

Decision 23/COP.7Programme and budget for the biennium 2006–2007

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraphs 3, 9 and 10 of the financial rules of the Conference of Parties (COP),¹

Expressing concern over the financial state of the Convention,

Noting with concern the results of the audit report of the Convention Trust Funds for the biennium 2002–2003, which contains a financial and management audit by the external auditors of the United Nations and the need for a complete management response to the report,

Noting that the secretariat has begun taking steps to implement the recommendations in the auditors' report,

Calling on the secretariat to address as a matter of extreme urgency the outstanding recommendations of the external auditors,

Welcoming the report of the JIU on the activities and operations of the secretariat and having considered the budgetary recommendations in it,

Noting with concern that expenditures in the biennium 2004–2005 are likely to exceed the budget authorized by decision 23/COP.6,

Mindful of the need to address the issue of fluctuations in the euro/United States dollar exchange rate in such a manner as to reduce the risk of exchange rate fluctuations,

Noting recommendation 16 of the JIU report, which asks the COP to consider adopting euro budgeting and a single currency system of assessment, the euro, beginning with the 2008–2009 biennium,

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, the strengthening of liaison arrangements and the enhancement of synergies aimed at, among other things, improving efficiency,

Agreeing that budget proposals must be presented in the most informative and transparent way possible,

¹ Decision 2/COP.1.

Noting the need to provide Parties with relevant information to allow considered priority setting, since the budget of the Convention, must adapt to changes in priorities and must be affordable to all Parties,

Noting that there is consensus for more effective implementation of the Convention on the ground, and that this requires concentration of resources on implementation,

Having considered the proposed programme and budget for the biennium 2006–2007 submitted by the Executive Secretary,² the report on the performance of the Convention Trust Funds in the biennium 2004–2005,³ the audit report of the Convention Trust Funds for the biennium 2002–2003,⁴ and the report on the status of contributions to the Convention Trust Funds in the biennium 2004–2005,⁵

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

A. Budget reform

1. Audit report and financial aspects of the Joint Inspection Unit report

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report within 90 days of the conclusion of COP 7 to the President of COP 7 on all actions taken and all further actions that he may consider necessary to implement all recommendations included in the audit report for the biennium 2002–2003, and to place his report on the UNCCD website;

2. *Notes* the relevant recommendations of the external auditors about procurement, travel, daily subsistence allowances and consultants costs in the biennium 2002–2003 and *requests* the Executive Secretary to take the additional measures necessary to address these recommendations, to ensure that the financial rules are fully respected in the future, and to report on this matter to the meetings of the Bureau and in the 2006–2007 performance report;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to implement the auditors' recommendation on internal audit capability in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, and, in this context, *authorizes* the co-financing of a shared internal auditor at an appropriate level, and *invites* the COP to the UNFCCC to consider such an arrangement;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to seek guidance from the United Nations on the appropriate accounting for end-of-service and post-retirement benefits and to report to COP 8 on this issue;

5. *Reconfirms* that decisions which affect the overall level of the core budget can only be taken by the COP, where all Parties are represented, by consensus, in accordance with financial rule 4;

² ICCD/COP(7)/2/Add.1 and Add.2.

³ ICCD/COP(7)/2/Add.3 and Add.4.

⁴ ICCD/COP(7)/2/Add.5.

⁵ ICCD/COP(7)/2/Add.6.

6. *Decides* not to accept the auditors' recommendation on minimum indicative contributions in the light of decision 6/COP.2;
7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide a detailed management response on the reports of the United Nations external auditors to the COP;
8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare, seeking assistance, as necessary, a report for the COP at its eighth session on the implications of results-based planning, programming and budgeting;

2. Action on the 2004–2005 overspend

9. *Notes* that the Executive Secretary may request an extraordinary session of the COP if faced with unforeseen budgetary difficulties;
10. *Notes* that when required and authorized by the financial rules, the Executive Secretary should draw on reserves for funding both the secretariat and the GM;
11. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent for the Convention or any other international instrument, to draw up to US\$ 1.5 million from unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income to cover over-expenditures on contractual commitments for staff costs and, to the extent strictly necessary, unavoidable recurring operating expenses, in headings 1 to 6 of the budget for the biennium 2004–2005;

