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Summary

This document presents an overview of the proposed programme budget of the Convention for the biennium 2010–2011. In addition to presenting a summary of the required human and financial resources, it outlines the approach and components of the budget, taking into account that this is the first Convention budget that is prepared following results-based management and budgeting principles, and that responds to the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy), which was adopted by Parties at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties.

The budget proposal for 2010–2011 consists of this document and its four addenda that contain the draft costed two-year work programmes of the Convention bodies and institutions. They should be read in conjunction with document ICCD/COP(9)/6 and its addenda that present the financial performance of the Convention; and document ICCD/CRIC(8)/2 and its addenda that contain the multi-year workplans of the Convention bodies and institutions as well as the joint work programme of the Global Mechanism and the secretariat.

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I. Introduction

A. Mandate

1. Rule 10 (d) of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP)¹ provides that the provisional agenda for each ordinary session of the COP shall include, as appropriate, the proposed budget as well as all questions pertaining to the accounts and financial arrangements. Accordingly, this document and its addenda contain a proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011.

B. Scope of the note

2. This document presents an overview of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011. In addition to presenting a summary of the required human and financial resources, it outlines the approach and components of the budget, as that this is the first Convention budget that has been prepared following results-based management and budgeting principles, and that responds to the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy), which was adopted by Parties at the eighth session of the COP (COP 8).

3. The budget proposal for 2010–2011 consists of this document and its four addenda that contain the draft costed two-year work programmes of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST), the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC), the Global Mechanism (GM) and the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). They should be read in conjunction with document ICCD/COP(9)/6 and its addenda that present the financial performance of the Convention; and document ICCD/CRIC(8)2 and its addenda that contain the multi-year workplans of the Convention institutions and bodies as well as the joint work programme of GM and the secretariat.

II. Building the budget

A. Background

4. Through the adoption of The Strategy, Parties guided the Convention process towards a more focused and results-oriented approach, involving a review of the policy orientation as well as the functioning of the Convention institutions and bodies. Related COP decisions have influenced also the planning and presentation of the Convention budget.

5. In decision 3/COP.8, Parties stated that planning and budget cycles would involve the drafting of multi-year (four-year) workplans for CRIC, CST, GM and the secretariat according to results-based management (RBM) principles. These workplans would be presented to the COP for adoption, and updated for each COP to cover two subsequent intersessional periods. In addition, biennial costed work programmes would be prepared for the above-mentioned

¹ ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1, decision 1/COP.1.

Convention institutions and bodies. The secretariat would prepare the budget, integrating the costed two-year work programmes.

6. During the biennium 2008–2009, which for the Convention institutions and bodies represented a transition phase to results-based management, the planning of work was carried out in line with the guidance of the Parties: multi-year workplans for 2008–2011 and costed two-year work programmes for 2008–2009 were drafted as pilot exercises, following a RBM approach, for CRIC, CST, GM and the secretariat. These documents were presented to Parties at CRIC 7, and on the basis of the feedback received, the methodological approach as well as the substantive orientation were revised. After CRIC 7, the budgetary aspects of RBM were also integrated into the planning process. Following the thus advanced RBM approach, the workplans for 2010–2013 and corresponding costed work programmes for 2010–2011 of CRIC, CST, GM and the secretariat are submitted to the COP at its ninth session (COP 9). In addition, a two-year joint work programme (JWP) for GM and the secretariat is submitted.

7. In addition to its programmatic content expressing responsiveness to The Strategy, a significant new element of the Convention budget is the introduction of the euro as the accounting currency for 2010–2011, as decided by Parties in decision 1/COP.ES-1.

B. Results-based budgeting

8. Results-based budgeting (RBB) may be regarded as the operational and financial dimension of results-based management. It links the programme delivery with resource availability, and provides a framework for credible performance evaluation at the end of a budget period. The essence of RBM is to ensure that priorities are identified, and then funded.

9. The RBM planning documents are the basis of the budget. The multi-year workplans of CST, CRIC, GM and the secretariat present the strategic orientation of work to be carried out, which is complemented by the corresponding two-year costed work programmes that detail the programme delivery and related costs. The resource requirements of JWP are integrated into the work programmes of GM and the secretariat.

