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Part one: proceedings

I. Opening of the session

1. The first extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa was opened by Mr. José Luis Herránz Sáez (Spain), who made a statement.
2. The Executive Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Luc Gnacadja, made a statement.

II. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(Agenda item 1)

3. At its 1st meeting, the COP adopted the agenda and organization of work for its first extraordinary session as contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/1.

B. Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers

(Agenda item 3)

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

4. At its 1st meeting, the Conference decided to accredit the NGOs listed in annex I to document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4.

Accreditation of national, international, governmental or intergovernmental organizations

5. At its 1st meeting, in accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the COP, the COP admitted the inter-governmental organization, Central American Integration System, to be represented as observer to the first extraordinary session.

C. Attendance

6. The first extraordinary session of the COP was attended by representatives of the following Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD):

Afghanistan	Australia	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Albania	Austria	Botswana
Algeria	Bahrain	Brazil
Andorra	Belarus	Brunei Darussalam
Angola	Belgium	Bulgaria
Antigua and Barbuda	Belize	Burkina Faso
Argentina	Benin	Burundi
Armenia	Bolivia	Canada

Cape Verde	Jamaica	Republic of Korea
China	Japan	Romania
Colombia	Kenya	Russian Federation
Comoros	Latvia	Rwanda
Congo	Lesotho	Samoa
Costa Rica	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Sao Tome and Principe
Croatia	Lithuania	Saudi Arabia
Cuba	Luxembourg	Senegal
Cyprus	Madagascar	Slovenia
Czech Republic	Malaysia	Solomon Islands
Denmark	Mali	Spain
Ecuador	Malta	Sudan
Egypt	Mauritius	Suriname
El Salvador	Mexico	Sweden
Eritrea	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Switzerland
Ethiopia	Moldova	Syrian Arab Republic
European Community	Monaco	Thailand
Fiji	Mongolia	Tonga
Finland	Morocco	Trinidad and Tobago
France	Myanmar	Tunisia
Gabon	Namibia	Turkey
Gambia	Nauru	Ukraine
Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Greece	Nicaragua	United Republic of Tanzania
Guinea	Niger	United States of America
Haiti	Nigeria	Uruguay
Honduras	Norway	Uzbekistan
Hungary	Pakistan	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Iceland	Panama	Viet Nam
India	Paraguay	Zambia
Indonesia	Peru	Zimbabwe
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Philippines	
Ireland	Poland	
Israel	Portugal	
Italy		

7. The session was also attended by observers from the following State not Party to the Convention:

Holy See

8. The following United Nations organs, organizations and programmes, offices and specialized agencies were represented:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
 United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)
 World Bank
 World Health Organization (WHO)
 World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

9. Three intergovernmental and two non-governmental organizations were also represented.

D. Documentation

10. The documents submitted for consideration by the COP at its first extraordinary session are as follows:

ICCD/COP(ES-1)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2	Programme and budget – Consideration of the increase in the Convention's budget for the biennium 2008–2009. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/3	Credentials of delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/INF.1	Information for participants
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/INF.2	Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/INF.3	List of participants

III. Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties

Decision taken at the recommendation of the President of the Conference of the Parties

11. The Conference at its first meeting established an open-ended contact group facilitated by Mr. Ositadinma Anaedu (Nigeria), to resolve outstanding issue on the programme and budget of the Convention for the biennium 2008–2009.

12. The President of the COP made a statement and declared that Spain will make the specific contribution of 185,000 Euro referred to in paragraph 8 of decision 1/COP.ES-1.

13. The representative of Japan made a statement and agreed on the text of the draft decision with the understanding that for the biennium 2010-2011, the basis for budget deliberations shall

begin with the total amount approved for the biennium 2008-2009, taking into account non-recurrent costs.

14. At its 1st meeting, the COP took the following decision at the recommendation of the President of the COP:

1/COP.ES-1 Programme and budget of the Convention for the biennium 2008–2009.

15. It is understood that table 4 of decision 1/COP.ES-1 shall be adjusted in the light of measures taken under operative paragraph 10 of the said decision.

