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Summary

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment requested the secretariat, in accordance with the financial rules of the United Nations, to: monitor the use of funds and prepare a report for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties, based on the information contained in the annual reports. The report should include information on the resources available (including in-kind contributions), highlight any arrears in the payment of Parties' regular contributions during the intersessional period, and give a clear indication of the significant developments during the period in order that Parties can best meet future demands for resources under the Convention and its Protocol.^a

The present report covers the period from the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Vilnius (online), 8–11 December 2020) to mid-September 2023, and includes estimated expenditure up to 31 December 2023. It provides information on the funds received to and expenditure from the trust fund under the two treaties. As in the past, the report does not



include details of the project funding for technical assistance and capacity-building activities in the workplan that were reported on separately to the donors.

The contributions in the period, together with the carried over funds, increased from the previous period, while remaining insufficient to fund the totality of the agreed budget for the period. The uncertainty about the sufficiency of the funding until late in the period prevented the implementation of some activities, such as the employment of a fixed term administrative staff member that had been budgeted “subject to the availability of funding”. In addition, substantial savings were realized, including due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic-related restrictions on travel of meeting participants. Furthermore, the secretariat had to cancel all its travel, due to its critical resource constraints. As at mid-September 2023, due to the unspent funding, the cancelled activities and the savings, the trust fund balance was positive.

The Meetings of the Parties are invited to consider the report and take it into account in their deliberations on budgetary matters. They may wish to invite the secretariat, in agreement with the Bureau, to complete and finalize the report upon the availability, in the first half of 2024, of the final expenditure data until 31 December 2023, and to publish it on the Convention and the Protocol website.

Moreover, as proposed in paragraph 15 of decision IX/1-V/1, the Meetings of the Parties are invited to agree on carrying over to the next period 2024-2026 savings made in the previous period, (including unspent funds from cancelled activities) and to earmark them for secretariat staff resources.

^a (ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1, decision VIII/1-IV/1, para.12 (a)-(c)).

I. Introduction

1. This report sets out income, in-kind contributions and expenditure regarding the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment from the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Vilnius (online), 8–11 December 2020) to mid-September 2023. The report also contains estimated expenditure up to and including the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 12–15 December 2023), and the balance in the trust fund of the two treaties at the end of the period. It also identifies savings and any overspend. The report further recalls the conclusions of the Bureau and the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment as regards resources and financial arrangements during the reporting period. Details of income and expenditure are provided in the annex to this report.

II. Pledges and fundraising

2. The pledges the Parties made at the eighth and fourth sessions of the Meetings of the Parties were largely insufficient to cover the resource requirements for the implementation of the workplan for 2021–2023 adopted by the Meetings of the Parties at those same sessions,¹ leaving a deficit of over \$320,000. At that time, 17 Parties (nearly 40 per cent of the Parties) had not pledged any funding to the trust fund. To bridge the budgetary gap, the Meetings urged Parties that had not yet made pledges to do so within a month and/or to provide unpledged contributions during the intersessional period.²

3. The Meetings of the Parties also adopted decision VIII/1–IV/1 on financial arrangements for 2021–2023 (ECE/MP.EIA/2020/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2020/1), paragraph 1 of which established a financial scheme for funding of the workplans, according to which all the Parties had a duty to contribute to the sharing of the costs not covered by the United Nations regular budget. Further to that decision, if contributions of any Parties had not been received by 31 December of the relevant year, the secretariat wrote to those Parties to “impress upon them the importance of contributing”.³

4. At its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 19–21 December 2022), the Working Group took note of the secretariat’s report on the status of the trust fund. It welcomed the fact that a few Parties that had not previously pledged or contributed funding had done so in the current intersessional period and that some Parties had increased their contributions. However, it also noted the Bureau’s conclusion on the insufficiency of the current financial scheme thus far in funding the treaties’ workplan and in remedying the resource constraints: the funding remained insufficient, unpredictable, and the burden of cost sharing unevenly distributed, with 50 per cent of the total income being covered by the contributions of only 3 Parties and 6 Parties covering 70 per cent thereof. Moreover, the share of the funding earmarked for specific activities had increased, reducing the resources available for financing priority extrabudgetary secretariat staff costs.⁴

