

THIRD MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
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**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS ACCRUED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS
OF NEW CONTRACTING PARTIES**

INTRODUCTION

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

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

Since MOP2 the number of Contracting Parties has grown from 33 to a current 49, funds have been accrued for activities as listed in Appendix 1 to Resolution 2.7.

In its first and second meeting the Standing Committee agreed to allocate a total amount of US \$ 360,350 of the funds accrued by contributions of new Parties. This amount was allocated to: consultancies regard research/ surveys; project support to the GEF project; development of International Single Species Action Plans; regional meetings; development of information materials and the AEWA Award.

This documents contains an overview of the total amount available accrued by contributions of new Parties. At the end of this document the Secretariat will propose how the use the funds available for 2005.

ACTION REQUESTED FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The members of the Standing Committee are requested to take note of the current status of the funds accrued by contributions of new Parties and to agree with the proposal drafted by the Secretariat regarding allocation of the funds.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEW PARTIES

Since the 1st January 2003, the number of Contracting Parties has grown from 37 to 49 as of 1 July 2005. The following Range States became Contracting Parties to the Agreement: Djibouti, France, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Libya, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Portugal, Slovenia, Syria and Uzbekistan. Appendix III paragraph 6 to Resolution 2.7, '*States that becomes a Party after the beginning of the financial period, the initial contribution (from the first day of the third month after deposit of the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until the end of the financial period) shall be determined pro rata based on the same level of the United Nations scale of assessments, as applies for that time*', has been used by the Secretariat as Terms of Reference to calculate the contribution for these eleven new Parties for 2003, 2004 and 2005. The outcome of this is presented in table 1.

Table 1: Contributions of new Parties in US Dollars

New Contracting Party	Entry into force	2003	2004	2005	Total
Hungary	01-03-2003	2,414	2,997	5,971	11,382
Ireland	01-08-2003	2,841	7,055	13,632	23,528
Syria	01-08-2003	773	1,920	3,709	6,402
Slovenia	01-10-2003	466	1,927	3,724	6,117
Luxembourg	01-12-2003	152	1,888	3,648	5,688
France	01-12-2003	7,231	89,777	173,455	270,463
Portugal	01-03-2004	-	5,297	12,280	17,577
Djibouti	01-03-2004	-	100	100	200
Uzbekistan	01-05-2004	-	101	292	393
Nigeria	01-07-2004	-	388	1,799	2,187
Lithuania	01-11-2004	-	55	634	734
Libya	01-06-2005	-	-	2,018	
Total		13,877	111,505	221,262	346,644

PROPOSAL FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Based on the figures given in table 1, the total amount of funds that will be accrued from new Contracting Parties is US \$ 346,644. At the first and second meeting of the Standing Committee a total amount has been allocated of US \$ 333,350 (see Annex 1). The balance still available would be US \$ 13,294. The Secretariat proposes not to allocate the remaining funds for the time being. Depending on the decision of MOP3 to continue with similar arrangements for the next triennium the Standing Committee could decide at its 4th meeting how to use these funds.

The Secretariat also proposes that MOP3 will be informed about the total amount of funds accrued in comparison with the predicted income being US \$ 412,450 as laid down in Resolution 2.7. The main reason for the difference between these two figures is caused by the fact that accession of new Parties is going a bit slower than expected at the time the Budget proposal for MOP2 was drafted. It is expected that a number of countries and the EU will join in 2005; which means that the financial gap as mentioned-above will become smaller.

Annex 1: Funds from contributions of new Parties in US Dollars allocated by the Standing Committee at its first and second meeting.

Project description:	2004	2005
1222 Consultancies regarding research/surveys	25,000	25,000
2202 Project (support to implementation of GEF project)	-	100,000
2230 Development of International Single Species Action Plans (matching funds)	30,000	15,000
3304 Regional meetings	30,000	30,000
5202 Information material	20,000	10,000
<i>AEWA award to be granted to Institutions/ Private Persons</i>		10,000
Subtotal	105,000	190,000
UNEP overhead 13 %	13,650	24,700
Grand Total	118,650	214,700