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Resolution

Status of collection of assessed contributions

The General Conference,

Taking into account the provisions of Article 9 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which establishes that “the General Conference shall adopt the Agency’s budget and fix the scale of financial contributions to be paid by Member States”,

Expressing concern for the status of the collection of assessed contributions, which, as of 26 November, only reaches 38.70 % of the Financial Year 2015 Budget,

Recognizing that thirteen Member States are up-to-date with their 2015 financial obligations to the Agency, those being Barbados, Belize, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Suriname, and Uruguay,

Also recognizing that five Member States have partially paid their assessed contributions for 2015;

Considering that the six Member States have not yet paid their assessed contributions for 2015, which amount to USD 187,436.00 (44.95% of the Budget),

Being aware that one Member State is still pending compliance with General Conference Resolution CG/Res.559 (2013), through which the budget and scale of assessments for FY 2014 were adopted,

Being also aware that one Member State is still pending compliance with General Conference Resolutions CG/Res.542 (2011), CG/E/Res.549 (2012) and CG/Res.559 (2013), through which the budget and scale of assessments for FY 2012, FY 2013 and FY2014 were adopted, respectively,

Taking into account that in 2015 the Dominican Republic made a payment to the Agency on account of its arrears accumulated since it became a Party to the Treaty, and that it has an outstanding balance of USD 128,784.02, including its assessed contribution for 2015;

Considering that six Member States have outstanding payments of assessed contributions to the Agency since depositing their instruments of ratification to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, a debt which through 31 December 2015 would amount to USD 364,236.52,

Recalling that Article 5, section 5, of the Financial Regulations establishes that “in the event that a Member State is in arrears for more than two years, the General Conference shall decide on the measures to be taken and may delegate to the Council the negotiation on the mechanism of payment of arrears”,

Recalling that, in the past, the General Conference has sought to resolve the problem of the non-payment of assessed contributions through resolutions CG/E/Res.463 (XVII-2004) “Discount Programme for the strengthening of OPANAL. Timely Payment of Contributions”, and CG/Res.497 (XX-2007) “Discount Programme for the payment of Contributions. Contingency/Emergency Fund”, which delivered partial results,

Considering the Special Report of the Council to the General Conference on the collection of assessed contributions (Doc. C/016/2015 Rev.Corr), which presents a mechanism to normalize the situation of arrears held with the Agency by the Member States that have not paid any assessed contributions since they became Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco,

Taking into account the Memorandum of the Secretary General through which is submitted to the General Conference the proposal of the Dominican Republic on a discount payment programme to settle its arrears to the Agency in 2016 (Doc. CG/010/2015), arrears resulting from pending payments of assessed contributions,

Recalling that OPANAL, which is recognized by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) as “the specialized body in the region for articulating common positions and joint actions on nuclear disarmament”, and which maintains a relationship with other international organizations such as the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), should not be threatened by financial crises,

Considering that OPANAL, established by Article 7 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, is an integral part of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and thus a financial crisis of the Agency would affect the Treaty itself;

Resolves:

1. **To recognize** the efforts of the Member States that are up-to-date with their financial obligations to the Agency.

2. **To renew** its call to the Member States to pay their assessed contributions approved by the General Conference in full, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 3 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
3. **To adopt** the discount payment programme proposed by the Secretary-General (Doc. CG/010/2015) based on the Special Report of the Council to the General Conference on the Collection of Assessed Contributions (Doc. C/016/2015 Rev.Corr.), in order to normalize the situation of the six Member States that have outstanding payments of assessed contributions since they ratified the Treaty of Tlatelolco, and the situation of the Dominican Republic. The payment programme consists of the following:
 - a) Haiti shall pay the amount in arrears accumulated up to 2014 with an 80% discount;
 - b) Dominica, El Salvador, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall pay the amount in arrears accumulated up to 2010 with a 50% discount; the amount in arrears between 2011 and 2013 with a 30% discount, and the amount in arrears for 2014 with a 20% discount;
 - c) The Dominican Republic shall pay the amount in arrears through 2015 with a 30% discount;
 - d) The Member States mentioned in items a) and b) above shall pay the remaining amounts in arrears, after discounts are applied, in three annual instalments to be deposited each year not later than 31 December 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively;
 - e) The Dominican Republic shall pay the remaining amount in arrears applying the aforementioned discount in four quarterly instalments that shall be deposited not later than end of each quarter in 2016;
 - f) By accepting the payment programme, the Member States mentioned in items a) and b) shall commit to pay regularly, each year, their respective annual assessed contributions, including their assessed contribution for 2015, in accordance with Article 5.03 of the Financial Regulations;
 - g) By accepting the payment programme, the Dominican Republic shall commit to pay regularly, each year, its respective annual assessed contribution, including the assessed contribution for 2015, in accordance with Article 5.03 of the Financial Regulations;
 - h) Each of the Member States mentioned in items a), b) and c) shall express in writing, not later than 31 December 2015, their agreement with the payment programme presented herewith to normalize their situation;

i) The payment programme is described as follows:

