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Summary

The present document reports on the contributions and provisional expenditures related to the implementation of the programme of work for 2022–2024 for the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1), adopted at the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Geneva, 29 September–1 October 2021). The document contains detailed contributions and expenditures from 1 January to 31 December 2022 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, European Union National Policy Dialogues in Central Asia and the European Union "Water Resources and Environmental Data" programme in Eastern Partner Countries. This document is complementary to the Report on the implementation of activities under the Water Convention in 2022 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2023/3).



I. Approximate balance as at 31 December 2021

1. The approximate provisional balance of the Water Convention's trust funds as at 31 December 2021 was \$4,291,296.¹

II. Contributions received from 1 January to 31 December 2022²

2. A breakdown of contributions received from 1 January to 31 December 2022 is set out in table 1 below.

Table 1
Breakdown of contributions

| Contributor | Date received | Currency | Amount | | Earmarked/explanation |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------|---|
| | | | Amount | (in US dollars) ^a | |
| European Union | 21 Jan. 2022 | EUR | 540 200 | 616 667 | EU4Environment Water and Data |
| Switzerland (SDC) | 1 Mar. 2022 | USD | 202 000 | 199 775 | WWF9 |
| Estonia | 9 Mar. 2022 | EUR | 40 000 | 44 944 | Unearmarked |
| Kazakhstan | 7 Apr. 2022 | USD | 30 000 | 30 000 | Unearmarked |
| European Union | 12 Apr. 2022 | EUR | 25 000 | 27 902 | Unearmarked |
| France | 19 Apr. 2022 | EUR | 70 000 | 76 087 | Unearmarked |
| Austria | 26 Apr. 2022 | EUR | 15 000 | 16 304 | Unearmarked |
| European Union | 17 May 2022 | EUR | 215 887 | 227 969 | NPDs in Central Asia |
| Germany | 1 June 2022 | EUR | 50 000 | 53 763 | WGIWRM, WGMA and anniversary event |
| UN-Water | 1 June 2022 | USD | 10 000 | 10 000 | UN-Water-related activities |
| UN-Water | 27 June 2022 | USD | 27 504 | 27 504 | Reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 |
| (Refund to Finland) | 27 June 2022 | USD | (4 241) | (4 427) | Water allocation workshop surplus |
| Hungary | 5 July 2022 | USD | 10 000 | 10 000 | Unearmarked |
| European Union | 6 July 2022 | EUR | 655 153 | 690 361 | Promoting accession to Water Convention |
| Poland | 7 July 2022 | USD | 11 000 | 11 000 | Unearmarked |
| Luxembourg | 18 July 2022 | EUR | 10 000 | 10 040 | Unearmarked |
| European Union | 18 July 2022 | EUR | 1 400 000 | 1 405 622 | Promoting accession to Water Convention phase 2 |
| Switzerland (FOEN) | 13 Sept. 2022 | CHF | 30 000 | 30 864 | WGIWRM, WGMA and anniversary event |
| Sweden | 13 Oct. 2022 | SKr | 1 000 000 | 88 960 | Global workshop on source-to-sea management |
| France | 19 Oct. 2022 | EUR | 20 000 | 19 380 | National Implementation Plan in Chad |

¹ ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2022/4–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2022/4, para. 4.

