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# Amendments

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

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## AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 24 AND 25 OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Fifty-first World Health Assembly,

Considering that the membership of the Executive Board should be increased from 32 to 34, so that the number of Members in the European Region and Western Pacific Region entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board be increased to eight and five, respectively,

1. ADOPTS the following amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution, the texts in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages being equally authentic:

### ARTICLE 24

#### **Delete and replace by**

The Board shall consist of thirty-four 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**

These Members shall be elected for three years and may be re-elected, provided that of the 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-two to thirty-four the term of office of the additional Members 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.

2. DECIDES that two copies of this resolution shall be authenticated by the signatures of the President of the Fifty-first 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 the 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.

## RATIFICATIONS, ACCESSIONS, EFFECTIVE DATES AND DECLARATIONS

<i>State</i>	<i>Action Acceptance Date</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Afghanistan	10 Aug 2005	15 Sep 2005
Algeria	23 Mar 2001	15 Sep 2005
Andorra	31 Mar 1999	15 Sep 2005
Angola	29 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
Argentina	20 Jul 2001	15 Sep 2005
Australia	18 Jul 2001	15 Sep 2005
Austria	15 Sep 2005	15 Sep 2005
Bahamas	16 Aug 2005	15 Sep 2005
Bahrain	20 Jul 1998	15 Sep 2005
Bangladesh	24 Mar 2000	15 Sep 2005
Barbados	14 May 2004	15 Sep 2005
Belgium	08 Mar 1999	15 Sep 2005
Belize	10 Oct 2003	15 Sep 2005
Benin	10 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
Bhutan	23 Jan 2004	15 Sep 2005
Botswana	04 Oct 2004	15 Sep 2005
Brazil	09 May 2002	15 Sep 2005
Brunei Darussalam	10 Jan 1999	15 Sep 2005
Bulgaria	11 Aug 2004	15 Sep 2005
Burkina Faso	26 Aug 2005	15 Sep 2005
Cambodia	30 Nov 2001	15 Sep 2005
Canada	23 May 2003	15 Sep 2005
Chad	20 Apr 1999	15 Sep 2005
China <sup>1,2</sup>	06 Nov 1998	15 Sep 2005
Comoros	15 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
Cook Islands	14 Feb 2000	15 Sep 2005
Cote d'Ivoire	24 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
Croatia	29 Jun 2000	15 Sep 2005
Cuba	21 Nov 2002	15 Sep 2005
Cyprus	29 Jul 2002	15 Sep 2005
Czech Republic	12 Nov 2002	15 Sep 2005
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	07 Oct 1998	15 Sep 2005
Denmark	20 Jan 1999	15 Sep 2005
Djibouti	30 Mar 2005	15 Sep 2005
Dominica	26 Aug 1998	15 Sep 2005
Ecuador	17 Mar 2004	15 Sep 2005
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El Salvador	02 Feb 2005	15 Sep 2005
Estonia	09 Mar 2005	15 Sep 2005
Ethiopia	05 Jul 2000	15 Sep 2005
Fiji	09 Feb 1999	15 Sep 2005
Finland	14 Jul 1998	15 Sep 2005
France	05 Oct 2000	15 Sep 2005
Germany	09 Jan 2003	15 Sep 2005
Ghana	05 Nov 1998	15 Sep 2005
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Hungary	13 Dec 2004	15 Sep 2005
Iceland	29 May 2002	15 Sep 2005
India	02 Oct 2003	15 Sep 2005
Indonesia	23 Feb 2005	15 Sep 2005
Ireland	26 Jun 2002	15 Sep 2005
Israel	09 Oct 2003	15 Sep 2005
Jamaica	20 Dec 2001	15 Sep 2005
Japan	11 Jun 2002	15 Sep 2005
Jordan	11 Apr 2000	15 Sep 2005

