

Decision 23/COP.6

Programme and budget for the biennium 2004-2005

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraphs 3, 9 and 10 of the financial rules of the Conference of the Parties,^{1/}

Having considered the proposed programme and budget for the biennium 2004-2005 submitted by the Executive Secretary,^{2/} the report on the performance of the Convention's Trust Funds in the biennium 2002-2003,^{3/} the audit report of the Convention's Trust Funds for the biennium 2000-2001,^{4/} the report on the need for, feasibility of, modalities for and costs involved in the regional coordination units,^{5/} and the report on the status of the contributions to the Convention's Trust Funds in the biennium 2002-2003,^{6/}

Noting with appreciation the annual host Government's contribution of Euro 511,291.88, which offsets contributions from other Parties to the Convention,

Commending the secretariat on the results of the financial and management audit by the external auditors of the United Nations on the financial statements of the Convention,

Taking note of the progress made by the secretariat in negotiating for the additional funds from the programme support to finance administrative operations,

Taking note with appreciation of current and ongoing collaboration with other convention secretariats and with United Nations organizations located in Bonn on the provision of common services, on the strengthening of liaison arrangements and on enhancing synergies, aimed at, among other things, improving efficiency,

A. The core budget

1. *Approves* the core budget for the biennium 2004-2005, amounting to US\$ 17,049,000 for the purposes specified in table 1 below;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the annual contribution of the host Government of Euro 511,292, which offsets planned expenditures;
3. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions for 2004 and 2005 contained in the annex to this decision, adjusted so as to ensure that no Party contributes less than 0.001 per cent of the total, that no one contribution exceeds 22 per cent of the total and that no contribution from a least developed country exceeds 0.01 per cent of the total;

^{1/} Decision 2/COP.1.

^{2/} ICCD/COP(6)/2/Add.1 and Add.2.

^{3/} ICCD/COP(6)/2/Add.3 and Add.4.

^{4/} ICCD/COP(6)/2/Add.5.

^{5/} ICCD/COP(6)/2/Add.6.

^{6/} ICCD/COP(6)/2/Add.7.

4. *Approves* the staffing table for the core budget, as contained in tables 2 and 3 below;
5. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference servicing, amounting to US\$ 4,143,000 to be added to the programme budget for the coming biennium in the event that the General Assembly of the United Nations decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (see table 4 below);
6. *Notes* estimated additional costs of up to US\$ 919,600 (see table 5) which will be incurred in the event that the seventh session of the Conference of Parties (COP 7) is held in Bonn, and *decides* that, to the extent that offsetting voluntary contributions for this purpose do not reach this amount, the balance will be included in the contingency budget for conference servicing as set out in table 4 below;
7. *Requests* the General Assembly of the United Nations to include, in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2004-2005, the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for the biennium;
8. *Confirms* its authorization to the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the main appropriation lines 1 to 5 set out in table 1 below, up to an aggregate limit of 15 per cent of the total estimated expenditures for those appropriation lines, provided that a further limitation of up to minus 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply and requests the Executive Secretary to report to the COP on any such transfers;
9. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of the estimated expenditures, including overhead charges, of the core budget;
10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of rule 15 of the rules of procedure, to provide Parties with an *indication* of the administrative and budgetary implications of decisions submitted for consideration by the COP, as well as decisions referred by the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) and/or the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) for adoption by the COP, which may have administrative and budgetary implications that cannot be met from existing resources within the core budget;
11. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget are expected on or before 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 14 of the financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, and to pay promptly and in full, for each of the years 2004 and 2005, the contributions required to finance the expenditures approved under paragraph 1 above, as offset by the estimated contribution noted under the third paragraph of the preamble to this decision, and the additional costs which may result from the decision referred to in paragraph 4 above;
12. *Calls* upon Parties who have not done so to pay, as soon as possible, and in full, all outstanding contributions required for the core budget of the Convention and requests the Executive Secretary to publish and regularly update information on the UNCCD web site on the status of the contributions to the Convention's Trust Funds;

13. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, for the biennia 2002-2003 and 2004-2005, to draw on available cash resources from the core budget, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income to incur obligations and make payments for the purposes specified and up to the amounts in the approved core budget (see table 1), for exceptional reasons;
14. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to COP 7, through the Bureau of the sixth session of the COP where necessary, on the use of the authorization given in paragraph 13 above;
15. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in the proposed programme and budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and the performance reports for 2004-2005, to provide detailed tables and narrative of the implemented as well as the proposed expenditures, and resource requirements for each subsidiary body under the budget line for substantive support to the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies specified according to the actual Fund utilized, and to present a draft indicative scale of assessment;
16. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to include data in the budget presentation by programme and by object of expenditure, showing approved and actual expenditure for the prior biennium, the proposed expenditure for the next biennium prior to re-costing and the proposed expenditure following re-costing; and to show cost changes in US dollars and percentage terms between these categories, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to include explanations of the estimates and assumptions that were used to calculate the cost increases applied to all of the objects of expenditure;
17. *Decides* that a comprehensive review of the activities of the secretariat, as defined in article 23, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the relevant articles of the regional implementation annexes, and in the relevant decisions of the COP, will take place at COP 7;
18. *Decides* that, in order to assist the process referred to in paragraph 17 above, the Bureau of COP 6 is requested to develop terms of reference, by 1 June 2004, for the comprehensive review of the activities of the secretariat to be undertaken by the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations;
19. *Decides* further that the terms of reference referred to in paragraph 18 above, should be based on:
 - (a) the coherence and implementation of COP decisions relevant to the secretariat;
 - (b) the structural implications of the evolving role of the secretariat;
 - (c) the appropriate division of labour and responsibilities between the secretariat and the Global Mechanism; and
 - (d) how further improvements in the budget presentation could increase transparency and assist the COP in its deliberations thereon;
20. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to seek voluntary contributions to meet the costs associated with the implementation of paragraphs 17, 18 and 19 above;
21. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue negotiations for additional funds from programme support to finance administrative operations, in view of the additional tasks;

22. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to COP 7 on developments on current and ongoing collaboration with other convention secretariats and with United Nations organizations located in Bonn;

B. Supplementary Funds and the Special Fund

23. *Reiterates* its appreciation to the Government of Germany for its generous contribution of Euro 511,292 to the secretariat for Convention events organized by the secretariat;

24. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Supplementary Fund specified by the Executive Secretary in document ICCD/COP(6)/2/Add.2 (US\$14,874,300 for the biennium 2004-2005; see table 6 below) and invites Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to make contributions to this Fund, established under paragraph 9 of the financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, in order to:

(a) Support the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations from affected developing country Parties, particularly the least developed among them, in sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies, as well as their participation in UNCCD regional conferences or meetings;

(b) Facilitate assistance to developing country Parties in accordance with article 23, paragraph 2(c), and article 26, paragraph 7 of the Convention, as well as the relevant articles of the regional implementation annexes;

(c) Advance other appropriate purposes consistent with the objectives of the Convention;

25. *Further takes note* of the funding estimates for the Special Fund specified by the Executive Secretary in document ICCD/COP(6)/2/Add. 1 (US\$ 2,201,700 - US\$ 882,700 for CRIC 3 and US\$ 1,319,000 for COP 7) for the biennium 2004-2005 (see table 7 below), and invites Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to make contributions to this Fund, established under paragraph 10 of the financial rules of the Conference of the Parties, in order to support the participation of developing country Parties, and in particular least developed country Parties affected by desertification and/or drought, particularly those in Africa, in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;

26. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session on the status of the trust funds established under the financial rules.

Table 1. Resource requirements by programme
(Thousands of US dollars)

Programme description	Total			Total
	2002-2003	2004	2005	2004-2005
Executive direction and management	1,550	763	787	1,550
Substantive support to COP, its subsidiary bodies, and global issues	2,290	1,134	1,155	2,289
Facilitation of implementation and coordination	3,487	2,067	1,942	4,009
External relations and public information	1,030	438	462	900
Administration and finance	2,386	1,282	1,251	2,533
Subtotal UNCCD secretariat^{1/}	10,742	5,684	5,597	11,281
Global Mechanism	3,525	1,824	1,877	3,701
Total programmes	14,267	7,508	7,474	14,982
Overhead	1,855	976	972	1,948
Working capital reserve ^{2/}	113	119	-	119
Total resource requirements	16,234	8,603	8,446	17,049
Less: Contribution from host country Government ^{3/}	909	555	555	1,110
Net required as indicative contributions	15,325	8,048	7,891	15,939

^{1/} In making staff cost estimates, it has been assumed that termination costs associated with frozen posts will be approximately US\$ 400,000.

