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**REPORT ON ASSESSED MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS
AND OTHER INCOMES FOR 2018**

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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 income received and advances made from the Working Capital Fund. A report on the Commission's other funds is provided in paper WCPFC15-2018-FAC12-06.

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 2018. Therefore, all 2018 contributions were due for payment in March 2018. 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 2018

4. The assessed contributions for 2018 were set at USD7,529,328.

5. As of 6 December 2018, eleven members had outstanding 2018 contributions. The total outstanding balance from those members is USD539,720, however, four of those outstanding amounts are under USD100. At roughly the same point in time in 2017, outstanding balance from fourteen members was USD751,711 with five of those outstanding amounts were under USD100. A summary table of the status of 2016, 2017 and 2018 contributions is attached for reference. Any subsequent changes to this information will be reported at FAC12.

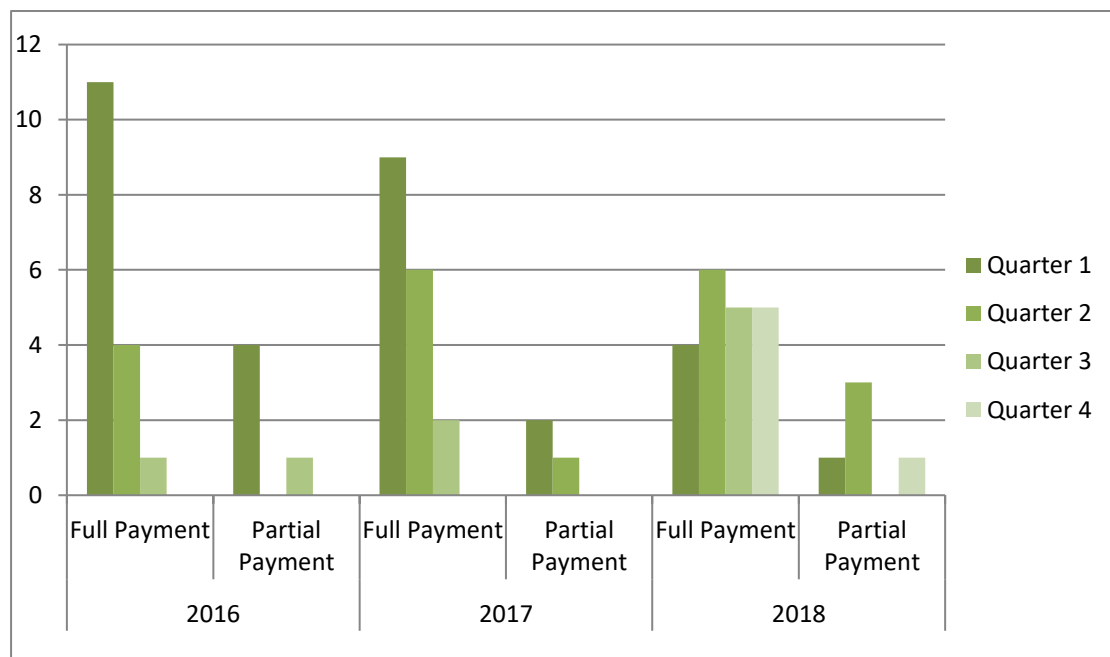
Budget contributions - arrears for two full years

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 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

8. Four members had paid their 2018 contributions in full in the first quarter and one member made partial payments. By the end of the second quarter of 2018, ten members had paid in full and four members have made a partial payment. By the end of the third quarter 2018, fifteen members had made full payments of their contributions and four members provided partial payment in the third quarter. By 6 December 2018 nineteen members had made full payments of their contributions and five members provided partial payment. The chart below shows the payment patterns for 2016, 2017 and 2018.



Voluntary Contributions

9. A voluntary contribution of USD 9,995.66 has been received from Institut d'émission d'Outre-Mer (IEOM) in New Caledonia and has been included in General Account Fund income for 2018.

Investment and other income

10. As of 31 October 2018, miscellaneous income of USD11,654 has been credited to the General Account Fund; this figure includes USD1,207 in interest, and USD10,447 from Japanese Trust Fund (JTF) administration fees. At roughly the same point in 2017 miscellaneous income was USD13,161.

Working Capital Fund Advances

11. There have been no advances from the Working Capital Fund as of 6 December 2018. If needed, an update on the amount borrowed from the Working Capital Fund will be provided at FAC.

Recommendation

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

Member 6-Dec-18	Assessed Contributions			Payments Received			Outstanding		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Australia	156,121	156,013	156,793	156,121	156,013	156,793	0	0	0
Canada	132,914	128,789	129,047	132,914	128,789	129,047	0	0	0
China	431,137	421,356	434,666	431,137	421,356	434,666	0	0	0
Cook Islands	32,959	31,727	32,634	32,959	31,727	32,634	0	0	0
European Union	395,017	389,687	370,647	395,017	389,687	370,647	0	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	110,024	129,667	165,411	110,024	129,667	165,411	0	0	0
Fiji	63,447	61,627	60,956	63,447	61,627	11,273	0	0	49,683
France	127,863	137,193	139,350	127,863	137,193	139,260	0	0	90
Indonesia	192,039	215,678	278,011	192,039	215,678	278,011	0	0	0
Japan	1,182,487	1,113,557	1,079,400	1,182,487	1,113,557	1,079,400	0	0	0
Kiribati	195,864	241,265	282,488	195,864	241,265	282,463	0	0	25
Korea	835,383	828,940	915,187	835,383	828,940	915,187	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	211,462	230,557	227,531	211,462	230,557	227,531	0	0	0
Nauru	28,720	28,806	29,893	28,720	28,806	29,893	0	0	0
New Zealand	154,595	145,191	134,073	154,595	145,191	134,023	0	0	50
Niue	28,234	28,301	29,301	28,234	28,301	965	0	0	28,336
Palau	29,209	29,285	24,237	29,209	29,285	24,237	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	362,242	400,014	506,531	362,242	400,014	506,531	0	0	0
Philippines	373,261	365,795	371,749	373,261	365,795	0	0	0	371,749
Samoa	35,731	35,658	37,068	35,731	35,658	36,954	0	0	114
Solomon Islands	53,456	64,146	79,703	53,456	64,071	0	0	75	79,703
Chinese Taipei	797,732	782,643	784,666	797,732	782,643	784,666	0	0	0
Tonga	33,735	33,898	36,519	33,735	33,898	34,985	0	0	1,534
Tuvalu	52,289	48,054	50,828	52,289	48,054	42,414	0	0	8,414
USA	1,088,332	1,075,462	1,066,660	1,088,332	1,075,462	1,066,660	0	0	0
Vanuatu	127,177	118,761	105,976	127,177	118,761	105,956	0	0	20
Total	7,231,432	7,242,071	7,529,328	7,231,430	7,241,994	6,989,607	0	75	539,720