

**5th Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee
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SPRFMO Contingency Fund

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In 2016, the Commission adopted a Contingency Fund (Financial Regulation [FR] ANNEX 2). The level of the Contingency Fund was to be determined by the Commission with the intent “*to accumulate it over time to reach and maintain a level equivalent to three months of the approved budget*”. It was also determined that “*the Commission shall review the amount available in the Contingency Fund annually.*”

Resourcing the Contingency Fund: FR ANNEX 2 also advises that “*the Commission shall determine at its annual meeting the amount to be credited to the Contingency Fund from the following sources:*

- *Funds from the Interim Secretariat not otherwise utilised;*
- *Funds credited from the Accumulated Surplus Account to the Contingency Fund;*
- *By appropriation in the budget*
- *Through voluntary contributions;*
- *Interest gained from the investments of the Organisation’s funds’*
- *Annual GST Returns;*
- *Any other source as decided by the Commission.”*

At the fifth Commission Meeting in Adelaide Australia January 2017, the Commission allocated, for the first time, moneys to the Contingency Fund in the order of NZ\$ 25 000.