3. Measures to deal with currency fluctuations

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to determine with the assistance of United Nations Headquarters and United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) the costs of any changes to the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) accounting system and any other related costs to account for the activities of the secretariat in euros, and to report back to the President of COP 7 regarding the costs necessary to implement such changes;
13. *Decides* to introduce the euro as the budget and accounting currency from 2008–2009, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to report on all necessary changes in the programme and budget document for COP 8;
14. Consequently *authorizes* the Executive Secretary to notify UNOG that until 31 December 2007 contributions received in euros and any interest thereon should be treated as euro assets of the secretariat and accounted for as such; while contributions received in United States dollars and interest thereon should be treated as United States dollar assets of the secretariat and accounted for as such;

4. Budget presentation

15. *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 at the time the documents elaborating the agenda items are circulated, as well as of decisions referred by the CST and/or the CRIC for adoption by the COP, which may have administrative and budgetary implications that cannot be met from existing resources within the core budget;

16. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare the proposed budget in the programme and budget documents for future COPs in full accordance with financial rule 3;

17. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to include data in the budget presentation by programme and by object of expenditure, showing:

(a) approved and projected expenditures for 2006–2007 and approved and actual expenditures for prior biennia;

(b) the proposed expenditures for 2008–2009 prior to re-costing;

(c) the proposed expenditures for 2008–2009 following re-costing; and

(d) cost changes in United States dollars and euros and in 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 each object of expenditure;

18. *Notes* the need to facilitate priority-setting by providing Parties with timely information on the financial consequences of different options. To this end, *requests* the Executive Secretary to include in addition to the proposed budget for the biennium 2008–2009 two alternative scenarios maintaining the core budget at the 2006–2007 level at 0 per cent nominal growth and 0 per cent real growth in both United States dollars and euros;

B. The core budget

19. *Approves* the core budget for the biennium 2006–2007, amounting to US\$ 16,705,000 (EUR 14,283,000 at the prevailing official United Nations rate of exchange at the date at which the Parties are first notified of their contributions for 2006, i.e. 21 November 2005, as stated in paragraph 31 below) for the purposes specified in table 1 below;

20. *Notes* with appreciation the annual contribution of the host Government of EUR 511,292, which offsets planned expenditures;

21. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions for 2006 and 2007 contained in the annex to this decision with the percentages as adjusted in previous COP decisions;

22. *Approves* the staffing tables for the core budget, as contained in tables 2 and 3 below;
23. *Notes* that the operations of the secretariat and the GM must be managed on the basis of the amount of the approved biennium core budget in paragraph 19, and that this takes precedence over all other tables or figures in the budget decision, unless amended by the COP;
24. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference servicing, amounting to US\$ 5,334,000 (EUR 4,350,000) 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 2006–2007 (table 4 below);
25. *Notes* estimated additional costs of up to US\$ 1,808,000 (EUR 1,391,000) (table 5) which will be incurred in the event that the eighth session of the COP 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;
26. *Requests* the General Assembly of the United Nations to include, in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2006-2007, the sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for the biennium;
27. *Confirms* its authorization to the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the main appropriation lines 1 - 6 as 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 1 - 6 shall apply, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the COP on any such transfers;
28. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of the annual estimated expenditures, including overhead charges, of the amount of the core budget;
29. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, for the biennium 2006–2007, 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 up to the amounts in the approved core budget (table 1), for exceptional reasons;
30. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to give priority in allocating the budget to implementing decisions agreed to by Parties at COP 7, arrangements for sessions of COP and its subsidiary bodies, and facilitation of requests for assistance from affected developing country Parties in the compilation and communication of information required under the Convention;
31. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to notify Parties of their contributions for 2006 by 21 November 2005, and for 2007 by 1 October 2006 to encourage early payment;

32. *Requests* the Executive Secretary in the possible context of inadequate reserves to consult with the Bureau of the COP on any adjustments which may be necessary in the programme of work as foreseen in the core budget for the biennium 2006–2007, in the event that sufficient resources are not available to the secretariat in a timely fashion from the approved budget;

33. *Commends* the Executive Secretary on the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding with UNOG on the use of funds from Programme Support to finance administrative operations and requests the Executive Secretary to keep this matter under review;

34. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to COP 8 on developments on current and ongoing management collaboration with other Convention secretariats and with United Nations organizations located in Bonn;

35. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to proceed with the move of the physical location of the secretariat to the United Nations campus facilities in Bonn in 2006, provided that this move, in itself, does not result in additional costs to the core budget of the secretariat and that the Premises Agreement between the United Nations and Germany for the new United Nations campus has been successfully concluded;