5. In the reporting period, the secretariat’s resource constraints for its core work were increasingly critical, exacerbated by extended sick leaves of staff and staff changes, which created backlogs and delays in the workplan implementation and further pressure. The Working Group acknowledged that the secretariat’s level of staffing had not been increased in over 20 years, despite the adoption of a protocol and the significant rise in the number of tasks allocated to the secretariat over the same period. Although the Meetings of the Parties had repeatedly recognized the inadequacy of the resources available, the Parties had continued to fund only one professional staff post, and no stable administrative support to the secretariat since 2001. The workload was expected to further increase with the Convention’s

¹ ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1, decision VIII/2–IV/2, annexes I and II.

² ECE/MP.EIA/30–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, para. 14.

³ Decision VIII/1–IV/1, para. 12 (d).

⁴ ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2022/2, paras. 14 and 16.

expected global opening and both treaties' application beyond the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region. The Working Group agreed with the Bureau that, by the next intersessional period 2024–2026, the Parties should collectively fund at least one additional professional post and part-time administrative support (on a 50 per cent basis) for the core secretariat functions. It also agreed that, to be sustainable, Parties should increase the secretariat's staff resources in a long-term and stable manner, as ad hoc financing of short-term solutions (temporary staff or consultants) only aggravated the burden on the secretariat owing to repeated hiring, training and other administrative procedures.

6. In December 2022, at the Bureau's request, the Executive Secretary of ECE wrote to the ministers for environment and the ministers for foreign affairs of all the Parties to the Convention to flag the critical resource situation, inviting the Governments to contribute to the cost sharing and to increase their financial contributions to strengthen the secretariat's resources. She also wrote a similar letter to the European Commission. As relevant, States parties were also encouraged to sponsor a Junior Professional Officer for the treaty secretariat. In addition, in November 2022, the Executive Secretary met with representatives of the Bureau, highlighting that the secretariat's staffing gaps could be remedied only through extrabudgetary resources from the Parties because no new United Nations regular budget-funded staffing was to be expected, nor was the reallocation of existing staffing feasible, with all the posts within ECE being fully utilized.

7. At its twelfth meeting (Geneva, 13–15 June 2023), the Working Group reiterated its previous conclusions on the failure of the financial scheme adopted in 2020 to remedy the long-standing and increasingly critical resource constraints. It invited the, at that time, ten Parties that had not yet contributed any funds in the current period to do so, as per decision VIII/1–VI/1. It also invited all Parties to pay their contributions in full, avoiding arrears, and, if possible, to make additional unpledged contributions in the current period.⁵

8. At the time of writing, in late September 2023, the following seven Parties had neither pledged nor contributed any funding: Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Serbia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Moreover, not all Parties had yet fulfilled their pledges for the intersessional period, with their contributions still outstanding either fully (Greece and Ukraine) or partially (with two annual contributions each outstanding from Croatia, the Republic of Moldova and Romania; and one each from Austria, Finland, Latvia, Norway and Slovakia).

9. In June 2023, the secretariat and the Working Group welcomed the decision of Italy and France to co-fund a Junior Professional Officer to the secretariat for 2 years, starting at the latest from January 2024.⁶

III. Income and expenditure

10. Table 1 below summarizes the income to and expenditure from the trust fund under the Convention and the Protocol in United States dollars in the period 2021–2023, as at 15 September 2023, and provides estimated expenditure figures until the end of 2023. There are 3 categories of expenditure item: category 1– (the top priority item) the costs of the extrabudgetary secretariat staff member, in accordance with decision VIII/1–IV/1, paragraphs 9 and 10, (ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1); category 2 – the other non-earmarked cost items/activities (such as support for eligible participants to attend official meetings under the treaties; consultancy support for the preparation of reviews of implementation; travel of the secretariat, and, “subject to the availability of resources”, administrative support/General Service staff at 50 per cent), and category 3 – earmarked contributions and corresponding activities.

⁵ ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2023/2, paras. 17 and 18.

⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 20 and 22.

Table 1
Income and expenditure between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2023
(United States dollars)

| | <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> | ³ <i>Earmarked (budgeted)</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|-----------|----------|---|------------------|
| (a) Contributions made to trust fund, with non-earmarked contributions being allocated first to category 1 expenditure item (from tables A.1 and A.2) | 1 097 605 | | 303 241 | 1 400 846 |
| (b) Carried over funds | 12 188 | | 71 684 | 83 872 |
| (c) Total income to trust fund in the period ((a)+(b)) | 1 109 793 | | 374 925 | 1 484 718 |
| (d) Expenditure from trust fund (from table B.1) | 590 040 | 205 987 | 204 588 | 1 000 615 |
| (e) + 13% United Nations programme support costs | 76 705 | 26 778 | 26 596 | 130 080 |
| (f) Total expenditure from trust fund | 666 745 | 232 765 | 231 184 | 1 130 695 |
| (g) Trust fund balance: income minus expenditure in the period | 443 047 | -232 765 | 143 740 | 354 022 |
| (h) Outstanding pledged contributions to trust fund | 59 228 | | 11 286 | 70 514 |

A. Income

11. In mid-September 2023, the income to the trust fund in the period 2021–2023 amounted to \$1,400,846, which, together with the carried over funds from the previous period (of \$83,872), totalled \$1,484,718. The total income had increased from the previous period, while remaining insufficient to cover the totality of the agreed budget of \$1,589,910 for 2021–2023 (falling short by \$105,192). Outstanding pledged contributions for the intersessional period totalled \$70,514.

12. Tables A.1, A.2 and A.3 in annex to this document present details on the income. Table A.1 describes the Parties' pledges for the period 2021–2023 as recorded in the report on the eighth and fourth sessions of, respectively, the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol,⁷ together with their estimated United States dollar value, and covers all subsequent contributions or pledges. Table A.2 lists the contributions by their date of receipt. Table A.3 summarizes the earmarked contributions provided to the trust fund by three Parties: Italy, Switzerland and the European Union.

13. In late 2020 and early 2021, two Parties asked the secretariat to record their additional (unpledged) contributions as funding for the year 2020 (and therefore, they were covered in the financial report for the previous period (2017–2020)), while authorizing the funds to be carried over to the current period. The carried over funding consisted of the following:

(a) \$71,684 (€60,000) from Italy, earmarked for supporting the secretariat's functioning (received on 18 December 2020);

(b) \$12,188 (€10,000) from Luxembourg (received on 3 February 2021).

14. In the reporting period, the share of the income earmarked for specific activities had considerably increased compared to previous periods, amounting to some \$303,240 in total (see table A.3 for details). In addition to their annual "regular" contributions, three Parties made extraordinary contributions to the trust fund, earmarking them, as follows:

(a) Italy made available €180,000 (or some \$199,100) of earmarked funding, including €60,000 for the exchange of good practice (organization of a thematic event and

⁷ ECE/MP.EIA/30–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex I.

preparation of a background document) and €120,000 for subregional cooperation activities in marine regions, reallocating, in 2023, €40,000 of it for the strengthening of the secretariat;

(b) Switzerland made extraordinary contributions that amounted to CHF 86,000 (or some \$92,500), in total, earmarking them: in 2021, for capacity-building and legislative assistance on transboundary environmental impact assessment to Central Asian countries (2021); in 2022–2023, for supporting the participation of Azerbaijan and the Central Asian countries in the official meetings of the treaty bodies; and, in 2023, for the secretariat's preparation of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention;

(c) The European Union made available €11,560 for the travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol in the intersessional period.

