



FIFTH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
24 – 25 June 2008, Bonn, Germany

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS ACCRUED THROUGH THE
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 by 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 the contributions of new Parties and/ or by voluntary counterpart contributions.

MOP3 decided to adhere to the decision taken by MOP2, Resolution 2.7 regarding the contributions of new Parties. A small amendment was agreed upon, whereby the assessed contribution for each new party for 3 full years would be set aside and allocated to cover part of the costs of pillars 2 and/ or 3 before being used to cover the costs of the Core Budget, as laid down in pillar 1.

Since 1 January 2003 the number of Contracting Parties has grown from 33 to 59¹.

At the previous Standing Committee meeting a total amount of €172,280 was allocated to the development of international reviews, support to the GEF project and to the implementation of the Agreement, the Communication Strategy and the International Implementation Priorities 2006-2008.

This document contains an overview of the total amount accrued by contributions of new Parties. At the end of this document the Secretariat will propose how to use the funds available for 2008.

ACTION REQUESTED FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE

- 1) 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
- 2) To agree with the proposal drafted by the Secretariat regarding allocation of the funds.

¹ Situation as of 1st of June 2008

CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEW PARTIES

Since 1 January 2003, the number of Contracting Parties has grown from 37 to 59 as at 1 June 2008. 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, Madagascar, 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 new Parties. It should be noted that in accordance with the Resolutions, the annual contributions of new Parties are set aside for a period of three full years. The results since 2006 are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Contributions of new Parties

New CP:	In EUROs		
	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	-
EC (1/10/05)	12,207	12,332	19,186
France (1/12/03)	96,213	-	-
Ghana (1/10/05)	100	100	100
Guinea Bissau (1/11/06)	100	100	100
Latvia (1/1/06)	264	271	673
Libya (1/6/05)	2,322	2,381	3,704
Lithuania (1/11/04)	422	433	-
Luxembourg (1/12/03)	1,354	-	-
Hungary (1/2/03)	2,216	-	-
Ireland (1/8/03)	6,156	-	-
Italy (1/9/06)	18,122	55,746	86,729
Portugal (1/3/04)	8,267	8,477	-
Madagascar (1/1/07)	-	100	100
Nigeria (1/7/04)	739	758	-
Slovenia (1/10/03)	1,442	-	-
Syria (1/8/03)	668	-	-
Tunisia (1/10/05)	563	577	898
Uzbekistan (1/5/04)	246	253	-
Total	162,134	102,008	143,197

Based on the figures given in Table 1, the total amount of funds that will be accrued from new Contracting Parties in the period 2006-2008 is €407,339. At the fourth meeting of the Standing Committee all funds accrued in 2006 have been allocated to the development of international reviews, support to the GEF project and to the implementation of the Agreement, the Communication Strategy and the International Implementation Priorities 2006-2008. Thus no funds from previous years are available.

The Secretariat proposes to allocate an amount of €150,000, consisting of the contributions received in 2007 (€102,008) plus €47,717 from the contributions due in 2008. It should be

noted that the proposed amount to be taken from the 2008 contributions is already available due to the fact that the Czech Republic, France and Italy paid their dues for the whole period of 2006-2008. The Secretariat proposes to allocate these funds for the finalisation of international reviews, the preparations of MOP4, the Wings over Wetlands/ African-Eurasian Flyways GEF project and for the development of a project proposal for North Africa to be submitted to the Spanish Development Agency. Latter is under development by the AEWA Secretariat in close cooperation with BirdLife International, the Spanish Development Cooperation Agency and others. We aim for a project with a duration of three years and a provisional budget of €1.5 million. The funds requested are meant to cover the costs of hiring a consultant to finalise the current draft in close cooperation with all stakeholders.

Table 2: Proposal for allocation of the funds accrued from contributions of new Parties

(in EUROS)

Project description:	2008
<i>Servicing the Meeting of the Parties</i>	
1220 Consultancies for MOP	25,000
2201 Organisation of MOP4	30,000
<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>	
2203 Implementation of Species Action Plans	15,000
<i>Implementation of the Communication Strategy</i>	
1227 External Communication (pre-MOP)	12,500
<i>Implementation of the international Implementation Priorities</i>	
2320 Development of project proposals for Development Cooperation Agencies	10,000
Subtotal	132,500
UNEP overhead 13 %	17,225
Grand Total	149,725