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of the Twenty-Sixth
World Health Assembly amending
Articles 34 and 55 of the Constitution
of the World Health Organization
adopted on 22 May 1973

Geneva, 24 May 1973

[The Amendments entered into force on 3 February 1977]

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RESOLUTION
OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION (Articles 34 and 55)

The Twenty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Having examined the desirability of introducing a biennial programme and budget as set out in Resolution WHA25.24 and in the Report of the Director-General to the Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly on this subject;

Considering the recommendation made to the Twenty-sixth Health Assembly by the Executive Board at its Fifty-first session in Resolution EB51.R51 that a programme and budget for a biennial period be introduced as soon as possible and to adopt the proposed amendments to Articles 34 and 55 of the Constitution⁽¹⁾:

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,

I

1. **ADOPTS** the amendments to the Constitution set forth in the Annexes⁽²⁾ 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 Twenty-sixth 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,⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 43 (1948), Cmd. 7458 as amended by Treaty Series No. 24 (1961), Cmnd. 1351 and Treaty Series No. 109 (1975), Cmnd. 6204.

⁽²⁾ Only Annex B (English) is reproduced.

⁽³⁾ The amendments entered into force on 3 February 1977.

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.

IN FAITH WHEREOF we have appended our signatures hereto.

Done at Geneva this twenty-fourth day of May 1973 in two copies.

J. SULIANTI

President of the Twenty-sixth
World Health Assembly

M. G. CANDAU

Director-General of the
World Health Organization

ANNEX B

In *Article 34* delete the word "annually",

In *Article 55* delete the word "annual";

the amended Articles reading as follows:

ARTICLE 34

The Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Board the financial statements and budgets estimates of the Organization.

ARTICLE 55

The Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Board the budget estimates of the Organization. The Board shall consider and submit to the Health Assembly such budget estimates, together with any recommendations the Board may deem advisable.

ACCEPTANCES

	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>
Afghanistan	28 Feb. 1975
Angola	3 Mar. 1977
Argentina	4 Oct. 1976
Australia	11 Mar. 1975
Bahamas	14 Dec. 1976
Bahrain	25 June 1975
Bangladesh	26 Feb. 1976
Barbados	7 June 1974
Belgium	6 Aug. 1974
Benin	24 Nov. 1975
Bolivia	17 Oct. 1975
Botswana	4 Feb. 1977
Brazil	7 Aug. 1974

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Bulgaria	27 Jan. 1976
Burma	30 Dec. 1975
Cameroon	30 May 1974
Canada	12 June 1974
Central African Empire	13 Jan. 1977
Chad	3 Nov. 1976
China (People's Republic of)	5 Mar. 1976
Comoros	27 Jan. 1977
Congo	3 Jan. 1977
Cuba	7 Feb. 1977
Cyprus	20 June 1975
Denmark	7 Oct. 1974
Dominican Republic	16 Oct. 1975
Ecuador	12 Mar. 1975
Egypt	14 Jan. 1974
Ethiopia	9 Jan. 1976
Fiji	15 Nov. 1973
Finland	17 June 1974
France	28 Jan. 1975
Gambia	25 Jan. 1977
German Democratic Republic	13 July 1976
Germany, Federal Republic of (includes Berlin (West))	9 July 1975
Ghana	22 Apr. 1977
Greece	4 Nov. 1975
Grenada	16 July 1976
Guinea	22 Sept. 1975
Guinea-Bissau	18 Nov. 1975
Guyana	24 May 1974
Honduras	8 Nov. 1974
Iceland	5 Dec. 1975
Indonesia	4 May 1977
Iraq	28 Jan. 1977
Ireland, Republic of	3 Mar. 1975
Israel	8 Sept. 1976
Jamaica	25 Mar. 1977
Jordan	30 Nov. 1976
Kenya	17 Sept. 1976
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Kuwait	17 July 1975
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Malaysia	3 July 1975
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Portugal	20 Feb. 1975
Qatar	8 Dec. 1975
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Somali Democratic Republic	8 Oct. 1975
Spain	10 Oct. 1975
Sri Lanka	12 Nov. 1974
Surinam	27 Jan. 1977
Swaziland'	18 Nov. 1975
Sweden	13 May 1974
Switzerland	21 Aug. 1974
Syria	18 June 1975
Tanzania	6 Jan. 1976
Thailand	27 Jan. 1975
Togo	16 Jan. 1975
Tonga	8 Feb. 1977
Trinidad and Tobago	30 Jan. 1975
Tunisia	6 Jan. 1976
Uganda	24 Nov. 1975
United Arab Emirates	2 July 1974
United Kingdom	23 July 1974
United States	19 May 1975
Venezuela	23 July 1975
Viet-Nam	10 Oct. 1974
Viet-Nam, Socialist Republic of	23 Feb. 1977

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