



XVIII Special Session of the General Conference
Mexico City, 23 November 2006.

RESOLUTION CG/E/Res. 492
ANALYSIS OF THE AGENCY'S DIRE FINANCIAL SITUATION

The General Conference,

Recalling that Article 6, numeral 1 of the Financial Regulations establishes that contributions shall be due and payable during the first 30 days of January of each year;

Convinced of the dire financial situation facing the Agency due to the non-payment of contributions by some Member States;

Likewise convinced that the Member States' failure to pay their contributions in a timely manner makes it impossible for the Agency to continue its activities and precludes the implementation of programs that help strengthen the Agency, pursuant to Resolution 478 (XIX);

Having considered document CG/E/606 Rev. Report of the Secretary General (Part III),

Resolves:

1. **To express again** OPANAL's recognition of the governments that are up to date in the payment of their contributions and, in light of the Agency's current situation, request that said governments pay their contributions for 2007 during the first two months of that year.
2. **To respectfully call upon** the governments that are in arrears with the payment of their contributions to pay their debts as soon as possible.

3. **To authorize** the CCAAP and the Council to accept the proposals that the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Dominica, El Salvador, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and San Vincent and the Grenadines may make in an effort to pay part of their debts, while forgiving the remaining amount based on the criteria set forth in Resolution CG/E/Res.463 (E-XVII) of November 2004.
4. **To request** that the Secretary General take the steps he considers necessary with the governments of the Member States so that they can pay their contributions.
5. **To further authorize** the Secretary General, in accordance with how the situation with the payment of contributions evolves, to convene a Special Session of the General Conference during the month of February 2007, in order to adopt the decisions necessary for OPANAL to continue its activities.
6. **To instruct** the Secretary General to inform all of the Member States of the contents of this Resolution.

(Adopted at the 108th Session
held on 23 November 2006)