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EXECUTION OF THE CMS BUDGET DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO AUGUST 2015

Summary

This document provides an overview over the current status of assessed contributions as well as budget implementation as requested by Resolution 11.1 COP 11. It shows that overall expenditures are on track and proposes the draw-down of the Trust Fund for certain activities as well as the use of contributions of new Parties for consideration by the 44th Standing Committee Meeting.

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(prepared by the Secretariat)

Status as of 31 August 2015 (estimated)

I. Introduction

1. The present report provides the Standing Committee with an overview of the implementation of the CMS budget during the first eight months of 2015.

II. Status of the Trust Fund for Assessed Contributions as at 31 July 2015

2. As shown in Annex I, the total unpaid pledges as at 31 July 2015 amounted to EUR 915,725 (EUR 709,142 for 2015 and EUR 206,583 for 2014 and prior years). This means that out of the 2015 pledges, 68, 21 % had been received as at 31 July 2015 from 46 out of the 120 Parties to the Convention. It is therefore worth recalling that paragraph 5 of resolution 11.1 urges Parties to pay their contributions as promptly as possible, preferably not later than March in the year to which they relate.

III. New Parties in 2015 and Proposed Use of their Assessed Contributions

3. In 2015, two new Parties have joined CMS: Afghanistan and Brazil which leads to an additional EUR 364,020 EUR to the CMS Trust Fund within the current triennium as per Table 1 below:

Table 1: Contributions New Parties

New Parties	Entry into effect	UN Scale of assessment 2015	Contributions in EURO			
			2015	2016	2017	Total
Afghanistan	1-Aug-15	0.005	108	256	296	660
Brazil	1-Oct-15	2,934	38,120	150,986	174,254	363,360
Total per year			38,228	151,242	174,550	364,020

4. The CMS Secretariat proposes to use these contributions for regional activities.

IV. Implementation of the 2015 Budget

5. COP Resolution 11.1 provided a budget (excluding Programme Support Costs of 13%) of EUR 2,102,266 for 2015. Estimated expenditures incurred during the period January to August 2015 are provided in Annex II¹. Due to the implementation of a new Enterprise Resource System in the UN Secretariat called UMOJA in June 2015 and the move to financial reporting compliant with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) used internationally as opposed to the United Nations System Accounting Standards (UNSAS) previously used, expenditures are estimated and include certain prior year adjustments, especially in the staff costs, which are being verified.

¹ UNEP's official accounts are maintained in US dollars, however, for the purpose of this report, expenditures in Euros have been estimated by using an average of the monthly UN official exchange rates during the expenditure period (1 USD = 0.9083 EUR).

6. During the first eight months of 2015, an overall expenditure of 58.77% corresponding to EUR 1,235,472 is reported. The breakdown is as follows: Expenditure on staff amounted to EUR 1,033,866 against a budget of EUR 1,685,556 – an implementation rate of 61.34%. During the same period, expenditures on operating costs amounted to EUR 158,106 against a budget of EUR 279,653 – an implementation rate of 56.54%. With respect to the Servicing of Governing Bodies and the two activities foreseen in the CMS budget (the strategic plan and the study on synergies within the CMS family), the study on synergies within the CMS family has been undertaken and for the other activities, these are either in the preparatory phase or are scheduled to start later in the year. In view of the afore-mentioned, it is projected that 2015 expenditures will be within budgetary provisions. Some staff lines are likely to be overspent but can be covered by savings from other staff costs and by keeping the part-time Clerk post within Conferences and Support Services vacant financing the Deputy Executive Secretary's Secretary as well as a Secretary within the Conferences and Support Services to work 80% instead of 50%.

V. Request for use of resources from Trust Fund to be authorized by the Standing Committee

7. The opening balance of the triennium ending in 2014 was USD 1,406,738. In accordance with the 2014 provisional financial statements issued by UNEP, the 2014 closing balance of the CMS trust fund was USD 944,136. Considering that the Parties authorized a yearly draw-down of the reserve of EUR 130,000, there are overall savings of estimated EUR 45,026 for the last triennium.

