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Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2013-2014

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,

Taking into account the recommendations of the Council,

1. *Adopts* the budget for the International Seabed Authority for the financial period 2013-2014 in the amount of \$14,312,948;¹
2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish the scale of assessments for the financial period 2013-2014 based on the scale used for the regular budget of the United Nations for 2011-2012, taking into account that the ceiling assessment rate will be 22 per cent and the floor rate 0.01 per cent;
3. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General, for the financial period 2013 and 2014, to transfer between appropriation sections of the budget of the Authority up to 20 per cent of the amount in each section;
4. *Urges* the members of the Authority to pay their assessed contributions to the budget on time and in full;
5. *Appeals* to the members of the Authority to pay outstanding contributions to the budget of the Authority from previous years as soon as possible and requests the Secretary-General, at his discretion, to continue his efforts to recover those amounts;
6. *Strongly encourages* members of the Authority to make voluntary contributions to the Endowment and Voluntary Trust Funds of the Authority;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps on behalf of the Authority to subscribe to the statute of the International Civil Service Commission with effect from 2013;
8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to apply the miscellaneous income referred to in paragraph 14 of the report of the Finance Committee¹ to the extent

¹ See ISBA/18/A/4-ISBA/18/C/12.



necessary to meet expenditures incurred in the financial period 2011-2012, as a result of processing plans of work for exploration;

9. *Decides* to revise the current level of the fees paid for processing of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules (regulation 19, paragraph 2, of the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area)² to US\$ 500,000, in order to ensure that the fees reflect the actual costs incurred in processing such applications.

*139th meeting
27 July 2012*

² See ISBA/6/A/18, annex.