IV. Conclusion of the session

A. Credentials of delegations

(Agenda item 2)

16. At its 1st meeting, having considered the report on credentials submitted by the Bureau of the COP (ICCD/COP(ES-1)/3,) and the recommendation contained therein, the COP approved the report on credentials as orally amended.

17. The following countries were added to paragraph 8 of document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/3: Brunei Darussalam, Nigeria and Paraguay.

B. Report on the session

(Agenda item 5)

18. At its 1st meeting, the COP adopted the draft report on its first extraordinary session (ICCD/COP(ES-1)/L.1) and authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete this report, as appropriate.

C. Closure of the session

19. The Executive Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Luc Gnacadja, made a statement.

20. Statements were also made by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

21. The President of the COP made a statement and declared the first extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification closed.

Part two: Action taken

Decision 1/COP.ES-1

Programme and budget for the biennium 2008–2009

The Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the adoption of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (2008–2018) (The Strategy) by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its eighth session,

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

Noting that actions have been taken on several recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) report while further measures are planned in the aftermath of the strategic guidance of the COP,

Recalling recommendation 16 of the JIU report and decision 23/COP.7 to adopt the euro as the budget and accounting currency of the secretariat,

Noting that the secretariat must change its underlying accounting systems in conjunction with the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) by the beginning of 2010,

Agreeing that forthcoming programme and budget proposals must be presented in a timely manner in the most informative, clear and transparent way possible to reflect the strategic guidance of the COP,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Bureau of the COP on all further actions that he may consider necessary to implement all recommendations included in audit reports for the biennium 2004–2005 and for any still outstanding recommendations from prior bienniums;
2. *Commends* the Executive Secretary for consulting with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and proceeding with the co-financing of a shared internal auditor at the P-3 level;
3. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent for the Convention or any other international instrument, to draw on 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 2006–2007, that may occur as a result of further declines in the value of the United States dollar against the euro through 31 December 2007;

¹ Decision 2/COP.1.

4. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions for 2008 and 2009 contained in the annex to this decision and in accordance with the financial rules of the Convention;
5. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary for the biennium 2008–2009 to notify the Parties of their indicative euro and United States dollar contributions for 2008 and 2009, which should be payable in euros or the current United States dollar equivalent;
6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to notify Parties of their contributions for 2008 by 20 October 2007, and for 2009 by 1 October 2008 to encourage early payment;
7. *Decides* to introduce the euro as the accounting currency from 2010–2011 and, consistent with decision 23/COP.7, *confirms* that from the biennium 2010–2011 notifications should be in euros, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to report on all necessary changes and associated costs in the programme and budget document for the ninth session of the COP (COP 9);
8. *Approves* the core budget for the biennium 2008–2009, amounting to 14,896,000² euros, which, on an exceptional basis for the biennium 2008–2009 and without creating a precedent for this Convention or any other convention, includes a specific contribution of 185,000 euros by a Party, for the purposes specified in table 1 below, therefore the Parties shall be assessed in total contributions of 14,711,000 euros for the biennium 2008–2009. *Also approves* that for the biennium 2010–2011, the basis for budget deliberations shall begin with the total amount approved for the biennium 2008–2009;
9. *Notes* with appreciation the annual contribution from the host Government of 511,292 euros to the core budget, which offsets planned expenditures, and its generous contribution through the Bonn Fund of 511,292 euros to the secretariat for Convention events organized by the secretariat;
10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to introduce results-based management, and to realign, as needed, the current programmes, staffing structure, and terms of reference for posts of the secretariat, to facilitate implementation of The Strategy, working within the allocated budget and guided by the following principles:
 - (a) Optimization of expenditures and improvements in efficiency, as appropriate;
 - (b) The reallocation of resources to strengthen key capacities;
 - (c) The need for transparency and clarity in accounting;
 - (d) Increased support to the COP and its subsidiary bodies;

and to report to COP 9 on the outcomes of this realignment;

² The above amount is after the deduction of the host country contribution referred to in paragraph 9 below.

