

- 6.3. The Fund's Member States, represented on the Board of Management, shall agree with any new member or associate Member State upon the percentage of its annual financial contribution in relation to the total amount contributed to the Fund by States.
- 6.4. Any Member State or associate Member State may withdraw from the Fund upon giving six months' notice expiring at the end of the financial year.
7. *Secretariat*
- 7.1. The Secretariat General of the Council of Europe shall act as secretary of the Fund.
8. *Operation*<sup>4</sup>
- 8.1. The Fund's operational expenditure shall be apportioned as follows:
  - 8.1.a. The travel and subsistence expenses of participants at Meetings of the Fund shall be paid by each member or associate Member State of the Fund.
  - 8.1.b. The cost of implementing decisions of the Board of Management and common secretariat expenditure (documents, staff, official travel, translation, interpretation and all other specific expenditure relating to the operation of the Fund) shall be provided for in a partial agreement budget, financed by the Member States and associate Member States of the Fund.

<sup>4</sup> Amended according to the provisions of Resolution (95) 4 adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 7 June 1995 at the 540th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.