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**REPORT ON ASSESSED MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS
AND OTHER INCOMES FOR 2020**

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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 WCPFC17-2020-FAC14-07.

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 2020. Therefore, all 2020 contributions were due for payment in March 2020. In instances where contributions remained unpaid, reminder actions were taken. In accordance with the Commission's collection policy, members have been offered progressive payment options but no member has formally taken up that offer.

Contributions due and contributions outstanding in 2020

4. The assessed contributions for 2019 were set at USD7,664,861.

5. As of 1 November 2020, twelve members had outstanding 2020 contributions. The total outstanding balance from those members is USD1,740,423, however, one of the outstanding amounts is under USD100. At roughly the same point in time in 2019, outstanding balance from thirteen members was USD1,563,439 with two of those outstanding amounts under USD100. A summary table of the status of the 2018, 2019 and 2020 contributions is attached to this paper for reference. Any subsequent changes to this information will be reported at FAC14.

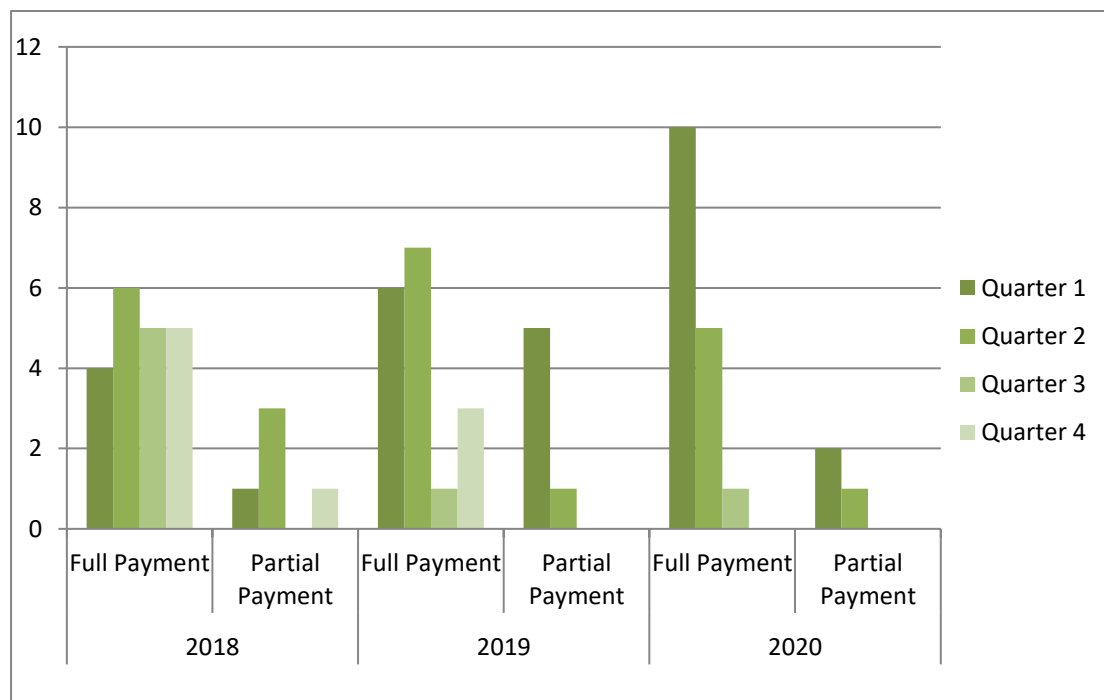
Budget contributions - arrears for two full years

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. Ten members had paid their 2020 contributions in full in the first quarter and two members made partial payments. By the end of the second quarter of 20, fifteen members had paid in full, three members have made partial payments and seven members had not made payments. By the end of the third quarter 2020, sixteen members had made full payments of their contributions, three members provided partial payments in the third quarter and seven members had not made payments. As of 1 November 2020 no additional payments have been made. The chart below shows the payment patterns for 2018, 2019 and 2020.



Voluntary Contributions

9. A voluntary contribution of USD 9,274 was received from New Caledonia and has been included in the General Account Fund income for 2020.

Investment and other income

10. As of 1 November 2020, miscellaneous income of USD19,604 has been credited to the General Account Fund; this figure includes USD2,142 in interest, and USD17,462 as the administration fee from Japanese Trust Fund (JTF). At roughly the same point in 2019 miscellaneous income was USD20,475.

Working Capital Fund Advances

11. There have been no advances from the Working Capital Fund as of 1 November 2020. If needed, an update on the amount borrowed from the Working Capital Fund will be provided at FAC14.

Recommendation

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

Member 1-Nov-20	Assessed Contributions			Payments Received			Outstanding		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Australia	156,793	158,918	146,176	156,793	158,918	146,176	0	0	0
Canada	129,047	127,368	121,108	129,047	127,368	121,108	0	0	0
China	434,666	362,978	354,385	434,666	362,978	354,385	0	0	0
Cook Islands	32,634	33,058	34,764	32,634	33,058	34,764	0	0	0
European Union	370,647	352,521	333,737	370,647	352,521	333,737	0	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	165,411	215,650	263,225	165,411	215,650	213,959	0	0	49,266
Fiji	60,956	64,723	66,973	60,955	64,723	0	0	0	66,973
France	139,350	138,914	138,809	139,350	138,914	138,689	0	0	120
Indonesia	278,011	225,814	203,544	278,011	225,814	203,544	0	0	0
Japan	1,079,400	1,099,486	1,113,478	1,079,400	1,099,486	1,113,478	0	0	0
Kiribati	282,488	348,528	394,101	282,488	348,528	0	0	0	394,101
Korea	915,187	969,088	980,413	915,187	969,088	646,613	0	0	333,800
Marshall Islands	223,099	237,231	225,943	227,531	237,231	225,943	0	0	0
Nauru	29,893	30,084	39,316	29,893	30,083	35,416	0	0	3,900
New Zealand	134,073	122,823	127,054	134,073	122,823	127,054	0	0	0
Niue	29,301	29,459	29,561	29,301	29,459	29,561	0	0	0
Palau	30,295	30,464	32,932	30,295	30,464	32,932	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	506,531	552,118	575,797	506,531	0	0	0	552,118	575,797
Philippines	371,749	327,523	259,154	371,749	327,523	174,444	0	0	84,710
Samoa	37,068	38,358	39,189	37,068	38,323	0	0	34	39,189
Solomon Islands	79,703	88,741	99,225	79,703	88,666	0	0	75	99,225
Chinese Taipei	784,666	802,624	820,093	784,666	802,624	820,093	0	0	0
Tonga	35,057	35,393	35,205	35,057	35,393	35,195	0	0	10
Tuvalu	42,414	43,401	51,875	42,414	43,401	51,875	0	0	0
USA	1,066,660	1,008,722	987,161	1,066,660	1,008,722	987,161	0	0	0
Vanuatu	105,976	92,723	93,332	105,976	92,708	0	0	15	93,332
Total	7,521,075	7,536,710	7,566,549	7,525,506	6,984,466	5,826,127	0	552,244	1,740,423