8. According to Resolution 11.1 adopted by COP 11, the minimum amount of the reserve should be kept at USD 500,000. Therefore, considering the actual reserve is almost twice as much, the Secretariat proposes to allocate EUR 179,000 from the reserve for the following: EUR 107,000 to 2016 and EUR 72,000 to 2017 to cover the costs for replacing the P2 Associate Programme Officer dealing with Terrestrial Species while on maternity leave in 2016, to increase the funding for the post of the P2 Associate Information Officer in CMS from 50% to 100% in 2016 and 2017 to strengthen the capacity of the Common Information Unit and for coordination support to the Strategic Plan Working Group in 2016 and 2017.

Annex I

Trust Fund for the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals Status of Contributions as at 31 July 2015 (in Euros)

As at 31 December 2014		As at 31 July 2015							
Party / Economic Integration Area	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for 2014 & Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections During 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Advanced Payments for Future Years
Albania	0	0	520		520		0	0	0
Algeria	0	0	7,119		7,093		0	26	0
Angola	0	103	520				0	417	0
Antigua & Barbuda	81	0	105	81	105	64	0	0	64
Argentina	0	0	22,451				0	22,451	0
Armenia	0	0	363		363		0	0	0
Australia	0	0	107,785		107,785	3,070	0	0	3,070
Austria	0	0	41,472				0	41,472	0
Bangladesh	0	0	520				0	520	0
Belarus	0	0	2,910				0	2,910	0
Belgium	12,007	0	51,865		51,865		12,007	0	0
Benin	0	0	157				0	157	0
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	0	0	468				0	468	0
Bulgaria	0	0	2,442				0	2,442	0
Burkina Faso	26	0	157				26	157	0
Burundi	0	0	52		52	423	0	0	423
Cabo Verde	0	0	52				0	52	0
Cameroon	0	0	625				0	625	0
Chad	1,111	0	105				1,111	105	0
Chile	6	0	17,358	6	15,707		0	1,651	0
Congo, Republic of	18	0	259				18	259	0
Cook Islands	394	0	52	394	52	112	0	0	112
Costa Rica	0	2,669	1,974				0	0	695

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Cote d'Ivoire	0	23,932	573				0	0	23,359
Croatia	0	0	6,549		6,549		0	0	0
Cuba	19,643	0	3,587				19,643	3,587	0
Cyprus	0	0	2,442		2,442		0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	20,061	20,061				0	0	0
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,134	0	157				3,134	157	0
Denmark	0	0	35,080		35,080		0	0	0
Djibouti	453	0	52				453	52	0
Ecuador	0	149	2,288				0	2,139	0
Egypt	0	0	6,965		6,965		0	0	0
Equatorial Guinea	1,276	0	520				1,276	520	0
Eritrea	0	0	52		52	112	0	0	60
Estonia	0	0	2,079		2,079		0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	1,258	520			372	0	0	1,110
European Union	0	0	59,388		59,388		0	0	0
Fiji	0	0	157				0	157	0
Finland	0	0	26,972		26,972		0	0	0
France	0	0	290,669		290,669		0	0	0
Gabon	3,286	0	1,040				3,286	1,040	0
Gambia	0	0	52				0	52	0
Georgia	0	0	363		363		0	0	0
Germany, F.R.	0	0	371,119		371,119		0	0	0
Ghana	0	1	727		727	1,550	0	0	1,551
Greece	35,920	0	33,158				35,920	33,158	0
Guinea	1,115	0	52				1,115	52	0
Guinea Bissau	1,736	0	52				1,736	52	0
Honduras	922	0	416				922	416	0

