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Water and Health to the Convention on
the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes****Fifth session**

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**Review of past activities and discussion of future activities in
the different areas of work****Programme of work for 2020–2022, terms of reference of
bodies established to implement it and resources needed
for its implementation****Overview of contributions and expenditures for the period
2017–2019****Prepared by the joint secretariat***Summary*

The present document contains an overview of contributions and expenditures under the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, covering the periods 1 July–31 December 2016, corresponding to the previous programme of work for 2014–2016 (ECE/MP.WH/11/Add.1-EUDCE/1206123/3.1/2013/MOP-3/06/Add.1), and 1 January 2017–30 June 2019, corresponding to the current programme of work for 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.1-EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.1).

The Meeting of the Parties may wish:

- (a) To endorse the present document on contributions and expenditures under the programme of work for 2017–2019;
- (b) To express its gratitude to Parties and other cooperating States, especially to the lead countries and organizations that have provided human and financial resources to implement the programme of work for 2017–2019.



I. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Protocol Trust Fund

A. Balance on 30 June 2016

1. The provisional balance of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Protocol on Water and Health's Trust Fund on 30 June 2016 was US\$785,783.

B. Contributions from 1 July to 31 December 2016 (in United States dollars)

| <i>Source of funding</i> | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Amount^a</i> | <i>Earmarking</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| France | July 2016 | 110 988 | Primarily equitable access |
| Estonia | August 2016 | 832 | |
| Germany | August 2016 | 22 346 | Fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties |
| Hungary | August 2016 | 5 000 | Primarily equitable access |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | October 2016 | 1 200 | |
| Switzerland | November 2016 | 101 215 | Fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties |
| Netherlands | December 2016 | 15 924 | Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems |
| Norway | December 2016 | 30 000 | Working Group on Water and Health |
| Finland | December 2016 | 169 851 | Assistance to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in target setting |
| Total | | 457 356 | |

^a The exchange rate from the currency of the contribution into dollars is calculated on the date of the transfer of funds.

C. Contributions from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

| <i>Source of funding</i> | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Earmarking</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| Switzerland | January 2017 | 48 780 | Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting |
| Serbia | June 2017 | 2 240 | |
| France | August 2017 | 118 064 | Primarily equitable access |
| Estonia | December 2017 | 889 | |
| Switzerland | December 2017 | 50 813 | Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting |

| <i>Source of funding</i> | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Earmarking</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Netherlands | December 2017 | 17 773 | Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems |
| Norway | December 2017 | 30 500 | Working Group on Water and Health |
| Germany | August 2018 | 28 571 | Compliance Committee and Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting |
| France | September 2018 | 116 550 | Primarily equitable access |
| Estonia | September 2018 | 857 | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | September 2018 | 1 200 | |
| Netherlands | October 2018 | 29 240 | Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems |
| Finland | November 2018 | 45 455 | Assistance to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in target setting |
| Netherlands | December 2018 | 45 506 | Fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties |
| Norway | December 2018 | 29 970 | Working Group on Water and Health |
| Switzerland | January 2019 | 50 865 | Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting |
| Estonia | April 2019 | 853 | |
| Serbia | June 2019 | 2 454 | |
| Serbia | June 2019 | 114 700 | Fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties |
| Total | | 735 279 | |

**D. Expenditures from 1 July to 31 December 2016
(in United States dollars)**

| <i>Programme of work element</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol (A)</i> | <i>Estimate expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol (B)^a</i> | <i>Total expenditure (A+B)</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Implementing bodies of the Protocol | 95 336 | — | 95 336 |
| Programme area 1 | 10 620 | — | 10 620 |
| Programme area 2 | — | — | — |
| Programme area 3 | — | — | — |
| Programme area 4 | — | — | — |
| Programme area 5 | 25 436 | 96 000 | 121 436 |
| Programme area 6 | 69 197 | — | 69 197 |
| Programme area 7 | — | — | — |

| <i>Programme of work element</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol (A)</i> | <i>Estimate expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol (B)^a</i> | <i>Total expenditure (A+B)</i> |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Total cost for activities | 200 589 | 96 000 | 296 589 |
| Total costs for staff | 68 286 | 64 250 | 132 536 |
| Programme support costs (13 per cent, 7 per cent or 0 per cent) | 34 954 | 6 310 | 41 264 |
| Grand total | 303 828 | 166 560 | 470 389 |

^a For more information, please see paras 2–4 below.

