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Status of contributions and related matters, including indicative scale of assessed contributions of members of the International Seabed Authority to the administrative budget for the financial period 2023–2024

Status of contributions

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report covers the status of contributions to the budget of the International Seabed Authority as at 30 April 2022.
2. In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, the administrative expenses of the Authority shall be met by assessed contributions of its members until the Authority has sufficient funds from other sources to meet those expenses. The scale of assessments shall be based on the scale used for the regular budget of the United Nations, adjusted for differences in membership. As at 30 April 2022, 59 per cent (\$4,360,498) of the contributions to the budget of the Authority for 2022 had been received, with 59 member States paying their contributions in full and 14 in part. Tables 1 and 2 provide further information.

Table 1
Status of contributions for 2022 as at 30 April 2022

<i>Assessed contributions</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Number of countries</i>
Fully paid	3 941 073	53.2	59
Partially paid	419 425	5.7	14
Unpaid	3 048 491	41.1	95
Total	7 408 989	100.0	168

* ISBA/27/FC/L.1.



Table 2
Status of contributions for 2022 as at 30 April 2022, by top 15 contributors

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Contributions assessed</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Contributions received</i>	<i>Contributions outstanding</i>
China	1 187 367	16	–	1 187 367
Japan	847 032	11	136 188	710 844
Germany	602 338	8	602 338	–
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	451 704	6	451 704	–
France	437 857	6	437 857	–
Italy	327 082	4	327 082	–
Brazil	291 576	4	–	291 576
Canada	270 410	4	270 410	–
Russian Federation	237 869	3	237 869	–
Republic of Korea	237 869	3	224 220	13 649
Australia	218 582	3	218 582	–
Spain	212 252	3	212 252	–
Netherlands	134 117	2	134 117	–
Mexico	127 787	2	–	127 787
Other member States	1 825 147	25	1 107 879	717 268
Total	7 408 989	100	4 360 498	3 048 491

3. Contributions outstanding from member States for prior periods (1998–2021) amounted to \$1,139,758 as at 30 April 2022. Notices are sent on a regular basis to member States, reminding them of the arrears. The following 60 States members of the Authority are currently in arrears for two years or more: Angola, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mongolia, Montenegro, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, North Macedonia, Oman, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen.

4. Eight member States (Comoros, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Somalia) have never paid their contributions since becoming party to the Convention. The total amount outstanding from them is \$95,427.