

5. During its twenty-sixth session, on 10 December 2021, the Council endorsed a road map

11. In June 2022, in the margins of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, the secretariat launched the Sustainable Seabed Knowledge Initiative (SSKI). The goal of SSKI is to establish a global knowledge-sharing platform to advance scientific understanding of deep-sea ecosystems in

used for the regular budget of the United Nations, adjusted for differences in membership. As at 15 June 2022, 85 per cent of the value of contributions to the 2022 budget due from member States and the European Union had been received. The total amount of arrears for the previous financial periods (1998-2021) amounted to \$1,018,664. 57 States are in arrears of contributions for more than two years and eight States have never paid any contributions whatsoever since becoming parties to the convention.

