RESOLUTION CG/E/Res.375

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS ON THE REORGANIZATION AND DEFINITIVE REHABILITATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION OF OPANAL

The General Conference,

Considering the provisions of Resolution 106 (V), 312 (E-VIII) and 340 (E-X) relative to the authority of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters (CCAAP) to aid the Secretary General in all administrative and budgetary matters of the Agency and promote an improvement in the Agency's finances;

Recalling Resolutions 369 (E-XII), 370 (E-XII), 371 (E-XII), and 372 (E-XII) adopted by the XII Special Session of the General Conference of OPANAL, relative to the Report of the Committee on Contributions and especially the definitive rehabilitation of the Agency's economic and financial situation, as well as the Program of Discounts for Member States that decide to settle their debts with OPANAL and the study to update the Scale of Contributions of the Member States of OPANAL;

Taking into account the positive results stemming from the entry into force of the new Staff Regulations adopted by Resolution 369 (E-XII), relative to the employees of OPANAL;

Having evaluated the agreements that the Member States in arrears with the Agency established with the Secretary General regarding the discount programs to settle their debts with OPANAL, in accordance with Resolution 370 (E-XII);

Recognizing the effort of the Member States of OPANAL that are in arrears with the Agency with respect to their financial contributions, in spite of the profound effects of the international financial crisis on these states;

Underlining the deliberations and the different proposals of the Secretary General and the Member States of the CCAAP to continue the measures aimed at improving the economic and financial situation of the Agency;
Having examined the Report of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters,

Resolves:

1. **To approve** the Report presented by the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters.

2. **To extend** until December 31, 1998, the Program of Discounts found in subparagraphs b) and c) of Resolution 370 (E-XII) for the Member States who have yet to take advantage of said Program and decide to settle their debts with the Agency.

3. **To renew** the mandate to the Secretary General, the Council, and the Committee on Contributions to perform a study to update the Scale of Contributions of the Member States of OPANAL and its application to the Scale of Contributions for the Apportionment of the Agency's Expenses and the Working Capital Fund, preferably in 1999, pursuant to the terms established in Resolution 371 (E-XII).

4. **To request** that the Secretary General and the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters draw up a proposal for updating the Financial Regulations in order to, among other objectives, standardize the annual approval by the General Conference of the Agency's Budget, after being informed of the results of the corresponding external audit.

5. **To request** that the Secretary General inform the Council and the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters of the commitments and results stemming from this Resolution.

(Adopted at the 88th Session held on 27 November 1998)