11. *Takes note* of the appointment by the United Nations Secretary-General of the new Executive Secretary at the Assistant Secretary-General level;
12. *Notes* that the operations of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism must be managed on the basis of the amount of the approved biennium core budget (see paragraph 8), and that this takes precedence over all other tables or figures in the budget decision, unless amended by the COP;
13. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference servicing, amounting to 1,985,000 euros 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 2008–2009 (see table 2 below);
14. *Notes* estimated additional costs of up to 1,492,000 euros (see table 3) which will be incurred in the event that COP 9 is held in Bonn, and *decides* that, to the extent that offsetting voluntary contributions for this purpose does not enable this amount to be reached, the balance will be included in the contingency budget for conference servicing as set out in table 2 below;
15. *Requests* the General Assembly of the United Nations to include, in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2008–2009, the sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for the biennium;
16. *Confirms* its authorization to the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the main appropriation lines 1 – 5 as set out in table 1 below, up to an aggregate limit of 20 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 – 5 shall apply, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the COP on any such transfers;
17. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of annual estimated expenditure, including overhead charges, of the amount of the core budget;
18. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, for the biennium 2008–2009, to draw on available cash resources from the core budget, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income;
19. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to give priority in allocating the budget to implementing decisions agreed by Parties at COP 8, arrangements for sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies, and facilitation of requests from affected developing country Parties for assistance with the compilation and communication of information required under the Convention;
20. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Supplementary Fund specified by the Executive Secretary in table 4 of 14,383,000 euros with the understanding that the Supplementary Fund will be revised and integrated into The Strategy, 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 Convention, 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 COP and its subsidiary bodies, as well as their participation in regional conferences or meetings of the Convention;

(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) Facilitate implementation activities and strategic objectives formulated in The Strategy;

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

21. *Further takes note* of the funding estimates for the Special Fund specified by the Executive Secretary in table 5 of 2,427,000 euros (USD 3,277,000), 1,172,000 euros (USD 1,582,000) for the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention and 1,255,000 euros (USD 1,695,000) for COP 9 for the biennium 2008–2009, and *invites* Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties to the Convention, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations, 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;

22. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to COP 9 on the status of the trust funds established under the financial rules.

Annex

Table 1. Resource requirements by object of expenditure
(amounts in thousands)

Object of expenditure	2006–2007		2008		2009		2008–2009	
	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD
Staff-related costs	7 480	8 746	3 698	5 455	3 831	5 653	7 529	11 108
Consultants and experts	327	382	167	246	173	256	340	502
Official travel of staff	917	1 073	469	692	485	715	954	1 407
General operating expenses and related costs	1 491	1 744	763	1 125	789	1 163	1 552	2 289
Subtotal secretariat	10 215	11 945	5 097	7 518	5 278	7 787	10 375	15 305
Global Mechanism	3 323	3 886	1 711	2 524	1 745	2 574	3 456	5 098
Total for secretariat and Global Mechanism	13 538	15 831	6 808	10 042	7 023	10 361	13 831	20 403
Overhead	1 759	2 058	883	1 302	915	1 350	1 798	2 652
Working capital reserve	10	12	135	199	155	229	290	428
Total resource requirements	15 307	17 901	7 826	11 543	8 093	11 940	15 919	23 483
Less: Contribution from host country Government	1 023	1 196	511	754	512	755	1 023	1 509
Net required as indicative contributions	14 284	16 705	7 315	10 789	7 581	11 185	14 896	21 974

Note: The budget is approved in euros, and amounts are shown in United States dollars for information purposes only.

