

### Proposed Modification to the IAI Agreement

Section I of Article XII states that the contribution of the Parties to the budget of operational expenses of the Institute shall be in increments of US\$ 5,000.

This has produced problems, since it resulted in significant increments in the contribution; for example a change from US\$ 5,000 to US\$ 10,000 signifies a 100% increase whereas a change from US\$ 10,000 to US\$ 15,000 signifies a 50% increase.

In order to avoid these very large increases when viewed on a percentage basis, it is proposed that the minimum contribution continues to be US\$ 5,000, but with allowed increments of US\$ 1,000.

Therefore, the sentence in the agreement "Such pledges shall be in increments of US\$ 5,000" will now be:

"Such pledges shall be in increments of US\$ 1,000. The minimum contribution shall be US\$ 5,000."

"Dichas contribuciones serán por multiplos de mil dolares estadounidenses. La contribución minima deberá ser de cinco mil dolares estadounidenses."

"Tais contribuições serão feitas em múltiplo de mil dólares norte-americanos. A contribuição deverá ser de cinco mil dólares norte-americanos."

"Les dites promesses de contributions seront par tranches de 1,000 dollars US. La contribution minimum devra être de 5,000 dollars US."

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Several non independent Caribbean countries have demonstrated interest in being part of the IAI as Associated to the Institute. Meanwhile, the Section 1 of Article XI of the IAI Agreement does not include this type of country among the various types of entities described as possible Associates to the Institute.

Therefore, it is proposed to modify section 1 of the Article XI:

➤ Section 1 should be written:

"The Conference of the Parties may invite other States outside the region and non independent territories of the region, as well as regional, or international intergovernmental organizations, and industries and other non-governmental and private organizations interested in supporting the Scientific Agenda and programmatic activities of the Institute, to become Associates of the Institute."

## **Proposed Modifications to the Standing Rules of the IAI Conference of the Parties**

The final phrase of Section 1 of Article XIII of the Agreement of Montevideo says: "The Parties recognize that regular contributions to the operational budget are essential to the success of the Institute."

It is therefore necessary to be able to exert some sort of pressure on the Parties to avoid delays in payment of contributions to cover operational expenses, since these delays can create financial difficulties in the functioning of the IAI Directorate, as well as for the holding of meetings of its various working bodies such as the EC, CoP, SAC etc.

Therefore, we are proposing the introduction of a new Article in the Standing Rules of the Conference of the Parties, after Article 52, which establishes that only those Parties which are up to date with their contributions are eligible to be members of the Executive Council:

"Article 52-A: Only those Parties are eligible to be members of the Executive Council which, on the eve of the opening day of the Conference of the Parties on which the election will be held, are up to date with their contributions to the operational budget of the Institute".

"Artigo 52-A: Somente são elegíveis para o Conselho Executivo as Partes que, na véspera do dia da reunião de abertura da Conferência das Partes em que se realizará a eleição, estejam em dia com suas contribuições para o orçamento operacional do Instituto."

"Artículo 52-A: Solamente serán elegibles para integrar el Consejo Directivo, aquellas Partes que, en el día de la vispera de la reunión de apertura de la Conferencia de las Partes en que se realice la elección, esten al día con sus contribuciones para el presupuesto operacional del Instituto."

"Article 52-A: Seulement peuvront être elues pour intégrer le Conseil Executif les Parties qui le jour immédiatement avant le jour de la réunion d'ouverture de la Conférence des Parties, où sera faite l'élection, soient au jour avec les contributions au budget pour les dépenses de fonctionnement de l'Institut."