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DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FINANCING OF CORE ACTIVITIES

Prepared by the secretariat

1. In their 1999 Gothenburg Declaration, adopted at the seventeenth session of the Executive Body (ECE/EB.AIR/68, annex II), the Ministers expressed their determination “to consolidate and strengthen the international scientific, economic and technological basis for further reducing transboundary air pollution, fully recognizing that it is essential to sustain the networks and capacities of the scientists and experts who provide the foundation for such action”. Further, the Ministers recognized “that the Convention’s core activities require adequate funding if the Protocols are to be implemented effectively and cost-optimal measures further developed” and requested the Executive Body to prepare a “stable, long-term funding arrangement”. The Executive Body also stressed the need for a stable, long-term financial mechanism for the core activities under the Convention, including, besides EMEP, the effect-oriented activities and integrated assessment modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/68, para. 74).

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2. At its nineteenth session, the Executive Body agreed on the essential coordination costs, other than those covered by the EMEP Protocol, and adopted decision 2001/5 on the financing of core activities in 2002-2004 together with a recommendation for voluntary contributions to be made by Parties.
3. To facilitate a similar decision and recommendation for the twentieth session, the secretariat has prepared information on the essential coordination costs for the effect-oriented and integrated assessment modelling activities (annex I). This is based upon information presented to the Working Group on Effects at its twenty-first session in August 2002 and to the EMEP Steering Body at its twenty-sixth session in September 2002.
4. The Executive Body is invited to consider adopting the draft decision and recommendation (annex II), which uses the overall essential coordination costs as indicated above and the updated text of decision 2001/5. The international centres to which the decision relates are listed in annex I.
5. As with the recommendation made by the Executive Body at its nineteenth session, the appendix to annex II shows the basis for recommending contributions from Parties. However, it uses the “United Nations 2003 scale of assessment” for all Parties to the Convention and the “calculated EMEP share” for each Party, using the agreed fixed value for the European Community and excluding Canada and the United States, as adopted at the twenty-sixth session of the EMEP Steering Body in September 2002. The appendix to annex II lists the recommended contribution from each Party for 2003, in United States dollars, calculated from the “calculated EMEP share” and the total essential coordination costs identified in annex I. It also includes, as with the calculation of the EMEP budget (EB.AIR/GE.1/2002/12), a programme support cost of 3%.
6. Annex III shows the voluntary contributions recommended in 2001 at the nineteenth session of the Executive Body and the contributions received from Parties in 2002.

Annex I
2003 ESSENTIAL COORDINATION COSTS
FOR CORE ACTIVITIES NOT FUNDED THROUGH THE EMEP PROTOCOL
(in thousands of United States dollars)

Activities	ICP Forests; PMCC 1/	ICP Waters; PC 2/	ICP Materials; PMRC 3/	ICP Vegetation; PCC 4/	ICP Integrated Monitoring; PC 5/	ICP Mapping CCE 6/	TF Health Aspects 7/	CIAM 8/	Subtotal Activities
Monitoring and assessment	130	60	80	30	70				370
Dose-response		55	50	70	40				215
Critical loads and levels	35	25	50	40	20	120			290
Dynamic modelling	35	35	30	20	75	135			330
Database management	85	65	80	70	70	30			400
Total	285	240	290	230	275	285	105	240 9/	1950 10/

1/ International Cooperative Programme (ICP) on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests; Lead Country: Germany; Programme Coordinating Centre: Federal Research Centre for Forestry and Forest Products, Hamburg, Germany.

2/ ICP on Assessment and Monitoring of Acidification of Rivers and Lakes; Lead Country: Norway; Programme Centre: Norwegian Institute for Water Research, Oslo, Norway.

3/ ICP on Effects of Air Pollution on Materials, including Historic and Cultural Monuments; Lead Country: Sweden; Programme Main Research Centre: Swedish Corrosion Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.

4/ ICP on Effects of Air Pollution on Natural Vegetation and Crops; Lead Country: United Kingdom; Programme Coordination Centre: Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Bangor, United Kingdom.

5/ ICP on Integrated Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Ecosystems; Lead Country: Sweden; Programme Centre: Finnish Environment Institute, Helsinki, Finland.

6/ ICP on Mapping Critical Levels and Loads; Lead Country: Germany; Coordination Center for Effects: National Institute of Public Health and the Environment, Bilthoven, Netherlands.

7/ Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution; Led by the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Bonn, Germany; essential coordination costs borne by the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health.

8/ Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling: International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria.

9/ Figure covers costs for dynamic modelling optimization (US\$ 60,000), particulate matter cost curves (US\$ 30,000), 2020 projections and baseline emissions (US\$ 60,000), update of cost curves for other pollutants (US\$ 30,000), health impacts data (US\$ 30,000) and cooperation with National Focal Points (US\$ 30,000).

10/ Subject to 3% programme support costs, i.e. US\$ 58,500.