Table 2. 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)
(amounts in thousands)

Object of expenditure	2008		2009		Total 2008-2009	
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
Conference services	691	513	1 680	1 244	2 371	1 757
Overheads	90	66	218	162	308	228
Total resource requirements	781	579	1 898	1 406	2 679	1 985

Table 3. Operating costs of holding the ninth session of the COP in Bonn
(amounts in thousands)

Object of expenditure	Estimate for COP 2009	
	USD	EUR
Logistic costs	1 620	1 200
Contingencies	162	120
Subtotal	1 782	1 320
Overheads	232	172
Total resource requirements	2 014	1 492

**Table 4. Summary of Supplementary Fund estimated resource requirements
by programme**
(amounts in thousands)

Programme/expenditure items	Total EUR
Executive Direction and Management	296 000
Substantive support to the COP, its subsidiary bodies, legal advice and global issues	1 102 000
Science and technology	1 704 000
Facilitation of implementation	8 162 000
External relations and public information	983 000
Administrative services	481 000
Subtotal programmes	12 728 000
Overheads	1 655 000
Total resource requirements	14 383 000

Table 5. Special Fund estimated resource requirements
(amounts in thousands)

Object of expenditure	2008–2009	
	USD	EUR
<i>Exchange rate used</i>		1,35
Travel of representatives and participants in meetings		
CRIC 7	1 400	1 037
COP 9	1 500	1 111
Overheads	377	279
Total resource requirements	3 277	2 427

Appendix

Indicative scale of assessment for the core budget of the Convention for 2008–2009										
Parties to the UNCCD ^{a/}		(*)	United Nations scale	Indicative scale of assessment for 2008–2009	2008 assessed contributions		2009 assessed contributions		Total amount payable in 2008–2009	
			(%)	(%) ^{b/}	USD ^{c/}	EUR	USD ^{c/}	EUR	USD ^{c/}	EUR
1	Afghanistan	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
2	Albania		0.006	0.006	640	430	650	450	1 290	880
3	Algeria		0.085	0.082	8 730	5 920	8 850	6 140	17 580	12 060
4	Andorra		0.008	0.008	850	580	860	600	1 710	1 180
5	Angola	LDC	0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440
6	Antigua and Barbuda		0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
7	Argentina		0.325	0.315	33 550	22 750	34 000	23 590	67 550	46 340
8	Armenia		0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
9	Australia		1.787	1.731	184 390	125 010	186 830	129 630	371 220	254 640
10	Austria		0.887	0.859	91 500	62 040	92 710	64 330	184 210	126 370
11	Azerbaijan		0.005	0.005	530	360	540	370	1 070	730
12	Bahamas		0.016	0.015	1 600	1 080	1 620	1 120	3 220	2 200
13	Bahrain		0.033	0.032	3 410	2 310	3 450	2 400	6 860	4 710
14	Bangladesh	LDC	0.010	0.010	1 070	720	1 080	750	2 150	1 470
15	Barbados		0.009	0.009	960	650	970	670	1 930	1 320
16	Belarus		0.020	0.019	2 020	1 370	2 050	1 420	4 070	2 790
17	Belgium		1.102	1.067	113 660	77 060	115 160	79 910	228 820	156 970
18	Belize		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
19	Benin	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
20	Bhutan	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
21	Bolivia		0.006	0.006	640	430	650	450	1 290	880
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina		0.006	0.006	640	430	650	450	1 290	880
23	Botswana		0.014	0.014	1 490	1 010	1 510	1 050	3 000	2 060
24	Brazil		0.876	0.848	90 330	61 240	91 520	63 510	181 850	124 750

