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Provisional report on contributions and expenditures from January until December 2021**

Note by the secretariat

Summary

The present document reports on the contributions and provisional expenditures related to the implementation of the programme of work for 2019–2021 for the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.1), adopted at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Nur-Sultan, 10–12 October 2018). The document contains detailed contributions and expenditures from 1 January to 31 December 2021 for all Water Convention-related trust funds, including for the Convention's global opening, the reporting on indicator 6.5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals and the European Union Water Initiative Plus National Policy Dialogues in Eastern Partnership countries and Central Asia. This document is complementary to the Report on the implementation of activities under the Water Convention in 2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/3–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/3).

* Fourth joint meeting of the two Working Groups.

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I. Approximate balance as at 31 December 2020

1. The approximate provisional balance of the Water Convention's trust funds as at 31 December 2020 was \$5,162,130 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/5-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/5, para. 4).

II. Contributions received from 1 January to 31 December 2021¹

2. A breakdown of contributions (not considering interest income) received from 1 January to 31 December 2021 is set out in table 1 below.

Table 1
Breakdown of contributions

Contributor	Date received	Currency	Amount		Earmarked/explanation
			Amount	(in US dollars) ^a	
Luxembourg	19 Feb. 2021	EUR	4 000	4 854	Unearmarked
France	8 Apr. 2021	EUR	70 000	82 063	Unearmarked
European Union	12 Apr. 2021	EUR	299 488	351 100	EUWI+ NPDs Eastern Partnership
UN-Water	28 Apr. 2021	USD	50 528	50 528	Reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2
Kazakhstan	5 May 2021	USD	74 000	74 000	Unearmarked
GWP-Med	7 May 2021	EUR	41 066	49 717	Nexus in South-Eastern Europe
Estonia	13 May 2021	EUR	100 000	121 065	Unearmarked
Poland	24 Jun. 2021	EUR	13 000	13 000	Unearmarked
Switzerland (SDC)	9 Aug. 2021	USD	549 975	549 975	Unearmarked
European Union	16 Aug. 2021	EUR	25 000	29 727	Unearmarked
Germany	1 Sep. 2021	EUR	60 000	70 755	MOP9
Finland	1 Sep. 2021	EUR	200 000	235 849	Unearmarked
Switzerland (FOEN)	23 Sep. 2021	CHF	80 800	87 730	MOP9
Hungary	12 Oct. 2021	USD	12 000	12 000	Unearmarked
Netherlands	23 Nov. 2021	EUR	200 000	229 358	Climate change and financing activities, WWF9
Finland	26 Nov. 2021	EUR	20 000	22 936	Unearmarked
Slovenia	1 Dec. 2021	EUR	10 000	11 468	Unearmarked
Slovenia	1 Dec. 2021	EUR	10 000	11 468	Unearmarked
Germany	6 Dec. 2021	EUR	55 000	61 937	Publication 30 years, network climate change
Sweden	16 Dec. 2021	SEK	1 000 000	109 914	MOP9, activities in Latin America
Finland	17 Dec. 2021	EUR	11 000	12 387	Unearmarked

¹ This includes contributions to the Water Convention trust fund, the UN-Water trust fund, the opening of the Convention project trust fund, the European Union Water Initiative Plus National Policy Dialogues for Eastern Partnership countries trust fund and the National Policy Dialogues in Central Asia trust fund. Some contributions received to fund projects supporting implementation of the Convention according to sub programme area 1.3, in particular by the European Union for the project in the Senegal Mauritanian Aquifer basin, were included.

Contributor	Date received	Currency	Amount		Earmarked/explanation
			Amount	(in US dollars) ^a	
UN-Water	23 Dec. 2021	USD	61 534	61 534	Reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2
Portugal	24 Dec. 2021	EUR	15 000	16 892	Activities in Guinea Bissau
Luxembourg	27 Dec. 2021	EUR	15 000	16 892	Unearmarked
Total				2 287 149	

Abbreviations: EUWI NPDs, European Union Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues; FOEN, Federal Office for the Environment; GWP-Med, Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean; MOP9, ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties; SDC, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation; SDG, Sustainable Development Goal; WGIWRM, Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management; WWF9, ninth World Water Forum.

