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FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE NORTH SEA COMMISSION

Following the decision of the North Sea Commission's executive bodies and General Assembly to invite all its member Regions to comply with the CPMR's Organisational Charter by joining the CPMR, the following arrangements may be proposed in order to help regularise the situation.

1. As in the past, CPMR and NSC membership fees from the North Sea Regions will be collected by the CPMR General Secretariat. NSC membership fees will be paid on to the NSC Secretariat, in the same way as for the Baltic Sea Commission.
2. In its analytical accounting, the CPMR General Secretariat will indicate the financial cost for follow-up of the North Sea Commission as it does for the other Geographical Commissions.
3. In order to aid membership of Regions with a particularly high population, the CPMR Administrative Council will table a proposal at the General Assembly in Murcia on 27 October 2006 for an optional ceiling to be reintroduced as of the 2007 budget for Regions with a population of over 7 million inhabitants.
4. As in other cases, it will be possible to look at the possibility of a transition period with each Region concerned, which would grant them a reasonable deadline for payment of the full CPMR membership fee (e.g. 2 years).
5. 30% of the fees paid by new CPMR member regions could be allocated to actions organised by the North Sea Commission in relation with the CPMR.