

SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

Dead Sea Spa Hotel, Jordan, 9-10 November 2010

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 15th meeting:

1. The outstanding contributions to the annual budget due by Bahrain and the Palestinian Authority will be documented, but notwithstanding Article XI.1 of the Statutes neither of the two Members will be declared to no longer be Members of SESAME, however Bahrain will lose its right to vote in the sessions of Council until payment is made. This sanction will not be applied to the Palestinian Authority, which is a special case and has anyway given encouraging signs regarding settlement of its dues. In 2011, Pakistan will inform Council on its commitment to the project and, in the meantime, it will not pay its contribution for the said year. This will be treated as a debt, and a decision on how to treat the debt will be taken in 2011 once Pakistan provides Council with information on its commitment to SESAME. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
2. Early in 2011, there will be a meeting of the donor, and potential donor, Members in order that they clearly understand the commitments and constraints linked to their donations to the capital investment. Each of these Members will be represented at the meeting at the highest level possible. The President of Council will be the facilitator at the meeting. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
3. The joint statement issued during the 16th Council meeting by the donor, and potential donor, Members (Egypt, Iran, Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and Turkey) stating their commitment to provide funding towards the capital investment will be circulated to all the Members only. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
4. The mandate of the current President of Council, Professor Sir Chris Llewellyn Smith, is renewed for a further two years. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
5. At the 18th Council meeting, a vote will be taken on the position of a second co-Vice-President of Council and a Chair of the Finance Committee. Delegates wishing to nominate candidates will need to send the President the curriculum vitae of these candidates. Nearer the date of the meeting, the President will provide them with a deadline for the submission of candidatures. The candidature of Professor Assaf for the position of co-Vice-President will be retained for consideration at that meeting. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
6. Dr Malcolm R. Howells will be invited to become a member of the Beamlines Advisory Committee (BAC). *(Decision taken during the closed session)*

7. The 13th meeting of the Finance Committee will only be held on the premises of CERN if holding it there is not more expensive than holding it in the region. In future, all the meetings of the Finance Committee will be held in the region. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
8. Delegates will urge their Governments to ask the UN to re-examine the case of the adviser to the Iranian delegation to Council against who it has issued a Resolution which makes it impossible for him to travel outside of his country. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
9. The 2011 regular budget will be US\$2,196,856.00. Members' 2011 contributions towards this budget will be as follows: Bahrain US\$199,335.94, Cyprus US\$199,335.94, Egypt US\$205,475.48, Iran US\$350,831.25, Israel US\$350,831.25, Jordan US\$199,335.94, Pakistan US\$350,831.25, and Turkey US\$350,831.25. In view of the particular situation of the Palestinian Authority its contribution will be kept at US\$50,000.00. Pakistan's contribution will be treated as a debt (see Decision 1).
10. Staff salaries will be increased by 5% with effect from 1 January 2011.
11. The provisions relating to the Pension Fund will be amended so that on separation from SESAME those staff members employed by SESAME for less than five years will be eligible for re-payment of the 5% of their basic salary that they paid to the Pension Fund. This new clause will also be applicable to those staff members employed prior to the introduction of this amendment. Accordingly, the provisions relating to the Pension Fund now read as follows: "A Pension Fund will be set up for the staff members of SESAME with effect from 1 January 2008. SESAME will pay 10% of the staff members' basic salary to the Fund and the staff members will pay 5% of their basic salary. For a staff member to receive payments from the Pension Fund, he/she must be employed by SESAME for five years commencing on 1 January 2008, in the case of staff hired before that date, and five years from the date of recruitment in the case of those employed after January 2008. Those staff members having joined SESAME prior to 1 January 2008 will have the possibility of purchasing their pension contributions for the years in question and the full contribution (15%) for these years will be paid by SESAME. On separation from SESAME, staff members employed for less than five years will be eligible to re-payment of the 5% of their basic salary that they paid to the Pension Fund. This right to re-payment, on separation, of the 5% of their basic salary paid to the Pension Fund will also apply to staff members hired prior to the date of formulation of these provisions." *This decision nullifies and supersedes decision No 9 taken at the 16th session of Council in June 2010.*