

RC-2/7: Amendment of the financing and budget arrangements for the biennium 2005–2006

The Conference of the Parties,

Reconfirming its decision RC-1/17 on financing and budget for the biennium 2005-2006,

1. *Approves* the operational budget of 3,710,224 United States dollars for 2006 for the purposes set out in table 1 of the present decision;
2. *Invites* the governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue their financial support for the operation of the Convention and its secretariat in 2006;
3. *Decides* to create a special contingency reserve, which should appear in all future budget reports, for the purpose of providing the annual salary costs of those posts in table 3 to the present decision that are currently covered by in-kind contributions should those in-kind contributions be discontinued;
4. *Further decides* to adjust the special contingency reserve in future years in the light of changes in salary costs;
5. *Authorizes* the heads of the Convention secretariat to draw down an amount of 380,000 United States dollars from the projected carry-over at the end of 2005 for the special contingency reserve and to use that sum in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 above should those in-kind contributions cease;
6. *Approves* on an exceptional basis 278,000 United States dollars in the operational budget to support, on a one-time basis, travel for experts to attend discussions on the issue of non-compliance with the Convention during the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Welcomes* the annual contribution of 1.2 million euros pledged for 2006 by the host Governments of the Convention secretariat to offset planned expenditures;
8. *Adopts* the indicative scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for 2006 as contained in table 2 of the present decision and authorizes the heads of the Convention secretariat, in keeping with the financial rules, to adjust the scale to include all Parties for which the Convention enters into force before 1 January 2006 for 2006;
9. *Approves* the staffing table of the Convention secretariat for the operational budget for 2006 as contained in table 3 of the present decision;
10. *Welcomes* the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, as stated in paragraph 7 of its decision RC-1/4, to co-finance in 2006 the position of joint head of the secretariats of both the Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions at the level of D-1 and the invitation to the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention to continue with the arrangement in 2007 and beyond;
11. *Decides* to consider the matter of a joint head of the secretariats of the Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions further at its third meeting in the light of the study and the reports referred to in decision RC-2/6;
12. *Notes* with concern that a number of parties have not paid their contributions to the operational budget for 2005, which were expected on 1 January 2005 in accordance with paragraph 14 of the financial rules, and invites the Executive Secretary to submit proposals for promoting full and timely payment of contributions by Parties for consideration and review by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting;
13. *Welcomes* the work done by the Convention secretariat in keeping up-to-date on the Convention website the list of assessed contributions received.

Table 1
Operational budget for 2006 (in US dollars)

Ensure effective functioning of the Conference of the Parties		
	<i>COP3</i>	
	Conference services	600,000
	Expert travel to non-compliance meeting during COP3	278,000
	Subtotal	878,000
	<i>CRC2</i>	
	Conference services	105,000
	Experts travel	72,000
	Subtotal	177,000
Office automation and databases		
	Software/hardware	66,000
	Consultants/sub-contracts	29,000
	Subtotal	95,000
Core secretariat costs		
	Professional personnel ^a	1,536,786
	Consultants	25,000
	Administrative support ^a	384,598
	Official travel	100,000
	Equipment and premises	40,000
	Miscellaneous	47,000
	Subtotal	2,133,384
Total activities		3,283,384
Administrative overhead (13 per cent)		426,840
Subtotal activities and administrative overhead		3,710,224
Working capital reserve (15 per cent) ^b		0
Total operational budget		3,710,224
Host country contribution ^c		1,463,415
Total to be covered by assessed contributions		2,246,809

^a In addition to working capital reserve an amount of \$380,000 has been put aside from the projected end-of-2005 carry-over as a contingency reserve (see paragraph 5 of decision RC-2/7).

^b In line with paragraph 8 of document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP2.18, \$517,561 is transferred from the PP trust fund to increase the working capital reserve to 15 per cent (see table on working capital reserve).

^c 1.2 million euros (United Nations exchange rate at 1 September 2005: \$1 = .82 euros).

Working capital reserve	US\$
Working capital reserve 2005 (8.3 per cent)	281,038
Working capital reserve 2005 (15 per cent)	556,534
Difference required to increase balance to 15 per cent	275,496
Carry-over from PP trust fund to augment 2006 reserve to 15 per cent	517,561
Balance to be transferred to Voluntary Special Trust Fund	242,065

Table 2
Scale of contributions to the Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Rotterdam Convention for the year 2006

Operational budget
 2006 (US dollars):

2,246,809

	United Nations scale of assessment 2004–2006	Scale for the Trust Fund with 22% ceiling and 0,01% base	Pledges for 2006 ¹	Adjustments new parties in 2005	Total due for 2006
<i>Member State</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	2006		
Argentina	0.956	1.307	29,367	-1,354	28,013
Armenia	0.002	0.010	225	-9	216
Australia	1.592	2.177	48,904	-2,255	46,649
Austria	0.859	1.174	26,387	-1,217	25,170
Belgium	1.069	1.462	32,838	-1,514	31,324
Belize	0.001	0.010	225		225
Benin	0.002	0.010	225	-9	216
Bolivia	0.009	0.012	276	-13	263
Brazil	1.523	2.082	46,785	-2,157	44,628
Bulgaria	0.017	0.023	522	-24	498
Burkina Faso	0.002	0.010	225	-9	216
Burundi	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Cameroon	0.008	0.011	246	-11	235
Canada	2.813	3.846	86,412	-3,984	82,428
Chad	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Chile	0.223	0.305	6,850		6,850
China	2.053	2.807	63,066		63,066
Cook Islands*	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Côte d'Ivoire	0.010	0.014	307	-14	293
Cyprus	0.039	0.053	1,198		1,198
Czech Republic	0.183	0.250	5,622	-259	5,363
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.003	0.010	225		225
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.010	0.014	307	-14	293
Denmark	0.718	0.982	22,056	-1,017	21,039
Djibouti	0.001	0.010	225		225
Ecuador	0.019	0.026	584	-27	557
El Salvador	0.022	0.030	676	-31	645
Equatorial Guinea	0.002	0.010	225	-9	216
Eritrea	0.001	0.010	225		225
Ethiopia	0.004	0.010	225	-9	216
European Community	2.500	2.500	56,170	-2,272	53,898
Finland	0.533	0.729	16,373	-755	15,618
France	6.030	8.244	185,234	-8,541	176,693
Gabon	0.009	0.012	276	-13	263
Gambia	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Germany	8.662	11.843	266,085	-12,270	253,815

