RESOLUTION CG/E/Res. 376

PROGRAM BUDGET AND SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE AGENCY'S EXPENSES AND FOR THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind that Article 9 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco establishes that the General Conference shall approve the Budget and fix the Scale of Financial Contributions to be paid by Member States to the Agency, as well as the provisions set forth to this regard in the Financial Regulations;

Considering the positive results for the effective economic and financial administration of OPANAL from the measures adopted by the XII Special General Conference held in November 1997, intended to definitively resolve the Agency's economic problems;

Taking into account the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters as well as the provisions set forth in Resolution 369 (E-XII) regarding the definitive rehabilitation of the Agency's financial and economic situation;

Considering the negative impact of the current international financial crisis on the economies of the Member States of the Agency;

Taking into account the Memorandum presented by the Secretary General regarding the resolution of the Agency's financial problems, in particular the strict administration of expenses during 1998, in accordance with Resolution 372 (E-XII), as well as the available remaining funds from that period;

Having examined the Draft Program Budget for Fiscal Year 1999 presented by the Secretary General and the recommendations regarding said budget made by the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters,
Resolves:

1. **To approve** the Draft Program Budget presented by the Secretary General for Fiscal Year 1999, which sets forth a maximum estimated credit of US$300,000.00.

2. **To reiterate** that in the administration of the Budget approved for 1999, the Secretary General shall continue to give priority to current expenses. Moreover, the Council and the Committee on Contributions shall consider and, when appropriate, approve the Secretary General's requests to administer the items set forth in Title Three of the approved Budget and the corresponding Pro-memoria expenses, as well as those that require the outlay of unused available funds from 1998 and previous years. The expenditures set forth in the remaining items shall be subject to the real income from contributions received during the corresponding fiscal year and the priorities that, when appropriate, are suggested by the Secretary General in coordination with 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 use of the Working Capital Fund.

4. **To respectfully reiterate** the appeal to the Member States of OPANAL to meet their financial obligations promptly.

5. **To adopt** the Scale of Contributions (enclosed) for the Apportionment of the Agency's expenses for 1999.

6. **To also adopt** the Scale of Contributions (enclosed) for the Apportionment of the Working Capital Fund for the 1999 fiscal year.

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