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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL

CONCERNING FEES FOR REGULAR OBSERVER COUNTRIES AND
NON-MEMBER FULL PARTICIPANTS IN OECD SUBSIDIARY BODIES

(adopted by the Council at its 889th Session, 17-20 December 1996 [C/M(96)24/PROV]).
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Having regard to the Resolution of the Council [C(96)64/REV1/FINAL] concerning the Participation of Non-Member Economies in the Work of Subsidiary Bodies of the Organisation, in particular paragraphs 5 c) and 6 a) of its Appendix;

a) decided that the following fees shall be applicable to non-member country participants:

1. Regular observers

   i) an annual fee of 30 000 FF for a committee reporting directly to Council ("main committee"), including its subordinate bodies covered by the invitation;

   ii) an annual fee of 10 000 FF per subordinate body when the country is not an observer in the parent main committee, up to a maximum of 30 000 FF for more than three subordinate bodies of the same committee; and

   iii) the significant marginal costs of the observer's initial integration and of subsequent special activity related to the observer, to the extent those costs exceed its annual fees for the body concerned.

2. Full participants

   i) an annual percentage share, calculated on the basis used for Member state assessments, of the estimated costs of the subsidiary body concerned, including a 10 per cent overhead charge, or a fee of 1.5 times the relevant observer fee, whichever is higher;

   ii) any significant marginal costs of the participant's initial integration.

3. Ceiling

   In no case shall the total fees of a non-member country participant exceed the minimum total budget contribution of a Member country.

b) agreed that these fees would be treated analogously to voluntary contributions as additions to the Organisation's resource base for budget purposes and that the related cost to the Organisation of non-member participation will be financed by them;

c) invited the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the implementation of this decision, including the adequacy of the fee structure, after one year of its operation and periodically thereafter, and to propose modifications and waivers as appropriate.