1. Terminology

10. The UNCCD results-based approach utilizes a number of key concepts that are presented below.

(a) **Objectives:** an objective is what UNCCD, the Parties, bodies and institutions, intend to accomplish within a specified period of time. Under The Strategy, two sets of objectives are defined: the strategic objectives that remain until 2018, and the operational objectives that are meant for the short and medium term (3–5 years). The focus areas and main responsibilities of each Convention body and institution with regard to reaching these objectives are also defined in The Strategy.

(b) **Outcomes/expected accomplishments:** outcomes, or expected accomplishments, are the intermediate benefits or changes resulting from the work of Convention bodies and institutions. While one body or institution cannot control their completion, they should be

plausibly influenced by, and directly result from, the work of the Convention bodies and institutions. Expected accomplishments are the key programmatic building blocks, and achieving them is the main performance measure for the Convention bodies and institutions. They constitute the promises that Convention bodies and institutions make to Parties about what will happen as a consequence of Parties providing resources.

(c) **Outputs:** in order to obtain the intended outcomes, the Convention bodies and institutions produce outputs. These are the concrete products or services to be delivered.

(d) **Performance indicators:** the results-based approach includes attention at the planning stage to how the results are to be verified. In UNCCD usage, a performance indicator is a characteristic or benchmark used to measure or indicate the progress, over a period of time, of a programme element towards achieving its expected accomplishments that lead to its objectives. The performance indicators describe how the changes set out in expected accomplishments will be measured. The key elements in performance indicators are that they can be reliably measured and that they are valid (measure what they say they do).

(e) **Targets:** in the UNCCD planning and budget cycle, setting targets supports the focusing of biennial programme delivery towards the expected accomplishment that is designed for a four-year period. Often targets are quantitative and serve as a mid-term milestone for the performance indicator.

11. At CRIC 7, Parties reviewed the RBM methodology of the first set of workplans and programmes prepared by the Convention bodies and institutions, and made recommendations for their improvement. In this context, they emphasized the need for quantitative performance indicators and baselines in order to better monitor the progress made. They also called for more precise phrases and terms, as well as more concrete, tangible and measurable outcomes, so as to generate a better basis for understanding the respective roles and focus areas of the subsidiary bodies, GM and the secretariat, in the achievement of the operational objectives contained in The Strategy.

12. Parties encouraged the secretariat to continue and finalize its work towards a results-based budgeting approach, and to submit to COP 9 a realistic work programme that contains detailed information on budgetary needs, as well as an indication of whether the financing sought is for the core budget or the supplementary fund.

13. After CRIC 7, the secretariat revised the RBM methodology to respond to the feedback provided by Parties, and prepared for the move to results-based budgeting. The budget proposal contained in this document, as well as the work plans presented to CRIC, and the reports on performance, follow the revised methodology.

2. Programme budget structure and content

14. The work plans and programmes of the Convention bodies and institutions are constructed around the operational objectives and related outcomes of The Strategy, according to

the respective mandates and focus areas of each body or institution.² The secretariat will work to some extent towards all of the five operational objectives, while GM will focus on operational objective 5 on financing and technology transfer. CST will work only on the operational objective 3 on science, technology and knowledge, whereas CRIC will cover all operational objectives, and also the strategic objectives, as the subsidiary body assigned to review the status of implementation of The Strategy.

15. Each Convention body and institution has defined expected accomplishments and related performance indicators for the next four-year (2010–2013) perspective. These provide the strategic orientation, i.e. their multi-year workplans, of the Convention bodies and institutions, which are contained in document ICCD/CRIC(8)/2 and its addenda.

16. Concrete steps to be taken in the near future towards achieving the workplans are presented in the two-year work programmes of the Convention bodies and institutions. These work programmes complement the workplans by providing information on the outputs that are planned to be delivered in 2010–2011 and related resource requirements, and they are contained in the addenda to the present document. In other words, the 2010–2011 Convention budget proposal is built on the resource needs relating to the two-year work programmes of CRIC, CST, GM and the secretariat. Costs relating to the joint work programme of GM and the secretariat are integrated into their respective work programmes.

17. The work of the secretariat, CST and CRIC is closely interlinked, and for the sake of clarity, their workplans and programmes seek to present the respective responsibilities and workload as realistically as possible. While the subsidiary bodies are important for guiding decision-making in the Convention process, their activities consist only of meeting in sessions and through their Bureaux, and therefore most of their budget is for the travel of participants. It is the task of the secretariat to carry out various forms of substantive and logistical support to the subsidiary bodies, which is often costly. In terms of liabilities, the role of the secretariat culminates in the provision of high-quality support to the subsidiary bodies, while the major responsibility of advancing the Convention process through effective action rests on the subsidiary bodies, in their recommendations to COP.

