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Alternative Calculations for the Wealth Component of Annual Contributions

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Introduction

1. At WCPFC8 the Secretariat was asked for a paper on alternative options for calculating the wealth component of annual contribution for very Small Island States (SIDs). This paper lays out the implications associated with each option.
2. The following changes were made Revision 1 of this document:
 1. An additional option was requested by Niue. The new option was for SIDs with populations under 20,000 to set the wealth component at \$7,500. The new calculation is included in Appendix B.

Alternative Calculations

3. The alternatives options the Secretariat was requested to calculate included:
 1. Capping the contribution to the 20% wealth component for very small SIDs with population less than 100,000 at (a) \$7,500, (b) \$10,000 or (c) \$15,000;
 2. Capping SIDs 20% wealth component for SIDs with a recent three year average catch of 5000mt or less, at \$10,000;
 3. Capping the SIDS contribution to 20% wealth component based on per capita contribution of (a) \$0.05 (b) \$0.25 (c) \$0.50 (d) \$1.
 4. Removing the foreign aid component of the GDP/GNI for the purpose of calculating the 20% wealth contribution; and
 5. Other options identified by the Secretariat to address the ongoing concerns of SIDs.
4. The changes in the annual wealth component associated with implementing options 1 through 3 are presented in Appendix A. Option 4 was implemented in the 2011 budget. Where GNI data was not available from the World Bank or United Nations, countries and territories were contacted for help determine their GNI. For some SIDs this information was provided by SPC. GNI already excludes incoming foreign aid. For option 5, the Secretariat did not include any other options for calculating the wealth component of annual contribution.

Recommendation

11. The Committee is invited to:

- i) Note the report; and
- ii) Make the appropriate recommendations to the Commission as deemed necessary.

Appendix B

Budget	Option	Difference	
Australia	73,812	74,638	826
Canada	78,546	79,425	879
China	61,028	61,711	683
Cook Islands	16,342	16,525	183
European Union	247,482	250,252	2,770
FSM	3,573	3,613	40
Fiji	5,688	5,751	64
France	84,103	85,044	941
Japan	117,571	118,886	1,316
Kiribati	2,903	2,936	32
Korea	41,883	42,351	469
Marshall Islands	4,585	4,636	51
Nauru	5,064	5,121	57
New Zealand	42,628	43,105	477
Niue	19,745	7,500	-12,245
Palau	11,827	11,959	132
Papua New Guinea	1,808	1,828	20
Philippines	4,895	4,950	55
Samoa	4,210	4,257	47
Solomon Islands	1,540	1,558	17
Chinese Taipei	30,495	30,836	341
Tonga	4,527	4,578	51
Tuvalu	4,177	4,224	47
USA	241,550	244,253	2,704
Vanuatu	3,798	3,841	43
Totals	1,113,777	1,113,777	