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Administrative, financial and institutional matters

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EU comments

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifty-first session, recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session:

Draft decision -/CP.25

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The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties,¹

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,²

Noting that notifications to Parties of their contributions for 2020 were sent to them by 30 September 2019,

Budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019

1. Takes note of the information contained in the report on budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019 as at 30 June 2019³ and the note on the status of contributions to the trust funds administered by the secretariat as at 15 November 2019;⁴
2. Expresses its appreciation to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
3. Expresses concern regarding the high level of outstanding contributions to the core budget for the current and previous bienniums, which has resulted in difficulties with cash flow and the effective implementation of activities;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

² FCCC/SBI/2019/14 and Add.1–2, FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.9 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.12 and FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.16.

³ FCCC/SBI/2019/14 and Add.1–2.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.16.

4. Strongly urges Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay;
5. Calls upon Parties to make their contributions to the core budget for 2020 in a timely manner, noting that the letters requesting the payment have already been sent by the secretariat to all Parties, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties;
6. Expresses its appreciation for the contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities received from Parties, including those contributions that allow for greater flexibility in allocation;
7. 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 2020–2021, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities ~~to ensure a high level of implementation of the UNFCCC work programme~~;
8. 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;
9. Requests the Executive Secretary to take further measures to recover outstanding contributions and encourages Parties to pay those outstanding contributions as soon as possible;

Audit report and financial statements for 2018

10. Takes note of the information contained in the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors⁵ and the financial statements for 2018, which include recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
11. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations for arranging the audit of the accounts of the Convention;
12. Also expresses its appreciation to the auditors for the valuable observations and recommendations and the presentation made thereon to Parties;
13. ~~Requests~~ Urges the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate, and to update Parties on progress in the next audit report.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.9 and Add.1.