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FINANCING OF EFFECTS-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

Note by the Bureau of the Working Group on Effects¹

INTRODUCTION

1. At its twenty-fifth session, the Executive Body for the Convention amended its decision 2002/1 on the financing of core activities (ECE/EB.AIR/77/Add.1, annex I) by adding the new Parties to the Convention and adopting the 2007 United Nations scale of assessments for use in calculating the decided contributions (see ECE/EB.AIR/91/Add.1, annexes III and IV, respectively). It took note of the contributions made in 2006 and 2007 to the Trust Fund for core activities not covered by the EMEP² Protocol, both those in cash and those in kind made directly to programme centres. The document on financing of core activities not covered by the EMEP

¹ The present document was submitted late due to resource constraints.

² The Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants.

Protocol was prepared for consideration by the Working Group on Effects at its twenty-seventh session in accordance with the decision of the Executive Body at its twenty-fifth session (ECE/EB.AIR/91, para. 115).

2. The Executive Body requested the secretariat to inform Parties of their decided contributions to meet the 2008 budget, inviting them to make contributions as decided in the amended decision 2002/1. It also urged all Parties that had not yet done so to consider providing, without undue delay, decided cash contributions to the Trust Fund for financing core activities. Furthermore, it noted with appreciation the essential support provided to the Convention and its bodies by lead countries, countries hosting coordinating centres and those organizing meetings, as well as countries that funded activities of their national focal centres/points and the active participation of national experts.

3. In keeping with the amended decision 2002/1, the Executive Body decided to adopt, for the core activities not funded by the EMEP Protocol, a budget for 2008 of US\$ 2,152,700 (ECE/EB.AIR/2007/2, table 9) and a provisional budget for 2009 and 2010 of US\$2,152,700. Contributions to the Trust Fund and the use of those contributions are summarized in sections I and II below.

4. The Bureau of the Working Group on Effects prepared a detailed draft budget for the costs of core activities in 2009 (table 1) and suggested a provisional budget for 2010 and 2011 of US\$ 2,152,700. It agreed that the international coordination priorities focus on the items of the draft 2009 workplan submitted for approval by the Working Group (see section IV below).

I. DECIDED CASH CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2007 AND 2008

5. The cash contributions decided in Executive Body's decision 2002/1 towards partly financing the essential coordination of effects-oriented activities that were paid to the Trust Fund in 2007 and 2008 (as of 30 June 2008) are presented in tables 2 and 3, respectively. In addition to the cash contributions earmarked for individual programmes, the tables show: (a) in the column "EOA-GEN", the non-earmarked cash contributions for the effects-oriented activities; (b) in the column "CIAM", the contributions allocated to the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling; (c) in the column "T. contr.", the total contributions from individual countries to the Trust Fund for the year; (d) in the column "PYC", the past years' contributions during the year; and (e) in the column "Decid. contr.", the decided contributions from individual countries to the Trust Fund for the year.

6. The contributions in kind, as agreed in Executive Body's decision 2002/1, towards partially financing the essential coordination of effects-oriented activities paid to the Trust Fund in 2007 and in 2008 (as of 30 June 2008), are presented in tables 4 (a) and 4 (b), respectively.

7. In addition to the contributions in cash and in kind shown in tables 2, 3 and 4, and to the substantial contributions made by the lead countries of the programmes and by the countries hosting the programme centres directly to the centres, a number of Parties provided additional support to effects-oriented activities by hosting task force meetings, workshops and expert meetings.

II. USE OF DECIDED CASH CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2008

8. The use of earmarked and non-earmarked cash contributions in the period 2000–2008 (as of 30 June 2008) is presented in table 5. The non-earmarked cash contributions to the Trust Fund enabled significant amounts, compared to previous years, to be used in 2005 for supporting the activities not covered by the EMEP Protocol. The line “Substantive reporting” represents: (a) funds provided in 2001 to the programmes as partial compensation for the expenses that they had previously incurred while preparing the report “Trends in the impacts of long-range transboundary air pollution”; (b) funds provided in 2002, 2003 and 2004 to cover the costs of a consultant hired to prepare and to help finalize the 2004 substantive report on the review and assessment of air pollution effects and their recorded trends; and (c) funds provided in 2008 to cover the costs of a consultant hired to help finalize the 2008 consolidated report on air pollution effects.

9. Before Executive Body decision 2002/1, cash contributions were paid to programme centres of the International Cooperative Programmes (ICPs) rather irregularly and payments were dependent on the availability of funds. Since 2002, contributions have become sufficiently regular to allow regular, annual payments. Implementing instruments are currently used in the formal contracting procedure used by the United Nations for this Trust Fund. A similar process is used for the EMEP centres.

