

Web Annex 1:

Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization

Text in italics reflects non-legally binding guidance or findings. All other text reflects formal provisions and rules of the concerned Organization, links to which are compiled in the endnotes to this table for ease of reference.

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United Nations (UN)ⁱ	<p style="text-align: center;">Charter of the United Nations</p> <p><u>Article 19</u> A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charter of the United Nations</p> <p><u>Article 19</u> [...] The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.</p> <p><i>The UN does not have any formal rules defining or otherwise indicating what these “conditions” constitute, therefore they are assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Committee on Contributions.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rule of Procedure of General Assembly</p> <p><u>Rule 160</u> The Committee on Contributions shall [...] also advise the General Assembly on the assessments to be fixed for new Members, on appeals by Members for a change of assessments and on the action to be taken with regard to the application of Article 19 of the Charter.</p> <p><u>UN General Assembly Resolution 54/237 C – Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.</u>¹</p> <p>The General Assembly [...]</p> <p>3. Urges all Member States in arrears requesting exemption under Article 19 of the Charter to provide the fullest possible supporting information, including information on economic aggregates, government revenues and expenditure, foreign exchange resources, indebtedness, difficulties in meeting domestic or</p>

¹Each UNGA Resolution concerning requests under Article 19 refer to the criteria set out in UNGA Resolution 54/237 C. See, for example, [UNGA Resolution 74/1. - Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter](#).

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			<p>international financial obligations and any other information that might support the claim that failure to make necessary payments had been attributable to conditions beyond the control of the Member States.</p> <p>4. Decides that requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter must be submitted by Member States to the President of the General Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests.</p>
<p>United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)ⁱⁱ</p>	<p>Constitution of UNESCO</p> <p><u>Article IV.C.8. (The General Conference)</u> (b) A Member State shall have no vote in the General Conference if the total amount of contributions due from it exceeds the total amount of contributions payable by it for the current year and the immediately preceding calendar year.</p> <p>(c) The General Conference may nevertheless permit such a Member State to vote, if it is satisfied that failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member State.</p>	<p>Constitution of UNESCO</p> <p><u>Article IV.C.8 (c)</u> The General Conference may nevertheless permit such a Member State to vote, if it is satisfied that failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member State.</p> <p>General Conference Resolution 30 C/Res. 82 - Conditions under which the right to vote may be granted on an exceptional basis to the Member States referred to in Article IV.C. paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution (page 125).</p> <p>3. The criteria to be used by the Administrative Commission of the General Conference to assess, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Rule 86 of the Rules of Procedure, whether the conditions invoked by a Member State are genuinely beyond its control should be grouped in three categories: criteria linked to wars and armed conflicts affecting a State; economic and financial criteria; and natural disasters. Those criteria should be</p>	<p>Rules of Procedure of the General Conference</p> <p><u>Rule 80 – Voting Rights [Const. IV.C.8]</u> [...]</p> <p>4. (a) Member States shall address their communications invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), to the Director-General, who shall transmit them to the Administrative Commission of the General Conference. That Commission shall take up the matter at the commencement of its work and issue in plenary meeting, as a matter of priority, a report and recommendations on the subject.</p> <p>(b) For this purpose, the Administrative Commission of the General Conference shall establish a working group on contributions. The working group shall consist of six members, one representative from each electoral group. Upon the first meeting of this working group, none of its members should be in a position to be deprived of their right to vote under Article IV.C, paragraph 8 (b), of the</p>

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		<p>applied while taking into account the time factor (the situation invoked should have had proven effects over the two preceding years and since the establishment of the current scale) and the real intention of the Member State to pay its total financial contributions to UNESCO.</p>	<p>Constitution.</p> <p>5. The communications from Member States referred to in paragraph 4 (a) must be submitted no later than the opening day of the Executive Board session preceding the General Conference. In the absence of such a communication from the Member States concerned, the latter may no longer be authorized to take part in voting at that session of the General Conference.</p> <p>6. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this rule, after the time limit specified in paragraph 5 above has passed, and pending a decision by the General Conference in plenary meeting, only those Member States concerned that have submitted the communication referred to in paragraph 4 shall have the right to vote.</p> <p>7. In its report to the General Conference, the Administrative Commission shall:</p> <p>(a) describe the conditions that render non-payment beyond the Member State's control;</p> <p>(b) give information on the Member State's history of payment of its contributions in preceding years and on request(s) for voting rights under Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution;</p> <p>(c) state the measures taken in order to settle the arrears – normally a payment plan for settlement of such arrears in annual instalments over a period of three biennia – and make mention of</p>

