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Budget of the International Seabed Authority

Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021–2022

The Council of the International Seabed Authority,

Taking into account the recommendations contained in the report of the Finance Committee of the International Seabed Authority,¹

1. *Recommends* that the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority approve the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2021–2022 in the amount of \$19,411,280, as proposed and adjusted by the Secretary-General and taking into account the proposal by the President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority;²

2. *Also recommends* that the Assembly adopt the following draft decision:

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,

1. *Approves* the budget for the financial period 2021–2022 in the amount of \$19,411,280, as proposed and adjusted by the Secretary-General and taking into account the proposal by the President of the Council of the International Seabed Authority;²

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish the scale of assessments for 2021 and 2022 on the basis of the scale used for the regular budget of the United Nations for the years 2019 to 2021, taking into account that the maximum assessment rate will be 22 per cent and the minimum rate 0.01 per cent;

* Reissued for technical reasons on 29 July 2021.

** Original dates. The meeting has been postponed sine die.

¹ [ISBA/26/A/10-ISBA/26/C/21](#).

² See [ISBA/26/A/5/Add.1/Rev.2-ISBA/26/C/18/Add.1/Rev.2](#).



3. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General, for 2021 and 2022, to transfer between sections, subsections and programmes up to 20 per cent of the amount of each section, subsection or programme;

4. *Urges* the members of the Authority to pay as soon as possible their assessed contributions to the budget on time and in full;

5. *Notes with concern* the increasing amounts of outstanding contributions, appeals once more to the members of the Authority to pay outstanding contributions to the budget of the Authority from previous years as soon as possible, and requests the Secretary-General, at his discretion, to continue his efforts to recover those amounts;

6. *Urges* members and other possible donors to make voluntary contributions to the Endowment Fund for Marine Scientific Research in the Area and voluntary trust funds of the Authority;

7. *Expresses its deep concern* over the depleted balance of the voluntary trust fund for the purpose of defraying the cost of participation of members of the Legal and Technical Commission from developing countries and members of the Finance Committee from developing countries in the meetings of the Commission and of the Committee;

8. *Implements* remote simultaneous interpretation services for all meetings of the organs of the Authority as a provisional measure in connection with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and until the end of the financial period 2021–2022. The decision regarding the potential continuation of such practice is to be taken separately.