10. Formal contracts with implementing instruments have been used to distribute cash contributions in 2008. These were drawn up between UNECE and the institutes recognized in Executive Body decision 2002/1 as being nominated as programme (coordinating) centres for the ICPs and the joint Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution (Task Force on Health). The Bureau of the Working Group approved the tasks and outputs for the centres as listed in the Convention’s 2008 workplan.

III. DEVELOPING THE FUNDING MECHANISM FOR CORE ACTIVITIES

11. At its twenty-fourth session, the Executive Body requested the secretariat to provide a note substantiating the aims and use of the Trust Fund for core activities not covered by the EMEP Protocol attached to the request for contributions in 2007. The secretariat continued this practice again in 2008 and sent Parties a two-page brochure on the activities of the Working Group on Effects attached to the request for contributions.

12. The Executive Body agreed to set up a small ad hoc group to draft a document devising alternatives for distributing non-earmarked funds among the eight centres supported by the Trust Fund for core activities not covered by the EMEP Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/89, para. 79). The Executive Body at its twenty-fifth session discussed the alternative mechanisms. It agreed that the aim of the ad hoc group had been fulfilled, considered that no further work was required and agreed that the existing procedure could be applied for practical reasons.

13. The scale of assessment adopted to amend the annex to Executive Body decision 2002/1 is presented in table 6.

IV. PRIORITY TASKS FOR 2009 (TO BE PARTLY FINANCED BY THE TRUST FUND)

14. At its meeting in Geneva held on 5 and 6 February 2008, the Extended Bureau of the Working Group on Effects, comprising the Bureau of the Working Group, the Chairs of the Task Forces and Expert Group and the representatives of the ICP programme centres, agreed that the formal contracts should continue to be based on the adopted workplan of the Convention. The draft 2009 workplan for the Working Group and the proposed lists of tasks for each programme can be found in document ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/4.

V. PROPOSED DECISIONS FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON EFFECTS

15. The Working Group may wish, inter alia:

- (a) To note the cash contributions made in 2007 and 2008;
- (b) To approve the 2009 international coordination costs of US\$ 2,152,700 for different elements of the effects-oriented activities and the provisional cost estimate of US\$ 2,152,700 for 2010 and 2011, for submission to the Executive Body;
- (c) To invite all Parties to provide the decided contributions to the Trust Fund as decided by the Executive Body in its amended decision 2002/1;
- (d) To take note the work of the programme centres for all ICPs partially funded by the Trust Fund, especially the work accomplished by the ICPs and the Task Force on Health.

Table 1. International coordination costs for core activities in 2009 not funded through the EMEP Protocol
(in thousands of US\$)

Activities	ICP Forests; PCC ^{1/}	ICP Waters; PC ^{2/}	ICP Materials; PMRC ^{3/}	ICP Vegetation PCC ^{4/}	ICP Integrated Monitoring; PC ^{5/}	ICP Modelling & Mapping; CCE ^{6/}	TF Health Aspects ^{7/}	Centre for IAM ^{8/}	Subtotal Activities
Monitoring and assessment	100	60	70	30	75				335
Dose-response	40	60	75	75	40				290
Critical loads and levels	45	35	70	55	30	135			370
Dynamic modelling	35	40	35	20	80	140			350
Database management	85	65	60	70	75	35			390
Total ICPs, Task Force and CIAM	305	260	310	250	300	310	115	240	2090^{9/}

^{1/} 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.

^{3/} ICP on Effects of Air Pollution on Materials, including Historic and Cultural Monuments; lead countries: Sweden and Italy; Programme Main Research Centre: Corrosion and Materials Research Institute (formerly Swedish Corrosion Institute), Stockholm.

^{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.

^{6/} ICP on Mapping Critical Levels and Loads; lead country: Germany; the Coordination Centre for Effects: the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (formerly National Institute of Public Health and the Environment), Bilthoven, the Netherlands.

^{7/} Joint Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution; led by the World Health Organization's European Centre for Environment and Health (WHO/ECEH), Bonn, Germany; essential coordination costs borne by WHO/ECEH.

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

^{9/} Subject to 3% programme support costs (\$62,700).

