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Report on contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the Convention's work programme for 2018–2021*

Summary

The present note was prepared pursuant to the request of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters at its sixth session (Budva, Montenegro, 11–14 September 2017).^a It provides an overview of the contributions and estimated expenditures in relation to the implementation of the Convention's work programme for 2018–2021 as of 31 August 2021, prepared by the secretariat.

^a ECE/MP.PP/2017/2/Add.1, decision VI/6, para. 9.

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I. General considerations

1. The present report provides an overview of the contributions and estimated expenditures in relation to the implementation of the work programme for the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) (ECE/MP.PP/2017/2/Add.1, decision VI/5, annex I) for the period 2018–2021 as of 31 August 2021.¹ During the period 2018–2021, the secretariat continued to observe a high degree of caution in its allocation of resources, mainly owing to the fact that many contributions were not yet available at the beginning of the financial year, thus creating uncertainty as to the availability of sufficient funds. The secretariat made various efforts to encourage in-kind contributions and thereby reduce the impact on the trust fund. The secretariat will continue to pursue synergies with other United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) multilateral environmental agreements, United Nations agencies and other partners in order to maintain a satisfactory number of activities and share implementation costs. Capacity-building of authorities and advisory support to Parties were provided by staff throughout the implementation of different work areas, including on access to information, public participation in decision-making, access to justice, genetically modified organisms, promotion of the Convention and its principles and the reporting and compliance mechanisms.

2. For the sustainability of the work under the Convention, it is crucial to ensure staff funding on a long-term basis. The extension of contracts for staff funded from the Aarhus Convention trust fund depends on the availability and the level of contributions received. Since the current financial scheme is based on voluntary contributions and provides no guidance on their amount, the level of contributions fluctuates, making the funding of extrabudgetary posts unpredictable and far from secure. As for the previous years, the secretariat was therefore obliged to give priority to securing funds for staff costs, which need to be reserved at least one year in advance of the issuing of a staff contract. The secretariat was able to allocate sufficient funds for staff and for activities during the reporting period 2018–2021 only owing to savings accumulated at the end of each preceding year.

3. In the period 2018–2021, the secretariat undertook recruitment of staff as was required; a Junior Professional Officer provided by Italy joined the secretariat in October 2020. To ensure the continuity of work and effective delivery on commitments, the secretariat regularly had to reconsider the distribution of tasks among its staff members to guarantee the timely delivery of work when there were competing priorities. Furthermore, the heavy workload and the continuous demand for the secretariat's input put a great strain on staff, in particular in the work area on the compliance mechanism; in periods of peak workload, the professional staff concerned very often worked at considerably more than 100 per cent.

4. In the light of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic-related restrictions, the secretariat adjusted to new methods of work by extending organization of meetings in online and hybrid formats. The limited number of meeting rooms at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, that are equipped for servicing online or hybrid meetings and insufficient availability of adequately trained staff and of interpretation for remote participation had financial implications.

¹ For a substantive overview of the implementation of the work programme for 2018–2021, please consult document ECE/MP.PP/2021/3.

II. Contributions

5. The “adjusted contribution” columns in tables 1–4 below are intended to offer a more realistic picture of the actual resources available for use in a given year. Contributions by Parties and signatories are often intended for use in a year other than the year in which the contribution was deposited and/or received. The adjusted contribution figure in a given year is derived from the actual contribution in that year, minus any part of that contribution that was intended for use in a different year, plus any contributions made in years other than the reference year but intended for use in the reference year. Owing to the lack of timely funding for any specific year, the secretariat is obliged to use the available funds, as necessary. Amounts presented in all the tables are rounded to whole numbers; amounts may also reflect changes based on exchange rate fluctuation between receipt of pledge and deposition of funds and possible bank charges. Table 5 below contains information on pledges for 2018–2021 as of 31 August 2021.