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Hungary	0	0	13,823		13,823		0	0	0
India	0	0	34,612		34,582		0	30	0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	32,119	0	18,501				32,119	18,501	0
Ireland	0	21,724	21,724				0	0	0
Israel	0	0	20,579				0	20,579	0
Italy	15,130	0	231,164				15,130	231,164	0
Jordan	645	0	1,143				645	1,143	0
Kazakhstan	0	0	6,288		6,288		0	0	0
Kenya	1,698	0	675	1,698			0	675	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	105				0	105	0
Latvia	0	0	2,442		2,442		0	0	0
Liberia	225	0	52				225	52	0
Libya	51,342	0	7,381				51,342	7,381	0
Liechtenstein	0	0	468		468		0	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	3,794		3,794		0	0	0
Luxembourg	529	0	4,209				529	4,209	0
Madagascar	27	0	157	27			0	157	0
Mali	424	0	209				424	209	0
Malta	0	0	831				0	831	0
Mauritania	429	0	105				429	105	0
Mauritius	0	0	675		675		0	0	0
Monaco	0	0	625		625		0	0	0
Mongolia	0	0	157		157		0	0	0
Montenegro	0	0	259		259		0	0	0
Morocco	0	0	3,221				0	3,221	0
Mozambique	0	0	157				0	157	0
Netherlands	0	0	85,959				0	85,959	0

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New Zealand	0	0	13,149		13,149		0	0	0
Niger	1,897	0	105				1,897	105	0
Nigeria	0	0	4,677				0	4,677	0
Norway	0	0	44,225		44,225		0	0	0
Pakistan	0	373	4,419				0	4,046	0
Palau	329	0	52				329	52	0
Panama	0	167	1,352				0	1,185	0
Paraguay	39	0	520	39	462		0	58	0
Peru	14	0	6,081				14	6,081	0
Philippines	19	0	8,003				19	8,003	0
Poland	0	0	47,865		47,865		0	0	0
Portugal	50,122	0	24,634	48,193			1,929	24,634	0
Republic of Moldova	0	0	157				0	157	0
Romania	0	0	11,745		11,745		0	0	0
Rwanda	0	0	105				0	105	0
Samoa	0	0	52		52	94	0	0	42
Sao Tome Principe	546	0	52				546	52	0
Saudi Arabia	65	0	44,902	65	44,902	65	0	0	65
Senegal	1,063	0	311				1,063	311	0
Serbia	0	0	2,079		2,079		0	0	0
Seychelles	0	87	52				0	0	35
Slovakia	0	0	8,887		8,887		0	0	0
Slovenia	0	0	5,198		5,198		0	0	0
Somalia	1,736	0	52				1,736	52	0
South Africa	0	0	19,332		19,332		0	0	0
Spain	0	0	154,507				0	154,507	0
Sri Lanka	0	0	1,299				0	1,299	0

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Swaziland	0	0	157				0	157	0
Sweden	0	0	49,891		49,891		0	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	54,412		54,412		0	0	0
Syrian Arab Republic	4,283	0	1,872				4,283	1,872	0
Tajikistan	269	0	157				269	157	0
The FYR of Macedonia	1,481	0	416				1,481	416	0
Togo	0	0	52				0	52	0
Tunisia	6,265	0	1,872	1,872			4,393	1,872	0
Uganda	0	376	311				0	0	65
Ukraine	4,523	0	5,145				4,523	5,145	0
United Kingdom	0	0	269,153		269,153		0	0	0
United Rep. of Tanzania	0	0	468				0	468	0
Uruguay	0	0	2,703				0	2,703	0
Uzbekistan	2,414	0	779	520			1,894	779	0
Yemen	717	0	520				717	520	0
Zimbabwe	0	0	105				0	105	0
Total	259,478	70,901	2,375,561	52,894	1,620,412	5,863	206,583	709,142	30,652

Annex II

Implementation of the 2015 Budget (in Euros)

