Abolition of the Incentive Scheme for Timely Payment of Assessed Contributions

Extract from the Report of the 149th Council Session (16-20 June 2014)

18. The Council endorsed the reports of the 152nd, 153rd and 154th Sessions of the Finance Committee, and in particular:

   (...)  

   b) endorsed the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Incentive Scheme be abolished and that this be forwarded to the Conference for approval while encouraging the Secretariat to explore alternative measures to encourage timely payment of assessed contributions by FAO Members.

Extract from document CL 149/4: Report of the 154th Session of the Finance Committee (26-30 May 2014)

14. The Committee considered the document FC 154/6, Review of the Incentive Scheme to encourage Prompt payment of Contributions, which presented an analysis of the impact of the scheme on collection rates of assessed contributions over the past twelve years, as well as the estimated costs associated with administering the scheme.

15. The Committee:

   a) concluded that the Incentive Scheme did not have an impact on encouraging prompt payment of contributions and was not cost effective;  
   b) recommended that the Council propose to the 39th Session of the Conference that the scheme be abolished; and  
   c) requested the Secretariat to present to the Autumn 2014 Session of the Committee, under the agenda item on the Financial Position of the Organization, measures which give positive and public appreciation of Members that pay contributions on a timely basis.