



NOTING that it is in the interests of all Member States to expedite payment of contributions in order that the Organization can focus on its primary aims of improving safety at sea and reducing marine pollution,

RECALLING WITH CONCERN that the level of arrears of contributions has caused serious difficulties in the past in the financial management of the Organization and in the execution of its work programme,

WELCOMING the efforts which a number of countries have made to pay off their arrears and to settle the current year's contribution,

CONSIDERING that the improved contribution position must be sustained to enable the Organization to maintain its work programme,

1. INVITES the attention of Member States to the provisions of resolution A.629(15)B under which a contributions incentive scheme is currently in operation to encourage early payment of contributions;
2. URGES Member States to make payment of any arrears at the earliest date;
3. ALSO URGES Member States to make payment of their contribution for the current year within the year in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations;
4. REQUESTS all Members of the Council to set an example in this regard by the prompt payment of the current year's contribution;
5. REQUESTS the Council to continue to treat the problem of arrears of contributions as a matter of high priority;
6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to bring this resolution to the attention of all Member States, and to continue to take all possible steps to ensure prompt payment of each current year's contributions and of arrears of contributions.