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**Amendments**  
to Articles 24 and 25 of the  
Constitution of the World Health  
Organization signed at New York on  
22 July, 1946

Adopted by the  
Twentieth World Health Assembly

Geneva, 23 May 1967

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**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE TWENTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**  
**AMENDING ARTICLES 24 AND 25 OF THE CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

The Twentieth World Health Assembly,

Considering the proposal made by the Government of Brazil for the amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution;<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

**I**

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<sup>(2)</sup>;

2. **DECIDES** that two copies of this resolution shall be authenticated by the signatures of the President of the Twentieth 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.

**IN FAITH WHEREOF** we have appended our signatures hereto.

Done at Geneva this twenty-third day of May 1967 in two copies.

**V. T. H. GUNARATNE**  
President of the Twentieth World  
Health Assembly

**M. G. CANDAU**  
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), Cmnd. 1351.

<sup>(2)</sup> When the amendments have been registered with the United Nations, texts in the Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish languages will be published in the United Nations Treaty Series, available through Agency Section, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, P.O. Box 569, London SE1 9NY—Tel: 01-928 6977 Ext. 410.

ANNEX

Article 24. *Delete and replace by :*

ARTICLE 24

The Board shall consist of thirty 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. 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 fourteen 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 twenty-four to thirty 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.

ACCEPTANCES

	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>
Afghanistan	...	28 Apr. 1975
Albania	....	17 Oct. 1974
Argentine Republic	...	5 Feb. 1971
Australia	...	14 Oct. 1968
Austria	...	10 Feb. 1970
Bangladesh	...	25 Apr. 1975
Barbados	...	27 Dec. 1967
Belgium	...	3 May 1968
Brazil	...	8 Aug. 1968
Bulgaria	...	26 Jan. 1973
Burma	...	27 Feb. 1969
Burundi	...	11 May 1970
Cameroon	...	2 Dec. 1970
Canada	...	24 May 1968
Central African Republic	...	30 Dec. 1970
Chile	...	17 June 1975
China (Nationalist Authorities)*	...	19 Jan. 1971
China, People's Republic of†	...	14 Jan. 1974
Congo	...	28 May 1975
Cuba	...	17 June 1975
Cyprus	...	24 Nov. 1969
Czechoslovakia	...	4 Sept. 1968

\* Not recognised by the United Kingdom

† The instrument of acceptance by the Government of China contained the following declaration:

(Translation) The acceptance of the above-mentioned amendment by Chiang Kai-shek clique usurping the name of China is illegal and null and void.

	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>
Dahomey	... ..	14 Dec. 1970
Denmark	... ..	20 Nov. 1967
Ecuador	... ..	22 Oct. 1974
Ethiopia	... ..	1 May 1972
Fiji	... ..	29 Jan. 1975
Finland	... ..	21 Dec. 1967
France	... ..	24 Feb. 1970
Gabon	... ..	13 Dec. 1974
The Gambia	... ..	13 May 1974
Germany, Federal Republic of (including Land Berlin)	... ..	23 Dec. 1971
German Democratic Republic	... ..	21 Feb. 1974
Ghana	... ..	30 Aug. 1968
Greece	... ..	29 May 1975
Guatemala	... ..	30 Apr. 1975
Guinea	... ..	12 Nov. 1973
Haiti	... ..	5 Sept. 1974
Honduras	... ..	31 Oct. 1974
Iceland	... ..	12 July 1972
India	... ..	16 Mar. 1971
Iran	... ..	31 July 1972
Iraq	... ..	9 Apr. 1970
Ireland, Republic of	... ..	3 Mar. 1975
Israel	... ..	20 Oct. 1970
Ivory Coast	... ..	12 Sept. 1967
Jamaica	... ..	28 Sept. 1970
Japan	... ..	21 June 1972
Jordan	... ..	11 May 1970
Kenya	... ..	3 Jan. 1972
Korea, Republic of	... ..	13 Dec. 1967
Kuwait	... ..	2 Jan. 1968
Laos	... ..	29 July 1968
Lesotho	... ..	21 Feb. 1974
Luxemburg	... ..	5 Apr. 1972
Malagasy Republic	... ..	19 Oct. 1967
Malawi	... ..	20 May 1970
Malaysia	... ..	24 Jan. 1974
Maldiv Islands	... ..	2 Dec. 1968
Mali	... ..	6 Aug. 1968
Mauritania	... ..	21 May 1975
Mauritius	... ..	8 Apr. 1969
Mexico	... ..	6 Sept 1968
Monaco	... ..	14 May 1970
Mongolia	... ..	5 Oct. 1971
Morocco	... ..	2 June 1975
Nepal	... ..	20 May 1975
Netherlands	... ..	7 June 1968
New Zealand	... ..	28 Dec. 1967
Nicaragua	... ..	6 Dec. 1974
Niger	... ..	4 Sept. 1968

	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>
Nigeria	...	24 Jan. 1968
Norway	...	7 Feb. 1968
Oman	...	25 June 1971
Panama	...	26 Feb. 1975
Peru	...	18 Oct. 1967
Philippines	...	10 Nov. 1971
Poland	...	19 Feb. 1971
Romania*	...	24 Feb. 1972
Saudi Arabia	...	9 Nov. 1967
Senegal	...	12 June 1970
Sierra Leone	...	26 Jan. 1970
Somalia	...	26 Apr. 1971
Spain	...	21 Apr. 1970
Sri Lanka	...	12 Apr. 1974
Sudan	...	28 May 1975
Sweden	...	9 Sept. 1968
Switzerland	...	5 Dec. 1967
Thailand	...	27 Jan. 1975
Togo	...	29 Dec. 1969
Trinidad & Tobago	...	27 Feb. 1968
Tunisia	...	5 Oct. 1967
Turkey	...	15 Aug. 1969
Uganda	...	22 May 1975
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	...	10 June 1975
United Arab Republic	...	26 July 1968
United Kingdom	...	19 June 1968
United States of America†	...	19 May 1975
Upper Volta	...	10 Jan. 1972
Vietnam	...	12 July 1973
Western Samoa	...	19 Feb. 1975
Yemen, People's Democratic Republic of	...	17 Jan. 1975
Yugoslavia	...	3 Sept. 1968
Zambia	...	25 Jan. 1968

\* On depositing their instrument of acceptance the Government of Romania made the following declaration:

(Translation) A. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers as null and void the acceptance of the amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, signed at New York on 22 July 1946, adopted by the Twentieth World Assembly on 23 May 1967, by the so-called authorities of Chiang Kai-shek, for the only Government that has the right to assume obligations on behalf of China and to represent it at the international level is the Government of the People's Republic of China.

B. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the acceptance, for the Republic of Korea, of the amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, signed at New York on 22 July 1946, adopted by the Twentieth World Assembly on 23 May 1967, constitute an illegal act, inasmuch as the South Korean authorities can, in no case, act on behalf of Korea.

† The instrument of acceptance by the Government of the United States contained the following statement:

"As was the case in the original acceptance by the United States of America of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, the present acceptance is subject to the provisions of the joint resolution of the Congress of the United States of America approved June 14, 1948 (Public Law 643, 80th Congress)."

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