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REPORT OF THE PANEL ON SUB-ACCOUNT B OF THE BALI PARTNERSHIP FUND AT ITS TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

[Item 20(b) of the Provisional Agenda]

1. The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund was established by Decision 4(XXX) for the management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.
2. The Panel was chaired by the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration, Mr. Rob Busink of the Netherlands, as the Chairperson, Dr. Gilbert Kaya of Republic of Congo, had to leave early and delegated his chairmanship.
3. In addition to the Chairperson, the Panel was composed of:
 - (a) Three representatives from the consumer member states that are main contributors to the BPF:
 - (i) Mr. Hiroyuki Saito (Japan);
 - (ii) Ms. Anne Schick (Switzerland); and
 - (iii) Mr. Luke Thompson (U.S.A.).
 - (b) Three representatives from producer member states, one from each geographic region:
 - (i) Mr. Jorge Pedro Flores Marker (Mexico) – Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (ii) Mr. Nambaï Rubens (Central African Republic) – Africa; and
 - (iii) Mr. Maidiward (Indonesia) – Asia-Pacific.
 - (c) The Officer-In-Charge:
Dr. Steven E. Johnson
4. The Panel held its Meeting on Friday, 20 November 2015 during the Fifty-first Session of the Council.
5. The Secretariat introduced the working document to the Members of the Panel and a copy of Decision 4(XXX) – Management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund; the reports of the Panel held at the last Session of the Council; and information regarding the financial status of the Bali Partnership Fund.
6. The Secretariat informed the Panel that as of the end of the Fiftieth Session of the Council, fifty Activities (including Activities for the biennial work programme), five Pre-projects and five Projects had been approved for financing through the resources of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.
7. As of 16 November 2015, the total funds received in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund since its establishment amount to US\$20.02 million, out of which US\$19.72 million had been allocated. The available fund balance as of 16 November 2015, amounted to US\$308,256.48. The interest income included in these amounts does not include interest that has been accrued during 2015. Such interest, under the provisions of Decision 3(XXXV), shall be transferred to the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and the Unearmarked Fund, once the Financial Audit for Year 2015 is concluded.

8. The Secretariat added that the Council, at its Thirty-fifth Session in November 2003, approved the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Administration to expand the scope of work of the Panel on the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund to oversee the allocation of resources from the "Unearmarked Funds" in the Special Account as an interim measure.

9. The Secretariat further informed that the current estimated funds available in the "Unearmarked Funds" as of 16 November 2015 amounted to US\$306,603.18 after taking into account the total allocations of US\$13.63 million, made at the previous Sessions held from November 2003 to November 2014.

10. The Panel, bearing in mind the loss of investments that had been discussed during this Session of the Council, examined the possibility of allocating no funds from the Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund or the Unearmarked Fund at this Session, and that allocations may be sought after a satisfactory report of the investigation of the loss of investment is made available to Members of the Council.

11. However, there was also a strong concern among the Panel members that the funding for the Freezailah Fellowship Programme for the budget year 2016 was insufficient to carry out its activities at an adequate level. The panel noted that it was highly important to continue the implementation of this Programme which shall also contribute to the Organization's outreach, and thus decided by consensus to propose to the Council that US\$150,000.00 would be allocated for funding from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund to the following Activity approved under the Biennial Work Programme 2015 - 2016:

Activity no. 28 [PD 99/99 (I)] Decide on eligible fellowship applications in 2016 based on the recommendations of the Fellowship Selection Panel.

- Participation in short term training courses, training internships, study tours, lecture/demonstration tours and international/regional conferences;
- Technical document preparation, publication and dissemination, such as manuals and monographs; and
- Postgraduate studies.

Estimated Cost for one year:	\$400,000.00
Proposed funding:	\$150,000.00

12. After allocating the funds to the Activity above, the remaining balances under the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and the Unearmarked Fund will become \$158,256.48 and \$306,603.18, respectively.

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