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Casual income

Report by the Director-General

1. Following the closure of the accounts as at 31 December 1998, and as indicated in the unaudited interim financial report for the year 1998, Schedule 3 - Casual Income Account,¹ casual income available before appropriation as at 31 December 1998 was US\$ 23 320 914. The major development, following the earlier estimate of US\$ 13 697 644 submitted to the 103rd session of the Executive Board, is that an additional US\$ 9 555 406 of savings on unliquidated obligations from the previous biennium has been realized.

2. I recommended to the Executive Board at its 103rd session that US\$ 6 606 004 of casual income should be used to finance activities at country level for eradication of poliomyelitis and for Roll Back Malaria during the period 1 July 1999 to 31 December 2000. Several Board members expressed the view that the amount available in casual income should not be used for programme activities and that any such proposals should be made as part of the proposed programme budget. While I have carefully considered the discussions at the Board's last session, the use of US\$ 6 606 004 from casual income to finance these additional activities at country level remains, in my view, justified. I would, however, recommend that the remaining balance should be credited to Member States to reduce their assessed contributions to the regular budget.

3. On this basis, available casual income could therefore be used as follows:

¹ See document A52/13.

	US\$	US\$
Balance available as at 31 December 1998		23 320 914
(a) Financing of activities during the period 1 July 1999 to 31 December 2000 at country level for:		
(i) eradication of poliomyelitis	4 404 004	
(ii) Roll Back Malaria	2 202 000	
(b) Part-financing of the 2000-2001 regular budget, to be apportioned among Members in accordance with the incentive scheme (resolution WHA41.12) from actual interest earned in 1997 and 1998 respectively, and to be considered under agenda item 12	5 555 567	
(c) To be credited to reduce Members' assessed contributions to the regular budget on 1 July 1999	<u>11 159 343</u>	<u>23 320 914</u>

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