A. Financial contributions and pledges

Table 1
Contributions received in 2018 and for 2018 for the Convention and the Protocol as of
31 August 2021

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Armenia	—	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, 2018, 2019, received in 2019 ^a
Austria	—	11 065	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2017
	11 365	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	5 532	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	4 964	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Belarus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Belgium (Federal)	23 727	23 727	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 114	1 114	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Belgium (Walloon Region)	3 960	3 960	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Bulgaria	1 592	1 592	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Cyprus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2017

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
	5 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	10 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Denmark	21 400	21 400	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	21 400	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	10 675	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	10 700	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Estonia	2 370	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2017, received in 2018
	585	585	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	585	585	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
European Union	122 699	122 699	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Finland	4 985	4 985	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
France	—	70 575	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2017
	76 651	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	36 810	36 810	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Germany	60 000	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2019
	28 409	28 409	Additional contribution to the Protocol on PRTRs in 2018 to support the participation of experts from countries with economies in transition and NGOs
Greece	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, received in 2018
Hungary	4 977	4 977	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	481	481	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Iceland	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Ireland	—	5 924	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2017
	5 688	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	3 555	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
	3 413	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Italy	124 224	124 224	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	6 211	6 211	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention work programme 2017–2018, received in 2018
	174 825	—	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention, received in 2018
	43 156	43 156	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention, received in 2018
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Kyrgyzstan	—	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	1 227	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2016, received in 2018
	—	1 185	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
Lithuania	—	2 323	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
Luxembourg	1 447	1 447	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	868	868	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Malta	—	977	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
Montenegro	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	974	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	474	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Netherlands	54 348	54 348	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	23 310	23 310	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
North Macedonia	—	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Norway	19 985	19 985	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	34 576	34 576	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention 2018 to, e.g., support the compliance mechanism, provide advisory support to the processes under the Escazú Agreement, with particular focus on article 3 (8) of the Convention, and support participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and NGOs in meetings
	19 985	19 985	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	—	57 400	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2018 to support the participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and NGOs, and associated staff costs to support organization of meetings and travel arrangements of these experts, received in 2017
Poland	55 040	—	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019 to support the participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and NGOs, and associated staff costs to support organization of meetings and travel arrangements of these experts, received in 2018
	5 974	5 974	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Portugal	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	522	522	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Rep. of Moldova	522	522	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	—	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
Romania	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Serbia	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	1 600	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2016, received in 2018
Slovakia	1 600	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, received in 2018
	1 600	1 600	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	908	908	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	864	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
Slovenia	597	597	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	568	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Slovenia	—	4 123	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	—	597	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
			2020
Spain	5 708	5 708	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Sweden	34 970	34 970	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	17 970	17 970	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	1 976	1 976	Additional contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs 2018 to support secretariat travel to the meeting of the Protocol's Bureau
Switzerland	40 120	40 120	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, of which 20,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacity of experts from countries with economies in transition
	71 066	71 066	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, of which 50,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacity of experts from countries with economies in transition
Tajikistan	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Ukraine	—	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
United Kingdom	45 512	45 512	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	46 512	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Total	1 348 781	1 284 490	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	257 095	259 292	

Abbreviations: Escazú Agreement, Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean; NGO, non-governmental organization; PRTR, pollutant release and transfer register.

Note: No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Convention for 2018: Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece and Turkmenistan. No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Protocol for 2018: Belgium, Israel, Malta, Serbia and Ukraine.

^a The sum is reflected in total calculations only in the table of the year the contribution was received (Table 2 for 2019).

Table 2
**Contributions received in 2019 and for 2019 for the Convention and the Protocol as of
 31 August 2021**

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	3 010	3 010	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	3 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	3 010	3 010	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	3 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Armenia	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, 2018, 2019, received in 2019 ^a
Austria	—	11 365	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	11 140	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	4 964	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	5 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Azerbaijan	—	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
Belarus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Belgium (Federal)	22 222	22 222	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 051	1 051	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Belgium (Walloon Region)	3 938	3 938	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Bosnia and Herzegovina	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Bulgaria	1 654	1 654	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Cyprus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	5 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	10 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Denmark	—	21 400	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	10 700	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Estonia	574	574	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	574	574	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
European Union	113 636	113 636	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Finland	5 025	5 025	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
France	—	76 651	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	72 303	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	34 130	34 130	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Germany	60 000	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	27 871	27 871	Additional contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs 2019 to support the participation of experts from countries with economies in transition and NGOs
Hungary	5 000	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Iceland	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Ireland	—	5 688	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	5 556	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	3 413	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	3 333	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Italy	113 636	113 636	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	54 785	54 785	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention 2019 to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition, including non-Parties, and outreach and promotion to non-ECE countries and international processes
	1 189	—	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention, received in 2019
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Kyrgyzstan	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	—	1 116	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
Lithuania	—	2 323	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2017
Luxembourg	1 669	1 669	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	1 112	1 112	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Malta	977	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
	—	991	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
Montenegro	—	974	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	1 100	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	474	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	550	550	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	550	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Netherlands	49 779	49 779	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	22 222	22 222	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
North Macedonia	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2010, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2011, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2013, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2014, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2015, received in 2019
	200	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2010, received in 2019
	200	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2011, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2012, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2015, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2016, received in 2019
Norway	19 985	19 985	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	32 698	32 698	Additional contribution to the Aarhus Convention 2019 to promote the work on and synergies in the area of human rights and the environment, including with international human rights and other relevant international forums concerning the protection of environmental defenders
	19 985	19 985	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	—	55 040	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019 to support participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and NGOs, and associated staff costs to support organization of meetings and travel arrangements of these experts, received in 2018
	52 716	—	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Poland	5 708	5 708	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Portugal	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Rep. of Moldova	—	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
Romania	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Serbia	1 600	1 600	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Slovakia	—	864	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	836	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	568	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	550	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Slovenia	—	4 123	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	—	597	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Spain	5 580	5 580	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Sweden	34 970	34 970	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	17 970	17 970	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Switzerland	41 152	41 152	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, of which 20,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
	71 648	71 648	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, of which 50,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
Tajikistan	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Ukraine	3 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, received in 2019
	3 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
United Kingdom	—	46 512	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	46 512	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Total	1 057 574	1 087 677	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	245 575	253 575	

