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**REPORT ON ASSESSED MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS
AND OTHER INCOMES FOR 2016**

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Purpose

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

Introduction

2. The Commission's Financial Regulation 5.7 requires a report for each Regular Session on the collection of annual assessed contributions, voluntary contributions, investment income, other income received and advances made from the Working Capital Fund. A report on the Commission's other funds is provided in paper WCPFC13-2016-FAC10-08.

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 later. The initial contribution advice letters were sent in January 2015. Therefore, all 2016 contributions were due for payment in March 2016. 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 2016

3. The assessed contributions for 2016 were set at USD7,231,432.

4. As of 1 November 2016, fourteen members had outstanding 2016 contributions. The total outstanding balance from those members is USD955,165, however, four of those outstanding amounts are under USD100. At roughly the same point in time in 2015, outstanding balance from thirteen members was USD530,014 with six of those outstanding amounts were under USD100. A summary table of the status of 2014, 2015 and 2016 contributions is attached for reference. Any subsequent changes to this information will be reported at FAC10.

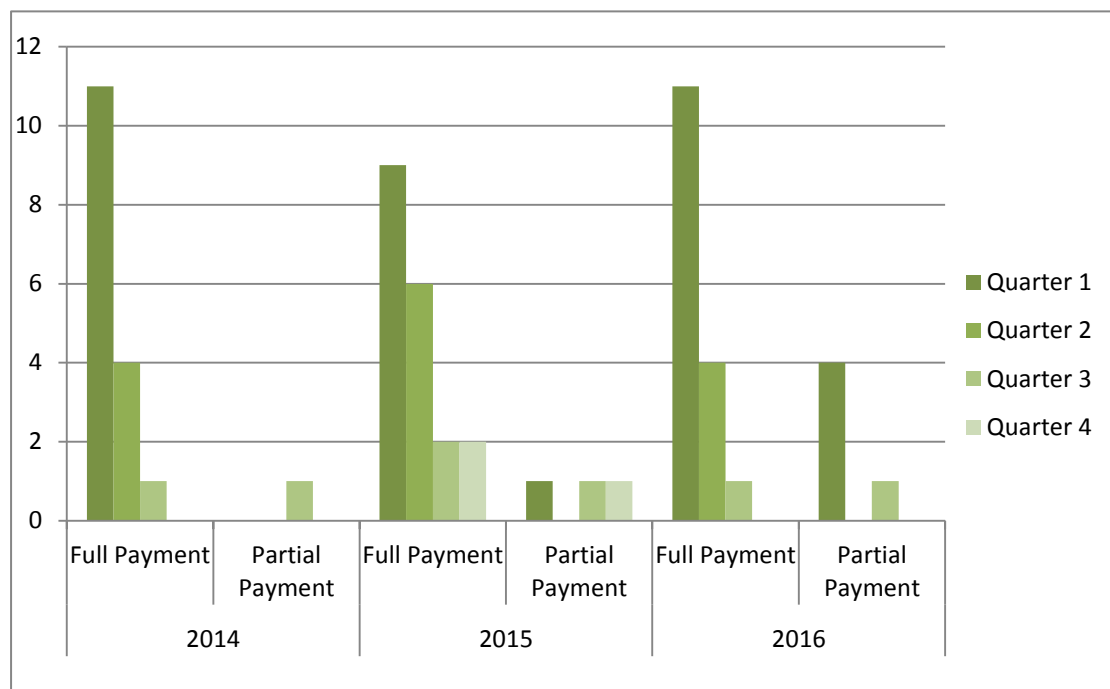
Budget contributions - arrears for two full years

5. 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.”

6. 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 are no members who are two full years in arrears. 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

7. Eleven members had paid their 2016 contributions in full in the first quarter and four members made partial payments. By the end of the second quarter of 2016, fifteen members had paid in full and four members have made a partial payment. By the end of the third quarter 2016, sixteen members had made full payments of their contributions and five members provided partial payment in the third quarter. So far in the fourth quarter, no additional payments have been made. The chart below shows the payment patterns for 2014, 2015 and 2016.



Voluntary Contributions

8. A voluntary contribution of USD8,918 has been received from Institut d'émission d'Outre-Mer (IEOM) in New Caledonia and has been included in General Account Fund income for 2016.

Investment and other income

9. As of 1 October 2016 miscellaneous income of USD14,474 has been credited to the General Account Fund; this figure includes USD3,078 in interest, and USD11,396 from Japanese Trust Fund (JTF) administration fees. At roughly the same point in 2015 miscellaneous income was USD26,926.

Working Capital Fund Advances

10. There have been no advances from the Working Capital Fund as of 31 October 2016. If needed, an update on the amount borrowed from the Working Capital Fund will be provided at FAC.

Recommendation

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

Member Country 1-Nov-16	Assessed Contributions			Payments Received			Outstanding		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Australia	134,865	140,643	156,121	134,865	140,643	156,121	0	0	0
Canada	125,550	124,634	132,914	125,550	124,634	132,914	0	0	0
China	390,717	421,677	431,137	390,717	421,677	431,137	0	0	0
Cook Islands	31,174	30,599	32,959	31,174	30,599	32,959	0	0	0
European Community	331,916	377,623	395,017	331,916	377,623	395,017	0	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	97,964	99,879	110,024	97,964	99,879	103,134	0	0	6,890
Fiji	58,655	61,970	63,447	58,655	61,971	43,290	0	0	20,157
France	144,980	135,305	127,863	144,980	135,275	0	0	30	127,863
Indonesia	168,560	164,258	192,039	168,560	164,258	192,039	0	0	0
Japan	1,226,402	1,204,998	1,182,487	1,226,402	1,204,998	1,182,487	0	0	0
Kiribati	122,634	158,356	195,864	122,634	158,331	0	0	25	195,864
Korea	818,218	766,109	835,383	818,218	766,109	731,041	0	0	104,342
Marshall Islands	214,525	225,397	211,462	214,525	225,397	211,462	0	0	0
Nauru	26,660	26,735	28,720	26,660	26,710	0	0	25	28,720
New Zealand	144,931	148,218	154,595	144,931	148,218	154,570	0	0	25
Niue	26,268	26,297	28,234	26,268	26,297	28,199	0	0	35
Palau	27,178	27,262	29,209	27,178	27,262	29,209	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	309,434	294,689	362,242	309,434	294,689	362,217	0	0	25
Philippines	302,891	307,824	373,261	302,891	307,824	65,437	0	0	307,824
Samoa	33,969	33,545	35,731	33,969	33,500	0	0	45	35,731
Solomon Islands	46,133	35,299	53,456	46,133	35,299	53,406	0	0	50
Chinese Taipei	734,197	736,870	797,732	734,197	736,870	797,732	0	0	0
Tonga	31,607	31,751	33,735	31,607	31,751	33,735	0	0	0
Tuvalu	49,709	50,905	52,289	49,709	50,905	51,827	0	0	462
USA	1,000,862	985,046	1,088,332	1,000,862	985,046	1,088,332	0	0	0
Vanuatu	129,144	125,636	127,177	129,144	18,674	0	0	106,962	127,177
Total	6,729,143	6,741,526	7,231,432	6,729,143	6,634,439	6,276,265	0	107,087	955,165