

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Congress 2017 Doc 08

1. The Finance Committee was chaired by Thailand as Australia could not attend. The Finance Committee members, comprising Australia (absent), China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan and Thailand, met on 3 July 2017 to review: (a) the Finances of the Union as reported by the Secretary General in Congress Doc 8; and (b) Proposed Administrative Section Budget for 2018. The APPU Bureau was represented by the Director and the Manager, Administration and APPU Affairs.

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2. In reviewing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 and 2016, the Committee observed the increase in aging accounts receivables on contribution shares accumulated since the year 2013 up until the year 2016. The Committee then requested the Bureau to find appropriate measures to deal with these aging accounts receivables so that to ensure liquidity and healthy financial status of the Bureau and to present the outcome to the APPU EC 2018.

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3. During the review of the proposed 2018 budget of the APPU Bureau (Administrative Section), member countries commented on the differences of the item ‘general operation’ under ‘expenditure’ in the year 2016 and 2017. The Committee then requested the Bureau to check and correct those figures. The revised version of proposed 2018 budget appears as ***Congress 2017 Doc 08 Annex 2 Rev 1***.
4. The Committee noted that the proposed 2018 budget has incorporated the expenditure ‘consultancy fee for APPU reform’, amounting to US\$ 30,552 (US\$ 20,000 in 2017), which is in line with what proposed and adopted by the Congress with regards to the additional expenditure for the APPU Reform 2018 and 2019.
5. As the budget has always been exceeded the maximum amount for annual expenditure for the Administrative Section of the APPU Bureau as stipulated in Article 117.1 of the General Regulations of US\$80,000, the Committee requested the Bureau to prepare for the proposal to uplift this ceiling so as to reflect the current economic condition.

Recommendations for Congress

6. The Finance Committee recommends the Congress for consideration and approval of:
 - (a) the proposed 2018 budget of the APPU Bureau (Administrative Section) Budget, amounting to US\$ 189,787; and
 - (b) the proposed increase in the contribution share of each member country to US\$ 2,650 from US\$ 2,150, to primarily cover the additional expenditure for the continuation of the APPU reform activities in 2018 and 2019.

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