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on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context
Second meeting
(Sofia, 26-27 February 2001)
(Item 4 (xiii) of the provisional agenda)

DRAFT DECISION TO BE TAKEN AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PARTIES
Submitted by the Working Group

**DECISION II/13
THE BUDGET AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
UPTO THE THIRD MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

The Meeting,

Recalling its decision II/11 on the work-plan covering the activities under the Convention during the period up to its third meeting,

Recalling also its decision II/12 on arrangements to support the participation of experts from countries in transition,

Recalling further Article 13 of the Convention, which stipulates that the Executive Secretary of ECE shall carry out the secretariat functions,

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Recognizing that the successful implementation of the Convention depends on adequate administrative and financial resources being made available to support and maintain the initiatives necessary to achieve its goals,

1. Decides that the Parties will contribute to the budget of the Convention and urges them to pay contributions on a voluntary basis;
2. Approves the budget of the Convention for the period up to the third meeting of the Parties as set out in the table below;
3. Urges Parties and non-Parties that participate in the Convention's activities to ensure that the resources necessary to meet the programme of activities which are agreed upon are provided;
4. Invites the Executive Secretary, strengthened with additional extra budgetary resources to be provided by the Parties, to continue to provide secretariat support for the tasks outlined in the work-plan, as included in decision II/11;
5. Requests the ECE secretariat to manage the voluntary financial contributions in agreement with the donor countries/institutions;
6. Requests the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat, to prepare a budget for adoption by consensus at the third meeting of the Parties.

WORK-PLAN 2001-2003

I. ACTIVITIES	LEAD COUNTRY	SUPPORT COUNTRY	BUDGET	COVERAGE	OUTCOME	Approximate time schedule
1. Review	Secretariat	All	UN/ECE	100%	Review	1. Revised reporting, Autumn 2001 2. Country reporting Autumn 2003
2. Reporting system	United Kingdom	All	See No.II.2 below	100%	Report on revised reporting system	Final report, summer 2001
3. Cooperation with other conventions		All	Costs of participants from countries in transition (lead country) for the workshop + US\$ 35,000 for lead country		Reports on common elements	Autumn 2002
4. Guidelines of good practice	Finland Netherlands Sweden	All	US\$ 70,000 (lead countries) + Costs of participants from countries in transition (lead countries)	100%	Draft guidelines	Spring 2001 Autumn 2002
5. Strategic environmental assessment	All	All	See No. II.3 below		Draft protocol on strategic environmental assessment (SEA)	Spring 2001 to 2002
6. Sub regional cooperation	Croatia Poland	All	Costs of participants from countries in transition per meeting (lead countries) + US\$ 30,000 for lead country		Guidelines for strengthened implementation and increased capacity to implement the Convention	2002
7. Database	Poland	All	US\$ 20,000 - 2001 US\$ 20,000 - 2002 US\$ 20,000 - 2003	25% (Poland) 25% (Poland) 25% (Poland)	Full implementation of database	
8. Amendments to the Convention	Italy	All	Costs of participants from countries in transition per meeting - costs for lead country + US\$ 30,000 for lead country		Report on possible amendments to the Convention	Spring 2001 to spring 2003
9. Public participation in a transboundary context		All	Costs of participants from countries in transition (lead countries) + US\$ 30,000 for lead country		Final version of the draft guidance	2002

II. MEETINGS UNDER THE CONVENTION	LEAD COUNTRY	SUPPORT COUNTRY	BUDGET	COVERAGE	OUTCOME	Approximate time schedule
1. Meetings (2) Working Group on EIA	All	All	US\$ 25,000 for participants from countries in transition per meeting		Effective management of the Convention	
2. Meetings Implementation Committee	United Kingdom	Armenia, Canada, Finland Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	US\$ 5,000 for participants from countries in transition per meeting		Report on review of the Convention	Summer 2001 to summer 2003
3. Open-ended ad hoc Working group on the Protocol	All	All	US\$ 25,000 for participants from countries in transition per meeting		Draft protocol on SEA	Spring 2001 to early 2003
4. Third meeting of the Parties	All	All	US\$ 42,000 US\$ 200,000		Decision-making related to the Convention	
5. Meetings of the Bureau (4 meetings)			Approximately US\$ 1500.- per representative from a country in transition per meeting		Administer the work under the Convention	

SECRETARIAT COSTS	BUDGET	COVERAGE	OUTCOME
Secretariat travel (note 4) Promotional material, etc. Consultancy	US\$ 52,150		Promotion and support

Notes:

1. The budget period is the period between the second and the third meeting of the Parties.
2. Other expenses associated with organizing the third meeting of the Parties are to be borne by the host country, as appropriate in cooperation with other countries. The host country may also wish to cover the participation of delegations from countries in transition.
3. According to the Bureau, Government(s) would have to contribute in kind second experts to the secretariat.
4. Secretariat travel to seminars, task forces and workshops should be covered by the host country. The budget covers secretariat travel not immediately foreseen in the work-plan.