



GENERAL CONFERENCE
Twelfth Special Session
Tlatelolco, Mexico City, 14 November 1997.

RESOLUTION CG/E/Res.372

PROGRAM-BUDGET AND SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE AGENCY'S EXPENSES AND FOR THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR THE 1998 FINANCIAL YEAR

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind that Article 9 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco establishes that the General Conference shall fix the scale of financial contributions to be paid by Member States to the Agency, taking into account the systems and criteria used for the same purpose by the United Nations;

Recalling Resolution 152 (VII) of 24 April 1981, in which it was declared that the aforementioned United Nations systems and criteria are merely of an indicative nature for fixing OPANAL contributions;

Taking into account that through Resolution 337 (XIV) of 29 March 1995 the General Conference approved a scale of contributions with the corresponding adjustment resulting from the entry of new States into OPANAL;

Having considered the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters to devise mechanisms aimed at definitively solving the economic problems of the Agency, which are preventing it from functioning properly;

Taking into account the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters and the provisions of Resolution 364 (XV), which convened a Special Session of the General Conference of OPANAL to consider, among other topics, the Agency Budget for the 1998-1999 Financial Biennium;

Having examined the Draft Program-Budget for the 1998-1999 Financial Biennium presented by the Secretary General and the recommendations submitted to that effect by the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters,

Resolves:

1. **To approve** the Draft Budget presented by the Secretary General only for the 1998 Financial Year, which sets forth a maximum estimated credit of US\$350,000.00 for that year.
2. **That** in exercising the Budget approved for 1998, the Secretary General shall continue to give priority to recurrent expenses. Similarly, the Council and the Committee on Contributions will consider and, if applicable, approve the proposals of the Secretary General to execute the budget items provided for in Section 3.4 of title 3 of the budget adopted, and pro-memoria expenses. Spending on other budget items shall be subject to the real collection of contributions during the corresponding financial year and the priorities that may be suggested by the Committee on Contributions.
3. **To urge** the Secretary General to comply strictly with the provisions of Article 4 of the Financial Regulations adopted by the General Conference through Resolution 312 (E-VIII) on the utilization of the Working Capital Fund.
4. **That** a Special General Conference should approve the Budget for 1999 on the basis of the new Scale of Contributions for the Apportionment of Agency Expenses also approved, if applicable, by the General Conference.
5. **To reiterate** respectfully the appeal to the Member States of OPANAL to meet their financial obligations promptly. In the case of Member States that are in arrears, a discount program has been designed in order to settle the debts owed by some countries and provide the Agency with financial liquidity.
6. **To adopt** the Scale of contributions (enclosed) for the Apportionment of the Agency's expenses for 1998.
7. **To also adopt** the Scale of Contributions (enclosed) for the Apportionment of the Working Capital Fund for the 1998 financial year.

(Adopted at the 87th Session
held on November 14th 1997)