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			<p>the undertaking by the Member State to do all it can to settle future annual assessed contributions on a regular basis.</p> <p>8. Any decision to permit a Member State in arrears in the payment of its contributions to vote shall be made conditional upon that Member State's observance of the recommendations for settlement of the arrears made by the General Conference.</p> <p>9. After the General Conference has approved the payment plan under which the arrears of a Member State are consolidated and payable in accordance with paragraph 7 (c), any decision by the Conference permitting that Member State to vote shall be valid as long as the Member concerned pays its annual instalments by the scheduled dates.</p>
<p>United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)ⁱⁱⁱ</p>	<p>Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization</p> <p><u>Article 5</u> [...]</p> <p>2. Any Member that is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the Organization if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the assessed contributions due from it for the preceding two fiscal years. Any organ may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote in that organ if it is satisfied that the failure</p>	<p>Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization</p> <p><u>Article 5 (2)</u> [...] Any organ may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote in that organ if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.</p> <p><i>UNIDO does not have any formal rules defining or otherwise indicating what these "conditions" constitute, therefore they are assessed on a case-by-case basis by the respective governing bodies.</i></p>	<p><i>There do not appear to be formal rules detailing the procedure for restoration of voting rights. However, it is understood that in the mid-1990's, the UNIDO Industrial Development Board adopted decision IDB.18/Dec.11 establishing an open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions, whose primary mandate was to propose concrete measures to expedite the payment of assessed contributions and to develop standardized procedures for restoring the voting rights of the members in arrears.² It is further understood that one of the recommendations of the group was to require a member in arrears to conclude</i></p>

² See, for example, the [Report by the Chairman of the Open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions at the Nineteenth session of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board](#) in May 1998.

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	<p>to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.</p> <p>Rules of Procedure of the General Conference</p> <p><u>Rule 91</u> Each Member shall have one vote in the Conference, provided that if any Member is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization and the amount of the arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the assessed contributions due from it for the preceding two fiscal years, that Member's right to vote is suspended, unless the Conference is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member and therefore decides to permit the Member to vote.</p>		<p><i>a simple payment plan agreement regulating the payment of arrears in instalments which, upon signature and acknowledgment by the plenary meeting of a governing body, would generally restore the voting rights of the concerned Member.</i></p>
<p>United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)^{iv}</p>	<p>Basic Documents of the World Tourism Organization</p> <p><u>Statutes of the UNWTO, Annex – Financing Rules</u></p> <p><u>Paragraph 13</u> (as amended by the General Assembly at its fourth session [resolution 92(IV) in Rome, September 1981).</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(c) A Member which is in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the Organization's expenditure shall be deprived of the privileges enjoyed by the Members in the form of services and rights to vote in the Assembly and Council if the amount in arrears equals or exceeds the</p>	<p><u>Statutes of the UNWTO, Annex – Financing Rules</u></p> <p><u>Paragraph 13 (c)</u> [...] At the request of the Council, the Assembly may, however, permit such a Member to vote and enjoy the services of the Organization if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.</p> <p><i>The Basic Documents of the UNWTO do not contain any provisions defining or otherwise indicating what these "exceptional and unavoidable circumstances" constitute. It is therefore understood they are assessed by the Assembly, via referral by the Council, on a case-by-case basis (see the following column).</i></p>	<p>Basic Documents of the World Tourism Organization</p> <p><u>Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly</u></p> <p><u>Rule 52</u> The Assembly shall decide upon any proposal submitted by the Council to permit a Member which is in arrears in the payment of its contributions to enjoy the services of the Organization and, if a Full Member, to vote.</p> <p>Financial Regulations and Rules</p> <p><u>Financial Regulation 8</u> [...]</p>