Table 2. 2007 cash contributions towards financing the core activities under the Convention (in US\$)

	ICP F	ICP W	ICP M	ICP V	ICP IM	ICP M&M	TF H	EOA-GEN	CIAM	T.contr.	PYC	Decid.contr.
Albania *												
Armenia								88	13	100		100
Austria	2'360									2'360		47'358
Azerbaijan								175	25	200		200
Belarus								831	119	950		950
Belgium								50'369	7'196	57'565		56'460
Bosnia and Herzegovina								175	25	200		200
Bulgaria								1'339	191	1'530		650
Canada												
Croatia								1'706	244	1'950		1'950
Cyprus								1'663	238	1'900		1'900
Czech Republic	1'480							8'883	1'269	11'632		10'152
Denmark								15'969	2'281	18'250		37'456
Estonia	262									262		500
Finland												26'104
France	18'273									18'273		323'355
Georgia								684	98	781		250
Germany	27'705									27'705		488'533
Greece												26'955
Hungary	675							5'251	750	6'676		6'001
Iceland								1'444	206	1'650		1'650
Ireland								12'864	1'838	14'702		14'702
Italy												253'280
Kazakhstan												1'400
Kyrgyzstan												50
Latvia								438	63	500		500
Liechtenstein	100							263	38	400		300
Lithuania								1'181	169	1'350		850
Luxembourg								3'501	500	4'001		4'001
Malta												750
Moldova												100
Monaco								175	25	200		200
Montenegro #												
Netherlands												86'915
Norway	1'695	32'280								33'975		32'305
Poland	2'130							16'523	2'360	21'013		18'903
Portugal												23'104
Romania												2'900
Russian Federation												60'010
Serbia #												1'000
Slovakia	810							1'881	269	2'960		2'150
Slovenia								3'545	506	4'051		4'051
Spain	5'310							110'214	15'745	131'269		125'959
Sweden												51'346
Switzerland	3'365							55'725	7'961	67'051		63'711
The FYR of Macedonia												300
Turkey												22'004
Ukraine								2'319	331	2'650		2'650
United Kingdom												276'847
United States								8'750	1'250	10'000		
European Community								62'689	8'956	71'645		71'685
TOTAL CONTR.	64'165	32'280						368'643	52'663	517'751		2'152'700

* There was no decided contribution in decision 2002/1 for Albania.

The decided contribution for Serbia and Montenegro is listed under Serbia. There was no decided contribution in decision 2002/1 for Montenegro.

Table 3. 2008 cash contributions towards financing the core activities under the Convention
(as of 30 June 2008) (in US\$)

	ICP F	ICP W	ICP M	ICP V	ICP IM	ICP M&M	TF H	EOA-GEN	CIAM	T.contr.	PYC	Decid.contr.
Albania												293
Armenia												98
Austria								50'188	7'170	57'358		43'248
Azerbaijan												244
Belarus												975
Belgium								14'821	2'117	16'938		53'731
Bosnia and Herzegovina								256	37	293		293
Bulgaria								853	122	975		975
Canada								15'476	2'211	17'687		
Croatia								2'055	294	2'348		2'438
Cyprus												2'145
Czech Republic								11'988	1'713	13'701		13'701
Denmark								27'440	3'920	31'360		36'032
Estonia												780
Finland	1'585									1'585		27'499
France												307'220
Georgia												146
Germany												418'192
Greece												29'059
Hungary								10'410	1'487	11'897		11'897
Iceland												1'804
Ireland								18'985	2'712	21'697		21'697
Italy												247'639
Kazakhstan												1'414
Kyrgyzstan												49
Latvia												878
Liechtenstein								427	61	488		488
Lithuania												1'511
Luxembourg	129							3'626	518	4'273		4'144
Malta												829
Moldova												49
Monaco								127	18	145		146
Montenegro								43	6	49		49
Netherlands												91'323
Norway		38'103								38'103		38'128
Poland												24'427
Portugal												25'695
Romania												3'413
Russian Federation												58'509
Serbia								896	128	1'024		1'024
Slovakia								2'688	384	3'072		3'072
Slovenia												4'681
Spain												144'712
Sweden	5,548 *											52'219
Switzerland								51'856	7'408	59'264		59'289
The FYR of Macedonia								263	38	300		244
Turkey												18'577
Ukraine												2'194
United Kingdom												323'847
United States												
European Community												71'685
TOTAL CONTR.	1'714	38'103						212'398	30'343	282'557		2'152'700

* Contribution earmarked to ICP Forests for the years 2004 and 2005.

Table 4. Contributions in kind towards financing the core activities under the Convention (a) in 2007 and (b) in 2008 (as of 30 June 2008) (in US\$)

Contributors in 2007	ICP Materials	ICP Vegetation	ICP Integrated Monitoring	ICP Modelling and Mapping	Subtotal Parties
Netherlands				86,915	86,915
Sweden *	59,379		24,966		84,345
United Kingdom		180,000			180,000
TOTAL	59,379	180,000	24,966	86,915	351,260

* Contribution in kind worth SKr 440,000 and SKr 185,000, respectively.