C. The Supplementary Fund and the Special Fund

36. *Reiterates* its appreciation to the Government of Germany for its generous contribution through the Bonn Fund of EUR 511,292 to the secretariat for Convention events organized by the secretariat;

37. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Supplementary Fund specified by the Executive Secretary in table 6 of US\$ 20,652,900 for the biennium 2006–2007; and *invites* Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, intergovernmental organizations, and NGOs, to make contributions to this Fund, established under paragraph 9 of the financial rules, in order to:

(a) Support the participation of representatives of NGOs from affected developing country Parties, particularly the least developed among them, in sessions of the COP 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;

38. *Further takes note* of the funding estimates for the Special Fund specified by the Executive Secretary in table 7 of US\$ 2,929,000 (EUR 2,254,000), US\$ 1,412,500 (EUR 1,087,000) for CRIC 5 and US\$ 1,516,500 (EUR 1,167,000) for COP 8 for the biennium 2006–2007; and *invites* Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, intergovernmental organizations, and NGOs, to make contributions to this Fund, established under paragraph 10 of

the financial rules, 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 COP and its subsidiary bodies;

39. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the COP at its eighth session on the status of the trust funds established under the financial rules.

Table 1. Resource requirements by programme
(amounts in thousands)

Programmes	Total			Total
	2004-2005	2006	2007	2006-2007
Executive direction and management	1,550	841	909	1,750
Substantive support to COP, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues	2,289	535	566	1,101
Science and technology	-	360	375	735
Facilitation of implementation and coordination	4,009	2,250	2,242	4,492
External relations and public information	900	632	642	1,274
Administration and finance	2,533	1,332	1,261	2,593
Subtotal secretariat	11,281	5,950	5,995	11,945
Global Mechanism	3,701	1,915	1,971	3,886
Total programmes	14,982	7,865	7,966	15,831
Overhead	1,948	1,023	1,035	2,058
Working capital reserve ¹	119	-	12	12
Total resource requirements	17,049	8,888	9,013	17,901
Less: Contribution from host country Government ²	1,110	598	598	1,196
Net required as indicative contributions	15,939	8,290	8,415	16,705

¹ The amount required to bring the working capital reserve up to 8.3 per cent of the total annual programmes cost plus overhead.

² Equivalent to EUR 1,022,584, at the prevailing official United Nations rate of exchange at the date at which the Parties are first notified of their contributions for 2006, i.e. 21 November 2005, as stated in paragraph 31 above.

Table 2. Staffing requirements for the secretariat

	2005 ¹	2006 ²	2007 ²
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

¹During 2005 five core budget posts were left vacant.

²In 2006 there will not be sufficient funding to fill approximately 13 posts.

Table 3. Staffing requirements for the Global Mechanism

	2004-2005 ¹	2006	2007
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

¹Posts as approved by decision 23/COP(6).

Table 4. Estimates for contingency for conference services
(in the event that the General Assembly decides not to include the sessions
of the COP and its subsidiary bodies in its regular budget)
(amounts in thousands)

Object of expenditure	2006		2007		Total 2006-2007	
	US\$	EUR	US\$	EUR	US\$	EUR
Conference services	1,920	1,570	2,800	2,280	4,720	3,850
Overhead	250	204	364	296	614	500
Total resource requirements	2,170	1,774	3,164	2,576	5,334	4,350

Table 5. Operating costs of holding the eighth session of the COP in Bonn
(amounts in thousands)

Object of expenditure	Estimate for COP 8 (2007)	
	US\$	EUR
Logistic costs	1,454	1,119
Contingencies	146	112
Subtotal	1,600	1,231
Overhead	208	160
Total resource requirements	1,808	1,391

Table 6. Summary of Supplementary Fund estimated resource requirements by programme
(amounts in thousands)

Programme/expenditure items	Total US\$
Substantive support to the COP, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues	930.0
Science and technology	3,823.7
Facilitation of implementation	9,785.0
External relations and public information	3,738.2
Subtotal programmes	18,276.9
Overhead	2,376.0
Total resource requirements	20,652.9

Table 7. Special Fund estimated resource requirements
(amounts in thousands)

Object of expenditure	2006-2007	
	US\$	EUR
<i>Exchange rate used</i>		1,2994
Travel of representatives and participants in meetings		
CRIC 5	1,250	962
COP 7	1,342	1,033
Overhead	337	259
Total resource requirements	2,929	2,254