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	<p>amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two financial years. At the request of the Council, the Assembly may, however, permit such a Member to vote and enjoy the services of the Organization if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.</p>	<p>Financial Regulations and Rules</p> <p>Financial Regulation 7 [...]</p> <p>3. The Secretary-General shall inform the Council of cases of justified arrears resulting from the budgetary systems existing in the various countries and dates of different financial years.</p> <p>The Council may accept cases of justified arrears resulting from the budgetary systems existing in the various countries and the dates of different financial years.</p>	<p>5. On the recommendation of the Council, the Assembly may nevertheless permit a Member to which the provisions of paragraph 2 of this regulation apply to continue to enjoy the services of the Organization and, in the case of a Full Member, to participate in the voting of the organs of the Organization, provided it is found that the failure to pay is due to circumstances beyond the Member's control.</p> <p>6. Pending a decision on the proposal by the Assembly, the Full Member shall not be entitled to continue to enjoy the services of the Organization or to vote and the Associate or Affiliate Member shall not be entitled to enjoy the services of the Organization.</p> <p>7. If the Council finds that the failure to pay is due to circumstances beyond the control of the Member, it shall in its report:</p> <p>(a) explain the nature of those circumstances; and</p> <p>(b) indicate the measures which should be taken in order to settle the arrears.</p> <p>8. Any decision by the Assembly permitting a Full Member which is in arrears in the payment of its contributions to vote shall be valid for the session of the Assembly at which the decision is taken. Any such decision shall be operative in regard to the Council and any subsidiary organs until the opening of the session of the Assembly next following that at which it was taken.</p>

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			9. Any decision to permit a Full, Associate or Affiliate Member which is in arrears in the payment of its contributions to continue to enjoy the services of the Organization shall be valid until the opening of the next session following that at which it was taken.
World Trade Organization (WTO)^v	<p>Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization</p> <p>Article VII 2. The Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration shall propose to the General Council financial regulations which shall include provisions setting out:</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(b) the measures to be taken in respect of Members in arrears</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>4. Each Member shall promptly contribute to the WTO its share in the expenses of the WTO in accordance with the financial regulations adopted by the General Council.</p> <p><i>The measures referred to in Article 2 (b) are contained in the WTO Financial Regulations, Annex B – Administrative Measures for Members and Observers in Arrears and imposed in three categories based on the length of time for which arrears are due. Such measures include barring representatives from being nominated to preside over WTO bodies, discontinuing access to the WTO Members’</i></p>	<p><i>Members/Observers concerned must agree to, and abide by, a defined schedule of instalment payments aimed at liquidating all arrears (see the column of procedure for restoration of voting rights).</i></p>	<p>General Council procedures for Members and Observers subject to administrative measures</p> <p>At the end of each meeting of the General Council, the Chairman of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration will provide information with regard to which Members and Observers are under Administrative Measures. The Chairman of the General Council will request Members and Observers in Categories II and III to inform the Secretariat as to when the payment of arrears may be expected.</p> <p>Each year the Director-General will report on the results of his contacts with Members’ and Observers’ authorities on the issue of arrears.</p> <p>Special Provisions for the suspension of administrative measures for inactive members and observers</p> <p>The General Council can suspend the application of Administrative Measures for Members in Category III which agree to, and abide by, a defined schedule of instalment payments aimed at liquidating all arrears. Those Members with pre-1988 arrears that were assessed at the minimum contribution may benefit from a reduction in those arrears to the</p>

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	<p><i>website, denial of training or technical assistance other than that necessary to meet their WTO Article XIV-2 obligations etc.</i></p>		<p>level of the 1989 minimum contribution. For each full payment of an annual contribution between 1988 and 1994, any contracting party with pre-1988 arrears may cancel an equal number of assessments for 1987 and earlier years upon payment of the 1989 minimum contribution amounting to CHF 19,137. The difference between a pre-1988 assessment and the payment of CHF 19,137 would be funded by the Miscellaneous Income of the WTO.</p> <p>The General Council can suspend the application of Administrative Measures for Observers that are in Category III on 1 January 2013, which agree to, and abide by, a defined schedule of installment payments aimed at liquidating all arrears.</p>
<p>International Labour Organization (ILO)^{vi}</p>	<p>ILO Constitution</p> <p><u>Article 13(4)</u> A Member of the Organization which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contribution to the Organization shall have no vote in the Conference, in the Governing Body, in any committee, or in the elections of members of the Governing Body, if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years: Provided that the Conference may by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the delegates present permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.</p>	<p>ILO Constitution</p> <p><u>Article 13 (4)</u> [...] Provided that the Conference may by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the delegates present permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member.</p> <p><i>The ILO does not have any formal rules defining or otherwise indicating what these “conditions” constitute, however it is understood that they are determined on a case-by-case basis and that the Finance Committee, in its report to the Conference, must explain the nature of the conditions beyond the Member’s control (see Article 63 of the Standing Orders of the ILO Conference as detailed in the following column).</i></p>	<p>Standing Orders of the ILO Conference</p> <p><u>Article 11</u> 2. The Finance Committee shall consider: [...]</p> <p>(c) any request or proposal that the Conference should permit a Member which is in arrears in the payment of its contribution to vote in accordance with article 13, paragraph 4, of the Constitution.</p> <p><u>Article 63</u> 1. Any request or proposal that the Conference should nevertheless permit a Member which is in arrears to vote in accordance with article 13(4) of the Constitution shall be referred to the Finance Committee, which shall submit to the</p>

