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- Contribution by the EU and its Member States –

Agenda item 9 (c): Financial arrangements

Draft decision VI/6 on financial arrangements under the Convention
ECE/MP.PP/2017/13

The EU and its Member States already intervened on this agenda item and we will not repeat our whole statement, but in light of discussions that we have had with other Parties on the issue of minimum annual contribution we would like to state the following.

We maintain our overall proposal for a voluntary scheme, including the amendments to draft Decision VI/6 on Financial arrangements under the Convention.

As regards the minimum annual contribution, we reiterate that no contributing Party should pay less than 1000 USD in a given calendar year, since under this threshold, the expenses incurred in the collection will surpass the revenues. By this the Convention would follow the established practice within the framework of other ECE Conventions.

We regret that some Parties do not share this position. In order to achieve consensus on draft decision VI/6 on financial arrangements under the Convention, we will not object to keep for the time being the figure of 500 USD as expected minimum contribution by a Party or signatory for a given calendar year.

This said, we invite all Parties and signatories to reflect upon this issue and to come prepared for further discussions at the next MoP.
