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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING FEES FOR NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE ORGANISATION

The addition of the last sentence in sub-item ii) of paragraph 1 was agreed by the External Relations Committee at its session on 19 February 2009 [ERC/M(2009), point 13] and noted by Council via written procedure on 27 April 2009.
THE COUNCIL

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council concerning the participation of non-Members in the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Organisation [C(2004)132/FINAL] in particular paragraphs 5 c) and 6 a) of its Annex II;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Council C(96)223/REV3/FINAL, concerning fees for non-Member participation in subsidiary bodies of the Organisation;

Having regard to paragraph 51 of the Resolution of the Council C(2006)78/FINAL, on a new governance structure for the Organisation;

Noting the wish to revise the Resolution C(96)223/REV3/FINAL, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in document ERC(2009)2;

DECIDES

that the following fees shall be applicable to non-Member participants:

1. Regular observers

   i) an annual fee of 10,000 EUR shall be applicable to a non-Member for a committee reporting directly to Council ("main committee"), including its subordinate bodies covered by the invitation;

   ii) an annual fee of 3,400 EUR per subordinate body shall be applicable to a non-Member when the non-Member is not an observer in the parent main committee up to a maximum of 10,000 EUR for three or more subordinate bodies of the same committee. An annual fee of 3,400 EUR also applies to any non-Member, not being an observer in the Investment Committee, which adheres to the Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises and participates in the related work of the Investment Committee;

   iii) the significant marginal costs of the Observer's initial integration and of subsequent special activity related to the Observer;

   iv) the fees will be subject to an automatic annual increase equal to the official French inflation rate of the previous calendar year. The resulting figures will be rounded to the nearest hundred;

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, unless Council or the Budget Committee, according to the authority delegated to the latter by Council (See § 51, bullet 5, of the Council Resolution on a new governance structure for the Organisation [C(2006)78/FINAL]), has agreed to a specific scale of contributions, applying also to the participation of non-Members, in a separate decision;

   ii) the significant marginal costs of the participant's initial integration.
3. Transition period:
   
i) The amounts set out in paragraph 1 i) and ii) above (10,000 EUR and 3,400 EUR) will be charged in full to regular Observers for their participation in subsidiary bodies as from 1 January 2009. For the year 2008, the said amounts will be 7,500 EUR and 2,600 EUR, respectively;

   ii) the automatic annual increase set out in article 1 iv) above will therefore not be applied to the fees owed for the participation in subsidiary bodies in 2008 and 2009.

   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;

   INVITED the Secretary-General to propose modifications and waivers as appropriate.