Note: No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Convention for 2019: Greece, North Macedonia and Turkmenistan. No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Protocol for 2019: Belgium, Israel, Malta, Serbia and Ukraine.

^a The sum is reflected in total calculations only in the table of the year the contribution was received (Table 2 for 2019).

Table 3
Contributions received in 2020 and for 2020 for the Convention and the Protocol as of 31 August 2021

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2020</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2020</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	—	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Austria	—	11 140	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	11 751	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	5 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	5 875	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Azerbaijan	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2020</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2020</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Belarus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Federal)	22 727	22 727	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 075	1 075	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Walloon Region)	4 067	4 067	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Bulgaria	1 608	1 608	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Cyprus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	5 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020 received in 2019
	10 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021 received in 2020
Denmark	21 380	21 380	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	10 680	10 680	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Estonia	558	558	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	558	558	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
European Union	117 786	117 786	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Finland	8 000	8 000	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
France	—	72 303	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	35 842	35 842	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	70 575	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Germany	60 000	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	60 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	29 691	29 691	Additional contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs 2020 to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
Hungary	5 000	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Iceland	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Ireland	—	5 556	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	8 831	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	3 333	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	5 288	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2020</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2020</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Italy	119 474	119 474	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	68 036	68 036	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention in 2020 to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition; and outreach and promotion of the Convention to non-ECE countries and international processes
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	985	985	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	1 116	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
	1 195	1 195	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Lithuania	—	2 323	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2017
	2 389	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
	2 389	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2020
	2 389	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2020
Luxembourg	—	6 120	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2021
	—	1 820	Additional contribution to the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2021
	—	1 213	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2021
Malta	496	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2015, received in 2020
	496	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2016, received in 2020
	991	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	991	991	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Montenegro	—	1 100	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	1 227	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	550	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Netherlands	55 187	55 187	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	22 075	22 075	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
North Macedonia	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, received in 2020
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2017, received in 2020
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
Norway	44 985	44 985	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	—	52 716	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	34 454	34 454	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention 2020 to support work on, e.g., compliance mechanism and on interlinkages with bodies and processes dealing with human rights

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2020</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2020</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Poland	5 974	5 974	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Portugal	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Rep. of Moldova	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Romania	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	397	397	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	—	103	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2021
Serbia	1 700	1 700	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Slovakia	—	836	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	1 175	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	550	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	588	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Slovenia	4 123	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	4 123	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	4 123	4 123	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	597	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
	597	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
	597	597	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	588	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Spain	6 135	6 135	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Sweden	35 000	35 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	18 000	18 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Switzerland	42 149	42 149	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, of which 20,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
	73 761	73 761	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, of which 50,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
United Kingdom	—	46 512	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	46 512	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Total	1 148 957	1 128 534	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	242 101	239 200	

Note: No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Convention for 2020: Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, North Macedonia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine. No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Protocol for 2020: Belgium, Israel, Malta, Serbia, Spain and Ukraine.

