



OPANAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

XXIV Special Session

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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”;

Stressing with concern that the status of the collection of assessed contributions, which, as of 10 November 2016, only reaches 36.13 % of the Financial Year 2016 Budget;

Recognizing that seven Member States are up-to-date with their 2016 financial obligations to the Agency, those being Bahamas, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Jamaica, and Mexico;

Also recognizing that seven Member States have partially paid their assessed contributions for 2016, those being Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru and Saint Christopher and Nevis;

Considering that nineteen Member States have not yet paid their assessed contributions for 2016, which amount to USD 266,327.99 (63.87% of the Budget);

Noting with concern that four Member States are still pending compliance with General Conference Resolution CG/E/Res.571 (2014), through which the budget and scale of assessments for FY 2015 were adopted;

Noting also 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), and CG/E/Res.571 (2014), through which the budget and scale of assessments for FY2012, FY2013, FY2014 and FY2015 were adopted, respectively;

Pointing out that the General Conference at its XXIV Session held on 26 November 2015 adopted Resolution CG/Res.12/2015, “Status of collection of assessed contributions”, which includes a payment programme in favour of seven Member States that had not paid their assessed contributions to the Agency since they ratified the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

Recognising with pleasure that Dominica, the Dominican Republic and Grenada responded positively to the payment programme proposed to solve the status of non-compliance with their financial obligations;

Considering that four Member States listed in the payment programme included in Resolution CG/Res.12/2015 did not respond to the payment programme, therefore, maintaining a total amount of arrears of USD 306,100.53 as of 31 December 2015;

Recalling that Article 5, section 5.05, 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”;

Considering the Special Report of the Council to the General Conference on the collection of assessed contributions in 2016 (Document C/34/2016), which proposes to renew the payment programme proposed in Resolution CG/Res.12/2015 to attempt once more to regularize the situation of arrears that the Member States – El Salvador, Haiti, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – have with the Agency since they became Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

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;

Taking into consideration that the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco will be commemorated on 14 February 2017 and that it should be avoided that the General Conference address the question of the financial crisis at its XXV Session to be held at the ministerial level;

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 on the Member States to pay their assessed contributions approved by the General Conference in full, in accordance with Article 9, section 3 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
3. **To renew and update**, based on the Special Report of the Council to the General Conference on the collection of assessed contributions (Document C/34/2016), the discount payment programme adopted through Resolution CG/Res.12/2015 in order to regularize the situation of the four Member States that have pending the payment of their assessed contributions to the Agency since they ratified the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
4. **To adopt** the following provisions:
 - a) Haiti shall pay the amount in arrears accumulated up to 2015 with an 80% discount;
 - b) El Salvador, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall pay the amount in arrears up to 2015 with a 50% discount;
 - c) 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 not later than 31 December 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively;
 - d) When 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 2016, in accordance with Article 5, section 5.03 of the Financial Regulations;
 - e) Each of the Member States mentioned in items a) and b) shall express in writing, not later than 31 January 2017, before the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, their agreement with the payment programme presented herewith to regularize their financial situation to the Agency;
 - f) The following tables describe the payment programme:

Payment programme

(U.S. dollars)

Member State	Total arrears as of al 31 Dec 2015	Payment programme discounts		Total amount to be discounted	Total amount to be paid (a)
		80%	50%		
El Salvador	\$ 121,902.49	N/A	\$ 60,951.25	\$ 60,951.25	\$ 60,951.25
Haiti	\$ 123,222.92	\$ 98,578.34	N/A	\$ 98,578.34	\$ 24,644.58
Saint Lucia	\$ 22,987.24	N/A	\$ 11,493.62	\$ 11,493.62	\$ 11,493.62
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	\$ 31,690.88	N/A	\$ 15,845.44	\$ 15,845.44	\$ 15,845.44
	\$ 299,803.53	\$ 98,578.34	\$ 88,290.31	\$ 186,868.65	\$ 112,934.89

Member State	Three annual instalments of	To be paid in 2017			Total payment in 2017	Instalments	
		1st instalment 2017	Assesed cont. 2016	Assesed cont. 2017 (b)		2nd instalment 2018 (c)	3rd instalment 2019 (d)
El Salvador	\$ 20,317.08	\$ 20,317.08	\$ 1,668.00	\$ 1,668.00	\$23,653.08	\$ 20,317.08	\$ 20,317.08
Haiti	\$ 8,214.86	\$ 8,214.86	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 1,543.00	\$11,300.86	\$ 8,214.86	\$ 8,214.86
Saint Lucia	\$ 3,831.21	\$ 3,831.21	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 6,917.21	\$ 3,831.21	\$ 3,831.21
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	\$ 5,281.81	\$ 5,281.81	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 8,367.81	\$ 5,281.81	\$ 5,281.81

(a) Total amount to be paid after discounts applied as of 31 December 2015

(b) 2017 Assessed contributions estimates submitted to the General Conference for approval - FY 2017 Budget and Scale of Assessments

(c) 2nd instalment – assessed contribution for 2018 not included.

(d) 3rd instalment – assessed contribution for 2019 not included

5. **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.

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