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Annex

INDICATIVE SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CORE BUDGET FOR 2006 AND 2007

	Parties to the UNCCD 1/	(*)	United Nations scale (%)	Indicative scale of assessment 2006-07 (%) 2/	Balance brought forward from previous years		Assessed 2006 contribution		Assessed 2007 contribution		Total amount payable in 2006-2007 (D=A+B+C) US\$
					(A) US\$	(B) US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	
1	Afghanistan	LDC	0.002	0.002	50	166	142	168	144	144	384
2	Albania		0.005	0.005		415	354	421	360	360	835
3	Algeria		0.076	0.073		6,052	5,174	6,143	5,252	5,252	12,195
4	Andorra		0.005	0.005		415	354	421	360	360	835
5	Angola	LDC	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	72	167
6	Antigua and Barbuda		0.003	0.003	30	249	213	252	216	216	531
7	Argentina		0.956	0.926	304,611	76,765	65,635	77,923	66,626	66,626	459,299
8	Armenia		0.002	0.002		166	142	168	144	144	334
9	Australia		1.592	1.542		127,832	109,297	129,759	110,947	110,947	257,591
10	Austria		0.859	0.831	25	68,890	58,901	69,929	59,790	59,790	138,844
11	Azerbaijan		0.005	0.005	320	415	354	421	360	360	1,155
12	Bahamas		0.013	0.013		1,078	921	1,094	935	935	2,172
13	Bahrain		0.030	0.029		2,404	2,056	2,440	2,087	2,087	4,844
14	Bangladesh	LDC	0.010	0.010		829	709	842	720	720	1,671
15	Barbados		0.010	0.010		829	709	842	720	720	1,671
16	Belarus		0.018	0.018		1,492	1,276	1,515	1,295	1,295	3,007
17	Belgium		1.069	1.035	85,220	85,802	73,361	87,095	74,468	74,468	258,117
18	Belize		0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	72	167
19	Benin	LDC	0.002	0.002		166	142	168	144	144	334
20	Bhutan	LDC	0.001	0.001	80	83	71	84	72	72	247
21	Bolivia		0.009	0.009	2,490	746	638	757	648	648	3,993
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina		0.003	0.003		249	213	252	216	216	501
23	Botswana		0.012	0.012		995	851	1,010	863	863	2,005
24	Brazil		1.523	1.474	364,370	122,195	104,477	124,037	106,054	106,054	610,602
25	Brunei Darussalam		0.034	0.033	2,530	2,736	2,339	2,777	2,374	2,374	8,043

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						US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	
26	Bulgaria		0.017	0.017		1,409	1,205	1,431	1,223	2,840
27	Burkina Faso	LDC	0.002	0.002		166	142	168	144	334
28	Burundi	LDC	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	167
29	Cambodia	LDC	0.002	0.002	160	166	142	168	144	494
30	Cameroon		0.008	0.008	1,440	663	567	673	576	2,777
31	Canada		2.813	2.723	874	225,737	193,006	229,140	195,920	455,751
32	Cape Verde	LDC	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	167
33	Central African Republic	LDC	0.001	0.001	262	83	71	84	72	429
34	Chad	LDC	0.001	0.001	240	83	71	84	72	407
35	Chile		0.223	0.216		17,906	15,310	18,176	15,541	36,083
36	China		2.053	1.988	40	164,805	140,909	167,290	143,037	332,135
37	Colombia		0.155	0.150	45,190	12,435	10,632	12,623	10,793	70,248
38	Comoros	LDC	0.001	0.001	14	83	71	84	72	181
39	Cook Islands		0.001	0.001	390	83	71	84	72	557
40	Congo		0.001	0.001	160	83	71	84	72	327
41	Costa Rica		0.030	0.029	3,465	2,404	2,056	2,440	2,087	8,309
42	Cote d'Ivoire		0.010	0.010	32	829	709	842	720	1,703
43	Croatia		0.037	0.036		2,984	2,552	3,029	2,590	6,014
44	Cuba		0.043	0.042	42	3,482	2,977	3,534	3,022	7,058
45	Cyprus		0.039	0.038	4,090	3,150	2,693	3,198	2,734	10,438
46	Czech Republic		0.183	0.178		14,756	12,617	14,979	12,807	29,735
47	Democratic Republic of the Congo	LDC	0.003	0.003		249	213	252	216	501
48	Democratic People's Republic of Korea		0.010	0.010	405	829	709	842	720	2,076
49	Denmark		0.718	0.695	55	57,616	49,262	58,484	50,005	116,155
50	Djibouti	LDC	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	167

