

Admission criteria for the new founding members

The DSF Executive Committee, formed by Mr. Guy-Olivier Segond, President, former Mayor of Geneva, and Amadou Top, Vice-President, Special Adviser of the President of Senegal, held its 2nd meeting since the establishment of the Fund, in Geneva, on Monday 20 February 2006.

Excerpt from the Executive Committee Meeting report:

“The Executive Committee has reviewed the list of founding members of the DSF and the state of contributions at 20 February 2006. A geographical unbalance in favour of Africa has been noted.

In order to clearly define the statute of founding member, ensure geographical balance, and set the maximum number of members, the Executive Committee recommends to the Foundation Board to:

- a) set the admission criteria and the statute of founding member to a minimum contribution of 300'000 euros ; members who do not pay this contribution will lose the statute of founding member ;
- b) set the maximum of Founding Member States to 12 States per region of the world (definition of regions based on the United Nations criteria);
- c) Extend the deadline to become a DSF Founding member to 31 December 2007 and the maximum number of States to 12 for each of the 5 world regions. This question will be re-examined at the next Foundation Board;
- d) invite additional voluntary donors who wish to make a contribution after this date, to become members of the Honorary Committee.”