C. Move to the euro as the budget currency

18. At COP 8 and at the first extraordinary session of the COP Parties decided to change the budget currency from United States dollars (US\$) to euros. The effect of this change has been positive for the secretariat in that its exposure to the currency fluctuations of the euro against the US\$ have been substantially reduced. The accounting records, however, are maintained in US\$, including the recording of the US\$ cash receipts of the secretariat. This is of particular importance in the context of transactions with the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)

² The operational objectives are the starting point for the review of progress in implementing The Strategy by all Convention stakeholders (Parties, Convention bodies and institutions, international organizations and so forth). This streamlined approach is expected to support Parties in making a comprehensive assessment of the status of the implementation of The Strategy at the forthcoming CRIC sessions, although different stakeholders may take action according to their own, separate mandates and responsibilities.

which carries out a number of administrative functions for the secretariat, such as payroll and treasury, and maintains its financial records in US\$.

19. In 2009 UNOG allowed the secretariat to maintain euro cash remittances in euros, while continuing to require that US\$ cash remittances be maintained in US\$. Consequently, the secretariat and GM are still affected by currency fluctuations on those contributions that are paid by Parties in US\$. Further, the contributions of some Parties in US\$ do not reflect the current euro equivalent that is available and updated monthly on the Convention website.

20. While the United Nations is planning to update its computerized accounting system, the implementation date has been delayed. The new system will include the ability to maintain accounting records in currencies other than US\$, which is not the case for the current system. It is likely that the remaining currency rate exposures will be substantially reduced by the deployment of the new computerized accounting system.

III. Summary of resource requirements for the Convention

A. Overview

21. The proposed funding for 2010–2011 is shown in table 1 below, including the core budget (CB) and extrabudgetary (EB) resources.

Table 1. Programme budget of the Convention, 2010–2011
(thousands of euros)

	Core budget (CB)			EB	Total
	2010	2011	Total		
Secretariat ^a	6,792	7,082	13,874	12,217	26,091
Global Mechanism	2,125	2,166	4,291	10,692	14,983
CST	39	42	81	650	731
CRIC	39	42	81	625	706
Total programmes	8,995	9,332	18,327		42,511
Working capital reserve	195	5	200	--	200
Total estimated resource requirements	9,190	9,337	18,527	24,184	42,711.0
Less: contribution from host country Government	511	512	1,023	--	1,023
Net required amount	8,679	8,825	17,504	24,184	41,688.0

a Not including the costs of participation in COP 10 that would be covered from the Special Fund.

22. Comparing the above amounts for the Global Mechanism and the secretariat with the previous biennium, the percentage increases proposed to the core budget are summarized in table 2 below.

Table 2. Proposed core budget increase
(thousands of euros)

	2010-2011	2008-2009	% increase
Global Mechanism Secretariat, including working capital reserve	4,291	3,732	14.98 %
Total Convention core budget	14,074	12,187	15.48 %
	18,527	15,919	16,38%

23. The proposed staffing of the Global Mechanism and the secretariat is presented in table 3 below.

Table 3. Proposed staffing of the Global Mechanism and the secretariat by grade and source of funding

	Global Mechanism			Secretariat			Grand Total
	CB	EB	Total	CB	EB	Total	
ASG	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
D-2	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
D-1	1.00	0.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	3.00
P-5	2.00	1.00	3.00	9.00	1.00	10.00	13.00
P-4	3.00	1.00	4.00	6.75	4.00	10.75	14.75
P-3	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	7.00	10.00	13.00
P-2	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	6.00
P-1	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Total P and above	9.00	5.00	14.00	25.75	14.00	39.75	53.75
GS	0.00	1.00	1.00	22.00	4.00	26.00	27.00
Total	9.00	6.00	15.00	47.75	18.00	65.75	80.75

B. Working capital reserve

24. The COP, in decision 1/COP.ES-1, determined that the working capital reserve should be maintained within the General Fund at a level of 8.3 per cent of the approved core budget, including overhead charges. The anticipated working capital reserve at the end of 2009 will be approximately EUR 623,834.