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					US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	
51	Dominica		0.001	0.001	320	83	71	84	72	487	
52	Dominican Republic		0.035	0.034	271	2,819	2,410	2,861	2,446	5,950	
53	Ecuador		0.019	0.019	1,890	1,575	1,347	1,599	1,367	5,064	
54	Egypt		0.120	0.116	18,180	9,616	8,222	9,761	8,346	37,558	
55	El Salvador		0.022	0.021	1,340	1,741	1,488	1,767	1,511	4,848	
56	Equatorial Guinea	LDC	0.002	0.002	260	166	142	168	144	594	
57	Eritrea	LDC	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	167	
58	Ethiopia	LDC	0.004	0.004		332	284	337	288	668	
59	European Community		2.500	2.500		207,250	177,200	210,375	179,875	417,625	
60	Fiji		0.004	0.004		332	284	337	288	668	
61	Finland		0.533	0.516	25	42,776	36,574	43,421	37,126	86,223	
62	France		6.030	5.839		484,053	413,868	491,352	420,116	975,405	
63	Gabon		0.009	0.009	2,230	746	638	757	648	3,733	
64	Gambia	LDC	0.001	0.001	160	83	71	84	72	327	
65	Georgia		0.003	0.003	2,750	249	213	252	216	3,251	
66	Germany		8.662	8.388		695,365	594,541	705,850	603,517	1,401,215	
67	Ghana		0.004	0.004	390	332	284	337	288	1,058	
68	Greece		0.530	0.513		42,528	36,361	43,169	36,910	85,697	
69	Grenada		0.001	0.001	80	83	71	84	72	247	
70	Guatemala		0.030	0.029		2,404	2,056	2,440	2,087	4,844	
71	Guinea	LDC	0.003	0.003		249	213	252	216	501	
72	Guinea-Bissau	LDC	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	167	
73	Guyana		0.001	0.001	160	83	71	84	72	327	
74	Haiti	LDC	0.003	0.003	320	249	213	252	216	821	
75	Honduras		0.005	0.005	390	415	354	421	360	1,225	

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					(A) US\$	(B) US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	(C) US\$	EUR 4/	
76	Hungary		0.126	0.122	24	10,114	8,647	10,266	8,778	20,404	
77	Iceland		0.034	0.033	21	2,736	2,339	2,777	2,374	5,534	
78	India		0.421	0.408	20	33,823	28,919	34,333	29,356	68,176	
79	Indonesia		0.142	0.138		11,440	9,781	11,613	9,929	23,053	
80	Iran (Islamic Republic of)		0.157	0.152	20,392	12,601	10,774	12,791	10,936	45,784	
81	Ireland		0.350	0.339	22,195	28,103	24,028	28,527	24,391	78,825	
82	Israel		0.467	0.452		37,471	32,038	38,036	32,521	75,507	
83	Italy		4.8850	4.730		392,117	335,262	398,030	340,324	790,147	
84	Jamaica		0.008	0.008	11	663	567	673	576	1,347	
85	Japan		19.4680	18.850		1,562,665	1,336,088	1,586,228	1,356,258	3,148,893	
86	Jordan		0.011	0.011	54	912	780	926	791	1,892	
87	Kazakhstan		0.025	0.024	18	1,990	1,701	2,020	1,727	4,027	
88	Kenya		0.009	0.009		746	638	757	648	1,503	
89	Kiribati	LDC	0.001	0.001	100	83	71	84	72	267	
90	Kuwait		0.162	0.157	11,050	13,015	11,128	13,212	11,296	37,277	
91	Kyrgyzstan		0.001	0.001	1,275	83	71	84	72	1,442	
92	Latvia		0.015	0.015		1,244	1,063	1,262	1,079	2,506	
93	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LDC	0.001	0.001	190	83	71	84	72	357	
94	Lebanon		0.024	0.023	1,000	1,907	1,630	1,935	1,655	4,842	
95	Lesotho	LDC	0.001	0.001	25	83	71	84	72	192	
96	Liberia	LDC	0.001	0.001	730	83	71	84	72	897	
97	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		0.132	0.128	2,411	10,611	9,073	10,771	9,210	23,793	
98	Liechtenstein		0.005	0.005		415	354	421	360	835	
99	Lithuania		0.024	0.023	21	1,907	1,630	1,935	1,655	3,863	
100	Luxembourg		0.077	0.074	6,000	6,135	5,245	6,227	5,324	18,362	

