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ON THE 2011 BUDGET OF THE AFRICAN UNION**

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1. The meeting of the Sub-Committee on Contributions was held on 21 December 2011 to consider the report on Member States' contributions to the 2011 budget of the African Union.

ATTENDANCE

2. The meeting which was chaired by H.E. the Ambassador of Rwanda, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Contributions was attended by representatives of the following Member States:

- i) Algeria
- ii) Angola
- iii) Burkina Faso
- iv) Djibouti
- v) Lesotho
- vi) Malawi
- vii) Rwanda
- viii) Democratic Republic of Congo
- ix) Sierra Leone
- x) Tanzania
- xi) Chad
- xii) Togo
- xiii) Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The Sub-Committee adopted the following items of the proposed agenda as presented by the Commission after minor amendments:

- i) Consideration of the Report on Member States' Contributions to the 2011 Budget of the African Union;
- ii) Any other business.

OPENING SESSION

4. In his opening remarks, the Sub-Committee Chairperson thanked the members for attending and underscored the importance of the session. He then invited the representative of the Commission to present the report.

5. The Acting Director of the Directorate of Programming, Budgeting, Finance and Accounting stated that the report on contributions submitted to Member States in November had been prepared as at 30 November 2011, and the status of contributions updated as at 20 December 2011.

6. In a brief presentation, the Commission indicated that the budget adopted by the Assembly in February 2011 amounted to **US\$256,754,447** made out as follows:

- **US\$122,602,044** being the amount assessed to Member States; and
 - **US\$134,152,402** being the allocation to specific programmes funded by partners.
- According to the updated report on contributions, total contributions received from Member States for the period 1 January - 30 November 2011 stood at **US\$ 84,566,949.04** of which **US\$ 67 378,540.92** represented the 2011 contributions to the total budget assessed to Member States, **US\$ 16,864,849.13** being the total arrears recovered as at 31 December 2010 and **US\$ 323, 558.99** being advance payments received;
 - Contributions received during the year accounted for 55% of the overall contributions due from Member States as at the beginning of the year. The Commission further indicated that 20 of the 53 Member States had fully paid their contributions, including those of the current year, 5 others had made advance payments including contributions owed under the 2011 financial year, and 28 Member States were in arrears;
 - With regard to sanctions, the situation before the meeting considered the arrears of contributions for 2011 was that only two Member States were under sanctions, namely, the Central African Republic and Guinea Bissau. These two Member States have cleared their arrears.
 - However, the three Member States listed hereunder would be at least two years in arrears, if the contributions for 2010 were to be taken into account:
 - i) Cape Verde
 - ii) The Comoros
 - iii) Somalia

7. During the ensuing deliberation, the Sub-Committee Chairperson after taking note of the Commission's explanations invited the members to make their observations. In their interventions, the Sub-Committee members raised issues of general nature regarding Member States' poor rate of payment of contributions, and of the release of partner funds.

- i) Members reaffirmed that the countries in arrears should be encouraged to clear their debts;

- ii) The Commission should send a note verbale to inform the States which have outstanding bank charges to pay the amount owed so that the countries concerned may feature on the list of those that have fully paid their contributions;
- iii) Some delegates requested clarification on the sanctions regime;
- iv) It was suggested that the Commission remind the Member States concerned that they ran the risk of being placed under sanctions, and urge them to clear their arrears in the coming days before the Summit and by 31 December 2011;
- v) The Sub-Committee also asked countries that have signed an agreement with the Commission on the payment of their arrears to strictly comply with the debt rescheduling plan;
- vi) Funds received from international partners should be kept separate from those emanating Member States' contributions.

8. The representative of the Commission provided clarifications to the afore-listed observations and indicated that according to Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the sanctions regime applies to Member States which are late in the payment of their contributions by at least two years.

9. The Commission tabled before the Sub-Committee the pending case of the Republic of South Sudan which joined the organization as the 54th Member State of the African Union on 27 July 2011, one year after the Executive Council adopted the new scale of assessment in respect of the 53 Member States.

