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SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET PROPOSAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA FOR 1999

Prepared by the Tribunal

Introductory note

The draft budget of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for 2000 (SPLOS/WP.9) refers to the request for the "Adjustment of the Remuneration of Members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea" as contained in document SPLOS/WP.10. The request is for the adjustment of the level of remuneration of the members of the Tribunal to the level approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998 for the judges of the International Court of Justice. In the event that the Meeting of States Parties approves the request contained in document SPLOS/WP.10, the financial implications for 2000 are indicated in paragraph 7 thereof. In the event that the revised level of remuneration is to apply effective from 1 January 1999, as for the International Court of Justice, the financial implications for the budgetary period 1999 are indicated in document SPLOS/WP.10, paragraph 10.

In order that the Meeting of States Parties may take a decision in this connection, a draft supplementary budget proposal for 1999 is presented below.

PROPOSAL

1. The Fourth Meeting of States Parties in 1996 established the level of the maximum annual remuneration of a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea at US\$ 145,000, based on the comparator, which was the emoluments of a member of the International Court of Justice. In this connection, the Meeting of States Parties agreed on the principle of "maintaining equivalence with the remuneration levels of judges of the International Court of Justice".¹

2. The Meeting of States Parties, at its Eighth Meeting, by its decision of 21 May 1998, approved and appropriated the amount of US\$ 6,983,817 for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 1999 (SPLOS/L.9, para. 1).

3. The appropriation included an amount of \$2,348,090 as remuneration for the members of the Tribunal in 1999, comprising annual, special and subsistence allowances. The allowances were calculated on the basis of the maximum annual remuneration of \$145,000, based on the comparator remuneration figure operational at the time.

4. The emoluments of members of the International Court of Justice ("the Court") were reviewed by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session² resulting in the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 53/214 on 18 December 1998.

5. By its resolution 53/214, the General Assembly approved the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report,³ thereby setting the annual salary of the members of the Court at US\$ 160,000, effective 1 January 1999, and amending the Pension Scheme Regulations for members of the Court.

6. In light of the decision of the General Assembly referred to above, the Meeting of States Parties decided on ... May 1999, to adjust the maximum annual remuneration of the members of the Tribunal to reflect the revision in the emoluments of members of the Court, effective from 1 January 1999.

7. For this purpose the Tribunal proposes that the Meeting of States Parties adopt a supplementary appropriation in the sum of \$171,023.64 for 1999.⁴

Notes

¹ SPLOS/WP.3/Rev.1, para. 17.

² See SPLOS/WP.10/Add.1.

³ A/53/7/Add.6, para. 8.

⁴ See SPLOS/WP.10, annex II.