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				US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	
101	Madagascar	LDC 0.003	0.003			249	213	252	216	501
102	Malawi	LDC 0.001	0.001	160		83	71	84	72	327
103	Malaysia	0.203	0.196	17,750		16,248	13,892	16,493	14,102	50,492
104	Maldives	LDC 0.001	0.001	240		83	71	84	72	407
105	Mali	LDC 0.002	0.002	28		166	142	168	144	362
106	Malta	0.014	0.014			1,161	992	1,178	1,007	2,339
107	Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	80		83	71	84	72	247
108	Mauritania	LDC 0.001	0.001			83	71	84	72	167
109	Mauritius	0.011	0.011			912	780	926	791	1,838
110	Mexico	1.883	1.824	8,830		151,210	129,285	153,490	131,237	313,529
111	Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001	160		83	71	84	72	327
112	Monaco	0.003	0.003	20		249	213	252	216	521
113	Mongolia	0.001	0.001	80		83	71	84	72	247
114	Morocco	0.047	0.046	305		3,813	3,260	3,871	3,310	7,990
115	Mozambique	LDC 0.001	0.001	92		83	71	84	72	259
116	Myanmar	LDC 0.010	0.010	26		829	709	842	720	1,696
117	Namibia	0.006	0.006			497	425	505	432	1,002
118	Nauru	0.001	0.001	80		83	71	84	72	247
119	Nepal	LDC 0.004	0.004	640		332	284	337	288	1,308
120	Netherlands	1.690	1.636			135,624	115,960	137,669	117,710	273,294
121	New Zealand	0.221	0.214			17,741	15,168	18,008	15,397	35,749
122	Nicaragua	0.001	0.001	320		83	71	84	72	487
123	Niger	LDC 0.001	0.001			83	71	84	72	167
124	Nigeria	0.042	0.041	23,780		3,399	2,906	3,450	2,950	30,629
125	Niue	0.001	0.001	80		83	71	84	72	247

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					US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	
126	Norway		0.679	0.658	25	54,548	46,639	55,371	47,343	109,944	
127	Oman		0.070	0.067		5,554	4,749	5,638	4,821	11,192	
128	Pakistan		0.055	0.054		4,477	3,828	4,544	3,885	9,021	
129	Palau		0.001	0.001	110	83	71	84	72	277	
130	Panama		0.019	0.019	3,210	1,575	1,347	1,599	1,367	6,384	
131	Papua New Guinea		0.003	0.003		249	213	252	216	501	
132	Paraguay		0.012	0.012	8,210	995	851	1,010	863	10,215	
133	Peru		0.092	0.089	49,800	7,378	6,308	7,489	6,404	64,667	
134	Philippines		0.095	0.092	5,109	7,627	6,521	7,742	6,619	20,478	
135	Poland		0.461	0.446		36,973	31,612	37,531	32,090	74,504	
136	Portugal		0.470	0.455		37,720	32,250	38,288	32,737	76,008	
137	Qatar		0.064	0.062		5,140	4,395	5,217	4,461	10,357	
138	Republic of Korea		1.796	1.739	1,190	144,163	123,260	146,337	125,121	291,690	
139	Republic of Moldova		0.001	0.001	160	83	71	84	72	327	
140	Romania		0.060	0.059		4,891	4,182	4,965	4,245	9,856	
141	Russian Federation		1.100	1.066		88,371	75,558	89,704	76,699	178,075	
142	Rwanda	LDC	0.001	0.001	77	83	71	84	72	244	
143	Saint Kitts and Nevis		0.001	0.001	80	83	71	84	72	247	
144	Saint Lucia		0.002	0.002	870	166	142	168	144	1,204	
145	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		0.001	0.001	180	83	71	84	72	347	
146	Samoa	LDC	0.001	0.001	25	83	71	84	72	192	
147	San Marino		0.003	0.003	160	249	213	252	216	661	
148	Sao Tome and Principe	LDC	0.001	0.001	10	83	71	84	72	177	
149	Saudi Arabia		0.713	0.691		57,284	48,978	58,148	49,717	115,432	
150	Senegal		0.005	0.005		415	354	421	360	835	

