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REPORT ON ASSESSED MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER INCOMES FOR 2022

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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 WCPFC19-2022-FAC16-08.

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 2022. Therefore, all 2022 contributions were due for payment in March 2022. 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 2022

- 4. The assessed contributions for 2022 were set at USD6,967,452.
- 5. As of 15 October 2022, thirteen members had outstanding 2022 contributions. The total outstanding balance from those members is USD2,410,173. At roughly the same point in time in 2021, outstanding balance from twelve members was USD USD1,559,390 with one of those outstanding amounts under USD100. A summary table of the status of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 contributions is attached to this paper for reference.

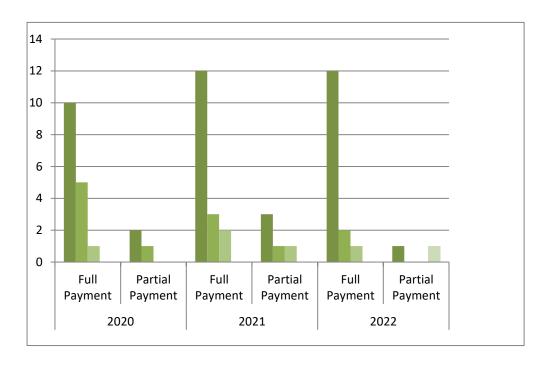
6. An update of the status of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 contributions as of 24 November 2022 is attached in the Rev1 of this paper to provide an update and any subsequent changes to this information will be reported at FAC16.

Budget contributions - arrears for two full years

- 7. 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."
- 8. 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. 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

9. Twelve members had paid their 2022 contributions in full in the first quarter and one member made partial payments. By the end of the second quarter of 2022, fourteen members had paid in full and one member have made partial payments. By the end of the third quarter 2022, fifteen members had made full payments of their contributions, one member provided partial payments in the third quarter and four members had not made payments. The chart below shows the payment patterns for 2020, 2021 and 2022.



Investment and other income

10. As of 15 October 2022, miscellaneous income of USD17,738 has been credited to the General Account Fund; this figure includes USD276 in interest, and USD17,462 as the administration fee from Japanese Trust Fund (JTF). At roughly the same point in 2021 miscellaneous income was USD18,309.

Working Capital Fund Advances

11. There have been no advances from the Working Capital Fund as of 15 October 2022. If needed, an update on the amount borrowed from the Working Capital Fund will be provided at FAC16.

Recommendation

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

Member	Assessed Contributions			Payments Received			Outstanding		
15-Oct-22	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Australia	146,176	124,518	127,631	146,176	124,518.00	127,631.00	0	0	0
Canada	121,108	105,616	107,596	121,108	105,616.00	107,596.00	0	0	0
China	354,385	352,364	314,958	354,385	352,364.00	314,958.00	0	0	0
Cook Islands	34,764	34,903	36,237	34,764	34,903.00	36,237.00	0	0	0
European Union	333,737	282,561	284,848	333,737	282,561.00	284,848.00	0	0	0
FSM	263,225	313,877	389,455	263,225	313,877.00	273,651.00	0	0	115,804
Fiji	66,973	58,504	57,878	66,973	58,504.40	57,878.36	0	0	0
France	138,809	121,616	124,203	138,809	121,616.00	124,083.00	0	0	120
Indonesia	203,544	137,842	138,293	203,544	137,842.00	138,293.00	0	0	0
Japan	1,113,478	961,514	977,457	1,113,478	961,514.00	977,457.00	0	0	0
Kiribati	394,101	345,503	394,673	394,091			10	345,503	394,673
Korea	980,413	884,708	933,833	980,413	884,708.09	933,832.91	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	225,943	229,060	255,994	225,943	229,060.00	255,994.00	0	0	0
Nauru	39,316	55,415	137,671	39,316	55,414.81	0.00	0	0	137,671
New Zealand	127,054	113,313	118,018	127,054	113,313.00	118,018.00	0	0	0
Niue	29,561	26,185	27,268	29,561	26,185.00	0.00	0	0	27,268
Palau	32,932	30,428	30,470	32,932	30,428.00	0.00	0	0	30,470
Papua New Guinea	575,797	441,283	363,298	575,747	0.00	0.00	50	441,283	363,298
Philippines	259,154	166,000	168,973	259,154	81,290.00	0.00	0	84,710	168,973
Samoa	39,189	35,717	37,933	39,188	35,717.00	32,583.00	0	0	5,350
Solomon Islands	99,225	104,308	98,578	94,388			4,837	104,308	98,578
Chinese Taipei	820,093	758,192	772,177	820,093	758,192.00	772,177.00	0	0	0
Tonga	35,205	31,755	32,803	35,205	31,735.00	0.00	0	20	32,803
Tuvalu	51,875	44,977	51,674	51,875			0	0	51,674
USA	987,161	825,223	839,239	987,161	825,223.00	839,239.00	0	0	0
Vanuatu	93,332	110,801	146,296	93,332	110,801.00	143,525.00	0	0	2,771
Total	7,566,549	6,696,183	6,967,452	7,561,652	5,720,359	5,538,001	4,898.25	975,824	1,429,451

