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Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

I. Introduction

1. The Programme and Budget Committee (PBC) held its seventh meeting in Medellín, Colombia, on 12 September 2015, under the chairmanship of Argentina. A list of participants is annexed to this report.
2. The PBC members proceeded to consider the following documents, which will be submitted to the Executive Council at its 101st session (13 September 2015):

	Documents
Financial situation of the Organization	A/21/8(II)(b)
Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes and requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules	CE/101/2(c)
Information and communication technologies at the Secretariat	CE/101/2(g)
Implementation of the general programme of work for 2014-2015	CE/101/4

II. Financial situation of the Organization

3. The Committee took note of document A/21/8(II)(b) which provides information as of 30 June 2015. The Committee noted that, as of the end of June, the level of contributions collected for the current year had risen to EUR 9,624,451.
4. This represents 74 per cent (two percentage points lower than last year's figure on the same date) of the total amount of contributions payable by Members in 2015 (EUR 12,949,000) and 86% per cent of the estimated income from contributions (EUR 11,127,000), and therefore income targets are



expected to be met by year's end. After the addition of budgetary allocations and arrear contributions, the total budgetary income received amounts to EUR 11,021,683 representing 84 per cent of the estimate in the plan of income for the year (EUR 13,170,000).

5. The Committee took note that arrears of Members' contributions collected as of 30 June 2015 were EUR 854,232, i.e., 57 per cent of the forecast amount (EUR 1,500,000).

6. The Committee also took note that the implemented expenditure amounted to EUR 12,605,545 out of which EUR 6,223,959 had been expended, and that EUR 6,381,585 had been committed until year end, staff costs included.

7. The Committee took note of the adjustments made by the Secretary-General on the structure of programmes for 2015. These adjustments have resulted in a modified distribution of appropriations per programme as reflected in Annex 1 of document A/21/8(II)(b).

8. The Committee urged Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2015 thereby averting delays that could hamper programme execution.

9. The Committee noted that an updated salary scale for staff in the General Service category will be applied by the Secretary-General when the relevant scale is formally notified by the ICSC in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Staff Regulations and the Staff Rules. This scale may represent additional costs to the Organization. The Committee also took note that staff expenses at 31 December 2015 may be slightly higher than budgeted costs due to the impact of the USD/EUR UNORE exchange rate.

III. Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes and requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

10. The Committee took note that the Full Members Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nicaragua had scrupulously complied with the commitments acquired with regard to the payment of their contributions up to and including the current year.

11. The Committee further took note that Full Members Cabo Verde and Senegal were no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and/or Article 34 of the Statutes since they had reduced their contribution arrears partially or in full.

12. The Committee recommended the Executive Council to renew, in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans, the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules of Full Members, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nicaragua and to grant temporary exemption to Full Members Burundi, Madagascar, and Sao Tome and Principe as well as to the Affiliate Members Camara de Turismo de Cabo Verde and Instituto de Turismo Responsable.

13. It further recommended to maintain the temporary exemption to Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Guinea, Madagascar, Niger, Togo, Uganda, Uruguay and Yemen, as well as that of Affiliate Members Fundação CTI Nordeste, International Hotel & Restaurant Association (IH&RA) and Fédération Inter-États des Syndicats des Agences de Voyages et de Tourisme de l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre (FISAVET) from the provisions of paragraph 13, albeit making it clear that these provisions will be reapplied to these Members if they are not up to date with their payment plans by 1 April 2016.

IV. Information and communication technologies at the Secretariat

14. The Committee took note of the audit report on the status of ICT activities and invited the Executive Council to take note of the progress in the technology infrastructure already implemented by the Organization as well as of the challenge a rapidly evolving technology environment and budgetary constraints represent.

V. Implementation of the general programme of work for 2014-2015

15. The Executive Director for Programme and Coordination presented an update of the activities carried out by the Secretariat since the last PBC meeting (May 2015), based on the documents of the Executive Council. The PBC took note of all activities presented in the report and recommends that the Executive Council approve it.

VI. Place and date of the 8th meeting of the PBC

16. The eighth meeting of the PBC will be held on 17 September 2015, just after the 102nd session of the Executive Council.

VII. Actions to be taken by the Executive Council

17. The Executive Council is invited to approve the recommendations presented in the present report and corresponding documents.

Annex I. List of participants

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