C. Host country contribution to the core budget

25. In accordance with the terms of the offer of the Government of Germany to the secretariat, the Government of Germany will contribute EUR 511,292 each year to the core budget of the Convention, in addition to its assessed contribution as a Party. This contribution offsets the assessed contributions of Parties.

D. Staff entitlements

26. According to United Nations rules, staff members that meet defined eligibility criteria are entitled to certain benefits after the end of their contract. These benefits include payment of the balance of annual leave, relocation costs, repatriation grants and after-service health insurance (ASHI).

27. The Board of Auditors in its report for the biennium 2006–2007 recommended that the UNCCD secretariat, through the Parties, provide the appropriate funding for the settlement of end-of-service liabilities. Currently, as is the practice within the United Nations system, the secretariat funds these liabilities on a “pay-as-you-go” basis, charging expenditures to the respective sources of funding.

28. As the organization matures and more staff members come to the end of their contracts due to retirement or for other reasons, the provision for the above-mentioned benefits, particularly ASHI, will continue to increase and may reach a significant level of resources.³ In this context, a provision of EUR 105,000 is proposed in the core budget for the biennium 2010–2011, as a precautionary measure. In principle, resources for the benefits should be accrued and funded over years as staff members become eligible for them. The secretariat is following developments within the United Nations system on end-of-service benefits, and it will continue to explore options for funding this liability based upon International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and in line with practices within the United Nations system.

IV. Contingency budgets and the Special Fund for Participation

29. If the General Assembly decides not to include the sessions of the UNCCD COP and its subsidiary bodies in its regular budget for meetings, the Parties would have to assume the costs of conference services. The budget therefore includes a contingency to cover these costs.

³ In order to gain a better understanding of the financial dimensions of liabilities for ASHI, which is a defined benefit plan, United Nations Headquarters engaged the services of Mercer, a consulting actuary, to carry out an actuarial valuation of ASHI benefits in various United Nations system organizations. As at 31 December 2007 the accrued liability of the UNCCD secretariat for ASHI was US\$ 5.1 million. The Mercer study further estimated that the secretariat record each year approximately US\$ 608,000 for the additional liability expected to accrue during that year. For repatriation grants, accrued annual leave and relocation grants, the accrued liability was computed by the secretariat at approximately US\$ 2.0 million, and these amounts were recorded in the financial statements of the secretariat as liabilities as of 31 December 2007, in accordance with United Nations policy.

30. It is assumed that CRIC will meet for a total of five working days in 2010 and the COP for a total of two consecutive weeks in 2011. Provision will be required for corresponding meeting services, allowing for two simultaneous meetings at any time during the sessions (that is, 20 meetings per week) and the translation, processing and distribution of an estimated 2,000 pages of pre-session, 150 pages of in-session, and 100 pages of post-session documentation. The full cost of these requirements is estimated at EUR 1.988 million (see table 4 below).

Table 4. Estimates for contingency for conference services

(in the event that the 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\$/euros)

Object of expenditure	2008-2009		2010-2011	
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
<i>Exchange rate used</i>		<i>1.3500</i>		<i>1.4300</i>
United Nations meeting services	2 371	1 757	2 515	1 759
Overhead (13 per cent)	308	228	327	229
Total resource requirements	2 679	1 985	2 842	1 988

31. In the event that the tenth session of the COP (COP 10) is held in Bonn, an additional amount of EUR 1.494 million will be required to cover costs relating to logistical arrangements, including renting of the conference venue, installation of communication systems and contracting of local conference staff, provision of security systems and personnel, and rental of equipment and supplies (see table 5 below).

Table 5. Operating costs of holding the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties in Bonn

(thousands of US\$/euros)

Object of expenditure	Estimated expenditures for COP 9		Estimated expenditures for COP 10	
	2008-2009		2010-2011	
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
<i>Exchange rate used</i>		<i>1.3500</i>		<i>1.4300</i>
Incremental costs	1 620	1 200	1 719	1 202
Contingencies	162	120	172	120
Sub-total	1 782	1 320	1 891	1 322
Overhead	232	172	246	172
Total resource requirements	2 014	1 492	2 137	1 494

32. According to rule 10 of the financial rules of the COP, “the Special Fund shall receive contributions... earmarked to support the participation of representatives of developing, 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”. Table 6 shows the estimated resources needed for the Special Fund for Participation in the biennium 2010–2011.

