



REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TASKFORCE MEETING HELD ON 12th JUNE 2019 IN OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO

1.0 PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 **PRESENT AS MEMBERS** : Egypt, Uganda , Senegal and Zimbabwe
- 1.2 **IN ATTENDANCE** : Algeria, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique Tanzania
- 1.3 **ABSENT** : Gambia, Guinea, Ethiopia
- 1.4 **RAPPORTEUR** : PAPU Secretariat

The list of participants is attached as annex 1.

2.0 OPENING REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

In his opening remarks, Mr. Abdelnaby Hamdi the Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee Taskforce thanked Republic of Burkina Faso for the kind hospitality for hosting this meeting. He emphasized that the important role of the Taskforce is to recommend the possible most effective measures for collection of member states financial contributions and appealed for an effective participation of delegates during the deliberations. He further observed that the outcome of the meetings can facilitate better funding of the Union.

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following draft agenda was adopted as presented by the General Secretariat:

AGENDA	DOCUMENT
1. Introduction by the Secretariat	
2. Opening remarks of the Chairperson	
3. Adoption of the Draft Agenda	PAPU/ATC/FAC/TF/01/2018 - Doc No.01
4. Report on recovery of Member States Financial contributions	PAPU/ATC/FAC/TF/01/2018 - Doc No.02
5. Proposal for policy on provision for doubtful outstanding sovereign contributions	PAPU/ATC/FAC/TF/01/2018 - Doc No.03
6. Any Other Business	
7. Date of the next meeting of the Task force	

8. Closing remarks of the Chairperson

4.0 REPORT ON RECOVERY OF MEMBER STATES FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The committee noted with concern the growing amounts of outstanding contributions as presented by the General Secretariat, and called on the concerned Member States to settle their outstanding financial contributions to enable the Secretariat to plan and implement key programmes, projects and day-to-day activities of the Union.

The Member States that were present during the meeting and had arrears of contributions as at the end of 2018/2019 financial year were given opportunity to update the Taskforce on payment of their financial contributions.

GHANA

Ghana informed the taskforce meeting that the responsibility of paying annual financial contributions was shifted to the Post. This change in regulations came up with difficulties which made hard to remit annual contributions. The delegate from Ghana promised to follow-up on this matter to ensure that the outstanding contributions are paid soon.

CHAD

Chad informed the taskforce that they are having meetings with concerned authorities to settle outstanding financial contributions during this financial year

ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe which has not paid its contribution equivalent to less than a year, promised to settle all their financial obligations immediately after the end of Administrative Council

The Taskforce deliberated on the status report on the Outstanding Financial Contribution and agreed to make recommendations to the Committee as follows:

4.1. The Union should open negotiation with member countries with outstanding financial obligation and give them opportunity to present their proposals on how they are going to settle these amounts.

4.2. To urge Member Countries whose outstanding financial contributions are long overdue to mimic the action took by Algeria during the 37th Ordinary Session of Administrative Council to settle their outstanding financial contributions. It was discussed that this will facilitate non active members to return to the Union and participate actively on the Union's activities.

4.3. To authorise the General Secretariat to pay a visit to member countries whose outstanding financial contributions are overdue for long time and engage physical interactions with higher authorities to discuss the way forwards on settling outstanding financial contributions

4.4. To ask member countries to provide details of the authority responsible for payment of annual financial contributions to enable the General Secretariat to send their invoices and reminders to the right destination. It was further discussed that the General Secretariat should communicate with the Ministry of Foreign affairs and Ministry of Communications of member countries to promote the settlement of outstanding contributions.

4.5. During the session of the forthcoming Administrative Council, the General Secretariat should meet with delegates of member countries with outstanding financial contributions and make follow-up on their payments.

4.6. Sanctions should be imposed to member countries whose financial contributions are overdue.

4.7. Give letters to the countries with outstanding arrears that are already present in Burkina Faso to deliver them in person to the concerned authorities in their respective countries.

4.8. Secretariat to prepare a list of countries with arrears for more than 2 years and disseminate it to the committee members.

5.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOPTED POLICY ON PROVISION FOR DOUBTFUL OUTSTANDING SOVEREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

The report on implementation of resolutions No.10/PAPU/AC/XXXVII/2018 on provision for doubtful outstanding sovereign contributions was noted as presented by the General Secretariat.

6.0 DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Taskforce was informed that the date and venue of the next meeting will be communicated in due time

7.0 ADOPTION OF THE TASKFORCE REPORT

The Taskforce report was adopted and submitted to the Finance and Administrative Committee for further actions

8.0 CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

There being no further items for deliberation, the Chairman ended the proceedings accordingly.

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Vice Chairperson
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Rapporteur
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