^a United States dollars. Exchange rate from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

III. Provisional expenditures in 2021

3. Total provisional expenditures from 1 January to 31 December 2021 were \$3,157,983. At the time of preparing this report, the 2021 United Nations accounts had not been closed. Amounts listed below are therefore provisional and might be subject to changes at the time of closure of United Nations accounts. A breakdown of costs by programme area is set out in table 2 below.

Table 2

Breakdown of costs by programme area

Description ^a	Amount in US dollars
(a) Official meetings (Working Groups, Bureau meetings, ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties)	
Staff and personnel costs ^b	108 039
Contract service ^c	24 579
Operating and other direct costs ^d	55 597
Equipment, vehicles and furniture	30 883
Travel ^e	60 425
Subtotal (a)	279 523
(b) Programme area 1: Increasing awareness of and accession to the Convention and application of its principles drawing on the benefits of cooperation^f	
Staff and personnel costs	960 658
Contract service	82 949
Operating and other direct costs	36 003
Equipment, vehicles and furniture	13
Travel	59 532
Subtotal (b)	1 139 155
(c) Programme area 2: Supporting monitoring, assessment and information-sharing in transboundary basins	
Staff and personnel costs	64 439
Operating and other direct costs	2 189
Subtotal (c)	66 628

<i>Description^a</i>	<i>Amount in US dollars</i>
(d) Programme area 3: Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water management at all levels^g	
Staff and personnel costs	723 511
Contract service	49 231
Operating and other direct costs	34 499
Grants ^h	36
(Travel ⁱ)	(6 485)
Subtotal (d)	800 792
(e) Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins	
Staff and personnel costs	248 621
Operating and other direct costs	12 070
Travel	4 012
Subtotal (e)	264 703
(f) Programme areas 5: Facilitating financing of transboundary water cooperation	
Staff and personnel costs	123 747
Contract service	8 906
Operating and other direct costs	1 356
Subtotal (f)	134 009
(g) Programme area 6: Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention	
Staff and personnel costs	347 336
Contract service	31 493
Operating and other direct costs	19 872
Travel	814
Subtotal (g)	399 515
(h) Programme area 7: Partnerships, communication and knowledge management	
Staff and personnel costs	71 940
Travel	1 719
Subtotal (h)	73 659
Total ((a)–(h))	3 157 983

Note: All figures include 13 per cent United Nations standard programme support costs. For contributions from the European Union and UN-Water, programme support costs are 7 per cent.

^a Categories of expenditures in the present report follow the categories in the Umoja administrative and financial system. The footnotes below explain the different categories.

^b This includes staff costs, consultancies costs and consultants' travel costs.

^c This includes costs for individual contractors, for example, for: outsourced translations; procurement, for example for catering services for conferences and events, etc.

^d This includes all logistics costs, for example, for events organized outside Geneva, and costs for translation, layout and printing of publications by the United Nations Office at Geneva, as well as extrabudgetary interpretation costs.

^e This includes staff travel costs, as well as travel support to eligible participants.

^f Expenses reported under programme area 1 include some expenses for projects on the ground implemented under subprogramme area 1.3. Such costs were not incorporated into the budget of the programme of work adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its eighth session, as these are project-driven activities dependent on the availability of funds.

^g Expenses reported under programme area 3 reflect all expenditures related to the contributions from the European Union for Eastern Neighbourhood countries (in the framework of the European Union Water Initiative Plus project) and for Central Asia. However, it should be noted that the two projects funded activities beyond the Convention's programme of work. In particular, at least 15 per cent of the expenditures are related to the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health to the Water Convention and its programme of work.

^h This includes costs for grants for not-for-profit organizations to carry out activities under specific projects.

ⁱ This corresponds to refunds of costs related to previous travels, which had been cancelled.

IV. Approximate provisional balance as at 31 December 2021

4. The approximate provisional balance of the various Water Convention trust funds as at 31 December 2021 was \$4,291,296.