Table 4
Contributions received in 2021 and for 2021 for the Convention and the Protocol as of 31 August 2021

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2021</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2021</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Armenia	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, 2022, 2023, received in 2021 ^a
Austria	—	11 751	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	5 875	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 152	1 152	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Belgium (Walloon Region)	4 120	4 120	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Bulgaria	1 674	1 674	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Cyprus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Denmark	21 380	21 380	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	10 380	10 380	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Estonia	1 220	1 220	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	610	610	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
European Union	118 906	118 906	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Finland	5 000	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	5 000	5 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
France	—	70 575	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	79 268	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2021
	23 781	23 781	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2021</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2021</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Germany	—	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	29 308	29 308	Additional contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs 2021 to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition, including in relation to their participation in the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties; to support maintenance of the PRTR.net platform and work on promotion of the Protocol to non-Parties
Hungary	5 000	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Iceland	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Ireland	—	8 813	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	5 288	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	985	985	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Lithuania	—	2 389	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Luxembourg	6 120	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2021
	1 820	—	Additional contribution to the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2021
	1 213	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2021
Malta	477	477	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Montenegro	—	1 227	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	1 224	1 224	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Netherlands	59 666	59 666	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	23 866	23 866	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Norway	22 500	22 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	22 500	22 500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Portugal	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Romania	103	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2021
Slovakia	—	1 175	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	588	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Slovenia	—	588	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
	4 177	4 177	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Spain	5 945	5 945	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	11 891	11 891	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2021</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2021</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Sweden	35 000	35 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	18 000	18 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Switzerland	43 908	43 908	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, of which 20,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
	77 864	77 864	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, of which 50,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
United Kingdom	—	46 512	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Total	608 363	749 619	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	169 531	190 554	

^a The sum is reflected in total calculations only in the table of the year the contribution was received (Table 4 for 2021).

Table 5
Pledges for 2018–2021 as of 31 August 2021

(Original currency)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Original currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Belarus	\$	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Belgium (Federal)	€	20 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Kyrgyzstan	\$	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Netherlands	€	35 000	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention 2021 to support the work areas on reporting and on compliance (e.g., preparation of synthesis report and advisory support to countries with economies in transition that are subject to compliance review)
North Macedonia	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Rep. of Moldova	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Romania	\$	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021

B. In-kind contributions

6. The following in-kind contributions were made in the period 2018–2021:²
- (a) Support from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) for the travel of non-governmental and governmental delegates, representatives of the judiciary and a number of participants from Aarhus Centres to the meetings of subsidiary bodies under the Convention and the Protocol; as well as for relevant activities of the Aarhus Centres related to the Convention and the Protocol;
 - (b) Support from the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek for the travel of the secretariat to the 2018 annual Aarhus Centres meeting (Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan, 19–20 September 2018);
 - (c) Support from the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe for the travel of representatives of the judiciary and other legal professionals to the meetings of subsidiary bodies under the Convention and the Protocol;
 - (d) Support from the United Nations Environment Programme for the travel of the secretariat to participate in the ninth and tenth meetings of the InforMEA Initiative Steering Committee (Montreux, Switzerland, 5–8 June 2018, and 11–14 June 2019) and for the travel of speakers to participate in the 2019 Judicial Colloquium (Geneva, 27 and 28 February 2019);
 - (e) Organization of the anniversary event by Italy to celebrate 20 years of the adoption of the Aarhus Convention (Rome, 15 and 16 May 2018);
 - (f) Financial support of Italy for the preparation of a film about the Aarhus Convention;
 - (g) Support from the NGO Irish Environmental Network for the travel of the secretariat to participate in the event “Celebrating and reflecting on the Aarhus Convention on the 20th anniversary of its adoption” (Dublin, 14 July 2018);
 - (h) Support from OSCE for the travel of non-governmental and governmental delegates, representatives of the judiciary and a number of participants from Aarhus Centres to the meetings of subsidiary bodies under the Convention and the Protocol;
 - (i) Support from the European Environment Agency in promoting activities related to the dissemination of environmental information in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, including travel of participants for the ECE – European Environment Agency Workshop on Open Data for the Environment (Geneva, 2 October 2019);
 - (j) Support from organizers (including King’s College London (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)) for the travel of the secretariat to speak at the conference “21 Today: The Aarhus Convention Coming of Age?” (London, 25 June 2019);
 - (k) Support from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the travel of the secretariat to participate in the First Meeting of the Signatory Countries to the Escazú Agreement (11 and 12 October 2019) and in the preparatory meeting for the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (8–10 October 2019), held back-to-back in San José;
 - (l) Support from the Government of Germany for subsistence allowances for the secretariat to participate in the workshop and high-level round table “Integrating Human

² In-kind contributions to support activities for the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers only are included in the report to the Protocol’s Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PRTR/2021/9).

