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Dear Colleagues,

In its last meeting on December 17, 2023, the Presidency Committee discussed the financial situation of the IAJ, the trend of expenditure and the adequacy of the annual incomes to meet the needs of the IAJ.

The PC agreed that, as anticipated during the Central Council meeting in Taipei, last September, it has become necessary to evaluate an increase of the annual contributions, whose amount has never changed since 2002.

Considering the impact of inflation, the increased activities of the IAJ organs and the different various activities of the Secretariat, as better **explained in the document enclosed** to this email, we have to expect that **in the space of 3 years reserves will run out and the annual incomes will not be sufficient to meet the running costs of the IAJ**, as foreseen by the Constitution.

The more effective remedy is to decide an increase in the annual contributions, at least to compensate the loss of value of the contributions since their last increase, in 2002, what means an **increase of 50% starting from 2025**.

Although the proposal for a 50 percent increase may seem surprising, it must be remembered that **for 22 years the automatic fee-adjustment rule established in article 4 of the Regulations has never been applied**. This happened because there were large savings, but now the savings are not sufficient, in prospective terms, to ensure the survival of the IAJ. The enclosed document explains how the savings were made and why they are decreasing now.

The **augmentation of the annual fee will be put in the agenda of the next meeting of the Central Council** for its approval. In the meantime, the Presidency Committee wishes to **discuss and evaluate it also within the Regional Groups**, on the occasion of their Springtime meetings. For this reason, I kindly invite you to share this email and the attached document with the **Boards** of your respective associations, in order for them to **be prepared for a decision and to give pertinent instructions to their delegates** to the IAJ meetings.

On behalf of the Presidency Committee, I thank you for the consideration that you and your entire associations will give to this important and urgent matter, keeping in mind the conservation of the role, the credibility and the place we earned through decades of hard work in the world-wide scenario.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Giacomo Oberto', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Giacomo Oberto

Secretary General of the IAJ