10. Considering the recognized socio-economic and political factors, and given that South Sudan has to contribute to the budget of the Union in order to, inter alia, reaffirm its membership of the Organization, it was proposed that that country's contribution be calculated based on the ceiling rate or 0.01 percent of the 2012 budget pending a review of the scale of assessment due to take place in two years.

11. The Sub-Committee discussed at length the case of South Sudan and called on the Commission to seek the legal opinion of the Legal Counsel on the proposal regarding the assessment rate to be applied to South Sudan, a newly admitted Member State, to enable the Ad-hoc Ministerial Committee on Scale of Assessment to take appropriate decision.

12. Before making recommendations, the Sub-Committee:

- i) Takes note of the report of the Commission;
- ii) Congratulates the countries that have paid their contribution;

- iii) Calls upon the DRC to comply with the timeframes agreed with the Commission for payment of its arrears.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) **COMMENDS** and **CONGRATULATES** the countries that are up-to-date in their contributions;
- ii) **REQUESTS** Member States to pay their contributions on time and **ENCOURAGES** other Member States in arrears to clear same;
- iii) **ALSO REQUESTS** that the sanction imposed on Guinea Bissau and Central African Republic be lifted;
- iv) **RECOMMENDS** that sanctions be imposed on the following countries:
 - 1. Cape Verde
 - 2. The Comoros
 - 3. Somalia
- v) The temporary exemption granted to the DRC would be extended as long as the country respects its payment schedule;
- vi) **RECOMMENDS** that the case of South Sudan be considered by the Ad Hoc Ministerial Committee on Scale of Assessment.

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STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE AFRICAN UNION