Kiribati	08 Jun 1999	15 Sep 2005
Lao People's Democratic Republic	21 Feb 2002	15 Sep 2005
Latvia	23 Dec 2004	15 Sep 2005
Lebanon	21 Oct 1998	15 Sep 2005
Luxembourg	28 Aug 2000	15 Sep 2005
Madagascar	16 Sep 1999	15 Sep 2005
Malaysia	26 Oct 2001	15 Sep 2005
Maldives	12 Apr 1999	15 Sep 2005
Mali	05 Nov 1998	15 Sep 2005
Malta	29 Mar 2000	15 Sep 2005
Marshall Islands	08 May 2002	15 Sep 2005
Mauritius	17 Mar 1999	15 Sep 2005
Mexico	20 Jun 2001	15 Sep 2005
Micronesia (Federated States of)	09 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
Monaco	05 Nov 2003	15 Sep 2005
Mongolia	15 Jun 1999	15 Sep 2005
Morocco	12 Mar 1999	15 Sep 2005
Myanmar	23 Apr 2002	15 Sep 2005
Namibia	26 Mar 1999	15 Sep 2005
Nauru	10 Mar 1999	15 Sep 2005
Nepal	22 Aug 2003	15 Sep 2005
Netherlands <sup>3</sup>	08 Jun 1999	15 Sep 2005
New Zealand <sup>4</sup>	16 Jun 2000	15 Sep 2005
Niger	04 Jun 2002	15 Sep 2005
Niue	08 Jul 2002	15 Sep 2005
Norway	25 Oct 1999	15 Sep 2005
Oman	04 Dec 1998	15 Sep 2005
Palau	05 Nov 1998	15 Sep 2005
Panama	16 Aug 2004	15 Sep 2005
Papua New Guinea	03 Sep 2002	15 Sep 2005
Peru	19 Aug 1998	15 Sep 2005
Philippines	04 Nov 2003	15 Sep 2005
Portugal	07 Jan 2005	15 Sep 2005
Qatar	21 Jun 1999	15 Sep 2005
Republic of Korea	04 Jun 1999	15 Sep 2005
Romania	22 Jun 1999	15 Sep 2005
Russian Federation	25 Mar 2004	15 Sep 2005
Saint Kitts and Nevis	07 Jul 2004	15 Sep 2005
Samoa	19 Aug 1998	15 Sep 2005
San Marino	05 Nov 1998	15 Sep 2005
Saudi Arabia	23 Mar 1999	15 Sep 2005
Serbia and Montenegro	28 Dec 2004	15 Sep 2005
Seychelles	10 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
Singapore	04 Dec 1998	15 Sep 2005
Slovakia	11 May 2005	15 Sep 2005
Slovenia	21 Oct 1998	15 Sep 2005
Solomon Islands	03 Sep 2002	15 Sep 2005
Spain	26 Sep 2001	15 Sep 2005
Sri Lanka	29 Nov 2004	15 Sep 2005
Sudan	12 May 1999	15 Sep 2005
Sweden	16 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
Switzerland	13 Nov 1998	15 Sep 2005
Syrian Arab Republic	24 Jun 1999	15 Sep 2005
Tajikistan	21 Jul 1998	15 Sep 2005
Thailand	04 Aug 1998	15 Sep 2005
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	09 Mar 1999	15 Sep 2005
Togo	15 Dec 1998	15 Sep 2005
Tonga	03 Sep 2002	15 Sep 2005
Trinidad and Tobago	18 Oct 2004	15 Sep 2005
Tunisia	09 Apr 1999	15 Sep 2005
Turkey	22 Aug 2002	15 Sep 2005

Tuvalu	06 Sep 2001	15 Sep 2005
Uganda	16 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
United Arab Emirates	15 Dec 1998	15 Sep 2005
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	15 Jun 2001	15 Sep 2005
United Republic of Tanzania	23 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005
Uzbekistan	23 Sep 2004	15 Sep 2005
Vanuatu	05 Oct 1998	15 Sep 2005
Viet Nam	04 Jun 1999	15 Sep 2005
Yemen	10 Oct 2002	15 Sep 2005
Zimbabwe	14 Sep 1998	15 Sep 2005

## DECLARATIONS

### OBJECTIONS

(Unless otherwise indicated, the objections were made upon acceptance.)

France

13 October 1983

The Secretariat should take note that France not recognizing the Government of the [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.

### NOTES

1. See note 2 under “China” regarding Hong Kong in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.
2. See note 3 under “China” regarding Macao in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.
3. On behalf of the Kingdom of Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.
4. See note 1 under “New Zealand” regarding Tokelau in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.





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