² This includes contributions to the Water Convention trust fund, the UN-Water trust fund, the opening of the Convention phase 1 and phase 2 projects trust funds, the European Union National Policy Dialogues in Central Asia project and the European Union “Water Resources and Environmental Data” programme in Eastern Partner Countries. Some contributions received to fund projects supporting implementation of the Convention according to subprogramme area 1.3 (see ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1), 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 | |
| Slovenia (Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning) | 24 Oct. 2022 | EUR | 10 000 | 9 690 | Unearmarked |
| Slovenia (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) | 1 Nov. 2022 | EUR | 10 000 | 9 690 | Unearmarked |
| Switzerland (FOEN) | 8 Nov. 2022 | CHF | 80 000 | 80 402 | Climate change workshop, Task Force on Water and Climate, LAC workshops |
| UN-Water | 21 Nov. 2022 | USD | 24 432 | 24 432 | Reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 |
| Germany | 30 Nov. 2022 | EUR | 100 000 | 102 881 | Task Force on Nexus, Implementation Committee, reporting |
| Finland (Ministry of the Environment) | 2 Dec. 2022 | EUR | 20 000 | 20 683 | Unearmarked |
| Estonia | 13 Dec. 2022 | EUR | 10 000 | 10 341 | Unearmarked |
| Finland (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry) | 14 Dec. 2022 | EUR | 11 000 | 11 375 | Unearmarked |
| Switzerland (SDC) | 15 Dec. 2022 | CHF | 700 000 | 699 975 | Unearmarked |
| UN-Water | 15 Dec. 2022 | USD | 7 865 | 7 865 | Reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2 |
| Finland (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) | 19 Dec. 2022 | EUR | 200 000 | 213 220 | Unearmarked |
| Netherlands | 19 Dec. 2022 | EUR | 200 000 | 213 220 | Climate change, financing transboundary cooperation |
| Portugal | 29 Dec. 2022 | EUR | 15 000 | 15 991 | National Implementation Plan in Guinea-Bissau |
| Total | | | | 5 012 681 | |

Abbreviations: NPDs, National Policy Dialogues; FOEN, Federal Office for the Environment; LAC, Latin American and Caribbean region; SDC, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation; SDG, Sustainable Development Goal; WGIWRM, Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management; WGMA, Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment; WWF9, ninth World Water Forum.

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

III. Provisional expenditures in 2022

3. Total provisional expenditures from 1 January to 31 December 2022 were \$4,137,135. At the time of preparing this report, the 2022 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 the 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

| <i>Description^a</i> | <i>Amount in US dollars</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| (a) Official meetings (working groups, Bureau meetings) | |
| Staff and personnel costs ^b | 90 108 |
| Contract service ^c | 8 149 |
| Operating and other direct costs ^d | 20 352 |
| Travel ^e | 87 161 |
| Subtotal (a) | 205 770 |
| (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 | 755 626 |
| Contract service | 155 710 |
| Operating and other direct costs | 196 689 |
| Equipment, vehicles and furniture | 253 |
| Travel | 703 899 |
| Subtotal (b) | 1 812 178 |
| (c) Programme area 2: Supporting monitoring, assessment and information-sharing in transboundary basins | |
| Staff and personnel costs | 160 960 |
| Operating and other direct costs | 10 354 |
| Travel | 4 709 |
| Subtotal (c) | 176 022 |
| (d) Programme area 3: Promoting an integrated and intersectoral approach to water resources management at all levels^g | |
| Staff and personnel costs | 712 489 |
| Contract service | 19 630 |
| Operating and other direct costs | 74 599 |
| Grants ^h | 8 332 |
| Travel | 227 704 |
| Subtotal (d) | 1 026 089 |
| (e) Programme area 4: Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins | |
| Staff and personnel costs | 229 408 |
| Operating and other direct costs | 27 114 |
| Travel | 89 402 |
| Subtotal (e) | 345 925 |
| (f) Programme areas 5: Facilitating funding and financing of transboundary water cooperation and basin development | |
| Staff and personnel costs | 62 032 |
| Operating and other direct costs | 4 561 |
| Subtotal (f) | 66 593 |
| (g) Programme area 6: Reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Convention | |
| Staff and personnel costs | 263 562 |

| <i>Description^a</i> | <i>Amount in US dollars</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| (Contract service) ⁱ | (451) |
| Operating and other direct costs | 2 852 |
| Travel | 11 695 |
| Subtotal (g) | 277 657 |
| (h) Programme area 7: Partnerships, communication and knowledge management | |
| Staff and personnel costs | 200 580 |
| Contract service | 6 397 |
| Travel | 19 923 |
| Subtotal (h) | 226 900 |
| Total ((a)–(h)) | 4 137 135 |

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 ninth 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 Partner Countries (in the framework of the EU4Environment Water and Data 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 contractual services that had been cancelled.

IV. Approximate provisional balance as at 31 December 2022

4. The approximate provisional balance of the various Water Convention trust funds as at 31 December 2022 was \$5,166,842.³

³ This figure shows the approximate provisional balance of the various Water Convention trust funds as at 31 December 2022. However, out of that amount, approximately \$500,000 will have to be refunded to the European Union, since that sum remained unspent from European Union-funded projects that ended in mid-2021 and mid-2022.