USA’s Withdrawal from WHO

USA administration has formally notified the United Nations of its withdrawal from the World Health Organization. Although the pullout won’t take effect until next year, meaning it could be rescinded under a new administration if circumstances change.

The measure has been taken after USA’s disappointment with WHO’s response to the coronavirus pandemic and accused of bowing to Chinese influence. Under the terms of the withdrawal, the U.S. must meet its financial obligations to the WHO before it can be finalized.

The U.S., which is the agency’s largest donor and provides it with more than $400 million per year, currently owes the WHO some $200 million in current and past dues.

WHO

It is an UN agency responsible for global public health. It was founded in 1948 and based in Geneva, Switzerland.

It aims to "promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable" It involves in vaccination campaigns, health emergencies and supporting countries in primary care. Funded by a combination of members’ fees based on wealth and population and voluntary contributions.