Payment programme

(U.S. dollars)

Applicable to the six Member States mentioned in items a) and b)

Member State	Amounts in arrears				Discounts for the normalization programme				Total amount to be discounted
	Arrears up to	Arrears between	Arrears for	Total as of	80% discount up to 2014	50% discount up to 2010	30% discount for 2011-2013	20% discount for 2014	
	2010	2011-2013	2014						
Dominica	24,993.63	3,710.34	1,443.91	30,147.88	N/A	12,496.82	1,113.10	288.78	13,898.70
El Salvador	114,662.33	4,011.18	1,560.99	120,234.50	N/A	57,331.17	1,203.35	312.20	58,846.72
Grenada	26,044.86	3,710.34	1,443.91	31,199.11	N/A	13,022.43	1,113.10	288.78	14,424.31
Haiti				121,679.92	97,343.94	N/A	N/A	N/A	97,343.94
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	24,993.63	3,710.34	1,443.91	30,147.88	N/A	12,496.82	1,113.10	288.78	13,898.70
Saint Lucia	16,289.99	3,710.34	1,443.91	21,444.24	N/A	8,145.00	1,113.10	288.78	9,546.88
	206,984.44	18,852.54	7,336.63	354,853.53	97,343.94	103,492.24	5,655.75	1,467.32	207,959.25

Member State	Total	Annual	Amounts due in 2016				Instalments	
	amount due (*)	Instalments (three)	1st instalment	Assessed contribution	Assessed contribution	Total amount due in 2016	2nd instalment	3rd instalment
			2016	2015	2016 (**)		2017 (***)	2018 (****)
Dominica	16,249.18	5,416.39	5,416.39	1,543.00	1,543.00	8,502.39	5,416.39	5,416.39
El Salvador	61,387.78	20,462.59	20,462.59	1,668.00	1,668.00	23,798.59	20,462.59	20,462.59
Grenada	16,774.80	5,591.60	5,591.60	1,543.00	1,543.00	8,677.60	5,591.60	5,591.60
Haiti	24,335.98	8,111.99	8,111.99	1,543.00	1,543.00	11,197.99	8,111.99	8,111.99
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	16,249.18	5,416.39	5,416.39	1,543.00	1,543.00	8,502.39	5,416.39	5,416.39
Saint Lucia	11,897.36	3,965.79	3,965.79	1,543.00	1,543.00	7,051.79	3,965.79	3,965.79
	146,894.28							

(*) Total amount due = Arrears as of 31 Dec 2014 minus total amount to be discounted, except for the Dominican Republic, which is addressed below

(**) 2016 Assessed contributions estimates submitted to the General Conference for approval, based on the 2015 assessed contributions. (FY2016 Budget)

(***) 2nd instalment – assessed contribution for 2017 not included.

(****) 3rd instalment – assessed contribution for 2018 not included

Applicable to the Dominican Republic [item c)]

Member State	Amounts in arrears	Discounts for the normalization programme				Amounts due in 2016					Instalments plus Assessed contribution for 2016	
	up to 31 Dec 2015	30% up to	Amount to be discounted	Total amount due (*)	Four quarterly instalments	Assessed contribution for 2016 (**)	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter		
		31 Dec 2015					2016	2016	2016	2016		
Dominican Republic	128,784.02	38,635.21	38,635.21	90,148.81	22,537.20	4,170.00	22,537.20	22,537.20	22,537.20	22,537.20	22,537.20	94,318.81

(*) Total amount due = Arrears as of 31 Dec 2015 (including assessed contribution for 2015) minus total amount to be discounted.

(**) 2016 Assessed contributions estimates submitted to the General Conference for approval, based on the 2015 assessed contributions. (FY2016 Budget)

4. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to undertake all possible efforts towards building a closer relationship with those Member States benefitting from the payment programme in order for them to be fully involved in the activities of the Agency.

5. **To reiterate** that the existence of the Agency and the performance of its work is dependent on the availability of the required financial resources.