^{2/} The amount required to bring the working capital reserve up to 8.3 % of the total programmes cost plus overhead.

^{3/} Equivalent to Euro 1,022,584, based on the prevailing United Nations rate of exchange in September 2003 (EUR 1 = US\$ 1.085).

Table 2. Staffing requirements for the UNCCD secretariat^{1/}

	2003	2004	2005
A. Professional category and above			
ASG	1	1	1
D-1	2	2	2
P-5	10	10	10
P-4	8	8	8
P-3	5	5	5
P-2	4	4	4
Subtotal A	30	30	30
B. General Service category	13	13	13
Total (A + B)	43	43	43

^{1/} With a 5% increase, the secretariat will have to freeze at least 9 posts in the 2004-2005 biennium. Since the posts to be frozen are currently occupied, the secretariat will have to pay termination expenses, which include repatriation grants, travel expenses, removal of personal effects, payment of untaken annual leave, and at least one month's salary for each occupied post that is frozen.

Table 3. Staffing requirements for the Global Mechanism

	2002-2003 ^{1/}	2004 ^{2/}	2005 ^{2/}
A. Professional category and above			
D-2	1	1	1
D-1	1	1	1
P-5	4	4	4
P-4	1	1	1
P-3	2	2	2
Subtotal A	9	9	9
B. General Service category	5	5	5
Total (A + B)	14	14	14

^{1/} Posts as approved by decision 4/COP.5.

^{2/} Proposal for consideration by COP 6.

Table 4. Estimates for contingency for conference services
(in the event that the United Nations General Assembly decides not to include the sessions
of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies in its regular budget)
(Thousands of US dollars)

Object of expenditure	2004	2005	Total 2004-2005
Conference services	1,600.0	2,332.0	3,932.0
Overhead	82.0	129.0	211.0
Total resource requirements	1,682.0	2,461.0	4,143.0

Table 5. Operating costs of holding the seventh session of the COP in Bonn
(Thousands of US dollars)

Object of expenditure	Estimate for COP 7 2005
Logistic costs	740.0
Contingencies	74.0
Subtotal	814.0
Overhead	105.6
Total resource requirements	919.6

Table 6. Supplementary Fund: estimated resource requirements
(Thousands of US dollars)

	2004	2005	Total 2004-2005
Estimated resource requirements	7,186.4	5,976.7	13,163.1
Overhead	934.2	777.0	1,711.2
Total resource requirements	8,120.6	6,753.7	14,874.3

Table 7. Special Fund: estimated resource requirements
(Thousands of US dollars)

Object of expenditure	2004	2005 ^{1/}	Total 2004 - 2005
Travel of representatives and participants in meetings	790.0	1,167.0	1,957.0
Overhead	92.7	152.0	244.7
Total resource requirements	882.7	1,319.0	2,201.7

^{1/} This estimate is for CRIC 3 and COP 7 only; should any other meeting be planned for 2004 and/or 2005, this estimate has to be revised accordingly.

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Annex

Indicative Scale of Assessment for the Core Budget of the Convention for 2004-2005

	Parties ^{1/}	(*)	UN Scale 2003 (%)	Indicative scale of assessment for 2004 (%) ^{2/}	UN Scale 2003 (%)	Indicative scale of assessment for 2005 (%) ^{2/}
1	Afghanistan	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
2	Albania		0,003	0,003	0,003	0,003
3	Algeria		0,070	0,067	0,070	0,067
4	Andorra		0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
5	Angola	LDC	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
6	Antigua and Barbuda		0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
7	Argentina		0,969	0,927	0,969	0,927
8	Armenia		0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
9	Australia		1,627	1,556	1,627	1,556
10	Austria		0,947	0,906	0,947	0,906
11	Azerbaijan		0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
12	Bahamas		0,012	0,012	0,012	0,012
13	Bahrain		0,018	0,017	0,018	0,017
14	Bangladesh	LDC	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010
15	Barbados		0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009
16	Belarus		0,019	0,018	0,019	0,018
17	Belgium		1,129	1,080	1,129	1,080
18	Belize		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
19	Benin	LDC	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
20	Bhutan	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
21	Bolivia		0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina		0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
23	Botswana		0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010
24	Brazil		2,390	2,286	2,390	2,286
25	Brunei Darussalam		0,033	0,032	0,033	0,032
26	Bulgaria		0,013	0,013	0,013	0,013
27	Burkina Faso	LDC	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002

