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**REPORT ON ASSESSED MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS
AND OTHER INCOMES FOR 2019**

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to table for the information of FAC the status of the General Account Fund Revenues.

Introduction

2. The Commission's Financial Regulation 5.7 requires a report to be provided for each Regular Session of the Commission on the collection of annual assessed contributions, voluntary contributions, investment income, other income received and advances made from the Working Capital Fund. A report on the Commission's other funds is provided in paper WCPFC16-2019-FAC13-06.

Assessed Contributions

Due date

3. Annual assessed Member contributions shall be considered as due and payable in full within 60 days of either a communication from the Executive Director about the amount due or 1 January of the year to which they relate, whichever is the latter. The initial contribution advice letters were sent in January 2019. Therefore, all 2019 contributions were due for payment in March 2019. In instances where contributions remained unpaid, reminder actions were taken. In accordance with the Commissions' collection policy, members have been offered progressive payment options but no member has formally taken up that offer.

Contributions due and contributions outstanding in 2019

4. The assessed contributions for 2019 were set at USD7,536,711.

5. As of 1 November 2019, thirteen members had outstanding 2018 contributions. The total outstanding balance from those members is USD1,563,439, however, two of the outstanding amounts are under USD100. At roughly the same point in time in 2018, outstanding balance from thirteen members was USD1,376,426 with two of those outstanding amounts under USD100. A summary table of the status of 2017, 2018 and 2019 contributions is attached for reference. Any subsequent changes to this information will be reported at FAC13.

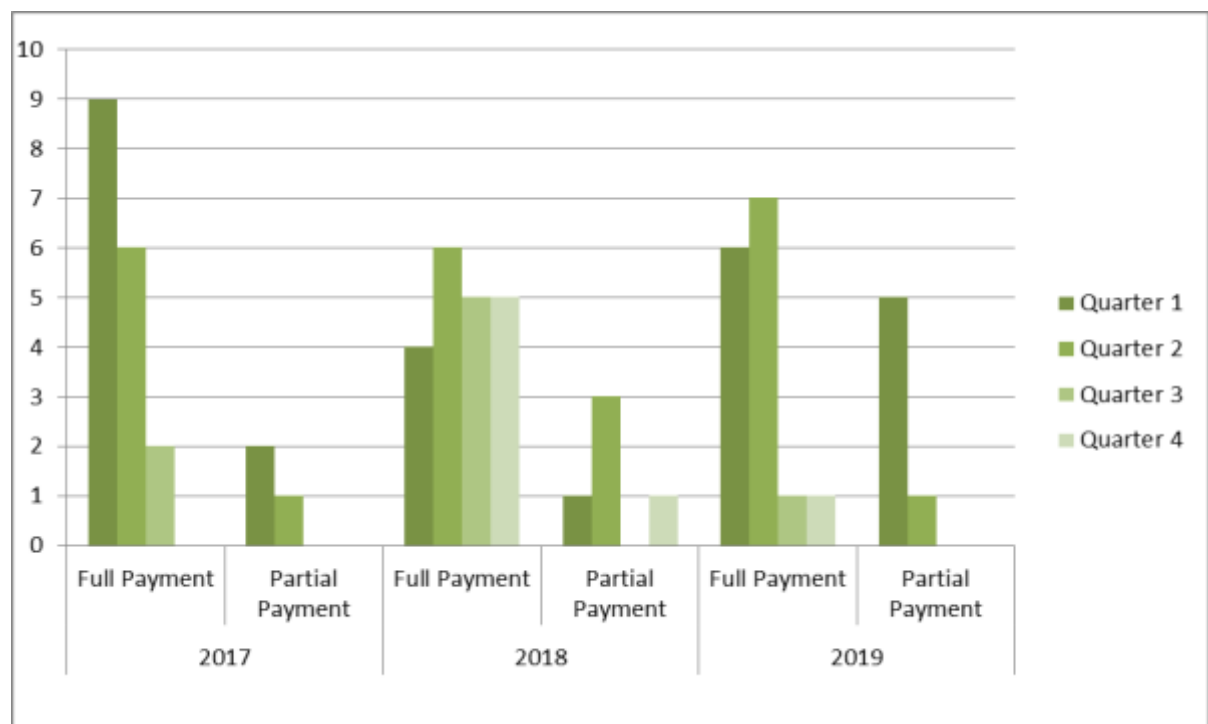
Budget contributions - arrears for two full years

6. Article 18, paragraph 3 of the Convention states: “If a contributor [to the budget of the Commission] is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Commission it shall not participate in the taking of decisions by the Commission if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. Interest shall be payable on such unpaid contributions at such rate as may be determined by the Commission in its financial regulations. The Commission may, nevertheless, waive such interest payments and permit such a member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the member.”