15. In addition, in the reporting period, project funding, raised by the secretariat, was available to finance the secretariat's implementation of many technical assistance and capacity-building activities included in the workplan. The project funds were managed separately from the Parties' trust fund contributions and details on their use reported on separately to the corresponding donors. Therefore, the project funding and the related expenditure are not covered in the present financial report. The available project funding included European Union funding under the EU4 Environment programme for support to countries of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus,⁸ totalling \$1,113,537 (with tranches of \$537,335 received in August 2021, \$427,808 received in August 2022, and the final instalment of \$148,394 expected to be received at the end of 2023 or the beginning of 2024);⁹

B. Expenditure

16. The secretariat spent funds from the trust fund in accordance with the budget (table B.1, with further details on the expenditure from earmarked funding provided in table B.2). The uncertainty about the sufficiency of the funding until late in the period prevented the implementation of some activities, such as the employment of a fixed-term administrative staff member that had been budgeted "subject to the availability of funding". In addition, substantial savings were realized due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic-related restrictions on travel of participants to meetings. The secretariat also had to cancel all its travel due to its critical resource constraints.

17. In the reporting period, funds were spent on the category 1 activity (top priority), namely on one extrabudgetary professional staff member to provide secretariat support, including to the Implementation Committee under the treaties;

18. Funds were also spent on category 2 activities in the following areas:

(a) Reviews of implementation of the Convention and the Protocol;

(b) Three in-person Implementation Committee sessions (with the other six being held without costs);

(c) Three meetings of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment;

(d) The ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

⁸ For details, see document ECE/MP.EIA/2023/12–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/12.

⁹ The European Union-funded regional "EU4Environment" programme is implemented in 2019–2024 by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the World Bank, with total European Union funding of \$19.5 million. It builds on previous European Union programmes, such as the Eastern Partnership "Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood" programme. The total budget of the component implemented by ECE was estimated to be \$2,579,670.

19. In addition, the secretariat spent funds from the trust fund to implement workplan activities/cost items further to the earmarked contributions made by Parties, as follows (see also table B.2):

(a) Italy: to fund the preparation of an assessment report on synergies and possible cooperation activities in marine regions,¹⁰ with support from two consultants; the organization of three technical joint meetings with representatives of the regional sea conventions and volunteering focal points, and the preparation of good practice examples of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol in marine regions;

(b) Italy: in the field of the exchange of good practice, to prepare a document on the role of the Convention and the Protocol in energy transition, circular economy and green financing,¹¹ and to organize a related high-level thematic event during the sessions of the Meetings of the Parties;

(c) Italy: to fund temporary assistance for reinforcing the secretariat;

(d) Switzerland: to fund consultancy support for legal drafting and awareness-raising activities for countries of Central Asia in relation to the Convention (in 2021);

(e) Switzerland: (further to the donor's reallocation of the funding), to cover the travel- and subsistence-related costs of participants from Azerbaijan and Central Asian countries at the meetings of the Working Group (in 2022) and at the session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (in 2023);

(f) Switzerland: to fund temporary assistance to the secretariat for its preparation of the session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention in 2023;

(g) The European Union: to cover the travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings of the Bureau and the Working Group in 2022 and 2023, and, in 2023, at the sessions of the Meetings of the Parties.

20. The estimated expenditure in the reporting period totalled \$1,000,615, to which were added 13 per cent United Nations programme support costs (of \$130,080), amounting to \$1,130,695, leaving a balance in the trust fund of \$354,022.

C. Activities funded through in-kind contributions

21. Parties and partner organizations also undertook or financed the following workplan activities by providing in-kind contributions (table B.3):

(a) Subregional cooperation meetings organized by Estonia (Tallinn (online), 3 November 2021) and by Poland (Warsaw (hybrid), 4–15 June 2022) for the countries of the Baltic Sea area;

(b) Seminar on sustainable infrastructure held in Geneva, on 2 December 2021, during the tenth meeting of the Working Group (Geneva (hybrid), 1–3 December 2021);

(c) Informal translation, from original French into English, by Canada of Parties' responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol during the period 2016–2018.

IV. Savings and unspent

22. In the reporting period, the secretariat did not spend funds on a number of budgeted activities due to the uncertainty about the sufficiency of funds and the need for it to first ensure that the received contributions covered the category 1 budget item (extrabudgetary staff member). The COVID-19 pandemic and the secretariat's critical staffing constraints also limited spending or led to the cancelation of activities. Estimated savings at or exceeding

¹⁰ ECE/MP.EIA/2023/3–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/3.

