

FIFTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

Dead Sea Spa Hotel, Jordan, 13-14 December 2004

Decisions

The Council of SESAME held its 5th meeting on the shores of the Dead Sea in Jordan on 13-14 December 2004.

The Council took the following decisions:

1. The final design of the SESAME machine for a final energy of 2.5 GeV as prepared by the Technical Director and endorsed by the Technical Committee is approved. This implies that the period of the conceptual design is terminated and the engineering design now starts.
2. By a formal resolution, the Members of SESAME have unanimously reconfirmed their commitment to the SESAME project. The President of Council will inform the European Commission (EC) of this resolution. The President of Council and the Acting Director, who is also the representative of the host country, will approach the EC in order to secure the requested support for SESAME and will transmit to the new EC Commissioner responsible for the MEDA Programme, Mrs Ferrero-Waldner, a request to start a new dialogue regarding the specific programme (bilateral or regional) to use.
3. At the beginning of each year, the directorate of SESAME will send a letter to each Member specifying the sum to be paid in respect of their contribution to their annual budget of SESAME and the date by which this payment should be made. The letter for the 2005 payment will also give full details on the SESAME bank account to which payment should be made and will stipulate what is to be paid in respect of 2004 if a Member has not paid this contribution.
4. Part A (US\$856,056) of the budget proposed by the Directorate for 2005 was accepted. Since delegates did not have sufficient time to discuss the contributions for the 2005 budget with their Authorities, only a tentative distribution among the Members could be envisaged. If delegates are unable to obtain the corresponding funds they will write a letter to the Administrative Director before 28 February 2005 to inform him of this and their contribution will remain at the same level as it was in 2004.
5. The distribution of the budget of future years will not be calculated on the basis of what Members are to pay for 2005. At the 6th Council meeting, the Finance Committee will propose a procedure for the distribution of Members' contribution to the annual budget of SESAME. The Committee will use Egypt's proposal as a starting point for identifying a procedure.

6. Until the machine starts functioning, there will be items in the yearly budget of SESAME showing expenditures being covered directly by Jordan and these payments will be offset against the yearly contributions it is to make.
7. The Administrative Director will continue to work with SESAME until 31 December 2005 at half his salary. In the meantime, a successor will be looked for.
8. At the 6th Council meeting, Israel and the Palestinian Authority will report on their local activities related to SESAME.