

## Decision -/COP.20

### Administrative, financial and institutional matters

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision 27/CP.19, in which the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 was approved and the Executive Secretary was requested to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session on income and budget performance and to propose any adjustments that might be needed in the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015,

*Also recalling* paragraph 11 of the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties,<sup>1</sup>

*Having considered* the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,<sup>2</sup>

#### I. Audited financial statements for the biennium 2012–2013

1. *Takes note* of the audited financial statements for the biennium 2012–2013, the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors, which includes recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the accounts of the Convention and for the valuable observations and recommendations of the auditors;
3. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate;

#### II. Budget performance report for the biennium 2014–2015

4. *Takes note* of the report on budget performance for the biennium 2014–2015 as at 30 June 2014 and the status of contributions as at 15 November 2014 to the trust funds administered by the secretariat;
5. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
6. *Calls upon* Parties that have not yet made contributions to the core budget to do so without delay, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2014/10, FCCC/SBI/2014/16 and Add.1 and 2 and FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.23.

8. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process, in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2015, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
9. *Reiterates* its appreciation to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government of the secretariat;

### **III. Programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017**

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-second session (June 2015), a proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;
11. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, when preparing the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017, to prepare a contingency for funding conference services,<sup>3</sup> should this prove necessary in the light of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its seventieth session;
12. *Further requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to recommend, at its forty-second session, a programme budget for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its eleventh session (November–December 2015);
13. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to notify Parties of their indicative contributions for 2016 on the basis of the recommended budget.

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<sup>3</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2013/6, paragraphs 59–62, for an overview.