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			(%)	(%) ^{b/}	USD ^{c/}	EUR	USD ^{c/}	EUR	USD ^{c/}	EUR
25	Brunei Darussalam		0.026	0.025	2 660	1 810	2 700	1 870	5 360	3 680
26	Bulgaria		0.020	0.019	2 020	1 370	2 050	1 420	4 070	2 790
27	Burkina Faso	LDC	0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
28	Burundi	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
29	Cambodia	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
30	Cameroon		0.009	0.009	960	650	970	670	1 930	1 320
31	Canada		2.977	2.883	307 100	208 210	311 160	215 910	618 260	424 120
32	Cape Verde	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
33	Central African Republic	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
34	Chad	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
35	Chile		0.161	0.156	16 620	11 270	16 840	11 680	33 460	22 950
36	China		2.667	2.583	275 140	186 540	278 780	193 440	553 920	379 980
37	Colombia		0.105	0.102	10 870	7 370	11 010	7 640	21 880	15 010
38	Comoros	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
39	Cook Islands		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
40	Congo		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
41	Costa Rica		0.032	0.031	3 300	2 240	3 350	2 320	6 650	4 560
42	Côte d'Ivoire		0.009	0.009	960	650	970	670	1 930	1 320
43	Croatia		0.050	0.048	5 110	3 470	5 180	3 590	10 290	7 060
44	Cuba		0.054	0.052	5 540	3 760	5 610	3 890	11 150	7 650
45	Cyprus		0.044	0.043	4 580	3 110	4 640	3 220	9 220	6 330
46	Czech Republic		0.281	0.272	28 970	19 640	29 360	20 370	58 330	40 010
47	Democratic People's Republic of Korea		0.007	0.007	750	510	760	520	1 510	1 030
48	Democratic Republic of the Congo	LDC	0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440
49	Denmark		0.739	0.716	76 270	51 710	77 280	53 620	153 550	105 330
50	Djibouti	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140

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			(%)	(%) ^{b/}	USD ^{c/}	EUR	USD ^{c/}	EUR	USD ^{c/}	EUR
51	Dominica		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
52	Dominican Republic		0.024	0.023	2 450	1 660	2 480	1 720	4 930	3 380
53	Ecuador		0.021	0.020	2 130	1 440	2 160	1 500	4 290	2 940
54	Egypt		0.088	0.085	9 050	6 140	9 170	6 370	18 220	12 510
55	El Salvador		0.020	0.019	2 020	1 370	2 050	1 420	4 070	2 790
56	Equatorial Guinea	LDC	0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
57	Eritrea	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
58	Ethiopia	LDC	0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440
59	European Community		2.500	2.500	266 300	180 550	269 830	187 230	536 130	367 780
60	Fiji		0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440
61	Finland		0.564	0.546	58 160	39 430	58 930	40 890	117 090	80 320
62	France		6.301	6.103	650 090	440 760	658 700	457 050	1 308 790	897 810
63	Gabon		0.008	0.008	850	580	860	600	1 710	1 180
64	Gambia	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
65	Georgia		0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440
66	Germany		8.577	8.307	884 860	599 930	896 570	622 110	1 781 430	1 222 040
67	Ghana		0.004	0.004	430	290	430	300	860	590
68	Greece		0.596	0.577	61 460	41 670	62 280	43 210	123 740	84 880
69	Grenada		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
70	Guatemala		0.032	0.031	3 300	2 240	3 350	2 320	6 650	4 560
71	Guinea	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
72	Guinea-Bissau	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
73	Guyana		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
74	Haiti	LDC	0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
75	Honduras		0.005	0.005	530	360	540	370	1 070	730
76	Hungary		0.244	0.236	25 140	17 040	25 470	17 670	50 610	34 710

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77	Iceland		0.037	0.036	3 830	2 600	3 890	2 700	7 720	5 300
78	India		0.450	0.436	46 440	31 490	47 060	32 650	93 500	64 140
79	Indonesia		0.161	0.156	16 620	11 270	16 840	11 680	33 460	22 950
80	Iran (Islamic Republic of)		0.180	0.174	18 530	12 570	18 780	13 030	37 310	25 600
81	Ireland		0.445	0.431	45 910	31 130	46 520	32 280	92 430	63 410
82	Israel		0.419	0.406	43 250	29 320	43 820	30 410	87 070	59 730
83	Italy		5.079	4.919	523 970	355 250	530 910	368 380	1 054 880	723 630
84	Jamaica		0.010	0.010	1 070	720	1 080	750	2 150	1 470
85	Japan		16.624	16.101	1 715 080	1 162 810	1 737 780	1 205 800	3 452 860	2 368 610
86	Jordan		0.012	0.012	1 280	870	1 300	900	2 580	1 770
87	Kazakhstan		0.029	0.028	2 980	2 020	3 020	2 100	6 000	4 120
88	Kenya		0.010	0.010	1 070	720	1 080	750	2 150	1 470
89	Kiribati	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
90	Kuwait		0.182	0.176	18 750	12 710	19 000	13 180	37 750	25 890
91	Kyrgyzstan		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
92	Lao People's Democratic Republic	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
93	Latvia		0.018	0.017	1 810	1 230	1 830	1 270	3 640	2 500
94	Lebanon		0.034	0.033	3 520	2 380	3 560	2 470	7 080	4 850
95	Lesotho	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
96	Liberia	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
97	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		0.062	0.060	6 390	4 330	6 480	4 490	12 870	8 820
98	Liechtenstein		0.010	0.010	1 070	720	1 080	750	2 150	1 470
99	Lithuania		0.031	0.030	3 200	2 170	3 240	2 250	6 440	4 420
100	Luxembourg		0.085	0.082	8 730	5 920	8 850	6 140	17 580	12 060
101	Madagascar	LDC	0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
102	Malawi	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140