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			<p>Conference an urgent report on the request or proposal.</p> <p>2. If the Finance Committee finds that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the Member's control and considers it appropriate to propose to the Conference that the Member should nevertheless be permitted to vote in accordance with article 13(4) of the Constitution, it shall in its report:</p> <p>(a) explain the nature of the conditions beyond the Member's control;</p> <p>(b) give an analysis of the financial relations between the Member and the Organization during the preceding ten years; and</p> <p>(c) indicate the measures which should be taken in order to settle the arrears.</p> <p>3. Pending a decision of the Conference on the request or proposal, the Member shall not be entitled to vote.</p> <p>4. Any decision by the Conference to permit a Member in arrears to vote may be made conditional on the Member complying with any recommendations for settling the arrears which may be made by the Conference.</p> <p><u>Article 64</u></p> <p>1. Any decision by the Conference permitting a Member which is in arrears to vote shall be valid for the session of the Conference at which the</p>

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			<p>decision is taken. Any such decision shall apply to sessions of the Governing Body and to any other meetings of the Organization at which the question of the right to vote of Members may arise, until the opening of the session of the Conference following the session at which the decision was taken.</p> <p>2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, after the Conference has approved an arrangement under which the arrears of a Member are consolidated and are payable in annual instalments over a period of years, the Member shall be permitted to vote provided that, at the time of the vote concerned, the Member has fully paid all instalments under the arrangement and all financial contributions under article 13 of the Constitution that were due before the end of the previous year. For any Member which, at the close of the session of the Conference, has not fully paid all such instalments and contributions due before the end of the previous year, the permission to vote shall lapse.</p>
<p>World Health Organization (WHO)^{vii}</p>	<p>WHO Constitution</p> <p>Article 7 If a Member fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization or in other exceptional circumstances, the Health Assembly may, on such conditions as it thinks proper, suspend the voting privileges and services to which a Member is entitled. The Health Assembly shall have the authority to restore such voting privileges and services.</p>	<p><i>Where a suspension is made, it continues until the arrears have been reduced to a level below the amount that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution (see, for example, Health Assembly Resolution A73/26, paragraph 6). Individual Resolutions may also be adopted for several Members under which it is decided not to suspend voting privileges owing to the acceptance of a proposal that the outstanding contributions will be settled by instalment.</i></p>	<p>Health Assembly Resolution WHA41.7 Application of Article 7 of the Constitution in the case of failure to meet financial obligations</p> <p>1. Towards the end of the year preceding each Health Assembly, the Director-General will invite Members that will, unless corrective action is taken, be in arrears to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution pursuant to resolution WHA8.13, to submit to the Executive Board a statement of their intentions as to the payment of arrears so</p>

