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Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2003-2004

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority

1. *Adopts* the budget of the International Seabed Authority for the financial period 2003-2004 in the amount of 10,509,700 United States dollars;
2. *Notes* that, in accordance with regulation 6.3 of the Financial Regulations of the Authority, for each of the years 2003 and 2004, the contributions of members of the Authority shall be assessed on the basis of half of the appropriations for the financial period in the amount of 5,254,850 dollars in respect of 2003 and 5,254,850 dollars in respect of 2004, as adjusted in accordance with regulations 6.3 (a)-(d) of the Financial Regulations;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transfer the accumulated surplus from the previous financial period to reduce the amount of assessed contributions for 2003 and 2004;
4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to adjust the budget by an appropriate amount once the supplementary agreement between the Authority and the Government of Jamaica relating to the use of the headquarters of the Authority has been concluded;
5. *Decides* that, for each year, 2003 and 2004, the Secretary-General is authorized to transfer between appropriation sections up to 30 per cent of the amount in each section;
6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish the scale of assessments for 2003 and 2004 based on the scale used for the regular budget of the United Nations for 2002 and 2003 as adjusted by the Authority, respectively, taking into account that the maximum assessment rate for the budget of the Authority for 2003 and 2004, respectively, will be 22 per cent and that the minimum assessment will be 0.01 per cent;

7. *Decides* to review the scale of assessments in 2004 when considering the proposed budget for the financial period 2005-2006 in the light of the contributions required from members of the Authority;

8. *Also decides* that, in respect of Luxembourg and Maldives, which became members of the Authority in 2000, Bangladesh, Madagascar and Yugoslavia, which became members in 2001, and Hungary, which became a member in 2002, the rate of assessment and the amounts of contribution to the general administrative fund and the Working Capital Fund shall be as recommended in paragraph 13 of the report of the Finance Committee;¹

9. *Further decides* that advances and contributions to the budget for 2003 shall be due and payable in full within thirty days of the receipt of the communication of the Secretary-General requesting payment, or as of 1 January 2003, whichever is the later, and that advances and contributions to the budget for 2004 shall be due and payable in full within thirty days of the receipt of the communication of the Secretary-General requesting payment, or as of 1 January 2004, whichever is the later;

10. *Appeals* to the members of the Authority and to those States that are no longer members of the Authority following the termination of provisional membership on 16 November 1998, to pay the arrears in their contributions to the budget of the Authority and to the Working Capital Fund as soon as possible, and requests the Secretary-General to inform the members of the Authority and such other States of this appeal;

11. *Appoints* KPMG Peat Marwick to audit the Authority for 2002, without prejudice to possible extension, and notes the observations and recommendations in the report of the Finance Committee concerning the audit report;²

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish as an interim measure a voluntary trust fund for the purpose of defraying the cost of participation of the members of the Legal and Technical Commission from developing countries and the members of the Finance Committee from developing countries in the meetings of the Commission and of the Committee, and invites members of the Authority and others to make contributions to the fund;

13. *Decides* to review the question of modalities for financing participation in the meetings of the Legal and Technical Commission and the Finance Committee, including, inter alia, the possibility of making provision from within the administrative budget of the Authority, and requests the Finance Committee to consider this matter further at its next meeting.

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¹ ISBA/8/A/7/Rev.1-ISBA/8/C/3/Rev.1.

² Ibid., para. 14.