

WGP-26 item 7

*Implementation of work programmes for 2018–2021 and for 2022–2025, including financial matters*

Statement by Switzerland

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First, Switzerland thanks the Secretariat for its efforts to cope well with the difficult budgetary situation. We continuously advocates in favour of a sustainable and predictable financial mechanism under the Convention.

- In our view, the current scheme of contributions, based on voluntary support cannot guarantee the implementation of all the activities under the work programme.
- In our view, all parties have a duty to contribute their fair share to finance the activities. It is a matter of coherence and responsibility to provide the adequate means for the implementation of the Convention). Each Party should contribute, as a minimum, an amount calculated based on the adjusted scale of assessments of the United Nations. Such arrangement offers the necessary stability, predictability and equitable funding of the activities under the 2022-2025 work programme that are not covered by the UN regular budget