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				(A)		(B)		(C)		
				US\$	US\$	US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	
151	Seychelles	0.002	0.002	180	166	142	168	144	514	
152	Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001	80	83	71	84	72	247	
153	Singapore	0.388	0.376		31,170	26,651	31,640	27,053	62,811	
154	Slovakia	0.051	0.050		4,145	3,544	4,208	3,598	8,353	
155	Slovenia	0.082	0.079		6,549	5,600	6,648	5,684	13,197	
156	Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001	500	83	71	84	72	667	
157	Somalia	0.001	0.001	240	83	71	84	72	407	
158	South Africa	0.292	0.283		23,461	20,059	23,814	20,362	47,275	
159	Spain	2.520	2.440		202,276	172,947	205,326	175,558	407,602	
160	Sri Lanka	0.017	0.017	270	1,409	1,205	1,431	1,223	3,110	
161	Sudan	0.008	0.008		663	567	673	576	1,336	
162	Suriname	0.001	0.001	890	83	71	84	72	1,057	
163	Swaziland	0.002	0.002		166	142	168	144	334	
164	Sweden	0.998	0.966		80,081	68,470	81,289	69,504	161,370	
165	Switzerland	1.197	1.159		96,081	82,150	97,530	83,390	193,611	
166	Syrian Arab Republic	0.038	0.037	19	3,067	2,623	3,114	2,662	6,199	
167	Tajikistan	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	167	
168	Thailand	0.209	0.202		16,746	14,318	16,998	14,534	33,744	
169	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.006	0.006	1,418	497	425	505	432	2,420	
170	Timor-Leste	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	167	
171	Togo	0.001	0.001		83	71	84	72	167	
172	Tonga	0.001	0.001	80	83	71	84	72	247	
173	Trinidad and Tobago	0.022	0.021		1,741	1,488	1,767	1,511	3,508	
174	Tunisia	0.032	0.031		2,570	2,197	2,609	2,230	5,179	
175	Turkey	0.372	0.360		29,844	25,517	30,294	25,902	60,138	

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					US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	US\$	EUR 4/	
176	Turkmenistan		0.005	0.005	480	354	415	360	421	360	1,315
177	Tuvalu	LDC	0.001	0.001	10	71	83	72	84	72	177
178	Uganda	LDC	0.006	0.006	815	425	497	432	505	432	1,817
179	Ukraine		0.039	0.038	12,210	2,693	3,150	2,734	3,198	2,734	18,558
180	United Arab Emirates		0.235	0.227	42	16,090	18,818	16,333	19,102	16,333	37,962
181	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		6.127	5.933		420,531	491,846	426,879	499,262	426,879	991,108
182	United Republic of Tanzania	LDC	0.006	0.006		425	497	432	505	432	1,002
183	United States of America 3/		22.000	22.000	800,050	1,559,360	1,823,800	1,582,900	1,851,300	1,582,900	4,475,150
184	Uruguay		0.048	0.047	35,460	3,331	3,896	3,382	3,955	3,382	43,311
185	Uzbekistan		0.014	0.014		992	1,161	1,007	1,178	1,007	2,339
186	Vanuatu	LDC	0.001	0.001	100	71	83	72	84	72	267
187	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		0.171	0.166	15,700	11,766	13,761	11,944	13,969	11,944	43,430
188	Viet Nam		0.021	0.020	1,015	1,418	1,658	1,439	1,683	1,439	4,356
189	Yemen	LDC	0.006	0.006	495	425	497	432	505	432	1,497
190	Zambia	LDC	0.002	0.002		142	166	144	168	144	334
191	Zimbabwe		0.007	0.007	1,270	496	580	504	589	504	2,439
	Total from Parties		102.455	100.000	1,904,098	7,088,000	8,290,000	7,195,000	8,415,000	7,195,000	18,609,098

1/ Actual Parties include states and regional economic integrations that will become Parties as of 30 September 2005.

2/ In accordance with paragraph 12 (a) of the financial rules, indicative scale of assessment is based on the United Nations scale of assessments as contained in the General Assembly resolution A/RES/58/1 B of 3 March 2004.

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

4/ Based on the prevailing official United Nations rate of exchange at the date at which the Parties are first notified of their contributions for 2006, i.e. 21 November 2005, as stated in paragraph 31 above.

*/ Least developed countries.