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Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixtieth session, having taken note of the information in the documents on administrative, financial and institutional matters prepared for the session,¹ recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024):

Draft decision -/CP.29

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the UNFCCC financial procedures,²

Also recalling decision 19/CP.28,

Having considered the information in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,³

1. *Encourages* the secretariat to refer to activities as mandated in the respective decisions within the relevant documents on administrative, financial and institutional matters, as appropriate;
2. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
3. *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 and *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 both cash flow and the effective implementation of activities;
4. *Expresses concern* about activities and events, such as the regional climate weeks, and implementation of tools, such as the virtual conference platform, that facilitate inclusive participation being cancelled due to the shortfall in contributions to the trust fund for supplementary activities;
5. *Invites* contributors to the trust fund for supplementary activities to avoid earmarking their contributions in order to allow for a balanced allocation by the secretariat for mandated events and activities, as well as for the development and implementation of tools, while recognizing the importance of earmarking for some Parties in order to secure additional contributions to this trust fund;
6. *Expresses appreciation* for the contributions to the trust fund for participation in the UNFCCC process and the trust fund for supplementary activities received from Parties, including the 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 process in 2024–2025, and

¹ FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.1, FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.2 and FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.5.

² Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

³ FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.1, FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.2 and FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.5.

to the trust fund for supplementary activities to ensure a high level of implementation of the secretariat work programme;

8. *Reiterates 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 Parties' outstanding contributions to the core budget;

10. *Also requests* the secretariat to increase transparency regarding the reappropriation of portions of the core budget and of funding in the trust fund for supplementary activities;

11. *Further requests* the secretariat to significantly improve the transparency of its budget management process, including by preparing quarterly reports on the extent to which the core and supplementary budgets are funded, starting in the first quarter of 2025 at the latest, and updating documents FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.3, FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.4 and FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.12 for consideration by Parties at the sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2025);⁴

12. *[Requests* the secretariat to read in potential cost implications of decisions through contact groups, using the methodology set out in the revised standard costs documents referred to in paragraph xx above;]

13. *[Requests* the secretariat to indicate the potential cost implications of a decision before that draft decision is agreed upon in the respective negotiations;]

14. *Notes with concern* that the documents on administrative, financial and institutional matters prepared for the sixtieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation were not made available before the start of the session and *requests* the secretariat to issue documents in a timely manner, at least four weeks before the opening of each session;

15. *Expresses concern* regarding the high number of recommendations made by the United Nations Board of Auditors that remain unimplemented and *urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the standing recommendations of the auditors as soon as possible, with at least 50 per cent implemented before the opening of the sixty-first session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, and to continue providing information to Parties on the status of implementation;

16. *Reiterates* that Parties should seek to approve future core budgets that include all category 1 (essential) and 2 (long-term, recurring) activities that have been mandated by the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;⁵

17. *Encourages* the secretariat to enhance clarity on the nature of activities, whether mandated or not, in documents on the programme budget for the biennium 2026–2027 and *requests* the secretariat to consider the challenges it faces in implementing mandated activities in the programme budget for 2024–2025 when preparing the programme budget for 2026–2027;

18. *Urges* the secretariat to prioritize the delivery of mandated activities and outputs, and funding for representatives of developing country Parties to participate in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies, mandated events and meetings of UNFCCC constituted bodies;

19. *Also urges* the secretariat to ensure the inclusive participation of delegates from developing country Parties in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies as well as in mandated events and meetings of constituted bodies, taking into account available resources in the trust fund for participation in the UNFCCC process and the trust fund for supplementary activities, and to provide information to Parties on its efforts to do so.

⁴Pursuant to para. 15 of decision 18/CP.24 and para. 17 of decision 23/CP.26.

⁵ Decision 19/CP.28, para. 27.

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixtieth session, having taken note of the information in the documents on administrative, financial and institutional matters prepared for the session,⁶ recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its nineteenth session (November 2024):

Draft decision -/CMP.19

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Recalling Article 13, paragraph 5, of the Kyoto Protocol,

Also recalling decision 5/CMP.18,

Further recalling the UNFCCC financial procedures, which also apply to the Kyoto Protocol,⁷

1. *Encourages* the secretariat to refer to activities as mandated in the respective decisions within the relevant documents on administrative, financial and institutional matters, as appropriate;
2. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
3. *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 and *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 both cash flow and the effective implementation of activities;
4. *Expresses concern* about activities and events, such as the regional climate weeks, and implementation of tools, such as the virtual conference platform, that facilitate inclusive participation being cancelled due to the shortfall in contributions to the trust fund for supplementary activities;
5. *Invites* contributors to the trust fund for supplementary activities to avoid earmarking their contributions in order to allow for a balanced allocation by the secretariat for mandated events and activities, as well as for the development and implementation of tools, while recognizing the importance of earmarking for some Parties in order to secure additional contributions to this trust fund;
6. *Expresses appreciation* for the contributions to the trust fund for participation in the UNFCCC process and the trust fund for supplementary activities received from Parties, including the 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 process in 2024–2025, and to the trust fund for supplementary activities to ensure a high level of implementation of the secretariat work programme;
8. *Reiterates 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;

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2024/7 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2024/9, FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.1, FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.2 and FCCC/SBI/2024/INF.5.

⁷ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take further measures to recover Parties' outstanding contributions to the core budget;
10. *Also requests* the secretariat to increase transparency regarding the reappropriation of portions of the core budget and of funding in the trust fund for supplementary activities;
11. *Further requests* the secretariat to significantly improve the transparency of its budget management process, including by preparing quarterly reports on the extent to which the core and supplementary budgets are funded, starting in the first quarter of 2025 at the latest, and updating documents FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.3, FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.4 and FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.12 for consideration by Parties at the sixty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2025);⁸
12. *[Requests* the secretariat to read in potential cost implications of decisions through contact groups, using the methodology set out in the revised standard costs documents referred to in paragraph xx above;]
13. *[Requests* the secretariat to indicate the potential cost implications of a decision before that draft decision is agreed upon in the respective negotiations;]
14. *Notes with concern* that the documents on administrative, financial and institutional matters prepared for the sixtieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation were not made available before the start of the session and *requests* the secretariat to issue documents in a timely manner, at least four weeks before the opening of each session;
15. *Expresses concern* regarding the high number of recommendations made by the United Nations Board of Auditors that remain unimplemented and *urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the standing recommendations of the auditors as soon as possible, with at least 50 per cent implemented before the opening of the sixty-first session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, and to continue providing information to Parties on the status of implementation;
16. *Reiterates* that Parties should seek to approve future core budgets that include all category 1 (essential) and 2 (long-term, recurring) activities that have been mandated by the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;⁹
17. *Encourages* the secretariat to enhance clarity on the nature of activities, whether mandated or not, in documents on the programme budget for the biennium 2026–2027 and *requests* the secretariat to consider the challenges it faces in implementing mandated activities in the programme budget for 2024–2025 when preparing the programme budget for 2026–2027;
18. *Urges* the secretariat to prioritize the delivery of mandated activities and outputs, and funding for representatives of developing country Parties to participate in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies, mandated events and meetings of UNFCCC constituted bodies;
19. *Also urges* the secretariat to ensure the inclusive participation of delegates from developing country Parties in sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies as well as in mandated events and meetings of constituted bodies, taking into account available resources in the trust fund for participation in the UNFCCC process and the trust fund for supplementary activities, and to provide information to Parties on its efforts to do so.

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⁹ Decision 19/CP.28, para. 27.