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		<p><i>This is distinct from the exceptional circumstances justifying a different measure pursuant to Health Assembly Resolution WHA41.7 (see the following column), which are determined on a case-by-case basis.</i></p>	<p>that the Health Assembly, when it considers whether or not the right of vote of those Members is to be suspended, can make its decision on the basis of the statements of the Members and the recommendations of the Executive Board.</p> <p>2. Unless there are exceptional circumstances justifying a different measure, the Health Assembly will adopt a decision, by a two-thirds majority pursuant to Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, under which the voting rights of a Member in arrears to the extent referred to in paragraph 1 above will be suspended as from the opening day of the following Health Assembly if at that time the Member is still in arrears to the extent referred to. If the Member is no longer in arrears to the said extent, the decision will lapse and the suspension will not take effect. Any suspension will be without prejudice to the right to request restoration pursuant to Article 7 of the Constitution.</p> <p>Health Assembly Resolution WHA54.6</p> <p>1. INVITES Members that are in arrears to an extent which would invoke the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution, or that expect difficulties in meeting their obligations to the Organization, to contact the Director-General to review the status of their accounts;</p> <p>2. FURTHER INVITES those Members in arrears who wish to reschedule the payment of their arrears as part of an arrangement to have their voting rights restored to address requests in</p>

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			<p>writing to the Director-General, to be received no later than 31 March, including at least the following information: (i) the total amount due, including the current year's assessment; (ii) the period over which payment is proposed; (iii) the minimum amount of payment that the Member State intends to make each year; and (iv) an indication of whether the Member State expects to request approval from the Director-General to make the payment in local currency, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules;</p> <p>3. REQUESTS the Director-General to review such requests with the Member States concerned and to submit proposals to reschedule payment of arrears to the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board at its meeting immediately before the Health Assembly; and</p> <p>4. REQUESTS the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, to make appropriate recommendations to the Health Assembly for consideration.</p>
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)^{viii}	<p>Convention Establishing the WIPO</p> <p><u>Article 11</u> Any State party to this Convention not member of any of the Unions which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions under the present Article, and any State party to this Convention member of any of the Unions which is in arrears in the payment of its contributions to any of the Unions, shall have no vote in any</p>	<p>Convention Establishing the WIPO</p> <p><u>Article 11</u> [...] However, any of these bodies may allow such a State to continue to exercise its vote in that body if, and as long as, it is satisfied that the delay in payment arises from exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.</p>	<p><i>There are no formal procedures or recent practice on the subject however, it is understood generally that decisions of WIPO governing bodies are, as a matter of practice, taken by consensus.</i></p>

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	<p>of the bodies of the Organization of which it is a member, if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years.</p> <p>However, any of these bodies may allow such a State to continue to exercise its vote in that body if, and as long as, it is satisfied that the delay in payment arises from exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.</p>	<p><i>WIPO does not have any formal rules defining or otherwise indicating what these “exceptional and unavoidable circumstances” constitute, however it is understood that they are deemed by Member States on a case-by-case basis.</i></p>	
<p>International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)^{ix}</p>	<p>Convention on International Civil Aviation</p> <p><u>Article 62</u></p> <p>The Assembly may suspend the voting power in the Assembly and in the Council of any contracting State that fails to discharge within a reasonable period its financial obligations to the Organization.</p>	<p><i>See the following column.</i></p>	<p>Assembly Resolution A39-31 - Discharge by Member States of financial obligations to the Organization and action to be taken in case of their failure to do so</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>3. The Council be authorized to discuss and conclude arrangements with Member States, whose contributions are in arrears for three or more years, for the settlement of accumulated arrears to the Organization, any such settlements or arrangements to be reported to the next session of the Assembly;</p> <p>4. All Member States that are three years or more in arrears in the payment of their contributions should:</p> <p>a) effect without delay payment of the amounts outstanding with respect to advances to the Working Capital Fund, the current year contribution, and partial settlement of their arrears in the amount of 5 per cent of the arrears; and</p>

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			<p>b) conclude within six months of the date of the payment referred to in sub-paragraph a) above, if they have not already done so, an agreement with the Organization for the settlement of the balance of their arrears, such agreement to provide for the payment annually, in full, of their current contributions and the balance of the arrears in instalments over a period of no more than ten years, which period may, at the discretion of the Council, be extended, to a maximum of twenty years in respect of special cases, i.e. those Member States which are classified by the United Nations as Least Developed Countries;</p> <p>5. The Council should further intensify the current policy of inviting Member States in arrears to make settlement proposals for the liquidation of long-outstanding arrears of contributions in accordance with the provisions of Resolving Clause 4 above, taking full account of the economic position of the States concerned including the possibility of accepting other currencies in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.6 of the Financial Regulations, to the extent that the Secretary General can use these currencies;</p> <p>6. The voting power in the Assembly be suspended for those Member States in arrears for an amount equal to or in excess of the total assessments for the three preceding financial years and of those Member States not in compliance with agreements entered into in accordance with Resolving Clause 4 b) above, such suspension to be revoked immediately</p>