	United Nations scale of assessment 2004–2006	Scale for the Trust Fund with 22% ceiling and 0,01% base	Pledges for 2006 ¹	Adjustments new parties in 2005	Total due for 2006
Ghana	0.004	0.010	225	-9	216
Greece	0.530	0.725	16,281	-751	15,530
Guinea	0.003	0.010	225	-9	216
Hungary	0.126	0.172	3,871	-178	3,693
India	0.421	0.576	12,933		12,933
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.157	0.215	4,823	-222	4,601
Ireland	0.35	0.479	10,752		10,752
Italy	4.885	6.679	150,061	-6,919	143,142
Jamaica	0.008	0.011	246	-11	235
Japan	19.468	22.000	494,298	-20,000	474,298
Jordan	0.011	0.015	338	-16	322
Kenya	0.009	0.012	276		276
Kyrgyzstan	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Latvia	0.015	0.021	461	-21	440
Liberia	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.132	0.180	4,055	-187	3,868
Liechtenstein	0.005	0.010	225	-9	216
Lithuania	0.024	0.033	737	-34	703
Luxembourg	0.077	0.105	2,365	-109	2,256
Madagascar	0.003	0.010	225	-9	216
Malaysia	0.203	0.278	6,236	-288	5,948
Mali	0.002	0.010	225	-9	216
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Mauritania	0.001	0.010	225		225
Mauritius	0.011	0.015	338		338
Mexico	1.883	2.574	57,843		57,843
Mongolia	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Namibia	0.006	0.010	225		225
Netherlands	1.690	2.311	51,915	-2,394	49,521
New Zealand	0.221	0.302	6,789	-313	6,476
Nigeria	0.042	0.057	1,290	-59	1,231
Norway	0.679	0.928	20,858	-962	19,896
Oman	0.070	0.096	2,150	-99	2,051
Pakistan	0.055	0.075	1,690		1,690
Panama	0.019	0.026	584	-27	557
Paraguay	0.012	0.016	369	-17	352
Peru	0.092	0.126	2,826		2,826
Poland	0.461	0.630	14,161		14,161
Portugal	0.47	0.643	14,438		14,438
Qatar	0.064	0.088	1,966		1,966
Republic of Korea	1.796	2.456	55,171	-2,544	52,627
Republic of Moldova	0.001	0.010	225		225
Romania	0.060	0.082	1,843	-85	1,758
Rwanda	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216

	United Nations scale of assessment 2004–2006	Scale for the Trust Fund with 22% ceiling and 0,01% base	Pledges for 2006 ¹	Adjustments new parties in 2005	Total due for 2006
Samoa	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Saudi Arabia	0.713	0.975	21,902	-1,010	20,892
Senegal	0.005	0.010	225	-9	216
Singapore	0.388	0.530	11,919		11,919
Slovenia	0.082	0.112	2,519	-116	2,403
South Africa	0.292	0.399	8,970	-414	8,556
Spain	2.520	3.445	77,411	-3,569	73,842
Sudan	0.008	0.011	246		246
Suriname	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Sweden	0.998	1.364	30,657	-1,414	29,243
Switzerland	1.197	1.637	36,770	-1,696	35,074
Syrian Arab Republic	0.038	0.052	1,167	-54	1,113
Thailand	0.209	0.286	6,420	-296	6,124
Togo	0.001	0.010	225	-9	216
Ukraine	0.039	0.053	1,198	-55	1,143
United Arab Emirates	0.235	0.321	7,219	-333	6,886
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	6.127	8.377	188,214	-8,679	179,535
United Republic of Tanzania	0.006	0.010	225	-9	216
Uruguay	0.048	0.066	1,474	-68	1,406
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.171	0.234	5,253		5,253
					0
Total	77	100	2,246,809	-90,898	2,155,911

¹ Contributions for 2006 are calculated based on the number of Parties as at 31 September 2005.

Source: United Nations General Assembly resolution 58/1 B.

* Not a United Nations member State and has no established rate of assessment on the United Nations scale of assessment. Rate similar to other small States is applied.

Total operational budget 2006	3,710,224
Less host country contribution	<u>(1,463,415)</u>
Total to be covered by assessed contributions	2,246,809

Host country contribution 1.2 million euros according to United Nations exchange rate (0.82) for September 2005

Table 3
Approved staffing table for 2006

Staff category and level		2006 budget
A.	Professional category	
	D-1	0.5
	P-5	2.0
	P-4	4.0
	P-3	5.0
	P-2	2.0
	Subtotal	13.5
B.	General service category	5.3
	Total (A + B)	18.8

FAO in-kind contribution of 0.25 of one D-1, one P-5, one P-3, and 0.25 administrative support