E. Expenditures from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

| <i>Programme of work element</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol (A)</i> | <i>Estimate expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol (B)^a</i> | <i>Total expenditure (A+B)</i> |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Implementing bodies of the Protocol | 78 829 | — | 78 829 |
| Programme area 1 | 82 682 | — | 82 682 |
| Programme area 2 | — | — | — |
| Programme area 3 | — | — | — |
| Programme area 4 | — | — | — |
| Programme area 5 | 13 410 | — | 13 410 |
| Programme area 6 | 121 764 | 95 154 | 216 918 |
| Programme area 7 | 9 566 | 36 580 | 46 146 |
| Programme area 8 | 103 401 | 237 042 | 340 443 |
| Programme area 9 | 59 986 | — | 59 986 |
| Total cost for activities | 469 638 | 368 776 | 838 414 |
| Total costs for staff | 296 985 | 472 403 | 769 388 |
| Programme support costs (13 per cent or 7 per cent or 0 per cent) | 99 661 | 65 212 | 82 471 |
| Grand total | 866 284 | 906 391 | 1 772 674 |

^a For more information, please see paras 2–4 below.

2. The United Nations Development Account has financed activities and travel of delegates and staff to strengthen capacity to ensure equity of access to water and sanitation in countries with economies in transition and to share experiences in the region in assessing equitable access to water and sanitation.

3. ECE staff supporting the Protocol were also co-funded by the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) for related activities, and some joint activities, such as the International Workshop on Water Scarcity: Taking action in transboundary basins and reducing health impacts (Geneva, 11 and 12 December 2017), were fully funded by the Water Convention.

4. Where objectives coincided, the National Policy Dialogues under the European Union Water Initiative provided significant financial support to promote the work under the Protocol, including co-funding of staff, travel and meeting logistics costs, in particular with regard to the target-setting and revision processes in a number of countries,¹ with funding from the European Union Water Initiative Plus for the Eastern Partnership. Support was also

¹ Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

provided in Kazakhstan – through the project entitled Supporting Kazakhstan’s Transition to a Green Economy Model – and in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, in addition to the financial support provided through the Programme for Finland's Water Sector Support to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Furthermore, ECE staff working on the National Policy Dialogues programme contribute a share of their time to implementing in-country assistance activities.

5. ECE used resources from the United Nations regular budget to support the work under the Protocol, including for: staff salaries (0.3 of a regular budget post at P-4 level, approximately US\$184,000 for the three years); conference costs, including interpretation, for meetings held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva (approximately US\$277,000); editing and translation of official documents (approximately US\$200,000); and production of publications (approximately US\$400,000).²

F. Balance on 30 June 2019

6. The provisional balance of the ECE Protocol Trust Fund on 30 June 2019 was US\$808,307.

II. World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe voluntary fund

A. Balance on 30 June 2016

7. The provisional balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol in the WHO Regional Office for Europe voluntary fund on 30 June 2016 was US\$270,216.

B. Contributions from 1 July to 31 December 2016 (in United States dollars)

| <i>Source of funding</i> | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Amount^a</i> | <i>Earmarking</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Hungary | September 2016 | 5 599 | |
| Estonia | December 2016 | 793 | |
| Total | | 6 392 | |

^a The exchange rate from the currency of the contribution into dollars is calculated on the date of the transfer of funds.

C. Expenditures from 1 July to 31 December 2016 (in United States dollars)

| <i>Programme of work element</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol (A)</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol (B)</i> | <i>Total expenditure (A+B)</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Implementing bodies of the Protocol | 6 661 | 0 | 6 661 |
| Programme area 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Programme area 2 | 42 206 | 2 292 | 44 498 |
| Programme area 3 | 48 181 | 0 | 48 181 |
| Programme area 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Programme area 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

² Estimates based on the United Nations 2019 standard costs for conference space, services, publishing and documents.

| <i>Programme of work element</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol (A)</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol (B)</i> | <i>Total expenditure (A+B)</i> |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Programme area 6 | 680 | 0 | 680 |
| Total cost for activities | 97 728 | 2 292 | 100 020 |
| Total costs for staff (pro rata estimate) | 0 | 73 321 | 73 321 |
| Programme support costs (13 per cent) | 4 498 | 9 830 | 14 328 |
| Programme support cost (7 per cent) | 4 419 | 0 | 4 419 |
| Grand total | 106 645 | 85 443 | 192 088 |

8. In addition to funds earmarked for the Protocol activities, the WHO Regional Office for Europe mobilized funds from other sources to ensure continuity of and support for implementation of the programme of work for 2017–2019. In the reporting period, other sources included voluntary funds from Germany to cover activities, staff salaries and travel.

D. Balance on 31 December 2016

9. The provisional balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on 31 December 2016 was US\$169,963.

E. Contributions from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

| <i>Source of funding</i> | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Earmarking</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| Norway | January 2017 | 40 000 | Activities under programme area 2 |
| Switzerland | January 2017 | 48 781 | |
| Netherlands | January 2017 | 39 809 | Activities under programme area 5 |
| Finland | April 2017 | 21 345 | |
| Hungary | April 2017 | 5 599 | |
| Estonia | November 2017 | 868 | |
| Netherlands | January 2018 | 41 469 | Activities under programme area 5 |
| Hungary | June 2018 | 6 039 | |
| Hungary | June 2018 | 973 | Reimbursement of costs related to programme area 3 |
| Finland | June 2018 | 23 585 | |
| Norway | August 2018 | 40 000 | Activities under programme area 2 |
| Italy | November 2018 | 9 962 | Reimbursement of costs related to programme area 5 |
| Germany | November 2018 | 2 229 | Reimbursement of costs related to programme area 4 |
| Estonia | December 2018 | 850 | |
| Netherlands | December 2018 | 28 441 | Activities under programme area 5 |
| Norway | January 2019 | 40 000 | Activities under programme area 2 |

| <i>Source of funding</i> | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Earmarking</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--|
| Netherlands | January 2019 | 22 753 | Activities under programme area 5 |
| Finland | April 2019 | 22 447 | |
| Norway | May 2019 | 6 918 | Reimbursement of costs related to programme area 2 |
| Total | | 402 068 | |