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103	Malaysia		0.190	0.184	19 600	13 290	19 860	13 780	39 460	27 070
104	Maldives	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
105	Mali	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
106	Malta		0.017	0.016	1 700	1 160	1 730	1 200	3 430	2 360
107	Marshall Islands		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
108	Mauritania	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
109	Mauritius		0.011	0.011	1 170	790	1 190	820	2 360	1 610
110	Mexico		2.257	2.186	232 850	157 870	235 930	163 710	468 780	321 580
111	Micronesia (Federated States of)		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
112	Moldova		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
113	Monaco		0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440
114	Mongolia		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
115	Montenegro		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
116	Morocco		0.042	0.041	4 370	2 960	4 430	3 070	8 800	6 030
117	Mozambique	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
118	Myanmar	LDC	0.005	0.005	530	360	540	370	1 070	730
119	Namibia		0.006	0.006	640	430	650	450	1 290	880
120	Nauru		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
121	Nepal	LDC	0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440
122	Netherlands		1.873	1.814	193 230	131 010	195 790	135 850	389 020	266 860
123	New Zealand		0.256	0.248	26 420	17 910	26 770	18 570	53 190	36 480
124	Nicaragua		0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
125	Niger	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
126	Nigeria		0.048	0.046	4 900	3 320	4 960	3 440	9 860	6 760
127	Niue		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
128	Norway		0.782	0.757	80 640	54 670	81 700	56 690	162 340	111 360

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129	Oman		0.073	0.071	7 560	5 130	7 660	5 320	15 220	10 450
130	Pakistan		0.059	0.057	6 070	4 120	6 150	4 270	12 220	8 390
131	Palau		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
132	Panama		0.023	0.022	2 340	1 590	2 370	1 650	4 710	3 240
133	Papua New Guinea		0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
134	Paraguay		0.005	0.005	530	360	540	370	1 070	730
135	Peru		0.078	0.076	8 100	5 490	8 200	5 690	16 300	11 180
136	Philippines		0.078	0.076	8 100	5 490	8 200	5 690	16 300	11 180
137	Poland		0.501	0.485	51 660	35 030	52 350	36 320	104 010	71 350
138	Portugal		0.527	0.510	54 330	36 830	55 040	38 190	109 370	75 020
139	Qatar		0.085	0.082	8 730	5 920	8 850	6 140	17 580	12 060
140	Republic of Korea		2.173	2.105	224 220	152 020	227 190	157 640	451 410	309 660
141	Romania		0.070	0.068	7 240	4 910	7 340	5 090	14 580	10 000
142	Russian Federation		1.200	1.162	123 780	83 920	125 410	87 020	249 190	170 940
143	Rwanda	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
144	Saint Kitts and Nevis		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
145	Saint Lucia		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
146	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
147	Samoa	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
148	San Marino		0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440
149	Sao Tome and Principe	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
150	Saudi Arabia		0.748	0.724	77 120	52 290	78 140	54 220	155 260	106 510
151	Senegal		0.004	0.004	430	290	430	300	860	590
152	Seychelles		0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
153	Sierra Leone	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
154	Singapore		0.347	0.336	35 790	24 270	36 260	25 160	72 050	49 430

