



FIRST MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS ACCRUED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEW CONTRACTING PARTIES

INTRODUCTION

At the second session of the Meeting of the Parties it was agreed that each Party shall contribute to the budget as adopted in Resolution 2.7. Furthermore it was agreed that the contributions as laid down in Appendix to Resolution 2.7 shall be fixed till the next ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties.

During the discussion on the Budget proposal 2003-2005 it was agreed that additional funds accrued from contributions of new Parties that accede to the Agreement after the 1st of January 2003 could be used for a number of activities as listed at the end of the budget proposal.

As you are aware the number of Parties has grown since last MOP and this means that funds have been accrued for the activities as mentioned in the budget proposal. Besides an overview of the total amount available this document also contains a proposal regarding how to use these funds.

The members of the Standing Committee are requested to agree with the proposal drafted by the Secretariat regarding allocation of the funds accrued through contributions of new Contracting Parties.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEW PARTIES

Since MOP2 the number of Parties has grown from 33 to 43 as of 1-12-2003. The following four countries acceded before the 1st of January 2003: Equatorial Guinea, Lebanon, Israel and Ukraine. These four have been taken into account when determining the contributions for Contracting Parties for 2003-2005. Based on this Appendix II to Resolutions 2.7 has been revised. The final version is attached hereto as Annex 1.

After the 1st of January 2003 the following Range States became a Contracting Party to the Agreement: France, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Slovenia and Syria. In accordance to Appendix III paragraph 6 to Resolution 2.7 '*States that becomes a Party after the beginning of the financial period, the initial contribution (from the first day of the third month after deposit of the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until the end of the financial period) shall be determined pro rata based on the same level of the United Nations scale of assessments, as applies for that time*'. The latter has been used by the Secretariat as Terms of Reference to calculate the contribution for these six new Parties for 2003, 2004 and 2005. The outcome of this is presented in table 1

Table 1: Contributions of new Parties in US Dollars

New Contracting Party	Entry into force	2003	2004	2005
Hungary	01-03-2003	2,414	2,997	5,971
Ireland	01-08-2003	2,814	7,055	13,632
Syria	01-08-2003	773	1,920	3,709
Slovenia	01-10-2003	466	1,927	3,724
Luxembourg	01-12-2003	152	1,888	3,648
France	01-12-2003	7,231	89,777	173,455
Total		13,877	105,564	204,139

This means that for 2003 and 2004 respectively US \$ 13,877 and US \$ 105,664 is available to be used for additional activities.

PROPOSAL FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

The projects to be funded by extra income from contributions of New Parties that accede to the Agreement after 1 January 2003 where listed in Appendix I 'Budget estimates 2003-2005' to Resolution 2.7. In table 2 below these projects are mentioned.

Table 2: Project to be funded by extra income from contributions of New Parties that accede to the Agreement after 1 January 2003.

Budgetline	2003	2004	2005	Total
1222 Consultancies regarding research/ surveys	0	25,000	25,000	50,000
2202 Project (support to implementation of GEF project)	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000
2203 Development of International Species Action Plans (matching funds)	15,000	15,000	15,000	45,000
3304 Regional meetings	30,000	30,000	30,000	90,000
5202 Information material	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Subtotal	105,000	130,000	130,000	365,000
UNEP overhead 13 %	13,650	16,900	16,900	47,450
Grand Total	118,650	146,900	146,900	412,450
Income/ contributions of New Parties	118,650	146,900	146,900	412,450
Remaining cost to be shared by the Parties	0	0	0	0

By comparing Table 1 and Table 2 it becomes clear that the accession of new Parties is going slower than expected at the time the Budget proposal for MOP2 was drafted. This means that for 2003 the amount of extra income from contribution of new Parties will not be US \$ 118,650 but only US \$ 13,877. However the Secretariat doesn't expect any problems to accrue the total amount of US \$ 412,450 in this triennium, due to the fact that the figures given in Appendix I 'Budget Estimates 2003-2005' to Resolution 2.7 were not overestimated. Furthermore there is a very positive development regarding accession of Range States to

AEWA.

Taking into account that currently only an amount of US \$ 119, 541 (US \$ 13,877 (2003) + US \$ 105,664 (2004)) is available to be spent in 2003/ 2004 the Secretariat proposes to allocate these funds for 2004 for projects listed in table 3.