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Estimated expenditure 31 Aug 2015 in EUR</i>	<i>Estimated Balance as at 31 Aug 2015</i>
Executive Direction and Management			
1 Executive Secretary ¹ , 97%	169,794	79,492	90,302
2 Deputy Executive Secretary	157,059	110,458	46,601
3 Personal Assistant to the Executive Secretary	82,775	52,452	30,323
4 Secretary to Deputy Executive Secretary, 50%	32,155	24,864	7,291
5 Strategic Plan (Indicators, Companion Volume etc.)	15,000	0	15,000
6 Independent analysis of synergies in the CMS family	50,000	43,500	6,500
Subtotal	506,783	310,767	196,016
Aquatic Species			
7 Head, Aquatic Species ¹ , 85%	121,774	81,704	40,070
8 Associate Marine Mammals Officer ¹ , 25%	22,551	14,489	8,062
9 Senior Advisor and Head of IOSEA, approx 12.5%	20,376	6,838	13,538
Avian Species			
10 Head, Avian Species	143,264	98,263	45,001
Terrestrial Species			
11 Head ² , Terrestrial Species			
12 Associate Programme Officer	90,203	24,672	65,531
13 Associate Programme Officer, CAMI 50%	45,102	30,744	14,358
Subtotal	443,270	256,709	186,561
Scientific Advisory Services			
14 Scientific Advisor	143,264	109,060	34,204
Subtotal	143,264	109,060	34,204
Conferences and Support Services			
15 Head ²			
16 Programme Assistant	64,310	24,033	40,277
17 Secretary, 50%	32,155	16,342	15,813
18 Clerk, 50%	32,155	0	32,155
19 Secretary, 50%	32,155	32,591	-436
20 Secretary, 50%	32,155	23,561	8,594
Subtotal	192,930	96,528	96,402
Resource Mobilization and Interagency Affairs			
21 Associate Partnerships and Fundraising Officer	90,203	66,000	24,203
22 Associate Programme Officer, Western Hemisphere, 50%	0	0	0
Subtotal	90,203	66,000	24,203
Information Management, Communication and Outreach			
23 Associate Information Officer, 50%	45,102	29,555	15,548
24 Senior Information Assistant	82,775	54,440	28,335
25 Administrative Assistant	64,310	22,777	41,533
26 ICT Tools, Website Development and Maintenance	6,500	33	6,467
Subtotal	198,687	106,804	91,883

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Estimated expenditure 31 Aug 2015 in EUR</i>	<i>Estimated Balance as at 31 Aug 2015</i>
Capacity Building			
27 Head, Capacity Building	143,264	107,182	36,082
28 Secretary, 50%	32,155	24,318	7,837
Subtotal	175,419	131,499	43,920
Servicing of Governing Bodies			
29 Contractual Services (translation, interpretation, etc.)			
30 COP-12 travel of CMS Staff			
31 Standing Committee Meetings (delegates etc.)	21,649		21,649
32 Scientific Council (delegates, intergov processes etc.)	50,408		50,408
Subtotal	72,057	0	72,057
Operating Costs			
33 Contractual Services (translation etc.)	70,000	28,942	41,058
34 Secretariat Travel	66,300	56,110	10,190
35 Staff Development (training, retreats etc.)	15,400	7,629	7,771
36 Office Supplies	5,500	2,300	3,200
37 Non-expendable Equipment	10,000	7,337	2,663
38 Information Technology Services	70,000	36,422	33,578
39 Office Automation Services (printer leases, hosting etc.)	10,000	5,277	4,723
40 Information Material and Document Production	12,000	6,233	5,767
41 Communication and Courier Services	16,900	6,659	10,241
42 Miscellaneous	3,553	1,197	2,356
Subtotal	279,653	158,106	121,547
Total	2,102,266	1,235,472	866,794

¹ Posts cost shared with the ASCOBANS Secretariat

² Functions performed by the Deputy Executive Secretary