Annex II

DRAFT DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION
ON THE FINANCING OF CORE ACTIVITIES IN 2003-2005

The Executive Body,

Noting that the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution does not contain provision for the financing of core activities,

Noting further that, with the exception of the Protocol on Long-term Financing of the Cooperative Programme for the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (hereafter referred to as the “EMEP Protocol”), none of the Protocols to the 1979 Convention provides for the financing of core activities,

Recognizing that the efficient operation of the 1979 Convention and its Protocols would benefit from the adoption of essential coordination costs for three years, the immediate year for decision and the following two years as provisional, for the financing of core activities under the Convention and its Protocols, other than those covered by the EMEP Protocol, and from recommending to Parties an indicative scale of their contributions to those essential coordination costs,

1. Decides that the essential coordination costs for financing the core activities of the Convention and its Protocols,¹ other than those covered by the EMEP Protocol, shall be US\$ 2,008,500 in 2003, and shall provisionally be US\$ 2,096,050 in 2004 and US\$ 2,096,050 in 2005;
2. Recommends that the Parties to the 1979 Convention should make contributions, in cash or in kind, to the essential coordination costs as set out in the appendix to this decision and recommendation without prejudging the outcome of negotiations on a legal instrument;
3. Calls for all such contributions to be deposited in the General Trust Fund for the Financing of the Implementation of the Convention, which has been established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

¹ The core activities for 2003 are set out in annex I above.

Appendix

RECOMMENDED SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (based on information from EB.AIR/GE.1/2002/12 and annex I above)

Parties	UN 2003 assessment rate (%)	"EMEP share" (%)	Recommended contribution US\$
Armenia	0.002	0.005	89
Azerbaijan	0.004	0.009	178
Belarus	0.019	0.044	848
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.004	0.009	178
Bulgaria	0.013	0.030	580
Canada	2.558		voluntary
Croatia	0.039	0.091	1740
Cyprus	0.038	0.088	1696
Czech Republic	0.203	0.472	9059
Estonia	0.010	0.023	446
Georgia	0.005	0.012	223
Hungary	0.120	0.279	5355
Iceland	0.033	0.077	1473
Kazakhstan	0.028	0.065	1249
Kyrgyzstan	0.001	0.002	45
Latvia	0.010	0.023	446
Liechtenstein	0.006	0.014	268
Lithuania	0.017	0.039	759
Malta	0.015	0.035	669
Monaco	0.004	0.009	178
Norway	0.646	1.501	28828
Poland	0.378	0.878	16868
Republic of Moldova	0.002	0.005	89
Romania	0.058	0.135	2588
Russian Federation	1.200	2.788	53550
Slovakia	0.043	0.100	1919
Slovenia	0.081	0.188	3615
Switzerland	1.274	2.960	56852
The FYR of Macedonia	0.006	0.014	268
Turkey	0.440	1.022	19635
Ukraine	0.053	0.123	2365
United States	22.000		voluntary
Yugoslavia	0.020	0.046	892
Austria	0.947	2.200	42260
Belgium	1.129	2.623	50381
Denmark	0.749	1.740	33424
Finland	0.522	1.213	23294
France	6.466	15.021	288544
Germany	9.769	22.694	435940
Greece	0.539	1.252	24053
Ireland	0.294	0.683	13120
Italy	5.065	11.766	226013
Luxembourg	0.080	0.186	3570
Netherlands	1.738	4.037	77558
Portugal	0.462	1.073	20617
Spain	2.519	5.851	112399
Sweden	1.027	2.385	45818
United Kingdom	5.536	12.860	247043
European Community		3.330	63968
Total (EMEP region)	41.613	100.000	1920950

Annex III

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 2002 (as of 1 September 2002)

Parties	Recommended contribution (US\$)	Received in 2002 (US\$)
Armenia	271	
Belarus	2579	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	226	
Bulgaria	498	
Canada	Voluntary	12146
Croatia	1357	
Cyprus	1538	1000
Czech Republic	4842	4842
Estonia	543	
Georgia	317	
Hungary	5430	5430
Iceland	1448	
Kazakhstan	2172	
Kyrgyzstan	271	
Latvia	769	
Liechtenstein	271	30
Lithuania	679	
Malta	633	
Monaco	181	
Norway	27602	35196
Poland	8869	
Republic of Moldova	452	
Romania	2534	
Russian Federation	48733	
Slovakia	1584	790
Slovenia	2760	2889
Switzerland	54978	5969
The FYR of Macedonia	181	
Turkey	19910	
Ukraine	181	
United States	Voluntary	
Yugoslavia	1176	
Austria	42625	2358
Belgium	49955	
Denmark	31312	31312
Finland	24570	1605
France	296156	
Germany	446021	27705
Greece	15882	
Ireland	10136	6890
Italy	246020	
Luxembourg	3077	150
Netherlands	73847	73825
Portugal	19502	450
Spain	117241	
Sweden	48824	
United Kingdom	230409	
European Community	63968	4995
Total (EMEP region)	1920950	217582