Table 6. Special Fund estimated resource requirements
(thousands of euros)

CRIC 9	553
COP 10	1 113
Overhead (13 per cent)	217
Total resource requirements	1 883

33. The estimate contained above is for CRIC 9 and COP 10, only. Should Parties decide that other official meetings be held in 2010 and/or 2011, involving participants that are eligible for support from the Special Fund, the estimate would have to be revised accordingly.

V. Conclusions and recommendations

34. This programme budget proposal presents the work programmes and comprehensive resource requirements for the secretariat, GM, CST and CRIC, following a RBM approach and in line with the Strategy.

35. Parties at COP 9 may wish:

(a) To consider for adoption the work programmes of the secretariat, GM, CST and CRIC;

(b) To approve a core budget of EUR 17.504 million for the biennium 2010–2011, for the purposes listed in table 1 above (not including the contingency items);

(c) To approve the staffing table for the core budget;

(d) 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;

(e) To authorize the secretariat to apply the scale of assessment that was adopted at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly;

(f) To invite 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 COP, and to pay promptly and in full, for each of the years 2010 and 2011, the contributions required to finance the expenditures approved above;

(g) To review cases of old outstanding balances of contributions, and advise the secretariat to continue pursuing their collection;

(h) To authorize the Executive Secretary to draw upon surplus funds from previous bienniums to fund the shortfall that may arise from cash flow problems arising from the non-payment of contributions and other unbudgeted and unanticipated costs that may arise during the remainder of the current biennium, up to the amount of available reserves;

(i) To take note of the extrabudgetary funding needs, including the Special Fund for Participation, for the secretariat, GM, CST and CRIC, amounting to EUR 26.116 million and invite Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations, to make contributions to this end;

(j) To approve a contingency budget for conference servicing, to be added to the programme budget for the coming biennium in the event that the General Assembly decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget for the biennium 2010–2011;

(k) To request the General Assembly to include, in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2010–2011, the sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for the biennium;

(l) To note estimated additional costs which will be incurred in the event that COP 10 is held in Bonn, and decide 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;

(m) To advise the secretariat to continue following United Nations system guidance on the implementation of IPSAS that will be implemented throughout the United Nations system in 2010, and the changes that will subsequently occur in the underlying computerized accounting systems, when the the integrated management information system (IMIS) is replaced, and records to fully implement euro accounting and reporting are available, in conjunction with these changes; To request the Executive Secretary to continue following developments with the United Nations system on end-of-service benefits, and to identify options for funding related liabilities;

(n) To request the Executive Secretary to report to COP 10 on the status of the trust funds established under the financial rules.

Annex

**Indicative scale of assessment for the core budget
of the Convention for 2010–2011**

	Parties to UNCCD ^{a/}	(d/)	UN Scale (%)	Indicative scale of assessment for 2010–2011 (%) ^{b/}	2010 Assessed Contributions		Assessed 2011 Contributions		Total amount Payable for 2010–2011	
					USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
1	Afghanistan	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
2	Albania		0.006	0.006	740	520	760	530	1 500	1 050
3	Algeria		0.085	0.082	10 180	7 120	10 350	7 240	20 530	14 360
4	Andorra		0.008	0.008	990	690	1 010	710	2 000	1 400
5	Angola	LDC	0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
6	Antigua and Barbuda		0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
7	Argentina		0.325	0.315	39 090	27 340	39 750	27 800	78 840	55 140
8	Armenia		0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
9	Australia		1.787	1.730	214 710	150 150	218 330	152 670	433 040	302 820
10	Austria		0.887	0.859	106 610	74 550	108 410	75 810	215 020	150 360
11	Azerbaijan		0.005	0.005	620	430	630	440	1 250	870
12	Bahamas		0.016	0.015	1 860	1 300	1 890	1 320	3 750	2 620
13	Bahrain		0.033	0.032	3 970	2 780	4 040	2 820	8 010	5 600
14	Bangladesh	LDC	0.010	0.010	1 240	870	1 260	880	2 500	1 750
15	Barbados		0.009	0.009	1 120	780	1 140	790	2 260	1 570
16	Belarus		0.020	0.019	2 360	1 650	2 400	1 680	4 760	3 330
17	Belgium		1.102	1.067	132 430	92 600	134 660	94 160	267 090	186 760
18	Belize		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
19	Benin	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
20	Bhutan	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
21	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		0.006	0.006	740	520	760	530	1 500	1 050
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina		0.006	0.006	740	520	760	530	1 500	1 050
23	Botswana		0.014	0.014	1 740	1 220	1 770	1 240	3 510	2 460
24	Brazil		0.876	0.848	105 250	73 600	107 020	74 840	212 270	148 440
25	Brunei Darussalam		0.026	0.025	3 100	2 170	3 160	2 210	6 260	4 380

