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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

At its ninth session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session:

Administrative and Financial Matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 16/CP.3, paragraph 4, and decision 17/CP.3, paragraph 2,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 52/215 of 22 December 1997 revising the United Nations scale of assessments, and considering the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to revise the indicative scale of contributions to the core budget on the basis of the revised United Nations scale of assessments,

Having considered the information contained in documents FCCC/CP/1998/8 and Add.1, FCCC/CP/1998/9, FCCC/CP/1998/10, FCCC/CP/1998/INF.1 and FCCC/CP/1998/INF.6,

I. Financial statements and audited reports, 1996-1997

1. *Takes note* of the audited financial statements for the biennium 1996-1997, and the audit reports by the Office of Internal Oversight Services and by the Board of Auditors of the United Nations;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the operations of the Convention secretariat, and for the valuable audit observations and recommendations, and *takes note* of those recommendations;

3. *Takes note also* of the actions already taken by the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations made by both the internal and external auditors, and *urges* that the implementation be completed as soon as possible;

II. Financial performance, 1998-1999

4. *Takes note* of the initial report on financial performance in 1998, including the status of contributions to all the trust funds of the Convention;

5. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties that have paid their contributions to the core budget and to Parties which have made additional voluntary contributions towards the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

6. *Reiterates* its appreciation for the contributions received from Parties to assist the participation of developing country Parties, particularly the least developed and small island developing countries, and *invites* Parties to continue contributing generously towards this end;

7. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual contribution of DM 3.5 million and its special contribution to the core budget of DM 1.5 million, as host Government to the secretariat in Bonn;

8. *Urges* Parties which have not paid their contributions to the core budget for 1996, 1997 or 1998, to do so without further delay and *recalls* that contributions for 1999 are due on 1 January 1999;

9. *Notes with concern* the significant carry-over from one biennium to the next, arising *inter alia* from late payment of contributions, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to present options on how to deal with this issue for consideration and recommendation by the SBI at its tenth session, with a view to taking a decision on this matter, if needed, at a future Conference of the Parties;

III. Administrative arrangements

10. *Takes note* of the developments reported by the Executive Secretary in his discussions with the United Nations regarding administrative arrangements for the Convention;

11. *Endorses* the efforts of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary to achieve a more rational and efficient approach to the administrative arrangements between the secretariat and the United Nations;

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the SBI at its tenth session on progress made in implementing the new administrative arrangements;

13. *Takes note* of the cooperation between the secretariats of UNFCCC, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and *invites* the Executive Secretary to consult with the heads of the secretariats of those Conventions and report back to the SBI, at its eleventh session;

IV. Financial procedures

14. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions to the core budget contained in the annex to this decision, which is based on the revised United Nations scale of assessments and which follows the principle that all Parties should contribute to the Convention budget;

15. *Adopts* the new indicative scale for the biennium 1998-1999 adjusted so as to ensure that no Party contributes less than 0.001 per cent of the total; that no one contribution exceeds 25 per cent of the total; and that no contribution from a least developed country Party exceeds 0.01 per cent;

16. *Amends* paragraph 7 (a) of the financial procedures (as contained in decision 15/CP.1, annex I) to read as follows: "Contributions made each year by Parties on the basis of the indicative scale adopted by consensus by the Conference of the Parties, and based on such a scale of assessments of the United Nations as may be adopted from time to time by the General Assembly";

V. Programme budget, 2000-2001

17. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit for consideration by the SBI at its tenth session a proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, including a contingency for conference services should this prove necessary in the light of decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

18. *Requests* the SBI at its tenth session to recommend a programme budget for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its subsequent session.

Annex

INDICATIVE SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CORE BUDGET OF UNFCCC: 1998-1999

