que l'acceptation des amendements apportés à la Constitution tels que formulés dans cette résolution s'effectue, selon les termes de l'Article 73 de la Constitution, par le dépôt d'un instrument officiel auprès du Secrétaire général des Nations Unies.

EN FOI DE QUOI nous avons signé le présent document.

Fait à Genève, le vingt-huit mai 1959, en deux exemplaires.

Le Président de la Douzième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé      Le Directeur général de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé

JOHN A. CHARLES.

M. G. CANDAU.

## ANNEX A

### *Chinese Text*

第二十四條內之“十八”一詞改為“二 +  
四”；

第二十五條全文刪除，重訂為：

“执行委員任期三年，連選得連任，  
但於执行委員自十八人增為二十四  
人之組織法修正案生效後之第一屆  
衛生大會所選出之执行委員十二人  
中，二人任期為一年，另二人任期為二  
年，以抽籤決定之。”

## **ANNEX B**

### *English Text*

In Article 24 substitute the word "twenty-four" for the word "eighteen"; delete the whole Article 25 and replace by :

"These Members shall be elected for three years and may be re-elected, provided that of the twelve Members elected at the first session of the Health Assembly held after the coming into force of the amendment to this Constitution increasing the membership of the Board from eighteen to twenty-four the terms of two Members shall be for one year and the terms of two Members shall be for two years, as determined by lot."

## **ANNEX C**

### *French Text*

Dans l'article 24, remplacer le mot “dix-huit” par le mot “vingt-quatre”; Supprimer entièrement le texte de l'article 25 et le remplacer par le texte suivant:

“Ces Membres sont élus pour trois ans et sont rééligibles; cependant, parmi les douze Membres élus lors de la première session de l'Assemblée de la Santé qui suivra l'entrée en vigueur de l'amendement à la présente Constitution portant le nombre des membres du Conseil de dix-huit à vingt-quatre, le mandat de deux de ces Membres sera d'un an et le mandat de deux autres Membres sera de deux ans, la sélection s'opérant par tirage au sort.”

## **ANNEX D**

### *Russian Text*

В статье 24 слово “восемнадцати” заменить словом “двадцати четырех”.

Статью 25 полностью изъять и заменить статьей в следующей формулировке:

“Эти государства-члены избираются сроком на три года и могут быть переизбираемы, причем имеется в виду, что из числа двенадцати государств-членов, избранных на ближайшей сессии Ассамблеи здравоохранения после вступления в силу поправки к настоящему Уставу, увеличивающей членский состав Исполкома с восемнадцати до двадцати четырех, два государства-члена сохраняют свои полномочия в продолжение одного года, а два других—в продолжение двух лет, по жребию”.

## **ANNEX E**

### *Spanish Text*

En el Artículo 24 sustitúyase “ dieciocho ” por “ veinticuatro ”; En el Artículo 25 sustitúyase la redacción actual por la siguiente:

“ Los miembros serán elegidos por un período de tres años y podrán ser reelegidos, con la salvedad de que entre los elegidos en la primera reunión de la Asamblea de la Salud celebrada después de entrar en vigor la presente reforma de la Constitución que aumenta de dieciocho a veinticuatro el número de los miembros del Consejo, el periodo será de un año para dos de ellos y de dos años para otros dos, según lo que resulte del sorteo practicado al efecto.”

*List of Acceptances*

United Kingdom	...	...	...	...	...	April 1, 1960
Canada	...	...	...	...	...	February 25, 1960
Australia	...	...	...	...	...	August 12, 1959
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	...	April 4, 1960
India	...	...	...	...	...	February 23, 1960
Pakistan	...	...	...	...	...	February 12, 1960
Ceylon	...	...	...	...	...	May 9, 1960
Ghana	...	...	...	...	...	September 16, 1960
Federation of Malaya	...	...	...	...	...	February 4, 1960
Republic of Ireland	...	...	...	...	...	October 15, 1960
Afghanistan	...	...	...	...	...	August 11, 1960
Albania	...	...	...	...	...	July 27, 1960
Austria	...	...	...	...	...	March 29, 1960
Belgium	...	...	...	...	...	November 20, 1959
Bulgaria	...	...	...	...	...	February 11, 1960
Burma	...	...	...	...	...	April 19, 1960
Cambodia	...	...	...	...	...	December 8, 1959
Cameroun	...	...	...	...	...	May 6, 1960
Central African Republic	...	...	...	...	...	September 20, 1960
Chile	...	...	...	...	...	April 28, 1960
Republic of China	...	...	...	...	...	April 25, 1960
Cuba	...	...	...	...	...	July 27, 1960
Dahomey	...	...	...	...	...	September 20, 1960
Denmark	...	...	...	...	...	January 15, 1960
Dominican Republic	...	...	...	...	...	September 16, 1960
Ecuador	...	...	...	...	...	June 10, 1960
Ethiopia	...	...	...	...	...	May 3, 1960
Finland	...	...	...	...	...	May 4, 1960
Greece	...	...	...	...	...	May 23, 1960
Guinea	...	...	...	...	...	August 5, 1960
Honduras	...	...	...	...	...	February 23, 1960
Indonesia	...	...	...	...	...	November 4, 1959
Iran	...	...	...	...	...	May 2, 1960
Iraq	...	...	...	...	...	November 25, 1959
Israel	...	...	...	...	...	January 4, 1960
Jordan	...	...	...	...	...	March 25, 1960
Republic of Korea	...	...	...	...	...	December 29, 1959
Kuwait	...	...	...	...	...	May 9, 1960
Laos	...	...	...	...	...	May 4, 1960
Libya	...	...	...	...	...	February 8, 1960
Luxembourg	...	...	...	...	...	October 25, 1960
Mali	...	...	...	...	...	October 17, 1960
Mexico	...	...	...	...	...	August 2, 1960
Morocco	...	...	...	...	...	March 28, 1960
Nepal	...	...	...	...	...	May 12, 1960
Netherlands (also for Surinam, the Netherlands Antilles and Netherlands New Guinea)					...	September 14, 1960
Niger	...	...	...	...	...	October 5, 1960
Norway	...	...	...	...	...	November 2, 1959

Paraguay	...	...	...	...	...	...	February 8, 1960
Philippines	...	...	...	...	...	...	March 25, 1960
Poland	...	...	...	...	...	...	February 18, 1960
El Salvador	...	...	...	...	...	...	February 10, 1960
Spain	...	...	...	...	...	...	November 4, 1959
Sudan	...	...	...	...	...	...	April 1, 1960
Sweden	...	...	...	...	...	...	December 1, 1959
Switzerland	...	...	...	...	...	...	January 15, 1960
Thailand	...	...	...	...	...	...	September 24, 1959
Togo	...	...	...	...	...	...	May 13, 1960
Tunisia	...	...	...	...	...	...	March 18, 1960
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	...	...	...	...	...	...	June 17, 1960
United Arab Republic	...	...	...	...	...	...	March 25, 1960
Upper Volta	...	...	...	...	...	...	October 4, 1960
Vietnam	...	...	...	...	...	...	September 7, 1959
Yugoslavia	...	...	...	...	...	...	April 8, 1960

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