



GENERAL CONFERENCE
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RESOLUTION CG/E/Res.370

PROGRAM OF DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBER STATES TO SETTLE THEIR DEBTS WITH OPANAL

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind that Article 9.3 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco stipulates that the Member States are obliged to cover their financial contributions to the Agency, which must be approved by the General Conference;

Recalling Resolutions 106 (V), 312 (E-VIII) and 340 (E-X) regarding the right of the Committee on Contributions to assist in the Secretary General's activities to devise formulas to correct the Agency's financial situation;

Taking into account that paragraph e) of Article 12.02 of the Financial Regulations of OPANAL stipulates that the Committee on Contributions shall assist the Secretary General in negotiating with the States in arrears regarding their contributions in order to agree on the terms, forms and dates of payment to cover their outstanding obligations;

Considering operative paragraph 2 of Resolution 364 (XV) regarding the fulfillment by the Member States of their economic obligations to the Agency and initiation of negotiations with the Secretariat to definitively settle their debts;

Underlining operative paragraph 1 of Resolution 364 (XV), in which the General Conference supports the evaluation and the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters (Document CG/471) to improve the Agency's finances;

Agreeing with the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters to promote a mechanism to encourage settlement of the debts owed by some countries to the Agency,

Resolves:

1. **To approve** a program of discounts for Member States that decide to settle their debts to the Agency, under the following terms:
 - a) Member Countries that enter into a commitment with the Secretariat to settle their debts to the Agency through a single payment prior to 31 December 1997 shall be given a 25% discount on their total debt up to 31 December 1997.
 - b) Member Countries that enter into a commitment with the Secretariat to settle their debts to the Agency through a single payment prior to 31 December 1998 shall be given a 12.5% discount on their total debt up to 31 December 1997.
 - c) Member Countries that enter into a commitment with the Secretariat to settle their debts to the Agency prior to 31 December 1998 through a 5-year staggered payment schedule shall be given a 5% discount on their total debt up to 31 December 1997.
2. **To instruct** the Secretary General of OPANAL to make this Resolution known to all States in arrears, for them to be aware of the benefits being granted.
3. **To respectfully urge** Member States that are in arrears with the Agency to make use of one of the forms of payment of this Program, the purpose of which is to provide the Agency with monetary liquidity and make it financially viable.
4. **To request** the Secretary General to inform the Council and the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters on the commitments and results arising from this Resolution.

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held on November 14th 1997)