7. The Commission’s Financial Regulation 5.5 provides that unpaid contributions are considered one year in arrears as of 1 January of the calendar year following the year to which they relate. Currently there are no members who are two full years in arrears. In relation to overdue contributions, the Commission accepted the recommendation of the FAC, that the interest rate to be applied to contributions in arrears is zero.

Contributions payment pattern

8. Six members had paid their 2019 contributions in full in the first quarter and five members made partial payments. By the end of the second quarter of 2019, thirteen members had paid in full, six members have made partial payments and seven members had not made payments. By the end of the third quarter 2019, fourteen members had made full payments of their contributions, six members provided partial payments in the third quarter and seven members had not made payments. By 1 November 2019 fifteen members had made full payments of their contributions, six members provided partial payments and five members had not made payments. The chart below shows the payment patterns for 2017, 2018 and 2019.



Voluntary Contributions

9. A voluntary contribution of USD 9,455 was received from New Caledonia and has been included in General Account Fund income for 2019.

Investment and other income

10. As of 1 November 2019, miscellaneous income of USD20,475 has been credited to the General Account Fund; this figure includes USD3,013 in interest, and USD17,462 from Japanese Trust Fund (JTF) administration fees. At roughly the same point in 2018 miscellaneous income was USD11,654.

Working Capital Fund Advances

11. There have been no advances from the Working Capital Fund as of 6 December 2019. If needed, an update on the amount borrowed from the Working Capital Fund will be provided at FAC.

Recommendation

12. The Committee is invited to consider and note the paper

Member 1-Nov-19	Assessed Contributions			Payments Received			Outstanding		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Australia	156,013	156,793	158,918	156,013	156,793	158,918	0	0	0
Canada	128,789	129,047	127,368	128,789	129,047	127,368	0	0	0
China	421,356	434,666	362,978	421,356	434,666	362,978	0	0	0
Cook Islands	31,727	32,634	33,058	31,727	32,634	33,058	0	0	0
European Union	389,687	370,647	352,521	389,687	370,647	352,521	0	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	129,667	165,411	215,650	129,667	165,411	172,325	0	0	43,325
Fiji	61,627	60,956	64,723	61,627	11,273	0	0	49,682	64,723
France	137,193	139,350	138,914	137,193	139,350	138,794	0	0	120
Indonesia	215,678	278,011	225,814	215,678	278,011	225,814	0	0	0
Japan	1,113,557	1,079,400	1,099,486	1,113,557	1,079,400	1,099,486	0	0	0
Kiribati	241,265	282,488	348,528	241,265	282,463	0	0	25	348,528
Korea	828,940	915,187	969,088	828,940	915,187	635,288	0	0	333,800
Marshall Islands	230,557	223,099	237,231	230,557	227,531	237,231	0	0	0
Nauru	28,806	29,893	30,084	28,806	29,893	27,640	0	0	2,443
New Zealand	145,191	134,073	122,823	145,191	134,073	122,823	0	0	0
Niue	28,301	29,301	29,459	28,301	29,301	29,459	0	0	0
Palau	29,285	30,295	30,464	29,285	30,295	23,942	0	0	6,522
Papua New Guinea	400,014	506,531	552,118	400,014	506,531	0	0	0	552,118
Philippines	365,795	371,749	327,523	365,795	371,749	242,813	0	0	84,710
Samoa	35,658	37,068	38,358	35,658	36,954	0	0	114	38,358
Solomon Islands	64,146	79,703	88,741	64,071	0	0	75	79,778	88,741
Chinese Taipei	782,643	784,666	802,624	782,643	784,666	802,624	0	0	0
Tonga	33,898	35,057	35,393	33,898	35,057	35,358	0	0	35
Tuvalu	48,054	42,414	43,401	48,054	42,414	43,401	0	0	0
USA	1,075,462	1,066,660	1,008,722	1,075,462	1,066,660	1,008,722	0	0	0
Vanuatu	118,761	105,976	92,723	118,761	105,976	92,708	0	0	15
Total	7,242,071	7,521,075	7,536,710	7,241,994	7,395,982	5,973,271	75	129,598	1,563,439