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Complaint alleging non-observance by Nicaragua of Conventions Nos 87, 98, 111 and 144 – Addendum

Financial implications of a commission of inquiry

1. There is no financial provision for commissions of inquiry under article 26 of the Constitution in the Programme and Budget for the biennium 2024–25. Should the Governing Body decide to exercise its powers under article 26, paragraph 4, of the Constitution to appoint a commission of inquiry, financial arrangements will need to be made to enable such a commission to proceed with its work.
2. The procedures of such a commission normally involve initial sessions to settle procedural matters, travel by members of the commission to gather further information and a final session for the adoption of the commission's report. Resources need to be provided to cover the travel expenses, the production and publication of the commission's report, and for supporting staff, estimated at three Professional positions and one General Service position over 12 months. It is also proposed to make provision for the payment to the three members of the commission of an honorarium of US\$350 per day, for 39 days. On the basis of the normal pattern of work, it is estimated that the cost of the commission will amount to some **US\$1,262,869**, as detailed in the table below.

	US\$
Travel	161 241
Honorariums	40 950
Staff costs	880 800
Printing and translation	138 378
Miscellaneous	41 500
Total	1 262 869

3. It is proposed that the costs would, in the first instance, be financed from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2024–25 or, failing that, through the use of the provision for unforeseen expenditure, in Part II. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.
4. Should the Governing Body decide to appoint a commission of inquiry to examine the complaint, it would further adopt the following draft decision.

► Draft decision

5. **Having decided to appoint a commission of inquiry to examine the complaint alleging non-observance by Nicaragua of Conventions Nos 87, 98, 111 and 144, the Governing Body decided that:**
 - (a) **an honorarium of US\$350 per day be paid to each member of the commission of inquiry;**
 - (b) **the cost of the commission, which is estimated at US\$1,262,869, be financed in the first instance from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2024–25 or, failing that, through the use of the provision for unforeseen expenditure, in Part II. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.**