Indicative scale of assessment for the core budget of the Convention for 2010–2011

	Parties to UNCCD ^{a/}	(d/)	UN Scale (%)	Indicative scale of assessment for 2010–2011 (%) ^{b/}	2010 Assessed Contributions		Assessed 2011 Contributions		Total amount Payable for 2010–2011	
					USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
26	Bulgaria		0.020	0.019	2 360	1 650	2 400	1 680	4 760	3 330
27	Burkina Faso	LDC	0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
28	Burundi	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
29	Cambodia	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
30	Cameroon		0.009	0.009	1 120	780	1 140	790	2 260	1 570
31	Canada		2.977	2.882	357 690	250 130	363 710	254 340	721 400	504 470
32	Cape Verde	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
33	Central African Republic	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
34	Chad	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
35	Chile		0.161	0.156	19 360	13 540	19 690	13 770	39 050	27 310
36	China		2.667	2.582	320 450	224 090	325 850	227 860	646 300	451 950
37	Colombia		0.105	0.102	12 660	8 850	12 870	9 000	25 530	17 850
38	Comoros	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
39	Cook Islands		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
40	Congo		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
41	Costa Rica		0.032	0.031	3 850	2 690	3 910	2 740	7 760	5 430
42	Côte d'Ivoire		0.009	0.009	1 120	780	1 140	790	2 260	1 570
43	Croatia		0.050	0.048	5 960	4 170	6 060	4 240	12 020	8 410
44	Cuba		0.054	0.052	6 450	4 510	6 560	4 590	13 010	9 100
45	Cyprus		0.044	0.043	5 340	3 730	5 430	3 790	10 770	7 520
46	Czech Republic		0.281	0.272	33 760	23 610	34 330	24 000	68 090	47 610
48	Democratic People's Republic of Korea		0.007	0.007	870	610	880	620	1 750	1 230
47	Democratic Republic of Congo	LDC	0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
49	Denmark		0.739	0.716	88 860	62 140	90 360	63 190	179 220	125 330
50	Djibouti	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
51	Dominica		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
52	Dominican Republic		0.024	0.023	2 850	2 000	2 900	2 030	5 750	4 030

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					USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
53	Ecuador		0.021	0.020	2 480	1 740	2 520	1 770	5 000	3 510
54	Egypt		0.088	0.085	10 550	7 380	10 730	7 500	21 280	14 880
55	El Salvador		0.020	0.019	2 360	1 650	2 400	1 680	4 760	3 330
56	Equatorial Guinea	LDC	0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
57	Eritrea	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
58	Ethiopia	LDC	0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
59	European Community		2.500	2.500	310 280	216 980	315 500	220 630	625 780	437 610
60	Fiji		0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
61	Finland		0.564	0.546	67 760	47 390	68 910	48 180	136 670	95 570
62	France		6.301	6.101	757 200	529 510	769 950	538 410	1 527 150	1 067 920
63	Gabon		0.008	0.008	990	690	1 010	710	2 000	1 400
64	Gambia	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
65	Georgia		0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
66	Germany		8.577	8.305	1 030 730	720 790	1 048 090	732 920	2 078 820	1 453 710
67	Ghana		0.004	0.004	500	350	500	350	1 000	700
68	Greece		0.596	0.577	71 610	50 080	72 820	50 920	144 430	101 000
69	Grenada		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
70	Guatemala		0.032	0.031	3 850	2 690	3 910	2 740	7 760	5 430
71	Guinea	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
72	Guinea-Bissau	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
73	Guyana		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
74	Haiti	LDC	0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
75	Honduras		0.005	0.005	620	430	630	440	1 250	870
76	Hungary		0.244	0.236	29 290	20 480	29 780	20 830	59 070	41 310
77	Iceland		0.037	0.036	4 470	3 120	4 540	3 180	9 010	6 300
78	India		0.450	0.436	54 110	37 840	55 020	38 480	109 130	76 320
79	Indonesia		0.161	0.156	19 360	13 540	19 690	13 770	39 050	27 310

