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**WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION**



Treaty Series No. 41 (1984)

# Amendments

to Articles 24 and 25 of the  
Constitution of the World Health  
Organization

Adopted by the Twenty-ninth  
World Health Assembly

Geneva, 17 May 1976

[The United Kingdom Instrument of Acceptance was deposited on 24 February 1978  
and the Amendments entered into force on 20 January 1984]

*Presented to Parliament*  
*by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*  
*by Command of Her Majesty*  
*June 1984*

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**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**  
**AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH**  
**ORGANIZATION (ARTICLES 24 AND 25)**

The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

1. Adopts the following amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution<sup>(1)</sup>, 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-ninth 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;

3. Decides that the notification of acceptance of these amendments by Members in accordance with provisions of Article 73 of the Constitution 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 twentieth day of May 1976 in two copies.

HAROLD WALTER

*President of the  
Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly*

H. MAHLER

*Director-General of the  
World Health Organization*

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<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series No. 43 (1948), Cmd. 7458 as amended by Treaty Series No. 24 (1961), Cmd. 1351, Treaty Series No. 109 (1975), Cmd. 6204 and Treaty Series No. 50 (1977), Cmd. 6832.

ARTICLE 24—DELETE AND REPLACE BY

*Article 24*

The Board shall consist of thirty-one persons designated by as many Members. The Health Assembly, taking into account an equitable geographical distribution, shall elect the Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Board, provided that of such Members, not less than three shall be elected from each of the regional organizations established pursuant to Article 44. Each of these Members should appoint to the Board a person technically qualified in the field of health, who may be accompanied by alternates and advisers.

ARTICLE 25—DELETE AND REPLACE BY

*Article 25*

These Members shall be elected for three years and may be re-elected, provided that of the eleven 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 thirty to thirty-one the term of office of the additional Member elected shall, insofar as may be necessary, be of such lesser duration as shall facilitate the election of at least one Member from each regional organization in each year.

## ACCEPTANCES

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of Deposit</i>
Afghanistan	20 Sept. 1982
Algeria	23 Nov. 1983
Australia	30 Mar. 1977
Bahamas	29 May 1980
Bahrain	23 Apr. 1980
Bangladesh	3 Aug. 1978
Barbados	3 Aug. 1977
Belgium	29 Dec. 1977
Benin	4 May 1983
Bhutan	8 Sept. 1982
Bolivia	16 June 1982
Botswana	24 Feb. 1978
Brazil	27 Aug. 1982
Bulgaria	18 Jan. 1983
Burma	15 June 1979
Burundi	21 July 1981
Cambodia	17 Aug. 1983
Cameroon	25 Sept. 1978
Canada	20 Jan. 1984
Cape Verde	13 Jan. 1978
Chile	5 Aug. 1982
China, People's Republic of	20 May 1982
Comoros, The	13 Dec. 1982
Denmark	1 July 1981
Djibouti	5 Dec. 1983
Ecuador	22 Nov. 1976
Egypt, Arab Republic of	21 Dec. 1976
Ethiopia	6 Jan. 1977
Fiji	20 May 1981
Finland	14 June 1977
France*	22 July 1981
Gabon	11 May 1982
Greece	27 Feb. 1978
Guatemala	16 Jan. 1979
Guinea-Bissau	5 Feb. 1980
Guyana	30 Sept. 1982
Hungary	4 May 1983
Iceland	22 July 1983
India	23 Jan. 1978
Indonesia	24 May 1978
Iran	22 Feb. 1980
Iraq*	25 Sept. 1978
Ireland, Republic of	16 Feb. 1982
Italy	17 May 1983
Ivory Coast	16 Dec. 1977
Jamaica	11 Apr. 1983
Jordan	10 June 1983

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Korea, Democratic People's Republic of ...	2 Mar. 1982
Laos, People's Democratic Republic of ...	23 Jan. 1978
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Venezuela ... ..	17 Aug. 1983
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Yugoslavia ... ..	2 Sept. 1983
Zaire ... ..	2 May 1983
Zimbabwe ... ..	13 Oct. 1982

\* For declarations see page 8.

#### ‡TERRITORIAL EXTENSION

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## DECLARATIONS

### FRANCE

On accepting the Amendments the Government of France made the following declaration:  
(*Translation*) (Original: French)

The Secretariat should take note that France, not recognizing the Government of [Democratic Kampuchea], considers as being without effect the acceptance by that Government of the 1976 amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, adopted by the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly on 17 May 1976.

### IRAQ

On accepting the Amendments the Government of Iraq made the following declaration:  
(*Translation*)

... the acceptance shall in no way imply recognition of Israel or be a cause for the establishment of any relations of any kind therewith.

### ISRAEL

In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 11 May, 1979, the Government of Israel made the following statement:

"The Instrument deposited by the Government of Iraq contains a statement of a political character in respect to Israel. In the view of the Government of Israel, this is not the proper place for making such political pronouncements, which are, moreover, in flagrant contradiction to the principles, objects and purposes of the Organization. That pronouncement by the Government of Iraq cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon it under general international law or under particular treaties.

The Government of Israel will, insofar as concerns the substance of the matter, adopt towards the Government of Iraq an attitude of complete reciprocity."