Finance Committee

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New members of the Authority

Note by the Secretary-General

1.   Since the fifteenth session of the Assembly, two States have become parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and are therefore new members of the Authority: Chad (which became a member of the Authority on 13 September 2009) and the Dominican Republic (which became a member of the Authority on 9 August 2009).

2.   In accordance with Financial Regulation 6.9, new members of the Authority shall be required to make a contribution for the year in which they became members of the Authority and to provide their proportion of the total advances to the working capital fund at such rates as may be determined by the Assembly. In accordance with Financial Regulation 7, such contributions for 2009 and 2010 shall be classed as miscellaneous income.

3.   The assessed contributions due from Chad and the Dominican Republic for 2009 and 2010, and their proportionate share of the total advances to the working capital fund, have been calculated on a pro rata basis, according to the scale of assessments for 2009 and 2010, as shown in the table below.

New Member State	Date membership began	United Nations scale of assessment (percentage)		Adjusted International Seabed Authority scale (percentage)		Contributions to the general administrative budget (United States dollars)		Advances to the Working Capital Fund (United States dollars)
		2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
Dominican Republic	9 August 2009	0.024	0.024	0.031	0.031	713	1 795	136
Chad	13 September 2009	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	175	572	1
Total						**888**	**2 367**	**137**

4.   The Finance Committee is invited to take note of the information above and to make a recommendation to the Council and the Assembly relating to the assessed contributions of Chad and the Dominican Republic to the administrative budget of the Authority for 2009 and 2010 and their initial advances to the working capital fund.

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