

Recalling Paragraph 5 of the financial procedures of the Convention

Recalling Article 8, paragraph 2(f), of the Convention

Also recalling Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement

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Takes note of the urgency of adopting an agreement on the value of the core budget and *requests* the secretariat to enhance Party consultations and responsiveness to mandates in preparing biennium budget proposals;

Underscores the accountability of the secretariat to Parties and mandates and *reiterates* that activities in the core and supplementary budgets must respond accurately and effectively to mandates agreed by Parties;

Requests the secretariat to revise the budget relevant tables including on appropriation lines and staff in light of the comments provided by Parties¹ including this SB session, for consideration of Parties, these updated tables should be included in a revised document to be produced at least two months before COP28 and be produced in line with the following guiding principles:

- a. The issue of inflation shall be dealt with in the same manner as previous biennium and in line with common practice;
- b. Appropriation lines shall be developed in line with mandates provided by Parties and in line with agreed outcomes²;

Rationale 1: Paragraph 5 of the financial procedures of the UNFCCC specify that Parties can decide the purpose of appropriations

“5. Adoption of the budget by the Conference of the Parties shall constitute authority to the head of the Convention secretariat to incur obligations and make payments for the purposes for which the appropriations were approved and up to the amounts so approved, provided always that, unless specifically authorized by the Conference of the Parties, commitments are covered by related income.”

Rationale 2: Article 8.2 (f) of the Convention outlines that administrative arrangements of the secretariat shall be conducted by the overall guidance of Parties:

“To enter, under the overall guidance of the Conference of the Parties, into such administrative and contractual arrangements as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions;”

Rationale 3: Article 17.2 of the Paris Agreement outlines further accountability of the secretariat’s activities to the CMA

“Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Convention on the functions of the secretariat, and Article 8, paragraph 3, of the Convention, on the arrangements made for the functioning of the secretariat, shall apply mutatis mutandis to this Agreement. The secretariat shall, in addition, exercise the functions assigned

¹ Link to questions submitted by Parties

² In particular, attention should be provided to line 300-006 in the supplementary budget

to it under this Agreement and by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to this Agreement.”