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					USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
80	Iran (Islamic Republic of)		0.180	0.174	21 600	15 100	21 960	15 360	43 560	30 460
81	Ireland		0.445	0.431	53 490	37 410	54 390	38 040	107 880	75 450
82	Israel		0.419	0.406	50 390	35 240	51 240	35 830	101 630	71 070
83	Italy		5.079	4.918	610 370	426 830	620 650	434 010	1 231 020	860 840
84	Jamaica		0.010	0.010	1 240	870	1 260	880	2 500	1 750
85	Japan		16.624	16.096	1 997 670	1 396 970	2 031 320	1 420 470	4 028 990	2 817 440
86	Jordan		0.012	0.012	1 490	1 040	1 510	1 060	3 000	2 100
87	Kazakhstan		0.029	0.028	3 480	2 430	3 530	2 470	7 010	4 900
88	Kenya		0.010	0.010	1 240	870	1 260	880	2 500	1 750
89	Kiribati	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
90	Kuwait		0.182	0.176	21 840	15 280	22 210	15 530	44 050	30 810
91	Kyrgyzstan		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
93	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
92	Latvia		0.018	0.017	2 110	1 480	2 150	1 500	4 260	2 980
94	Lebanon		0.034	0.033	4 100	2 860	4 160	2 910	8 260	5 770
95	Lesotho	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
96	Liberia	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
97	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		0.062	0.060	7 450	5 210	7 570	5 300	15 020	10 510
98	Liechtenstein		0.010	0.010	1 240	870	1 260	880	2 500	1 750
99	Lithuania		0.031	0.030	3 720	2 600	3 790	2 650	7 510	5 250
100	Luxembourg		0.085	0.082	10 180	7 120	10 350	7 240	20 530	14 360
101	Madagascar	LDC	0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
102	Malawi	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
103	Malaysia		0.190	0.184	22 840	15 970	23 220	16 240	46 060	32 210
104	Maldives	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
105	Mali	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
106	Malta		0.017	0.016	1 990	1 390	2 020	1 410	4 010	2 800

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107	Marshall Islands		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
108	Mauritania	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
109	Mauritius		0.011	0.011	1 370	950	1 390	970	2 760	1 920
110	Mexico		2.257	2.185	271 180	189 640	275 750	192 830	546 930	382 470
111	Micronesia (Federated States of)		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
112	Monaco		0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
113	Mongolia		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
114	Montenegro		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
115	Morocco		0.042	0.041	5 090	3 560	5 170	3 620	10 260	7 180
116	Mozambique	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
117	Myanmar	LDC	0.005	0.005	620	430	630	440	1 250	870
118	Namibia		0.006	0.006	740	520	760	530	1 500	1 050
119	Nauru		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
120	Nepal	LDC	0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
121	Netherlands		1.873	1.813	225 010	157 350	228 800	160 000	453 810	317 350
122	New Zealand		0.256	0.248	30 780	21 520	31 300	21 890	62 080	43 410
123	Nicaragua		0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
124	Niger	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
125	Nigeria		0.048	0.046	5 710	3 990	5 810	4 060	11 520	8 050
126	Niue		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
127	Norway		0.782	0.757	93 950	65 700	95 530	66 810	189 480	132 510
128	Oman		0.073	0.071	8 810	6 160	8 960	6 270	17 770	12 430
129	Pakistan		0.059	0.057	7 070	4 950	7 190	5 030	14 260	9 980
130	Palau		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
131	Panama		0.023	0.022	2 730	1 910	2 780	1 940	5 510	3 8580
132	Papua New Guinea		0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
133	Paraguay		0.005	0.005	620	430	630	440	1 250	870

