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**REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE
ON CONTRIBUTIONS**

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1. The meeting of the Sub-Committee on Contributions was held at the Headquarters of the African Union Commission (AUC) in Addis Ababa, on 1 July 2010.

Attendance

2. The meeting was chaired by H.E the ambassador of Burundi, the 3rd V/Chairperson of the Sub-Committee and attended by the representatives of the following member states:

Burundi, Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Nigeria Tunisia

3. The following members of the Sub-Committee did not attend the Session: Rwanda, Malawi, Djibouti, Cape Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Somalia, Lesotho, Angola

Opening session

4. The Chairperson of the meeting welcomed all members and reiterated the importance of the session and requested members of the sub-Committee for their opinion whether to hold the meeting despite absence of a quorum. After exchange of views it was agreed to continue the meeting with members present at this session. She then invited members to adopt the organization of work and the agenda item.

Adoption of the agenda

5. The sub- committee adopted the following agenda:

- i) Consideration of the report on Member States' contribution to the budget of the African Union.
- ii) AOB

Consideration of the Report on Contribution

6. The Chairperson presented the report of Contributions of Member States prepared on 1 June 2010 to members of the sub-committee. The main points are summarized as follows:

I. MEMBER STATES' CONTRIBUTIONS (updated up to 8 July 2010)

a) Contributions Received

- i. The total amount of contributions received from 1 Jan – 8 July 2010 stood at US\$ 83,579,459.45 out of which US\$73,598,756.65

represents contributions for the current year; US\$ 9,976,481.64 arrears of previous years and US\$ 4,221.16 advance payments of contributions.

- ii. The total collection from the current year assessment (US\$ 73,598,756.65) represents 66% of the total amount assessed to Member States for the 2010 financial year which was US\$111,763,675.99.

b) Status of Arrears

- i. The total amount of contributions outstanding at the reporting date of 8 July 2010 amounted to US\$ 73,477,679.26, half of which is arrears from previous years, and the remaining represents amounts owed from the 2010 financial year,
- ii. Out of the 53 Member States 8 has fully paid up their contributions, including contributions for the current year; 21 were in arrears, 21 have not cleared the current year assessment of contributions; and 3 Member States, namely: Angola, The Gambia and SADR have made advance payments for the 2011 contributions.

II. PARTNERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

- i. For the first half 2010 only US\$15, 638, 588.00 (10.7%) was received from international partners out of the total amount of US\$144, 861,021.00 pledged for the year to finance various programs of the AU.

7. After the presentation of the Chairperson of the meeting invited members for their contribution.

8. In the debate that ensued members raised the following issues and concerns:

- i) Expressed concern on the low in-flow of partner's fund despite their promises to avail the fund;
- ii) Wondered why the Commission, during the budget hearing informed the PRC that the money was available when it was just a pledge'
- iii) Tunisia have drawn the attention of the sub-committee that its formal reservation expressed on the size of the budget as well as the increase in the amount assessed to Member States from year to year be included in the contribution report.

9. In light of the discussion, the Advisory Sub Committee on Contribution recommended the following:

- (i) **The Commission need to review the way the program budget is prepared including source of funding;**
 - (ii) **The Commission should refrain from including programs, whose fund is not secured, in its budget submission;**
 - (iii) **There is a need to evaluate the impact of those programs to the African Continent;**
 - (iv) **The temporary exemption granted to Sierra Leone and Burundi be extended as long as these countries honor their payment schedule;**
 - (v) **Eritrea and Seychelles shall remain under sanctions, as they have not shown significant improvement in their arrears position.**
10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m

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