Rights in National Climate Commitments and International Climate Negotiations”, held in the context of the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (San José, 6 and 7 October 2019);

(m) Support from the European Investment Bank for the travel of the secretariat to deliver a presentation at a training session for Bank staff on implementing the Aarhus Convention (Luxembourg, 24 October 2019);

(n) Support from the Convention on Biological Diversity for the travel of delegates to the third Joint Aarhus Convention/Convention on Biological Diversity Global Round Table on Public Awareness, Access to Information and Public Participation regarding Living Modified Organisms/Genetically Modified Organisms (Geneva, 16–18 December 2019);

(o) Support from the United Nations Environment Programme for preparing, launching and translating the online course covering Sustainable Development Goal 16, the Aarhus Convention and the Escazú Agreement on the InforMEA e-learning platform;

(p) Support from United Nations Development Programme - Georgia for the remote participation of the Chair of the Bureau of the Convention in the first slot of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Convention (virtual, 1–3 July 2020).

III. Estimated and projected expenditures

7. The estimated and projected costs shown in tables 6–9 below are limited to those intended to be covered by voluntary contributions made under the Convention's and Protocol's schemes of financial arrangements through the trust fund. They do not include costs that are expected to be covered by the United Nations regular budget. Figures are rounded up and may change in accordance with United Nations administrative regulations. Expenditures reported are those related to the implementation of the 2018–2021 work programme of the Aarhus Convention. Protocol-related expenses are reported to the bodies of the Protocol.

Table 6
January–December 2018 expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
I. Access to information	Staff time	50 700 ^a
	Subcontracts/consultancies	10 100 ^b
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	— ^c
	Travel, DSA (staff)	200
Subtotal		61 000
II. Public participation	Staff time	24 200 ^d
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	27 800
Subtotal		52 000
III. Access to justice	Staff time	59 100 ^e
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	36 500
Subtotal		95 600
IV. Genetically modified organisms	Staff time	800 ^f
Subtotal		800
V. Compliance mechanism	Staff time	194 300 ^g
	Subcontracts/consultancies	4 200
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	73 600
Subtotal		272 100
VI. Capacity-building ^h	Staff time	16 900 ⁱ
	Travel, DSA (staff)	1 100
Subtotal		18 000
VII. Reporting mechanism	Staff time	— ^j
Subtotal		—
VIII. Awareness-raising and promotion of the Convention	Staff time	20 800 ^k
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	15 300
	Travel, DSA (staff)	2 100

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
Subtotal		38 200
IX. Promotion of the Almaty Guidelines and other interlinkages with relevant international bodies and processes	Staff time	33 300 ^f
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	— ^m
Subtotal		33 300
X. Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities, including preparations for the Working Group of the Parties, Meeting of the Parties, Bureau of the Aarhus Convention	Staff time	24 900 ^p
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	58 500
Subtotal		83 400
XI. Seventh ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties	Staff time	— ^o
Subtotal		—
XII. Horizontal support areas	Staff time (secretarial support) ^p	82 200
	Technical and other support costs (e.g., computers, equipment, etc.)	1 400
	Training of staff	600
Subtotal		84 200
Total (work areas I–XII)		738 800
Programme support costs (13 per cent)		96 000
Grand total		834 800

Abbreviations: Almaty Guidelines, Almaty Guidelines on Promoting the Application of the Principles of the Aarhus Convention in International Forums; DSA, daily subsistence allowance.

Notes: Staff costs in notes *a* to *p* below are estimated by multiplying expected Professional (P) and General Service (G) staff time in each work area by the projected annual salary costs of staff hired at the level indicated. A breakdown by individual staff members follows.

^a Professional staff support, including responsibility for electronic information tools under the Convention, one P–3 staff at 30 per cent of full-time equivalent (FTE) for January–December 2018.

^b Costs required for upgrading the Aarhus Convention Clearinghouse for Environmental Democracy and the national implementation report online reporting tool.

^c The travel costs of experts and participants to attend the thematic session of the Working Group of the Parties on access to information are reported under work area X (coordination and oversight of intersessional activities).

^d Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018; one P–2 staff at 50 per cent of FTE for November 2018; and one P–1 staff at 20 per cent of FTE for January–May 2018.