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			<p>upon the settlement of outstanding amounts due and amounts due under agreements; and</p> <p>7. The voting power in the Council be suspended for those Council Member States that have annual assessed contributions or part thereof, in arrears for longer than 18 months, such suspension to be revoked immediately upon the settlement of outstanding amounts due.</p> <p>8. The voting power of a Member State suspended under Resolving Clause 6 may also be restored by action of the Assembly or the Council provided:</p> <p>a) it has already concluded with the Council an agreement that provides for the settlement of its outstanding obligations and for the payment of current contributions and has complied with the terms of that agreement; or</p> <p>b) the Assembly is satisfied that the State's willingness to reach an equitable settlement of its financial obligations to the Organization has been demonstrated.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>12. The Secretary General be directed to report to Council any voting rights deemed to be suspended and suspension revoked under Clauses 6 and 7 [...]</p>
International Maritime	Convention on the International Maritime Organization	<i>The Assembly assesses each Member application on its individual merits, taking into account the recommendations of the Council. However, in</i>	Resolution A.781(19) – Amendments to Rules 56bis and 56ter of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly

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Organization (IMO)^x	<p><u>Article 56</u> Any Member which fails to discharge its financial obligation to the Organization within one year from the date on which it is due, shall have no vote in the Assembly, the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, the Legal Committee, the Marine Environment Protection Committee or the Technical Co-operation Committee unless the Assembly, at its discretion, waives this provision.</p>	<p><i>exercising its discretion, the Assembly will not normally consider an application for waiver from a Member whose payments are three years or more in arrears (see Rule 56bis, paragraphs v) and viii in the following column).</i></p>	<p>RESOLVES that the existing provisions of Rule 56bis and Rule 56ter be replaced by the following texts:</p> <p><u>Rule 56bis</u></p> <p>(ii) Any Member wishing to request a waiver of the provision of Article 56 in respect of itself shall submit a written application to the Secretary-General at least one month before the Assembly giving reasons therefore, with a payment schedule indicating the timescale over which arrears will be paid.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>(iv) The Council shall submit to the Assembly a report on the matter, together with its recommendations on the submission by any Member of a request for waiver of the provision of Article 56 of the IMO Convention.</p> <p>(v) The Assembly shall consider the report of the Council at the commencement of each session. Taking into account the recommendations of the Council, and assessing each application on its individual merits, the Assembly shall take decisions on the waiver of the provision of Article 56 of the Convention in respect of any or all of the Members from which requests for waiver have been received, together with any conditions attached to such a waiver.</p> <p>(vi) A decision to waive the provision of Article 56 may only be taken in respect of a Member</p>

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			<p>which has submitted a request for waiver in accordance with subparagraph (ii) above.</p> <p>(vii) A decision to waive the provision of Article 56 will normally be taken only in respect of a Member which has discharged in full the requirements, at the date of submitting the request for waiver, of the financial undertaking given under the terms of any previous request for waiver.</p> <p>(viii) In exercising its discretion, the Assembly will not normally consider an application for waiver from a Member whose payments are three years or more in arrears.</p>
<p>Universal Postal Union (UPU)^{xi}</p>	<p>General Regulations of the UPU</p> <p>Article 146 [...]</p> <p>3. Where the arrears of mandatory contributions, not including interest, owed to the Union by a member country are equal to or more than the amount of the contributions of that member country for the preceding two financial years, such member country may irrevocably assign to the Union all or part of the credits owed it by other member countries, in accordance with the arrangements laid down by the Council of Administration. The conditions of this assignment of credit shall be determined by agreement reached between the member country, its debtors/creditors and the Union.</p> <p>4. A member country which, for legal or other reasons, cannot make such an assignment must</p>	<p>General Regulations of the UPU</p> <p>Article 146 [...]</p> <p>5. Other than in exceptional circumstances, recovery of arrears of mandatory contributions owed to the Union may not extend over more than ten years.</p> <p>6. In exceptional circumstances, the Council of Administration may release a member country from all or part of the interest owed if that country has paid the full capital amount of its debts in arrears.</p> <p>7. A member country may also be released, within the framework of an amortization schedule approved by the Council of Administration for its accounts in arrears, from all or part of the interest accumulated or to</p>	<p><i>Payment in full must be made or an amortization schedule must be agreed to (see the preceding column).</i></p>