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31-Dec-11**

NO.	MEMBER STATE	SCALE OF ASSESSMENT	CONTRIBUTION DUE				CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED IN 2011				OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION			
			TOTAL ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION 2011	ARREARS UPTO DEC.31,2010	CONTRIBUTION PAID IN ADVANCE(UPTO 31 DEC 2010)	TOTAL DUE AS AT 01 JANUARY 2011	CURRENT YEAR ASSESSMENT (2011)	ARREARS UPTO 31 DEC 2010	CONTRIBUTION PAID IN ADVANCE FOR 2012	TOTAL	CURRENT YEAR ASSESSMENT(2011)	ARREARS UPTO DEC.31,2010	CONTRIBUTION PAID IN ADVANCE FOR 2012	OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
							Amount	Amount	Amount					
1	Algeria	13.27	16,270,517.49	0.00		16,270,517.49	16,270,517.49	0.00	0.00	16,270,517.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Angola	3.83	4,694,432.25		227,279.49	4,467,152.76	4,467,152.76	0.00	0.00	4,467,152.76		0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Benin	0.40	490,408.17	321,976.49		812,384.66	33,021.17	321,976.49	0.00	354,997.66	457,387.00	0.00	0.00	457,387.00
4	Botswana	1.02	1,248,088.80		0.22	1,248,088.58	1,248,088.80	0.00	0.00	1,248,088.80	(0.22)	0.00	0.00	(0.22)
5	Burkina Faso	0.49	597,071.95	9,695.39		606,767.34	597,071.95	9,695.39	64,047.89	670,815.23	0.00	0.00	64,047.89	(64,047.89)
6	Burundi	0.06	77,239.29	114,491.33		191,730.61	0.00	114,491.33	0.00	114,491.33	77,239.29	0.00	0.00	77,239.29
7	Cameroon	1.86	2,282,850.05	1,283,042.83		3,565,892.88	516,957.17	1,283,042.83	0.00	1,800,000.00	1,765,892.88	0.00	0.00	1,765,892.88
8	Cape Verde	0.12	145,896.43	178,821.88		324,718.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	145,896.43	178,821.88	0.00	324,718.31
9	Central African Republic	0.12	143,444.39	447,482.04		590,926.43	0.00	447,482.01	0.00	447,482.01	143,444.39	0.03	0.00	143,444.42
10	Chad	0.29	350,641.84	472,827.45		823,469.30	8,643.91	472,827.45	0.00	481,471.36	341,997.93	0.00	0.00	341,997.94
11	Comoros	0.03	41,684.69	33,529.10		75,213.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,684.69	33,529.10	0.00	75,213.80
12	Congo	0.58	707,413.79	146,085.86		853,499.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	707,413.79	146,085.86	0.00	853,499.65
13	Democratic Republic Congo	0.56	691,475.53	3,321,243.40		4,012,718.93	0.00	643,833.52	0.00	643,833.52	691,475.53	2,677,409.88	0.00	3,368,885.41
14	Cote D'Ivoire	1.72	2,106,303.11	1,672,167.12		3,778,470.23	0.00	1,094,041.90	0.00	1,094,041.90	2,106,303.11	578,125.22	0.00	2,684,428.33
15	Djibouti	0.08	91,951.53	0.00		91,951.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	91,951.53	0.00	0.00	91,951.53
16	Egypt	13.27	16,270,517.49	0.00		16,270,517.49	16,270,517.49	0.00	0.00	16,270,517.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Equatorial Guinea	1.02	1,246,862.78	57,492.76		1,304,355.55	171,204.01	57,492.76	0.00	228,696.77	1,075,658.77	0.00	0.00	1,075,658.78
18	Eritrea	0.11	129,958.17	0.00		129,958.17	129,958.17	0.00	0.00	129,958.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Ethiopia	1.15	1,406,245.44	0.00		1,406,245.44	1,406,245.44	0.00	0.00	1,406,245.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Gabon	0.81	995,528.59	253,641.34		1,249,169.94	836,333.67	253,641.34	0.00	1,089,975.01	159,194.92	0.00	0.00	159,194.93
21	Gambia	0.04	45,362.76		5,863.98	39,498.78	39,498.78	0.00	0.00	39,498.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Ghana	1.06	1,293,451.56	1,418,418.36		2,711,869.92	0.28	1,418,418.36	0.00	1,418,418.64	1,293,451.28	0.00	0.00	1,293,451.28
23	Guinea	0.28	337,155.62	1,186,065.97		1,523,221.59	337,156.03	1,186,065.97	0.00	1,523,222.00	(0.41)	(0.00)	0.00	(0.41)
24	Guinea Bissau	0.02	23,294.39	72,424.74		95,719.12	0.00	72,424.73	0.00	72,424.73	23,294.39	0.01	0.00	23,294.39
25	Kenya	1.99	2,444,684.75	845,831.52		3,290,516.27	0.00	614,898.46	0.00	614,898.46	2,444,684.75	230,933.06	0.00	2,675,617.81
26	Lesotho	0.17	208,423.47	100.00		208,523.47	208,423.47	100.00	103.04	208,626.51	0.00	0.00	103.04	(103.04)
27	Liberia	0.04	45,362.76	99.77		45,462.53	45,362.76	99.77	39,487.47	84,950.00	(0.00)	0.00	39,487.47	(39,487.47)
28	Libya	13.27	16,270,517.49	16,764,551.40		33,035,068.88	0.00	4,190,510.52	0.00	4,190,510.52	16,270,517.49	12,574,040.88	0.00	28,844,558.36
29	Madagascar	0.45	555,387.26	264,915.11		820,302.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	555,387.26	264,915.11	0.00	820,302.37

