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**REPORT ON ASSESSED MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS
AND OTHER INCOMES FOR 2021**

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to table for the information of FAC the status of the General Account Fund Revenues.

Introduction

2. The Commission's Financial Regulation 5.7 requires a report to be provided for each Regular Session of the Commission on the collection of annual assessed contributions, voluntary contributions, investment income, other incomes received and advances made from the Working Capital Fund. A report on the Commission's other funds is provided in paper WCPFC18-2021-FAC15-07.

Assessed Contributions

Due date

3. Annual assessed Member contributions shall be considered as due and payable in full within 60 days of either a communication from the Executive Director about the amount due or 1 January of the year to which they relate, whichever is the latter. The initial contribution advice letters were sent in January 2021. Therefore, all 2021 contributions were due for payment in March 2021. In instances where contributions remained unpaid, reminder actions were taken. In accordance with the Commissions' collection policy, members have been offered progressive payment options but no member has formally taken up that offer.

Contributions due and contributions outstanding in 2021

4. The assessed contributions for 2020 were set at USD6,696,184.

5. As of 1 November 2021, twelve members had outstanding 2021 contributions. The total outstanding balance from those members is USD1,559,390, however, one of the outstanding amounts is under USD100. At roughly the same point in time in 2020, outstanding balance from twelve members was USD1,740,423 with one of those outstanding amounts under USD100. A summary table of the status of the 2019, 2020 and 2021 contributions is attached to this paper for reference. Any subsequent changes to this information will be reported at FAC15.

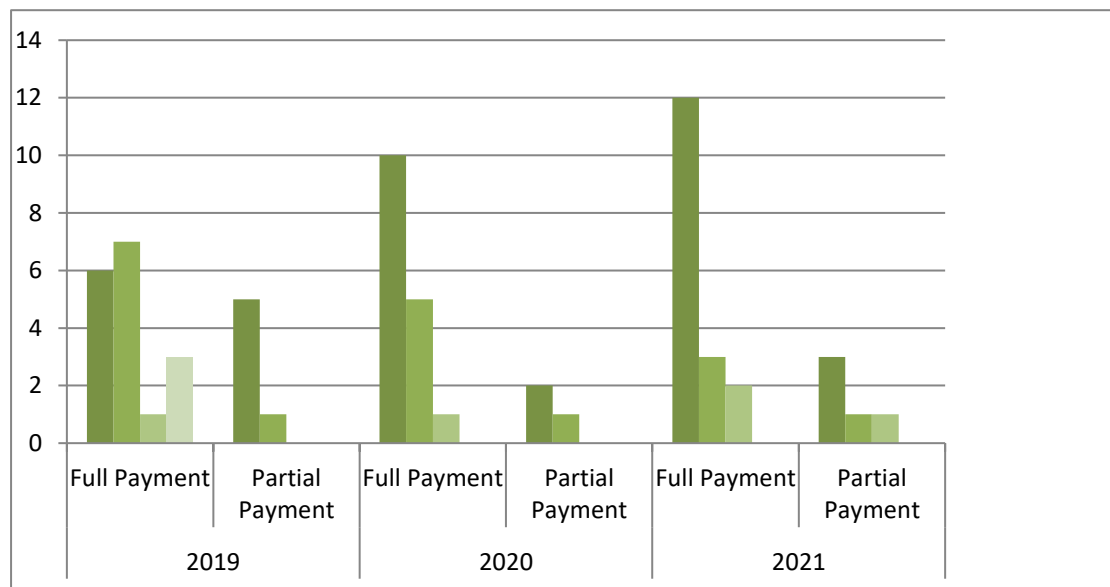
Budget contributions - arrears for two full years

6. Article 18, paragraph 3 of the Convention states: “If a contributor [to the budget of the Commission] is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Commission it shall not participate in the taking of decisions by the Commission if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. Interest shall be payable on such unpaid contributions at such rate as may be determined by the Commission in its financial regulations. The Commission may, nevertheless, waive such interest payments and 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.”

