

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

IAEA, Vienna, Austria, 28-29 May 2013

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 22nd meeting:

1. The 2013 operational budget consisting of US\$2,827,555.00 for the regular budget and US\$5,000,000.00 for extra-budgetary resources is approved. Members' contribution to this budget will be as follows: Bahrain US\$251,163.28, Egypt US\$258,899.11, Iran US\$442,047.38, Israel US\$442,047.38, Jordan US\$251,163.28, Pakistan US\$442,047.38, and Turkey US\$442,047.38. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
2. Exceptionally, Cyprus's contribution to the 2013 operational budget will be kept at the level of its 2012 contribution (US\$209,302.73), and a decision on how to treat the difference (US\$41,860.55) with its nominal contribution (US\$251,163.28) will be taken when the Member is present at the Council meeting. In view of the particular situation of the Palestinian Authority, its contribution to the 2013 budget will be kept at US\$50,000.00.

Pakistan will send the President of the Council a letter, referring to the 2010 floods in the country as a catastrophic natural disaster, which will provide a justification for its request for its contribution to the 2011 operational budget to be consequently waived. This request will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council. The situation regarding Bahrain's outstanding contributions will be discussed if, and when, it resumes an active role in the project.

(*Decision taken during the closed session*)
3. Delegates will make every effort to ensure that their Authorities approve the increase being proposed for the 2014 operational budget. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
4. Should a request for observer status by Brazil be received soon after the Council meeting, a decision on this will be taken electronically. China's observer status with effect from 26 March 2013 is recorded. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
5. The position of Scientific Director will be re-advertised and the procedure re-started. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)
6. Mr Tahir Saeed (Pakistan) will be invited to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee for a period of two years that takes effect immediately following the 22nd Council meeting. (*Decision taken during the closed session*)

7. For the moment, and until the issue is raised by the staff, no change will be made to the decision and resolution approved at the 21st Council meeting concerning the granting to staff members of interest-free loans from the SESAME Pension Fund, and they will continue to need repaying any loan they have received from the SESAME Pension Fund. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
8. SESAME will henceforth prepare a three-year budget plan which each year will advance by one year, and delegates will urge their Authorities to agree to approving three-year budgets.
9. The 23rd meeting of the Council will be held in Jordan on 25-26 November 2013.