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EU+MS contribution

**Agenda item 6. Implementation of the work programmes for 2011–2014 and 2015-2017,
including financial matters**

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the reports on the implementation of the work programme and on the related contributions and expenditure.

**(a) Report on implementation of the work programmes of the Protocol on Pollutant Release
and Transfer Registers for 2011–2014 and 2015-2017 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2015/3)**

With regard to the work programme, we support the efforts deployed to pursue synergies with activities under other partner organisations, which should remain a priority.

The on-line reporting questionnaire has been very useful for facilitating drawing up and transmission of report to the Secretariat.

Finally, we agree with the views of the Compliance Committee that there is no need to revise the format of the questionnaire.

**(b) Report on contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the work
programmes of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2011–2014 and
2015–2017 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2015/4)**

*Note: It is expected that the Secretariat will, in its presentation provide more clarity on the gap
between contributions and expenditures.*

With regard to the contributions and expenditures, we express our concern that the 13 per cent programme support costs would not anymore fund administrative support. We ask the Secretariat to clarify what would be the impacts of this decision on the capacity of the Secretariat to implement the work programme.

We stress that should the contributions from the Parties not be sufficient for funding all items of the work programme, the focus should be put only on the priority core activities that are essential.

The EU confirms it has made its contribution for 2015 in accordance with its pledge.
