



Finance Committee

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New member of the International Seabed Authority

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Since the nineteenth session of the Assembly, one State has become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and is therefore a new member of the International Seabed Authority: the Niger (which became a member of the Authority on 6 September 2013).
2. In accordance with financial regulation 6.9, new members of the Authority shall be required to make a contribution for the year in which they became members of the Authority and to provide their proportion of the total advances to the working capital fund at such rates as may be determined by the Assembly. In accordance with financial regulation 7, such contributions for 2013 and 2014 shall be classed as miscellaneous income.
3. The assessed contributions due from the Niger for 2013 and 2014, and its proportionate share of the total advances to the working capital fund have been calculated on a pro rata basis, according to the scale of assessments for 2013 and 2014, as shown in the table below.

<i>New Member State</i>	<i>Date membership began</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessment (percentage)</i>		<i>Adjusted International Seabed Authority scale (percentage)</i>		<i>Contributions to the general administrative budget (United States dollars)</i>		<i>Advances to the Working Capital Fund (United States dollars)</i>	
		<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
Niger	6 September 2013	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.001	22.1	671	37.5	12.5
Total						22.1	671.0	37.5	12.5

4. The Finance Committee is invited to take note of the information above and to make a recommendation to the Council and the Assembly relating to the assessed contributions of the Niger to the administrative budgets of the Authority for 2013 and 2014 and its initial advances to the working capital fund.