Party	Indicative scale		Party	Indicative scale	
	1998	1999		1998	1999
Albania	0.003	0.003	Denmark	0.662	0.664
Algeria	0.112	0.09	Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002	Dominica	0.001	0.001
Argentina	0.74	0.984	Ecuador	0.021	0.019
Armenia	0.026	0.011	Egypt	0.066	0.062
Australia	1.417	1.424	El Salvador	0.012	0.012
Austria	0.901	0.904	Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Azerbaijan	0.058	0.021	Estonia	0.022	0.014
Bahamas	0.014	0.014	Ethiopia	0.007	0.006
Bahrain	0.017	0.016	European Community	2.5	2.5
Bangladesh	0.01	0.01	Fiji	0.004	0.004
Barbados	0.008	0.008	Finland	0.518	0.521
Belgium	1.056	1.06	France	6.256	6.285
Belize	0.001	0.001	Gabon	(new Party)	0.014
Benin	0.002	0.002	Gambia	0.001	0.001
Bhutan	0.001	0.001	Georgia	0.056	0.018
Bolivia	0.008	0.007	Germany	9.277	9.425
Botswana	0.01	0.01	Ghana	0.01	0.007
Brazil	1.459	1.413	Greece	0.355	0.337
Bulgaria	0.043	0.018	Grenada	0.001	0.001
Burkina Faso	0.002	0.002	Guatemala	0.018	0.017
Burundi	0.001	0.001	Guinea	0.003	0.003
Cambodia	0.001	0.001	Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Cameroon	0.013	0.012	Guyana	0.001	0.001
Canada	2.722	2.646	Haiti	0.002	0.002
Cape Verde	0.001	0.002	Honduras	0.004	0.003
Central African Republic	0.002	0.001	Hungary	0.115	0.115
Chad	0.001	0.001	Iceland	0.031	0.031
Chile	0.109	0.126	India	0.294	0.287
China	0.868	0.935	Indonesia	0.167	0.177
Colombia	0.104	0.105	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.292	0.185
Comoros	0.001	0.001	Ireland	0.215	0.215
Congo	0.003	0.003	Israel	0.317	0.332
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001	Italy	5.196	5.22
Costa Rica	0.016	0.015	Jamaica	0.006	0.006
Côte d'Ivoire	0.012	0.009	Japan	17.322	19.203
Croatia	0.054	0.035	Jordan	0.008	0.006
Cuba	0.038	0.025	Kazakhstan	0.119	0.063
Cyprus	0.033	0.033	Kenya	0.007	0.007
Czech Republic	0.163	0.116	Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.03	0.018	Kuwait	0.148	0.129
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.008	0.007	Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.001	0.001

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	1998	1999		1998	1999
Latvia	0.044	0.023	Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001
Lebanon	0.015	0.015	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
Lesotho	0.002	0.002	Samoa	0.001	0.001
Liechtenstein	0.005	0.006	San Marino	0.002	0.002
Lithuania	0.043	0.021	Saudi Arabia	0.572	0.547
Luxembourg	0.064	0.065	Senegal	0.006	0.006
Malawi	0.002	0.002	Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.162	0.173	Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001
Maldives	0.001	0.001	Singapore	0.161	0.169
Mali	0.003	0.002	Slovakia	0.051	0.037
Malta	0.013	0.013	Slovenia	0.058	0.059
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.001	0.001	South Africa	0.352	0.352
Mauritius	0.009	0.009	Spain	2.477	2.488
Mexico	0.907	0.942	Sri Lanka	0.013	0.012
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001	Sudan	0.009	0.007
Monaco	0.003	0.004	Suriname	0.004	0.004
Mongolia	0.002	0.002	Swaziland	0.002	0.002
Morocco	0.039	0.039	Sweden	1.059	1.042
Mozambique	0.002	0.001	Switzerland	1.17	1.168
Myanmar	0.009	0.008	Syrian Arab Republic	0.06	0.061
Namibia	0.007	0.007	Tajikistan	(new Party)	0.005
Nauru	0.001	0.001	Thailand	0.152	0.16
Nepal	0.004	0.004	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	(new Party)	0.004
Netherlands	1.56	1.567	Togo	0.002	0.001
New Zealand	0.213	0.212	Trinidad and Tobago	0.017	0.016
Nicaragua	0.002	0.001	Tunisia	0.027	0.027
Niger	0.002	0.002	Turkmenistan	0.014	0.008
Nigeria	0.067	0.038	Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Niue	0.001	0.001	Uganda	0.004	0.004
Norway	0.583	0.586	Ukraine	0.653	0.29
Oman	0.048	0.049	United Arab Emirates	0.171	0.171
Pakistan	0.058	0.057	United Kingdom	4.89	4.891
Panama	0.015	0.012	United Republic of Tanzania	0.004	0.003
Papua New Guinea	0.007	0.007	United States of America	25	25
Paraguay	0.013	0.013	Uruguay	0.047	0.046
Peru	0.082	0.091	Uzbekistan	0.074	0.036
Philippines	0.074	0.077	Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Poland	0.242	0.199	Venezuela	0.226	0.169
Portugal	0.355	0.401	Viet Nam	0.01	0.007
Qatar	0.032	0.032	Yemen	0.01	0.01
Republic of Korea	0.92	0.955	Yugoslavia	0.058	0.033
Republic of Moldova	0.041	0.017	Zambia	0.003	0.002
Romania	0.098	0.064	Zimbabwe	0.009	0.009
Russian Federation	2.768	1.429			
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001	TOTAL	100	100

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