

FOURTH 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 the Appendix to Resolution 2.7 should be fixed till the next ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties.

During the third session of the Meeting of Parties it was decided to split the budget into three pillars. The first pillar dealing with core activities would be fully funded by the annual contributions of existing Contracting Parties. Pillars 2 and 3 should be covered by contributions of new Parties and/ or by voluntary counterpart contributions. At its third session, the Meeting of the Parties decided to slightly modify the decision taken by MOP2 and outlined above. It was agreed that the annual dues of Contracting Parties that acceded after 1 January 2003 could be set aside to cover part of the costs of pillars 2 and 3 for the duration of three full years.

Since 1 January 2003 the number of Contracting Parties has grown from 33 to 58 (as at 1 November 2006).

In its first and second meetings 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 regarding research/ surveys; support to the GEF project; development of International Single Species Action Plans; regional meetings; development of information materials and the AEWA Award. At its third meeting the Standing Committee decided that the remaining US \$ 13,294 would not be allocated for the time being, and that the decision would be postponed until the next Standing Committee meeting in 2006.

This document 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 to use the funds available for 2007.

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 1 January 2003, the number of Contracting Parties has grown from 37 to 58 (as at 1 November 2006). The following Range States have become Contracting Parties to the Agreement: Algeria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Djibouti, European Commission, France, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Libya, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Portugal, Slovenia, Syria, Tunisia and Uzbekistan. Appendix III paragraph 6 to Resolution 3.14, which says that ‘Contributions from *States that become Parties 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 21 new Parties for 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. The outcome of this is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Contributions of new Parties

New CP:	In US Dollars			In EUROs		
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Algeria (1/10/06)	-	-	-	208	854	1328
Belgium (1/6/06)	-	-	-	9,934	17,461	27,166
Czech Republic (1/9/06)	-	-	-	671	2,065	3213
Djibouti (1/3/04)	-	100	100	100	100	-
EC (1/10/05)	-	-	4,928	12,207	12,332	19,186
France (1/12/03)	7,231	89,777	173,455	96,213	-	-
Ghana (1/10/05)	-	-	100	100	100	100
Guinea Bissau (1/11/06)	-	-	-	100	100	100
Latvia (1/1/06)	-	-	-	264	271	673
Libya (1/6/05)	-	-	2,018	2,322	2,381	3,704
Lithuania (1/11/04)	-	100	634	422	433	-
Luxembourg (1/12/03)	152	1,888	3,648	1,354	-	-
Hungary (1/2/03)	2,414	2,997	5,971	2,216	-	-
Ireland (1/8/03)	2,841	7,055	13,632	6,156	-	-
Italy (1/9/06)	-	-	-	18,122	55,746	86,729
Portugal (1/3/04)	-	5,297	12,280	8,267	8,477	-
Nigeria (1/7/04)	-	388	1,799	739	758	-
Slovenia (1/10/03)	466	1,927	3,724	1,442	-	-
Syria (1/8/03)	773	1,920	3,709	668	-	-
Tunisia (1/10/05)	-	-	183	563	577	898
Uzbekistan (1/5/04)	-	101	292	246	253	-
Total	13,877	111,550	226,473	162,134	101,908	143,097

Based on the figures given in Table 1, the total amount of funds that will be accrued from new Contracting Parties in the period 2003-2005 is US \$ 351,900. At the first and second meetings of the Standing Committee a total amount of US \$ 333,350 was allocated. The remaining balance was therefore US \$ 18,550. At its third meeting the Standing Committee decided to postpone the decision on allocation of these funds till its next meeting. In 2006 a total amount of €162,134 has been accrued.

The Secretariat proposes to allocate the remainder of 2003-2005, amounting to US \$ 18,550 (equal to €14,616), plus the amount accrued in 2006, i.e. €162,134, to the projects listed in Table 2. This means that a total of €176,750 will be available to be allocated by the Standing Committee to projects.

The Secretariat proposes to allocate some funds to the development of International Reviews. Several Contracting Parties clearly stated during MOP3 that this should be given the highest priority in coming

years. Furthermore, the Secretariat proposes to allocate funds to the GEF project, to the implementation of the Agreement, to the implementation of the Communication Strategy and to the Implementation Priorities 2006-2008.

Table 2: Proposal for allocation of the funds accrued from contributions of new Parties (in EUROS)

Project description:	2007
<i>Servicing the Meeting of the Parties</i>	
1220 Consultancies for MOP / drafting of International Reviews	50,000
<i>Implementation of the African-Eurasian Flyways GEF project</i>	
2202 Project (support to implementation of GEF project)	40,000
<i>Implementation of the Agreement</i>	
1223 Consultancies regarding research surveys	12,000
2203 Development of International Species Action Plans	12,000
<i>Implementation of the Communication Strategy</i>	
1227 Result 2: External Communication	20,000
<i>Implementation of the International Implementation Priorities</i>	
1230 Species Conservation (coordination and implementation of Species Action Plans)	12,000
1232 Management of Human Activities	10,000
Subtotal	156,000
UNEP overhead 13 %	20,280
Grand Total	176,280