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28	Burundi	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
29	Cambodia	LDC	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
30	Cameroon		0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009
31	Canada		2,558	2,446	2,558	2,446
32	Cape Verde	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
33	Central African Republic	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
34	Chad	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
35	Chile		0,212	0,203	0,212	0,203
36	China		1,532	1,465	1,532	1,465
37	Colombia		0,201	0,192	0,201	0,192
38	Comoros	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
39	Cook Islands		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
40	Congo		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
41	Costa Rica		0,020	0,019	0,020	0,019
42	Cote d'Ivoire		0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009
43	Croatia		0,039	0,038	0,039	0,038
44	Cuba		0,030	0,029	0,030	0,029
45	Cyprus		0,038	0,037	0,038	0,037
46	Czech Republic		0,203	0,194	0,203	0,194
47	Democratic Republic of Congo	LDC	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
48	Denmark		0,749	0,716	0,749	0,716
49	Djibouti	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
50	Dominica		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
51	Dominican Republic		0,023	0,022	0,023	0,022
52	Ecuador		0,025	0,024	0,025	0,024
53	Egypt		0,081	0,077	0,081	0,077
54	El Salvador		0,018	0,017	0,018	0,017
55	Equatorial Guinea	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
56	Eritrea	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
57	Ethiopia	LDC	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004

	Parties ^{1/}	(*)	UN Scale 2003 (%)	Indicative scale of assessment for 2004 (%) ^{2/}	UN Scale 2003 (%)	Indicative scale of assessment for 2005 (%) ^{2/}
58	European Community		2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
59	Fiji		0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
60	Finland		0,522	0,500	0,522	0,500
61	France		6,466	6,185	6,466	6,185
62	Gabon		0,014	0,014	0,014	0,014
63	Gambia	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
64	Georgia		0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005
65	Germany		9,769	9,345	9,769	9,345
66	Ghana		0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005
67	Greece		0,539	0,515	0,539	0,515
68	Grenada		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
69	Guatemala		0,027	0,026	0,027	0,026
70	Guinea	LDC	0,003	0,003	0,003	0,003
71	Guinea-Bissau	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
72	Guyana		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
73	Haiti	LDC	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
74	Honduras		0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005
75	Hungary		0,120	0,115	0,120	0,115
76	Iceland		0,033	0,032	0,033	0,032
77	India		0,341	0,326	0,341	0,326
78	Indonesia		0,200	0,191	0,200	0,191
79	Iran, Islamic Republic of		0,272	0,260	0,272	0,260
80	Ireland		0,294	0,281	0,294	0,281
81	Israel		0,415	0,397	0,415	0,397
82	Italy		5,0648	4,844	5,0648	4,844
83	Jamaica		0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
84	Japan		19,5158	18,668	19,5158	18,668
85	Jordan		0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008
86	Kazakhstan		0,028	0,027	0,028	0,027
87	Kenya		0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008

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88	Kiribati	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
89	Kuwait		0,147	0,140	0,147	0,140
90	Kyrgyzstan		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
91	Latvia		0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010
92	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
93	Lebanon		0,012	0,012	0,012	0,012
94	Lesotho	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
95	Liberia	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
96	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		0,067	0,064	0,067	0,064
97	Liechtenstein		0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006
98	Lithuania		0,017	0,016	0,017	0,016
99	Luxembourg		0,080	0,076	0,080	0,076
100	Madagascar	LDC	0,003	0,003	0,003	0,003
101	Malawi	LDC	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
102	Malaysia		0,235	0,225	0,235	0,225
103	Maldives	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
104	Mali	LDC	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
105	Malta		0,015	0,015	0,015	0,015
106	Marshall Islands		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
107	Mauritania	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
108	Mauritius		0,011	0,011	0,011	0,011
109	Mexico		1,086	1,039	1,086	1,039
110	Micronesia, Federated States of		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
111	Monaco		0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
112	Mongolia		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
113	Morocco		0,044	0,043	0,044	0,043
114	Mozambique	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
115	Myanmar	LDC	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010
116	Namibia		0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007
117	Nauru		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001