^e Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 35 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018.

^f Professional staff support, one P–1 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–May 2018.

^g Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 80 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018; one P–3 staff at 80 per cent of FTE for August–December 2018; and one P–1 staff at 55 per cent of FTE from January–May 2018.

^h This work area encompasses activities that build capacity in areas that relate to the Convention as a whole. Capacity-building activities relating to a specific topic under the Convention (e.g., access to information, public participation in decision-making, access to justice or genetically modified organisms) are covered under those activity areas and under the “Compliance mechanism” area, as appropriate.

ⁱ Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 15 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018.

^j Staff costs are reported under work area X.

^k Professional staff support, total for two P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018; one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for August–December 2018; and one P-1 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–May 2018.

^l Professional staff support, one P-3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018; one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018; one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for August–December 2018; and P-1 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–May 2018.

^m The travel costs of experts and participants to attend the thematic session of the Working Group of the Parties on public participation in international forums are reported under work area X (coordination and oversight of intersessional activities).

ⁿ Professional staff support, including provision of legal advice and general tasks, two P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018; one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for August–December 2018; one P-2 staff at 50 per cent of FTE for November 2018; and one P-1 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–May 2018.

^o Not applicable for this year.

^p Secretarial staff support, one G-5 staff at 70 per cent of FTE for January–December 2018, as the staff member devotes 30 per cent of her work time to the Protocol.

Table 7
January–December 2019 expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
I. Access to information	Staff time	52 200 ^a
	Subcontracts/consultancies	7 700 ^b
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	33 500
Subtotal		93 400
II. Public participation	Staff time	17 400 ^c
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	— ^d
Subtotal		17 400
III. Access to justice	Staff time	60 900 ^e
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	52 500
Subtotal		113 300
IV. Genetically modified organisms	Staff time	8 700 ^f
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	45 500
Subtotal		54 200
V. Compliance mechanism	Staff time	278 200 ^g
	Subcontracts/consultancies	10 200
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	67 600
Subtotal		355 900
VI. Capacity-building ^h	Staff time	26 100 ⁱ
	Subcontracts/consultancies	10 700
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	1 900
	Travel, DSA (staff)	6 900
Subtotal		45 400
VII. Reporting mechanism	Staff time	— ^j
Subtotal		—

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
VIII. Awareness-raising and promotion of the Convention	Staff time	17 400 ^k
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	3 800
	Travel, DSA (staff)	700
Subtotal		21 900
IX. Promotion of the Almaty Guidelines and other interlinkages with relevant international bodies and processes	Staff time	26 100 ^l
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	— ^m
	Travel, DSA (staff)	300
Subtotal		26 400
X. Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities, including preparations for the Working Group of the Parties, Meeting of the Parties, Bureau of the Aarhus Convention	Staff time	34 800 ⁿ
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	57 900
Subtotal		92 600
XI. Seventh ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties	Staff time	— ^o
Subtotal		—
XII. Horizontal support areas	Staff time (secretarial support) ^p	87 800
	Technical, other operational and support costs (e.g., equipment, IT licences and services, financial administration, etc.)	10 600
Subtotal		98 400
Total (work areas I–XII)		918 500
Programme support costs (13 per cent)		119 400
Grand total		1 037 800

Abbreviations: IT, information technology.

Notes: Staff costs in notes *a* to *p* below are estimated by multiplying expected Professional (P) and General Service (G) staff time in each work area by the projected annual salary costs of staff hired at the level indicated. A breakdown by individual staff members follows.

^a Professional staff support, including responsibility for electronic information tools under the Convention, one P–3 staff at 30 per cent of full-time equivalent (FTE) for January–December 2019.

^b Costs required for upgrading the Aarhus Convention Clearinghouse and the national implementation report online reporting tool.

^c Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE for January–December 2019.

^d The travel costs of experts and participants to attend the thematic session of the Working Group of the Parties on public participation in decision-making are reported under work area X (coordination and oversight of intersessional activities).

^e Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 35 per cent of FTE for January–December 2019.

^f Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–December 2019.

^g Professional staff support, total for two P–3 staff at 80 per cent of FTE each for January–December 2019.

^h This work area encompasses activities that build capacity in areas that relate to the Convention as a whole. Capacity-building activities relating to a specific topic under the Convention (e.g., access to information, public participation in decision-making, access to justice or genetically modified organisms) are covered under those activity areas under the “Compliance mechanism” area, as appropriate.