Table 3: Proposal for allocation of funds from contribution of new Parties in US Dollars

Project description:	2004
1222 Consultancies regarding research/ surveys	25,000
2230 Development of International Single Species Action Plans (matching funds)	30,000
3304 Regional meetings	30,000
5202 Information material	20,000
Subtotal	105,000
UNEP overhead 13 %	13,650
Grand Total	118,650
Income/ contributions	119, 541
Balance	(891)

The main difference between the proposed projects and the projects listed in Table 1 is that for the time being the Secretariat proposes not to allocate funds will to the support of the GEF project. Due to unforeseen problem the finalisation of the full size project brief has been delayed. Recently the project brief was submitted to the GEF Secretariat. The project brief will be reviewed by the GEF council during their upcoming meeting, which will take place from 19021 November 2003, Washington D.C., USA. It is expected that the project will be approved and that the implementation could probably start somewhere second half of next year. By that time more Parties have joined the Agreement and this will leverage additional funds. If this materialises the Secretariat proposes that the Standing Committee at its next meeting will take in consideration to re-allocate funds for this particular project as foreseen for 2003 and 2004 being US \$ 100,000 to 2005.

If agreement is reached in the Standing Committee on allocation of the funds accrued from contributions of new Parties that acceded to AEWA after the 1st of January 2003 the following steps will be taken by the Secretariat:

- 1) To inform UNON about the decision of the Standing Committee on the allocation of funds from contributions of new Parties;
- 2) To prepare a budget revision to include the allocated funds;
- 3) To submit concrete project proposals to the members of the Technical Committee for approval.
- 4) To contract out the projects.
- 5) To report back to the Standing Committee and the Technical Committee on progress made regarding the projects as listed in Table 3.

ANNEX 1:

AEWA CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2003-2005 IN US DOLLARS

Party	UN Scale (%)	AEWA in %	2003	2004	2005
Albania	0.0030	0.01861	73	76	147
Benin	0.0020	0.01241	49	51	98
Bulgaria	0.0130	0.08063	318	329	636
Congo	0.0010	0.00620	24	25	49
Croatia	0.0390	0.24190	954	987	1,907
Denmark	0.7490	4.64568	18,324	18,958	36,628
Egypt	0.0810	0.50240	1,982	2,050	3,961
Equatorial Guinea	0.0010	0.00620	24	25	49
Finland	0.5220	3.23771	12,770	13,212	25,527
Gambia	0.0010	0.00620	24	25	49
Georgia	0.0050	0.03101	122	127	244
Germany	9.7690	22.00000	86,774	89,777	173,455
Guinea	0.0030	0.01861	73	76	147
Israel	0.4150	2.57404	10,153	10,504	20,295
Lebanon	0.0120	0.07443	294	304	587
Jordan	0.0080	0.04962	196	202	391
Kenya	0.0080	0.04962	196	202	391
Mali	0.0020	0.01241	49	51	98
Mauritius	0.0110	0.06823	269	278	538
Moldova	0.0020	0.01241	49	51	98
Monaco	0.0040	0.02481	98	101	196
Netherlands	1.7380	10.77997	42,519	43,990	84,993
Niger	0.0010	0.00620	24	25	49
Romania	0.0580	0.35975	1,419	1,468	2,836
Senegal	0.0050	0.03101	122	127	244
Slovakia	0.0430	0.26671	1,052	1,088	2,103
Spain	2.5188	15.62289	61,621	63,753	123,176
South Africa	0.4080	2.53062	9,981	10,327	19,952
Sudan	0.0060	0.03722	147	152	293
Sweden	1.0268	6.36874	25,120	25,989	50,213
Switzerland	1.2740	7.90200	31,168	32,246	62,302
FYR Macedonia	0.0060	0.03722	147	152	293
Togo	0.0010	0.00620	24	25	49
Uganda	0.0040	0.02481	98	101	196
Ukraine	0.0530	0.32873	1,297	1,341	2,592
United Kingdom	5.5360	22.00000	86,774	89,777	173,455
United Republic of Tanzania	0.0040	0.02481	98	101	196
Total	24.3336	100.00	394,429	408,075	788,433