



## Finance Committee

Distr.: General  
12 May 2009

Original: English

### Fifteenth session

Kingston, Jamaica  
25 May-5 June 2009

## New members of the Authority

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. Since the fourteenth session of the Assembly, three States have become parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and are therefore new members of the Authority. The Congo, Liberia and Switzerland became parties to the Convention.
2. Accordingly, their contributions to the General Administrative Fund, on a pro rata basis, are indicated in the table below for the years 2008 to 2010.

New member State	Date of membership	United Nations scale of assessments			Adjusted International Seabed Authority scale			Contributions to the General Administrative Fund			Advances to the Working Capital Fund
		(Percentage)						(United States dollars)			
		2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	
Congo	09/07/08	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	214	572	572	4
Liberia	25/09/08	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	145	572	572	4
Switzerland	01/06/09		1.22	1.22		1.59	1.59		53 076	90 987	6 964
<b>Total</b>								<b>359</b>	<b>54 220</b>	<b>92 131</b>	<b>6 972</b>

3. The Secretary-General invites the Finance Committee to take into consideration the amounts set out in the table when it makes its recommendation to the Council and to the Assembly as to the initial assessments of these new member States.
4. In accordance with the Authority's Financial Regulations (regulation 7), contributions from these countries shall be classified as miscellaneous income.

