



XVII Special Session of the General Conference
Tlatelolco, Mexico, D.F., November 23, 2004.

RESOLUTION CG/E/Res.463
DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF OPANAL.
TIMELY PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind that the Treaty of Tlatelolco, Article 9, numeral 3, confers upon this body the power to approve the Budget and set the Scale of Contributions of the Agency and establishes that the Member States have the obligation to cover their financial contributions to the Agency, contributions that must be approved by the General Conference;

Recalling that Article 6, numeral 1 of the Financial Regulations, establishes that the contributions shall be due and payable within the first 30 days of January of each year;

Taking into consideration Resolution 453 (XVIII), which calls upon the Member States that are in arrears in the payment of their contributions to the Agency to cover their outstanding balances;

Considering also Resolutions 370 (E-XII) and 393 (XVI) in which Discount Programs were presented for Members of the Agency to cover their outstanding debt with OPANAL;

Highlighting the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters to help encourage the creation of a mechanism for working out the debt that some Members have with the Agency;

Convinced that the lack of the timely payment of contributions by the Member States weakens the Agency's ability to act and undermines its ability to implement programs that aid in its strengthening;

Agreeing with the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters to create a mechanism to aid in encouraging the working out of the debt that some States Parties have with the Agency,

Resolves:

1. **To make an urgent call** upon the Member States to pay their contributions as timely as possible so that the Agency can fulfill its responsibilities set forth in the Treaty of Tlatelolco and contribute to the strengthening of OPANAL.
2. **Authorize** the Secretary General to take the necessary steps with the Country Representatives to OPANAL to achieve the payment of overdue contributions, authorizing him on a one-time basis to reach an agreement to this end with the governments of the Member States by applying one of the following procedures for working out their debts up to 2004:
 - a) An **80-percent** discount on payments made before December 31, 2005, to liquidate all accumulated debt through 2004, of the countries historically in arrears for more than US\$95,000.00, to be paid in one lump sum. These countries must make some payment—to be determined by the states themselves—by December 31, 2004. The remaining amount owed shall be paid, including the contribution for 2005. (Bolivia, El Salvador, Haiti, Dominican Republic).
 - b) A **50-percent** discount on payments made before December 31, 2005, to liquidate all accumulated debt through 2004, to be paid in one lump sum. These countries must make some payment—to be determined by the states themselves—by December 31, 2004. The remaining amount owed shall be paid, including the contribution for 2005. (Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Granada, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia and Suriname).

- c) A **30-percent** discount on payments made to liquidate half of the accumulated debt through 2004 before December 31 of the same year. The other half shall be paid in 2005, including the corresponding contribution for that year. (Colombia, Peru and Uruguay).
3. **To request** the Secretary General to inform the Council and the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters about his efforts to encourage Members States to pay their debts in a timely manner and the results thereof.
4. **To instruct** the Secretary General to inform all of the Member States of the contents of this Resolution.

(Adopted at the 103rd Session,
held on November 23, 2004)