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Canada	121,108	105,616	107,596	121,108	105,616.00	107,596.00	0	0	0
China	354,385	352,364	314,958	354,385	352,364.00	314,958.00	0	0	0
Cook Islands	34,764	34,903	36,237	34,764	34,903.00	36,237.00	0	0	0
European Union	333,737	282,561	284,848	333,737	282,561.00	284,848.00	0	0	0
FSM	263,225	313,877	389,455	263,225	313,877.00	273,651.00	0	0	115,804
Fiji	66,973	58,504	57,878	66,973	58,504.40	57,878.36	0	0	0
France	138,809	121,616	124,203	138,809	121,616.00	124,083.00	0	0	120
Indonesia	203,544	137,842	138,293	203,544	137,842.00	138,293.00	0	0	0
Japan	1,113,478	961,514	977,457	1,113,478	961,514.00	977,457.00	0	0	0
Kiribati	394,101	345,503	394,673	394,101	345,503.00	49,150.00	0	0	345,523
Korea	980,413	884,708	933,833	980,413	884,708.09	933,832.91	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	225,943	229,060	255,994	225,943	229,060.00	255,994.00	0	0	0
Nauru	39,316	55,415	137,671	39,316	55,414.81	137,671.00	0	0	0
New Zealand	127,054	113,313	118,018	127,054	113,313.00	118,018.00	0	0	0
Niue	29,561	26,185	27,268	29,561	26,185.00	27,268.00	0	0	0
Palau	32,932	30,428	30,470	32,932	30,428.00	0.00	0	0	30,470
Papua New Guinea	575,797	441,283	363,298	575,797	441,283.00	363,298.00	0	0	0
Philippines	259,154	166,000	168,973	259,154	166,000.00	168,973.00	0	0	0
Samoa	39,189	35,717	37,933	39,188	35,717.00	32,583.00	0	0	5,350
Solomon Islands	99,225	104,308	98,578	94,388	0.00	0.00	4,837	104,308	98,578
Chinese Taipei	820,093	758,192	772,177	820,093	758,192.00	772,177.00	0	0	0
Tonga	35,205	31,755	32,803	35,205	31,755.00	32,783.00	0	0	20
Tuvalu	51,875	44,977	51,674	51,875	44,977.00	0.00	0	0	51,674
USA	987,161	825,223	839,239	987,161	825,223.00	839,239.00	0	0	0
Vanuatu	93,332	110,801	146,296	93,332	110,801.00	143,525.00	0	0	2,771
Total	7,566,549	6,696,183	6,967,452	7,561,712	6,591,875	6,317,144	4,838.25	104,308	650,308