10. In addition to funds earmarked for the Protocol activities, the WHO Regional Office for Europe mobilized funds from other sources to ensure continuity of and support for implementation of the programme of work for 2017–2019. In the reporting period, other sources included voluntary funds from Germany, funds from WHO headquarters and WHO assessed contributions to cover activities, staff salaries and travel.

F. Expenditures from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

| <i>Programme of work element</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol (A)</i> | <i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol (B)</i> | <i>Total expenditure (A+B)</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Implementing bodies of the Protocol | 2 048 | 1 560 | 3 608 |
| Programme area 1 | 1 089 | 0 | 1 089 |
| Programme area 2 | 61 277 | 18 963 | 80 240 |
| Programme area 3 | 26 966 | 95 497 | 122 463 |
| Programme area 4 | 105 175 | 3 861 | 109 036 |
| Programme area 5 | 58 084 | 161 459 | 219 543 |
| Programme area 6 | 1 302 | 1 008 | 2 310 |
| Programme area 7 | 6 453 | 1 551 | 8 004 |
| Programme area 8 | 1 050 | 7 600 | 8 650 |
| Programme area 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total cost for activities | 263 444 | 291 499 | 554 943 |
| Total costs for staff | 0 | 579 667 | 579 667 |
| Programme support costs (13 per cent) | 34 248 | 113 252 | 147 500 |
| Grand total | 297 692 | 984 418 | 1 282 110 |

G. Balance on 30 June 2019

11. The balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on 30 June 2019 was US\$274,339.

III. Direct contributions by Parties to the activities in the Protocol's programme of work

12. The present section summarizes direct and in-kind contributions by Parties to the activities in the Protocol's programme of work. It is difficult to keep track of all contributions, especially Protocol-related activities at the national level, because the joint secretariat may not always be aware of them. Therefore, the list below should not be considered to be comprehensive.

13. The following direct and in-kind contributions were received:

(a) Belarus provided direct contributions to: programme area 2, specifically covering local costs related to the first meeting of the Expert Group on risk-based water quality surveillance (Minsk, 13 and 14 February 2017);

(b) Belarus also provided a direct contribution to programme area 4, specifically covering local costs related to the Sub-regional workshop on improving small-scale water supply and sanitation for better health (Minsk, 15–17 March 2017);

(c) The Netherlands provided a direct contribution to programme areas 5 and 7, specifically covering costs related to the Pan-European Symposium on Water and Sanitation Safety Planning and Extreme Weather Events (Bilthoven, Netherlands, 6 and 7 April 2017);

(d) Hungary provided a direct contribution to programme area 3, specifically covering costs related to an extended lead Party meeting on water, sanitation and hygiene in schools (Budapest, 7 March 2018);

(e) Hungary also provided a direct contribution to programme area 6, covering local costs related to the hosting of the fourth meeting of the Expert Group on equitable access to water and sanitation (Budapest, 13 and 14 September 2017);

(f) Germany provided a direct contribution to programme area 4, specifically covering costs related to the Subregional workshop on improving small-scale water supplies for better health in European Union countries (Dessau, Germany, 18–20 June 2018) and to the development of the publication on costing and financing of small-scale water supply and sanitation;

(g) France provided a direct contribution to programme area 6, specifically covering local costs related to the hosting of the fifth meeting of the Expert Group on equitable access to water and sanitation (Paris, 26–27 June 2018);

(h) Italy provided a direct contribution to programme area 5, specifically covering costs related to the National capacity-building workshop on water safety planning (Rome, 15–17 October 2018);

(i) Norway provided a direct contribution to programme area 2, specifically covering costs related to the Expert group meeting on water-related diseases (Oslo, 11–12 March 2019);

(j) Bulgaria and Serbia provided direct contributions to programme area 6, specifically covering costs related to several national workshops for the assessment of the situation of equitable access to water and sanitation and/or the development of equitable access action plans;

(k) In-kind contributions to programme areas 1 to 5 were provided by the WHO Collaborating Centres at: the Drinking Water Inspectorate and the University of Surrey (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); the German Environment Agency and the University of Bonn (Germany); and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment and the KWR Watercycle Research Institute (Netherlands);

(l) France and Germany provided significant support for the work under the Protocol through the secondment of two Junior Professional Officers to the ECE secretariat.