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	<p>undertake to conclude a schedule for the amortization of its arrears.</p> <p><u>Article 149(1)</u> Any member country unable to make the assignment provided for in article 146.3 and which does not agree to submit to an amortization schedule proposed by the International Bureau in accordance with article 146.4, or which does not comply with such a schedule shall automatically lose its right to vote at Congress and at meetings of the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council and shall no longer be eligible for membership of these two Councils.</p>	<p>accrue; such release shall, however, be subject to the full and punctual execution of the amortization schedule within an agreed period of ten years at most.</p> <p><u>Article 149(2)</u> Automatic sanctions shall be lifted as a matter of course and with immediate effect as soon as the member country concerned has paid its arrears of mandatory contributions owed to the Union, in capital and interest, or has agreed to submit to a schedule for the amortization of the arrears.</p>	
<p>Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)^{xii}</p>	<p>Resolution establishing the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization</p> <p><u>Annex – Text on the Establishment of a Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization</u></p> <p><u>Article 5</u> (b) A State Signatory which has not discharged in full its financial obligations to the Commission within 365 days of receipt of the request for payment shall have no vote in the Commission, until such payment is received. The Commission may, nevertheless, permit such a member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the member.</p>	<p>Resolution establishing the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization</p> <p><u>Annex – Text on the Establishment of a Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization</u></p> <p><u>Article 5(b)</u> [...] The Commission may, nevertheless, permit such a member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the member.</p> <p><i>The CTBTO does not have any formal rules defining or otherwise indicating what these “conditions” constitute, therefore they are assessed on a case-by-case basis.</i></p> <p>Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty*</p>	<p><i>The CTBTO does not have any formal rules concerning the implementation of Article 5(b) of the Resolution and Article 11 of the Treaty.</i></p>

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	<p>Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty*</p> <p>Article 11 A member of the Organization which is in arrears in the payment of its assessed contribution to the Organization shall have no vote in the Organization if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution due from it for the preceding two full years. The Conference of the States Parties may, nevertheless, permit such a member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the member.</p> <p><i>*The Treaty has not yet entered into force as some of the 44 States listed in its Annex 2 have yet to sign and ratify it.</i></p>	<p>Article 11</p> <p>A member of the Organization which is in arrears in the payment of its assessed contribution to the Organization shall have no vote in the Organization if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contribution due from it for the preceding two full years. The Conference of the States Parties may, nevertheless, permit such a member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the member.</p>	

ⁱ UN, [Charter of the United Nations, Rule of Procedure of General Assembly; UNGA Resolution 74/1. - Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter.](#)

ⁱⁱ UNESCO, [Constitution of UNESCO, Rules of Procedure of the General Conference; General Conference Resolution 30 C/Res. 82 - Conditions under which the right to vote may be granted on an exceptional basis to the Member States referred to in Article IV.C, paragraph 8\(c\), of the Constitution.](#)

ⁱⁱⁱ UNIDO, [Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, Report by the Chairman of the Open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions at the Nineteenth session of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board.](#)

^{iv} UNWTO, [Basic Documents of the World Tourism Organization, Financial Regulations and Rules.](#)

^v WTO, [Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, General Council procedures for Members and Observers subject to administrative measures, Special Provisions for the suspension of administrative measures for inactive members and observers.](#)

^{vi} ILO, [ILO Constitution, Standing Orders of the ILO.](#)

^{vii} WHO, [WHO Constitution; Health Assembly Resolution A73/26; Health Assembly Resolution WHA41.7](#)

^{viii} WIPO, [Convention Establishing the WIPO.](#)

^{ix} ICAO, [Convention on International Civil Aviation, Assembly Resolution A39-31 - Discharge by Member States of financial obligations to the Organization and action to be taken in case of their failure to do so.](#)

^x IMO, [Convention on the International Maritime Organization, Resolution A.781\(19\) amending Rules 56bis and 56ter the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly](#)

^{xi} UPU, [General Regulations of the UPU](#).

^{xii} CTBTO, [Resolution establishing the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization](#); [Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty](#).