ⁱ Professional staff support, one P-3 staff at 15 per cent of FTE for January–December 2019.

^j Staff costs are reported under work area X.

^k Professional staff support, total for two P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE each for January–December 2019.

^l Professional staff support, one P-3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE for January–December 2019; and one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–December 2019.

^m The travel costs of experts and participants to attend the thematic session of the Working Group of the Parties on public participation in international forums are reported under work area X (coordination and oversight of intersessional activities).

ⁿ Professional staff support, including provision of legal advice and general tasks, total for one P-3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE for January–December 2019; and two P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE each for January–December 2019.

^o Not applicable for this year.

^p Secretarial staff support, one G-5 staff at 70 per cent of FTE for January–December 2019, as the staff member devotes 30 per cent of her work time to the Protocol.

Table 8
January–December 2020 expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
I. Access to information	Staff time	48 700 ^a
	Subcontracts/consultancies	12 700 ^b
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	—
Subtotal		61 400
II. Public participation	Staff time	8 100 ^c
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	—
Subtotal		8 100
III. Access to justice	Staff time	56 800 ^d
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	—
Subtotal		56 800
IV. Genetically modified organisms	Staff time	—
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	8 200 ^e
Subtotal		8 200
V. Compliance mechanism	Staff time	259 500 ^f
	Subcontracts/consultancies	7 300
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	2 600 ^g
Subtotal		269 400
VI. Capacity-building ^h	Staff time	24 300 ⁱ
	Subcontracts/consultancies	6 600
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	400 ^j
	Travel, DSA (staff)	—
Subtotal		31 300
VII. Reporting mechanism	Staff time	— ^k
Subtotal		—
VIII. Awareness-raising and promotion of the Convention	Staff time	24 300 ^l
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	4 400

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
	Travel, DSA (staff)	—
Subtotal		28 700
IX. Promotion of the Almaty Guidelines and other interlinkages with relevant international bodies and processes	Staff time	32 400 ^m
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	—
	Travel, DSA (staff)	—
Subtotal		32 400
X. Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities, including preparations for the meetings of the Working Group of the Parties, Meeting of the Parties, Bureau of the Aarhus Convention	Staff time	32 400 ⁿ
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	2 300
Subtotal		34 700
XI. Seventh ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties	Staff time	— ^o
Subtotal		—
XII. Horizontal support areas	Staff time (secretarial support) ^p	97 700
	Technical, other operational and support costs (including equipment, IT licences and services, travel and office administration, office space rent, costs to cover organization of hybrid meeting, etc.)	34 900
Subtotal		132 600
Total (work areas I–XII)		663 600
Programme support costs (13 per cent)		86 300
Grand total		749 900

Notes: Staff costs in notes *a* to *p* below are estimated by multiplying expected Professional (P) and General Service (G) staff time in each work area by the projected annual salary costs of staff hired at the level indicated. A breakdown by individual staff members follows.

^a Professional staff support, including responsibility for electronic information tools under the Convention, one P-3 staff at 30 per cent of full-time equivalent (FTE) for January–December 2020.

^b Costs include upgrading of the Aarhus Convention Clearinghouse and the national implementation report online reporting tool in terms of security and functionality.

^c Professional staff support, one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020.

^d Professional staff support, one P-3 staff at 35 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020.

^e Costs relate to participant and expert travel to the third joint Round Table on Public Awareness, Access to Information and Public Participation regarding living modified organisms/genetically modified organisms (Geneva, 16–18 December 2019).

^f Professional staff support, total for two P-3 staff at 80 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020 and one P-3 staff at 80 per cent of FTE for January–July and December 2020.

^g Costs relate to cancellation of travel to the sixty-sixth meeting of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (Geneva, 9–13 March 2020), which was cancelled as an in-person meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions.

^h This work area encompasses activities related to coordination and that build capacity in areas that relate to the Convention as a whole. Capacity-building activities relating to a specific topic under the Convention (e.g., access to information, public participation in decision-making, access to justice or genetically modified organisms) are covered under those activity areas and under the “Compliance mechanism” area, as appropriate.

ⁱ Professional staff support, one P-3 staff at 15 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020.

^j Costs relate to cancellation of travel for an activity to build capacity in Uzbekistan due to pandemic-related restrictions.

^k Staff costs are reported under work area X.

^l Professional staff support, total for two P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE each for January–December 2020 and one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–July and December 2020.