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118	Nepal	LDC	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
119	Netherlands		1,738	1,663	1,738	1,663
120	New Zealand		0,241	0,231	0,241	0,231
121	Nicaragua		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
122	Niger	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
123	Nigeria		0,068	0,065	0,068	0,065
124	Niue		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
125	Norway		0,646	0,618	0,646	0,618
126	Oman		0,061	0,058	0,061	0,058
127	Pakistan		0,061	0,058	0,061	0,058
128	Palau		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
129	Panama		0,018	0,017	0,018	0,017
130	Papua New Guinea		0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006
131	Paraguay		0,016	0,015	0,016	0,015
132	Peru		0,118	0,113	0,118	0,113
133	Philippines		0,100	0,096	0,100	0,096
134	Poland		0,378	0,362	0,378	0,362
135	Portugal		0,462	0,442	0,462	0,442
136	Qatar		0,034	0,033	0,034	0,033
137	Republic of Korea		1,851	1,771	1,851	1,771
138	Republic of Moldova		0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
139	Romania		0,058	0,055	0,058	0,055
140	Russian Federation		1,200	1,148	1,200	1,148
141	Rwanda	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
142	Saint Kitts and Nevis		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
143	Saint Lucia		0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
144	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
145	Samoa	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
146	San Marino		0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
147	Sao Tome and Principe	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001

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148	Saudi Arabia		0,554	0,530	0,554	0,530
149	Senegal		0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005
150	Seychelles		0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
151	Sierra Leone	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
152	Singapore		0,393	0,376	0,393	0,376
153	Slovakia		0,043	0,042	0,043	0,042
154	Slovenia		0,081	0,077	0,081	0,077
155	Solomon Islands	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
156	Somalia	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
157	South Africa		0,408	0,391	0,408	0,391
158	Spain		2,519	2,409	2,519	2,409
159	Sri Lanka		0,016	0,015	0,016	0,015
160	Sudan	LDC	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006
161	Suriname		0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
162	Swaziland		0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
163	Sweden		1,027	0,982	1,027	0,982
164	Switzerland		1,274	1,219	1,274	1,219
165	Syrian Arab Republic		0,080	0,076	0,080	0,076
166	Tajikistan		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
167	Thailand		0,294	0,281	0,294	0,281
168	The FYR of Macedonia		0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006
169	Timor-Leste	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
170	Togo	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
171	Tonga		0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
172	Trinidad and Tobago		0,016	0,015	0,016	0,015
173	Tunisia		0,030	0,029	0,030	0,029
174	Turkey		0,440	0,420	0,440	0,420
175	Turkmenistan		0,003	0,003	0,003	0,003
176	Tuvalu	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
177	Uganda	LDC	0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005

	Parties ^{1/}	(*)	UN Scale 2003 (%)	Indicative scale of assessment for 2004 (%) ^{2/}	UN Scale 2003 (%)	Indicative scale of assessment for 2005 (%) ^{2/}
178	Ukraine		0,053	0,050	0,053	0,050
179	United Arab Emirates		0,202	0,193	0,202	0,193
180	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		5,536	5,296	5,536	5,296
181	United Republic of Tanzania	LDC	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004
182	United States of America ^{3/}		22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
183	Uruguay		0,080	0,076	0,080	0,076
184	Uzbekistan		0,011	0,011	0,011	0,011
185	Vanuatu	LDC	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
186	Venezuela		0,208	0,199	0,208	0,199
187	Viet Nam		0,016	0,015	0,016	0,015
188	Yemen	LDC	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006
189	Zambia	LDC	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002
190	Zimbabwe		0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008
	Total from Parties		103,414	100,000	103,414	100,000

^{1/} Actual Parties include states and regional economic integration that will become Parties as at 31 December 2003.

^{2/} In accordance with paragraph 12 (a) of the Financial Rules, indicative scale of assessment is based on United Nations Scale of assessments as contained in the General Assembly resolution A/RES/55/5 B-F of 23 December 2000 and A/RES/57/4 B of 29 January 2003.

^{3/} The United States of America views its funding to the core budget of the Convention as a voluntary contribution.

(*) Least Developed Countries.