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Feedback from the meeting of the Contributions Task Force

The Contributions Task Force met in Cambridge from 3 to 6 December 2001 under the Chairmanship of Daven Joseph (Antigua and Barbuda) and included representatives from Argentina, Australia, Japan, Monaco, Norway, Spain and the US.

At IWC/53 in London in July last year, the Commission agreed that the Task Force should undertake further work intersessionally to try to reach consensus on proposals for a new contributions formula. At its meeting in December, the Task Force considered further the three models selected by the Contributions Task Force in London, taking into account the written comments provided by Contracting Governments in response to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.204 of 23 August 2001. It also considered a variation of one of those models developed by a member of the Task Force following IWC/54, and one new proposal submitted by a Contracting Government as part of its response to the request for comments.

Although some further progress was made by the Task Force in Cambridge, additional work is required before more concrete proposals can be put forward to the Contributions Sub-committee for consideration in Shimonoseki. Therefore the Task Force agreed to continue to work intersessionally and to meet again in Antigua and Barbuda from 25-27 March 2002. A report from the Task Force will be circulated in good time before IWC/54.

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