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At the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Genoa the secretariat was asked to make proposals to the Bureau as to how the means of calculating the apportionment of contributions between the Contracting Parties could be modified to provide a more equitable distribution.

By this, the Secretariat believes, the meeting wished to find some method of gradually increasing the very low (little more than \$2,000 per year) contributions and reducing the extremely heavy proportion required to be paid by the largest contributor whilst retaining the principles underlying the United Nations scale of assessments. The original scale works well in the United Nations with over 150 contributing countries but produces unacceptable results within the smaller group around the Mediterranean. The Secretariat further believes that any new initiative should be based on principles which can continue to be applied for a number of years.

The present proposal bases future contributions on the amounts approved by the Contracting Parties for 1987 but incorporates new features of minimum and maximum proportions of the total according to the following timetable:

1988	-	Minimum contribution 0.5%	Maximum 40%
1989	-	Minimum contribution 0.5%	Maximum 35%
1990	-	Minimum contribution 1.0%	Maximum 30%
1991	-	Minimum contribution 1.0%	Maximum 25%
1992 onwards	-	as for 1991	

Table 1 shows the resultant apportionment assuming a 10% annual increase in the total to cover inflation and normal increases in the work programme. It is a theoretical exercise only in the sense that the actual annual totals will depend on the approved work programme and budget, but the comparison shown is valid.

The following should be noted in discussion of the tables:

- (a) There is an overall reduction of some 25% in the contribution expected of the largest contributor with the total, however remaining high;
- (b) The middle range of contributors are asked to pay very moderate increases;
- (c) The lowest range of contributions are asked to pay considerably more if compared to the 1987 apportionment but the actual amount is not large and the figures represent only three quarters of one percent each averaged over the four year period.
- (d) Countries in the new minimum contribution range can still expect to receive more in return than their new annual contribution. This also applies in general to those countries which host a regional centre or operational unit.

It is, of course, possible to consider other graduated changes in maximum and minimum percentages, or even an entirely different algorithm, but the Secretariat believes that this method gives results which are very close to those for which the Contracting Parties were searching in Genoa.

Table I

Proposed Apportionment of Contributions to the Mediterranean Trust Fund for 1988-1991
Ventilation proposée des contributions au Fonds d'affectation spéciale pour la Méditerranée pour 1988-1991

(Based on the Gradual Introduction of Minimum and Maximum Percentage Contributions
 (Basée sur l'introduction progressive d'un pourcentage minimal et maximal de contribution))

Country	1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1988-1991 New Version	1988-1991 As 1987		
	As Approved in Genoa		Minimum 0.5% Maximum 40%		Minimum 0.5% Maximum 35%		Minimum 1.0% Maximum 30%		Minimum 1.0% Maximum 25%					
Algeria	0.97	27,174	1.00	30,769	1.09	36,868	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	1.02	145,885	0.97	138,726
Cyprus	0.09	2,386	0.50	15,397	0.50	16,937	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.77	110,582	0.09	12,181
Egypt	0.57	15,884	0.58	17,986	0.64	21,551	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.82	117,784	0.57	81,089
France	44.20	1,237,395	40.00	1,231,765	35.00	1,185,573	30.00	1,117,826	25.00	1,024,673	31.91	4,559,838	44.20	6,317,012
Greece	2.86	80,046	2.94	90,637	3.21	108,602	3.33	123,984	4.44	181,843	3.53	505,065	2.86	408,642
Israel	2.00	56,008	2.06	63,418	2.24	75,989	2.33	86,751	3.10	127,235	2.47	353,393	2.00	285,926
Italy	27.08	758,226	27.88	858,544	30.37	1028,720	30.00	1,117,826	25.00	1,024,673	28.20	4,029,763	27.08	3,870,811
Lebanon	0.24	6,703	0.50	15,397	0.50	16,937	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.77	110,582	0.24	34,219
Libyan A.J.	1.86	52,118	1.92	59,014	2.09	70,711	2.17	80,726	2.89	118,398	2.30	328,848	1.86	266,067
Malta	0.09	2,387	0.50	15,397	0.50	16,937	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.77	110,582	0.09	12,186
Monaco	0.09	2,387	0.50	15,397	0.50	16,937	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.77	110,582	0.09	12,186
Morocco	0.41	11,384	0.50	15,397	0.50	16,937	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.77	110,582	0.41	58,116
Spain	13.23	370,418	13.62	419,427	14.84	502,563	15.40	573,742	20.53	841,488	16.35	2,337,220	13.23	1,891,017
Syrian A.R.	0.25	6,912	0.50	15,397	0.50	16,937	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.77	110,582	0.25	35,286
Tunisia	0.25	6,912	0.50	15,397	0.50	16,937	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.77	110,582	0.25	35,286
Turkey	2.42	67,870	2.50	76,850	2.72	92,082	2.82	105,124	3.76	154,182	3.00	428,238	2.42	346,482
Yugoslavia	3.40	95,228	3.50	107,827	3.81	129,200	3.96	147,499	5.28	216,332	4.20	600,858	3.40	486,147
BEC	-	-	0.50	15,397	0.50	16,937	1.00	37,261	1.00	40,987	0.77	110,582	-	-
TOTAL	2,799,468	3,079,413	3,387,353	3,726,086	4,098,693	14,291,545	14,291,534							