^m Professional staff support, one P-3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020, one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020 and one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–July and December 2020.

ⁿ Professional staff support, including provision of legal advice and general tasks, total for one P-3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020, one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020 and one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE for January–July and December 2020.

^o Not applicable for this year.

^p Secretarial staff support, one G-5 staff at 70 per cent of FTE for January–December 2020, as the staff devotes 30 per cent of her work time to the Protocol.

Table 9
January–December 2021 projected expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
I. Access to information	Staff time	54 000 ^a
	Subcontracts/consultancies	2 000
Subtotal		56 000
II. Public participation	Staff time	18 000 ^b
Subtotal		18 000
III. Access to justice	Staff time	63 000 ^c
Subtotal		63 000
IV. Genetically modified organisms	Staff time	—
	Subcontracts/consultancy	4 000
Subtotal		4 000
V. Compliance mechanism	Staff time	288 000 ^d
	Subcontracts/consultancies	25 000
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	45 900
	Travel, DSA (staff)	3 500
Subtotal		362 400
VI. Capacity-building ^e	Staff time	27 000 ^f
	Subcontracts/consultancies/capacity building material	25 000
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	3 500
	Travel, DSA (staff)	3 500
Subtotal		59 000

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
VII. Reporting mechanism	Staff time	— ^g
	Subcontracts/consultancies	15 000
Subtotal		15 000
VIII. Awareness-raising and promotion of the Convention	Staff time	27 000 ^h
	Subcontracts/consultancies	5 000 ⁱ
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	3 500
	Travel, DSA (staff)	3 500
Subtotal		39 000
IX. Promotion of the Almaty Guidelines and other interlinkages with relevant international bodies and processes	Staff time	27 000 ^j
	Subcontracts/consultancies	2 000
	Travel, DSA (experts)	3 400
	Travel, DSA (staff)	3 500
Subtotal		35 900
X. Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities, including preparations for the seventh ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties	Staff time	76 000 ^k
	Travel, DSA (experts/participants)	60 000
Subtotal		136 000
XI. Seventh ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties		— ^l
	Subtotal	
XII. Horizontal support areas	Staff time (secretarial support) ^m	98 000
	Technical, other operational and support costs (including equipment, IT licences and services, financial, office and travel administration, banking fees, costs to cover organization of hybrid meetings, training sessions, etc.)	59 200
Subtotal		157 200
Total (work areas I–XII)		945 500
Programme support costs (13 per cent)		123 000
Grand total		1 068 500

Notes: Staff costs in notes *a* to *m* below are estimated by multiplying expected Professional (P) and General Service (G) staff time in each work area by the projected annual salary costs of staff hired at the level indicated. A breakdown by individual staff members follows.

^a Professional staff support, including responsibility for electronic information tools under the Convention, one P–3 staff at 30 per cent of full-time equivalent (FTE) for January–December 2021.

^b Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE for January–December 2021.

^c Professional staff support, one P–3 staff at 35 per cent of FTE for January–December 2021.

^d Professional staff support, total for P–3 staff at 160 per cent of FTE for January–December 2021 (two P–3 staff at 80 per cent of FTE each).

^e This work area encompasses activities related to coordination, and that build capacity in areas that relate to the Convention as a whole. Capacity-building activities relating to a specific topic under the Convention (e.g., access to information, public participation in decision-making, access to justice or genetically modified organisms) are covered under those activity areas and under the “Compliance mechanism” area, as appropriate.

^f Professional staff support, one P-3 staff at 15 per cent of FTE for January–December 2021.

^g Staff costs are reported under work area X.

^h Professional staff support, total for P-3 staff at 15 per cent of FTE for January–December 2021 (three P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE each).

ⁱ In line with past practice, it is anticipated that some publications will be funded from the United Nations regular budget.

^j Professional staff support, total for P-3 staff at 15 per cent of FTE for January–December 2021 (one P-3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE and one P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE).

^k Professional staff support, including provision of legal advice and general tasks, total for P-3 staff at 20 per cent of FTE for January–December 2021 (one P-3 staff at 10 per cent of FTE, two P-3 staff at 5 per cent of FTE each) and one P-2 staff at 100 per cent of FTE for August–November 2021.

^l Costs are reported under activity X.

^m Secretarial staff support, one G-5 staff at 70 per cent of FTE for January–December 2021 (70 per cent of G-5 staff, as the staff devotes 30 per cent of her work time to the Protocol).