Contributors in 2008	ICP Vegetation	Task Force on Health	Subtotal Parties
Germany *		15,886	15,886
United Kingdom	177,475		177,475
TOTAL	177,475	15,886	193,361

*Contribution in kind worth € 10,071

Table 5. Use of cash contributions to partially fund effects-oriented activities in the period 2000–2008 (as of 30 June 2008) (in US\$)

Contributions	Non-earmarked									
	Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 ¹
ICP Forests				20,300	15,000	45,000	46,000	40,000	69,000	67,000
ICP Waters				20,300	15,000	45,000	46,000	40,000	69,000	67,000
ICP Materials				20,300	15,000	45,000	46,000	40,000	69,000	67,000
ICP Vegetation				20,500	15,000	45,000	46,000	40,000	69,000	67,000
ICP Integrated Monitoring				20,300	15,000	45,000	46,000	40,000	69,000	67,000
ICP Modelling and Mapping				20,300	15,000	45,000	46,000	40,000	69,000	67,000
Task Force on Health				20,000	15,000	45,000	46,000	40,000	69,000	67,000
Substantive reporting										
Total				93,500	4,545	17,164	11,902			

Contributions	Earmarked									
	Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 ¹
ICP Forests		84,000	66,000	75,700	76,200	52,000	32,000	50,000	133,000	106,000
ICP Waters		16,000	17,000	1,200	33,300	34,000	11,000	30,000	59,000	32,000
ICP Materials			70,000	6,700						
ICP Vegetation		34,500								
ICP Integrated Monitoring			13,000	700						
ICP Modelling and Mapping		114,700	45,000	4,700	37,600					
Task Force on Health										
Substantive reporting										
Total		249,200	211,000	89,000	147,100	86,000	43,000	80,000	192,000	138,000

¹ Committed but not yet debited from the Trust Fund.

Table 6. Decided scale of contributions to the Trust Fund for core activities not covered by the EMEP Protocol for 2009 (based on amended decision 2002/1, ECE/EB.AIR/91/Add.1, annexes III and IV, and table 1 above)

Parties to the Convention ¹	UN 2007 assessment rate (%)	Recommended scale (%)	Decided contribution (US\$)
Albania	0.006	0.014	293
Armenia	0.002	0.005	98
Azerbaijan	0.005	0.011	244
Belarus	0.020	0.045	975
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.006	0.014	293
Croatia	0.050	0.113	2,438
Georgia	0.003	0.007	146
Iceland	0.037	0.084	1,804
Kazakhstan	0.029	0.066	1,414
Kyrgyzstan	0.001	0.002	49
Liechtenstein	0.010	0.023	488
Moldova	0.001	0.002	49
Monaco	0.003	0.007	146
Montenegro	0.001	0.002	49
Norway	0.782	1.771	38,128
Russian Federation	1.200	2.718	58,509
Serbia	0.021	0.048	1,024
Switzerland	1.216	2.754	59,289
The FYR of Macedonia	0.005	0.011	244
Turkey	0.381	0.863	18,577
Ukraine	0.045	0.102	2,194
Austria	0.887	2.009	43,248
Belgium	1.102	2.496	53,731
Bulgaria	0.020	0.045	975
Cyprus	0.044	0.100	2,145
Czech Republic	0.281	0.636	13,701
Denmark	0.739	1.674	36,032
Estonia	0.016	0.036	780
Finland	0.564	1.277	27,499
France	6.301	14.271	307,220
Germany	8.577	19.426	418,192
Greece	0.596	1.350	29,059
Hungary	0.244	0.553	11,897
Ireland	0.445	1.008	21,697
Italy	5.079	11.504	247,639
Latvia	0.018	0.041	878
Lithuania	0.031	0.070	1,511
Luxembourg	0.085	0.193	4,144
Malta	0.017	0.039	829
Netherlands	1.873	4.242	91,323
Poland	0.501	1.135	24,427
Portugal	0.527	1.194	25,695
Romania	0.070	0.159	3,413
Slovakia	0.063	0.143	3,072
Slovenia	0.096	0.217	4,681
Spain	2.968	6.722	144,712
Sweden	1.071	2.426	52,219
United Kingdom	6.642	15.044	323,847
European Community		3.330	71,685
Total	42.681	100.000	2,152,700

¹ Canada and the United States of America: voluntary contributions.