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134	Peru		0.078	0.076	9 430	6 600	9 590	6 710	19 020	13 310
135	Philippines		0.078	0.076	9 430	6 600	9 590	6 710	19 020	13 310
136	Poland		0.501	0.485	60 190	42 090	61 210	42 800	121 400	84 890
137	Portugal		0.527	0.510	63 300	44 260	64 360	45 010	127 660	89 270
138	Qatar		0.085	0.082	10 180	7 120	10 350	7 240	20 530	14 360
139	Republic of Korea		2.173	2.104	261 130	182 610	265 520	185 680	526 650	368 290
140	Republic of Moldova		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
141	Romania		0.070	0.068	8 440	5 900	8 580	6 000	17 020	11 900
142	Russian Federation		1.200	1.162	144 220	100 850	146 640	102 550	290 860	203 400
143	Rwanda	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
144	Saint Kitts and Nevis		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
145	Saint Lucia		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
146	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
147	Samoa	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
148	San Marino		0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
149	Sao Tome and Principe	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
150	Saudi Arabia		0.748	0.724	89 860	62 840	91 370	63 890	181 230	126 730
151	Senegal		0.004	0.004	500	350	500	350	1 000	700
152	Serbia		0.021	0.020	1 860	1 300	2 520	1 770	4 380	3 070
153	Seychelles		0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
154	Sierra Leone	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
155	Singapore		0.347	0.336	41 700	29 160	42 400	29 650	84 100	58 810
156	Slovakia		0.063	0.061	7 570	5 290	7 700	5 380	15 270	10 670
157	Slovenia		0.096	0.093	11 540	8 070	11 740	8 210	23 280	16 280
158	Solomon Islands	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
159	Somalia	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
160	South Africa		0.290	0.281	34 870	24 390	35 460	24 800	70 330	49 190

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161	Spain		2.968	2.874	356 690	249 430	362 700	253 630	719 390	503 060
162	Sri Lanka		0.016	0.015	1 860	1 300	1 890	1 320	3 750	2 620
163	Sudan	LDC	0.010	0.010	1 240	870	1 260	880	2 500	1 750
164	Suriname		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
165	Swaziland		0.002	0.002	250	170	250	180	500	350
166	Sweden		1.071	1.037	128 700	90 000	130 870	91 520	259 570	181 520
167	Switzerland		1.216	1.177	146 080	102 150	148 540	103 870	294 620	206 020
168	Syrian Arab Republic		0.016	0.015	1 860	1 300	1 890	1 320	3 750	2 620
169	Tajikistan		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
170	Thailand		0.186	0.180	22 340	15 620	22 720	15 890	45 060	31 510
171	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		0.005	0.005	620	430	630	440	1 250	870
172	Timor-Leste	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
173	Togo	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
174	Tonga		0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
175	Trinidad and Tobago		0.027	0.026	3 230	2 260	3 280	2 290	6 510	4 550
176	Tunisia		0.031	0.030	3 720	2 600	3 790	2 650	7 510	5 250
177	Turkey		0.381	0.369	45 800	32 030	46 570	32 560	92 370	64 590
178	Turkmenistan		0.006	0.006	740	520	760	530	1 500	1 050
179	Tuvalu	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
180	Uganda	LDC	0.003	0.003	370	260	380	260	750	520
181	Ukraine		0.045	0.044	5 460	3 820	5 550	3 880	11 010	7 700
182	United Arab Emirates		0.302	0.292	36 240	25 340	36 850	25 770	73 090	51 110
183	United Kingdom		6.642	6.431	798 150	558 150	811 590	567 540	1 609 740	1 125 690
184	United Republic of Tanzania	LDC	0.006	0.006	740	520	760	530	1 500	1 050
185	United States of America ^{c/}		22.000	22.000	2 731 280	1 909 660	2 776 180	1 941 340	5 507 460	3 851 000
186	Uruguay		0.027	0.026	3 230	2 260	3 280	2 290	6 510	4 550

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187	Uzbekistan		0.008	0.008	990	690	1 010	710	2 000	1 400
188	Vanuatu	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
189	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		0.200	0.194	24 080	16 840	24 480	17 120	48 560	33 960
190	Viet Nam		0.024	0.023	2 850	2 000	2 900	2 030	5 750	4 030
191	Yemen	LDC	0.007	0.007	870	610	880	620	1 750	1 230
192	Zambia	LDC	0.001	0.001	120	90	130	90	250	180
193	Zimbabwe		0.008	0.008	990	690	1 010	710	2 000	1 400
193	Total from Parties		102.471	100.000	12 411 000	8 679 000	12 620 000	8 825 000	25 031 000	17 504 000

Footnotes:

^{a/} Actual Parties include States and regional economic integrations that are Parties as of 31 May 2009.

^{b/} In accordance with paragraph 12 (a) of the Financial Rules, the indicative scale of assessment is based on the United Nations Scale of Assessment as contained in General Assembly resolution 61/237 of 13 February 2007.

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

^{d/} Least Developed Countries.