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155	Slovakia		0.063	0.061	6 500	4 410	6 580	4 570	13 080	8 980
156	Slovenia		0.096	0.093	9 910	6 720	10 040	6 960	19 950	13 680
157	Solomon Islands	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
158	Somalia	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
159	South Africa		0.290	0.281	29 930	20 290	30 330	21 040	60 260	41 330
160	Spain		2.968	2.875	306 250	207 630	310 300	215 310	616 550	422 940
161	Sri Lanka		0.016	0.015	1 600	1 080	1 620	1 120	3 220	2 200
162	Sudan	LDC	0.010	0.010	1 070	720	1 080	750	2 150	1 470
163	Suriname		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
164	Swaziland		0.002	0.002	210	140	220	150	430	290
165	Sweden		1.071	1.037	110 460	74 890	111 920	77 660	222 380	152 550
166	Switzerland		1.216	1.178	125 480	85 080	127 140	88 220	252 620	173 300
167	Syrian Arab Republic		0.016	0.015	1 600	1 080	1 620	1 120	3 220	2 200
168	Tajikistan		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
169	Thailand		0.186	0.180	19 170	13 000	19 430	13 480	38 600	26 480
170	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		0.005	0.005	530	360	540	370	1 070	730
171	Timor-Leste	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
172	Togo	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
173	Tonga		0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
174	Trinidad and Tobago		0.027	0.026	2 770	1 880	2 810	1 950	5 580	3 830
175	Tunisia		0.031	0.030	3 200	2 170	3 240	2 250	6 440	4 420
176	Turkey		0.381	0.369	39 310	26 650	39 830	27 630	79 140	54 280
177	Turkmenistan		0.006	0.006	640	430	650	450	1 290	880
178	Tuvalu	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
179	Uganda	LDC	0.003	0.003	320	220	320	220	640	440

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180	Ukraine		0.045	0.044	4 690	3 180	4 750	3 300	9 440	6 480
181	United Arab Emirates		0.302	0.292	31 100	21 090	31 520	21 870	62 620	42 960
182	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		6.642	6.433	685 240	464 590	694 310	481 770	1 379 550	946 360
183	United Republic of Tanzania	LDC	0.006	0.006	640	430	650	450	1 290	880
184	United States of America ^{d/}		22.000	22.000	2 343 260	1 588 980	2 374 310	1 647 980	4 717 570	3 236 960
185	Uruguay		0.027	0.026	2 770	1 880	2 810	1 950	5 580	3 830
186	Uzbekistan		0.008	0.008	850	580	860	600	1 710	1 180
187	Vanuatu	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
188	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		0.200	0.194	20 660	14 010	20 940	14 530	41 600	28 540
189	Viet Nam		0.024	0.023	2 450	1 660	2 480	1 720	4 930	3 380
190	Yemen	LDC	0.007	0.007	750	510	760	520	1 510	1 030
191	Zambia	LDC	0.001	0.001	110	70	110	70	220	140
192	Zimbabwe		0.008	0.008	850	580	860	600	1 710	1 180
Total from Parties			102.449	100.000	10 652 000	7 222 000	10 793 000	7 489 000	21 445 000	14 711 000

Footnotes:

^{*/} Least-developed country.

^{a/} Actual Parties include States and one regional economic integration organization that are Parties as at 31 May 2007.

^{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 A/RES/61/237 of 13 February 2007.

^{c/} Amounts in United States dollars are for information purposes only. Parties are notified of their indicative euro and United States dollar contributions for 2008 and 2009, which amounts should be payable in euro or at the current United States dollar equivalent at the time of payment (using the United Nations Operational Rates of Exchange as posted on the website of the United Nations). The United States dollar amount above, consequently, will change each month as the United Nations Operational Rates of Exchange vary from month to month. The above United States dollar amount is computed at the United Nations Operational Rates of Exchange for December 2007. If payment is to be made in United States dollars after 31 December 2007, Parties should check on the UNCCD website for the current value of their individual contributions in United States dollars.

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