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Decisions on budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the period 2023–2024

The Meeting of States Parties,

Having considered the draft budget proposals of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the budget period 2023–2024,¹

1. *Approves* the amount of €23,443,900 as the budget of the Tribunal for the period 2023–2024, on the basis of annex I to the draft budget proposals of the Tribunal and in the light of a decrease of €52,600 in the budget line “Pension in payment”, as outlined by the Registrar in her report to the Meeting;

2. *Decides* that, pursuant to regulation 5.3 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea,² the contributions of States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea for each of the two years of the biennium 2023–2024 shall be determined on the basis of half of the appropriations adopted by the Meeting of States Parties for that period;

3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report on budgetary matters for the financial period 2021,³ notes, on the basis of that report, that the cash surplus for the financial period 2019–2020 amounts to €384,387 and that that amount will be surrendered and deducted from the contributions of States parties for 2023, in accordance with financial regulation 4.5, and in that regard draws the attention of States parties to the need to pay their contributions in full and in a timely manner;

4. *Encourages* the Registrar to continue to manage the funds prudently and efficiently, seeking to achieve optimum utilization of the financial resources of the Tribunal;

¹ SPLOS/32/5.

² SPLOS/120.

³ SPLOS/32/3.



5. *Authorizes* the Tribunal to make transfers between appropriation sections, pursuant to regulation 4.6, to the extent that it is necessary to cover overexpenditure, in the event that the Tribunal is unable to meet approved expenditure for the period 2021–2022 from appropriations made with respect to certain budget lines;

6. *Decides* that, without prejudice to the application of the provisions of article 19 of annex VI to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea⁴ in respect of future budgets of the Tribunal regarding the contribution to be made by the International Seabed Authority, the budget of the Tribunal for the period 2023–2024 will be financed by all States parties, taking into account that the European Union indicated that its agreed contribution to the budget of the Tribunal would be €107,000 for each year;

7. *Also decides* that a floor rate of 0.01 per cent and a ceiling rate of 22 per cent are to be used in establishing the rate of assessment of States parties for the budget of the Tribunal for the period 2023–2024.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.