7. The Commission’s Financial Regulation 5.5 provides that unpaid contributions are considered one year in arrears as of 1 January of the calendar year following the year to which they relate. Currently there is one member who is two full years in arrears on contribution payments. In relation to overdue contributions, the Commission accepted the recommendation of the FAC, that the interest rate to be applied to contributions in arrears is zero.

Contributions payment pattern

8. Twelve members had paid their 2021 contributions in full in the first quarter and three members made partial payments. By the end of the second quarter of 2021, fifteen members had paid in full and four members have made partial payments. By the end of the third quarter 2021, seventeen members had made full payments of their contributions, five members provided partial payments in the third quarter and four members had not made payments. The chart below shows the payment patterns for 2019, 2020 and 2021.



Voluntary Contributions

Investment and other income

9. As of 1 November 2021, miscellaneous income of USD18,309 has been credited to the General Account Fund; this figure includes USD847 in interest, and USD17,462 as the administration fee from Japanese Trust Fund (JTF). At roughly the same point in 2020 miscellaneous income was USD19,604.

Working Capital Fund Advances

10. There have been no advances from the Working Capital Fund as of 1 November 2021. If needed, an update on the amount borrowed from the Working Capital Fund will be provided at FAC14.

Recommendation

11. The Committee is invited to consider and note the paper

Member 1-Nov-21	Assessed Contributions			Payments Received			Outstanding		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Australia	158,918	146,176	124,518	158,918	146,176	124,518.00	0	0	0
Canada	127,368	121,108	105,616	127,368	121,108	105,616.00	0	0	0
China	362,978	354,385	352,364	362,978	354,385	352,364.00	0	0	0
Cook Islands	33,058	34,764	34,903	33,058	34,764	34,903.00	0	0	0
European Union	352,521	333,737	282,561	352,521	333,737	282,561.00	0	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	215,650	263,225	313,877	215,650	263,225	269,131.00	0	0	44,746
Fiji	64,723	66,973	58,504	64,723	66,973	19,713.34	0	0	38,791
France	138,914	138,809	121,616	138,914	138,809	121,496.00	0	0	120
Indonesia	225,814	203,544	137,842	225,814	203,544	137,842.00	0	0	0
Japan	1,099,486	1,113,478	961,514	1,099,486	1,113,478	961,514.00	0	0	0
Kiribati	348,528	394,101	345,503	348,528	394,091	0.00	0	10	345,503
Korea	969,088	980,413	884,708	969,088	980,413	612,404.09	0	0	272,304
Marshall Islands	237,231	225,943	229,060	237,231	225,943	229,060.00	0	0	0
Nauru	30,084	39,316	55,415	30,083	39,316	55,414.81	0	0	0
New Zealand	122,823	127,054	113,313	122,823	127,054	113,313.00	0	0	0
Niue	29,459	29,561	26,185	29,459	29,561	26,185.00	0	0	0
Palau	30,464	32,932	30,428	30,464	32,932	17,721.00	0	0	12,707
Papua New Guinea	552,118	575,797	441,283	552,118	575,747	0.00	0	50	441,283
Philippines	327,523	259,154	166,000	327,523	259,154	81,290.00	0	0	84,710
Samoa	38,358	39,189	35,717	38,357	39,188	30,387.00	0	0	5,330
Solomon Islands	88,741	99,225	104,308	88,666	0	0.00	75	99,225	104,308
Chinese Taipei	802,624	820,093	758,192	802,624	820,093	758,192.00	0	0	0
Tonga	35,393	35,205	31,755	35,393	35,205	31,735.00	0	0	20
Tuvalu	43,401	51,875	44,977	43,401	51,875	44,977.00	0	0	0
USA	1,008,722	987,161	825,223	1,008,722	987,161	825,223.00	0	0	0
Vanuatu	92,723	93,332	110,801	92,723	93,332	593.00	0	0	110,208
Total	7,536,710	7,566,549	6,696,183	7,536,634	7,467,264	5,236,153	75	99,285	1,460,030