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30	Malawi	0.16	198,615.31	50.36		198,665.67	198,565.31	50.36	0.00	198,615.67	50.00	(0.00)	0.00	50.00
31	Mali	0.52	636,304.61		10,693.21	625,611.40	625,611.40	0.00	44,516.85	670,128.25	0.00	0.00	44,516.85	(44,516.85)
32	Mauritania	0.23	275,854.60	123,371.14		399,225.74	274,717.68	123,371.14	0.00	398,088.82	1,136.92	0.00	0.00	1,136.92
33	Mauritius	0.69	842,276.04	0.00		842,276.04	842,276.04	0.00	0.00	842,276.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Morocco			6,289,496.51		6,289,496.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,289,496.51	0.00	6,289,496.51
35	Mozambique	0.51	622,818.38	0.00		622,818.38	622,818.38	0.00	0.00	622,818.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	Namibia	0.71	870,474.51	0.00		870,474.51	870,474.51	0.00	0.00	870,474.51	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
37	Niger	0.27	335,929.60	465,790.93		801,720.53	0.00	231,672.87	0.00	231,672.87	335,929.60	234,118.06	0.00	570,047.66
38	Nigeria	13.27	16,270,517.49	42,240.42		16,312,757.91	0.00	41,942.03	0.00	41,942.03	16,270,517.49	298.39	0.00	16,270,815.88
39	Rwanda	0.22	273,402.56		0.02	273,402.54	273,403.00	0.00	0.00	273,403.00	(0.46)	0.00	0.00	(0.46)
40	SADR	0.02	19,616.33		4,221.16	15,395.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,395.17	0.00	0.00	15,395.17
41	Sao Tome and Principe	0.01	12,260.20	11,176.37		23,436.57	1,318.20	11,176.37	0.00	12,494.57	10,942.00	(0.00)	0.00	10,942.00
42	Senegal	0.86	1,053,151.55		1,024,730.03	28,421.52	28,421.52	0.00	36,172.37	64,593.89	0.00	0.00	36,172.37	(36,172.37)
43	Seychelles	0.07	82,143.37	767,379.43		849,522.80	0.00	82,143.37	0.00	82,143.37	82,143.37	685,236.06	0.00	767,379.43
44	Sierra Leone	0.13	153,252.55	143,249.76		296,502.32	153,252.55	143,249.76	0.40	296,502.71	0.00	0.00	0.40	(0.39)
45	Somalia	0.18	223,135.72	261,143.78		484,279.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	223,135.72	261,143.78	0.00	484,279.50
46	South Africa	13.27	16,270,517.49	0.38		16,270,517.87	16,270,517.11	0.38	0.00	16,270,517.49	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.38
47	Sudan	4.52	5,542,838.39	4,718,502.67		10,261,341.06	0.00	2,859,972.00	0.00	2,859,972.00	5,542,838.39	1,858,530.67	0.00	7,401,369.06
48	Swaziland	0.30	362,902.05	234,703.72		597,605.77	281,482.28	234,703.72	0.00	516,186.00	81,419.77	(0.00)	0.00	81,419.77
49	Tanzania	1.05	1,281,191.36	681,908.30		1,963,099.65	0.00	673,941.18	0.00	673,941.18	1,281,191.36	7,967.12	0.00	1,289,158.47
50	Togo	0.18	217,005.62	178,871.88		395,877.50	217,005.62	178,871.88	178,821.88	574,699.38	(0.00)	0.00	178,821.88	(178,821.88)
51	Tunisia	3.01	3,686,643.45	533,036.11		4,219,679.56	3,019,595.28	533,036.11	0.00	3,552,631.39	667,048.17	0.00	0.00	667,048.17
52	Uganda	0.81	988,172.47	860,580.31		1,848,752.78	988,172.47	860,580.31	182,212.85	2,030,965.63	0.00	0.00	182,212.85	(182,212.85)
53	Zambia	0.80	982,042.37	450,899.75		1,432,942.12	1,000,386.26	450,899.75	0.00	1,451,286.01	(18,343.89)	0.00	0.00	(18,343.89)
54	Zimbabwe	0.15	188,807.15	75.06		188,882.21	188,807.15	0.00	0.00	188,807.15	(0.00)	75.06	0.00	75.06
	TOTAL	100.00	122,602,045.00	44,627,380.77	1,272,788.10	165,956,637.67	68,442,978.08	18,606,654.05	545,362.75	87,594,994.88	52,886,278.82	26,020,726.71	545,362.75	78,361,642.78
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