¹¹ ECE/MP.EIA/2023/14–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/14.

\$10,000 per budget line were realized (with the amounts to be specified once the budgetary figures until 31 December 2023 are available, in the first half of 2024), as follows:

(a) Savings were realized in travel support to eligible participants to meetings, due to: COVID-19 pandemic-related travel restrictions; the organization by the secretariat of several meetings in a hybrid or online format;¹² the fact that only one Bureau member and one Implementation Committee member were eligible for financial support for their participation at the respective meetings; and, the reallocation, by Switzerland, of its earmarked funding for covering the travel- and subsistence-related costs of representatives of Azerbaijan and the Central Asian countries to participate at official meetings in 2022 and 2023. Moreover, financial support to participants from countries from beyond the ECE region to attend Working Group meetings had been subject to case-by-case authorization by the Bureau. For cost saving purposes, only \$2,139 was spent. The total estimated saving is some \$80,795;

(b) Some savings are likely to be realized in the expenditure for an external expert to provide secretariat support (the Secretary to the Implementation Committee), due to changes in staff, staff entitlements and charges. The expenditure for September–December is still estimated, and, therefore, the amount of possible savings will only be confirmed once the final full staff cost figures until 31 December 2023 are available;

(c) The expenditure for the administrative (General Service) staff member on a 50 per cent basis was not given priority but was made subject to the availability of resources. The uncertainty until late in the period about the sufficiency of funds for issuing annual staff contracts prevented the recruitment of a fixed-term administrative staff member. Instead, the secretariat hired an individual contractor to support it on a short-term basis, using the funding from Switzerland and the carried over funding from Italy earmarked for reinforcing the secretariat. Due to the departure of the individual contractor at the end of July 2023, and the difficulty in identifying a replacement at short notice, the short-term support had to be discontinued (saving/unused amount on the budget line \$119,550);

(d) The secretariat cancelled its own travel for cost saving purposes and because it lacked the capacity to travel, needing to devote the time of its reduced staff resources to the Geneva-based preparation, servicing of and follow-up to the official meetings of the treaty bodies. The secretariat, nevertheless, attended meetings online organized by Parties (including the Baltic Sea cooperation meetings in 2021 and 2022) or partner organizations (including the European Commission, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the World Health Organization) (saving/unused amount \$40,000);

(e) The budget line for the consultancy support and promotional materials for the purposes of communication, visibility and coordination was not used for cost saving purposes (saving/unused amount \$20,000);

(f) The budget line for the online database of Parties' good practice or collection and compilation of good practice, was not used, as the good practice from Parties, the secretariat resources and the interest by Parties and partner organizations to provide funding were lacking (saving/unused amount \$20,000).

23. Savings were made regarding the earmarked funding from Italy, as follows:

(a) The subregional cooperation activities in marine regions could be completed at a lower cost, since, in 2023, the secretariat and a representative of the United Nations Development Programme covered some of the work without recourse to the trust fund. Further to the donor's decision, the savings of some \$42,918 will be reallocated for reinforcing the secretariat resources in the next period;

(b) The carried over funding for the strengthening of the secretariat was not spent fully due to the departure at the end of July of the individual contractor hired to support the secretariat and the difficulty in identifying a replacement at short notice (saving \$47,288) (see para. 22 (c) above).

¹² Starting from January 2023, all meetings with interpretation were held in-person, due to the resource requirements related to remote simultaneous interpretation provided by the United Nations.

24. The activities for the exchange of good practice regarding energy transition, circular economy and green financing funded by Italy are still to be completed in 2024, with the external publishing and further translation (including into Arabic and Spanish) of the background document prepared for the Meetings of the Parties sessions (using the leftover budget of some \$25,000 – exact amount to be confirmed once the final budgetary figures until 31 December 2023 are available).

25. Table 2 below presents the budgetary requirements for the period between the eighth and the ninth sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (and the fourth and the fifth sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol), identifying how much of the budget has been fulfilled by expenditure and in-kind contributions and taking into account savings and overspend. Table 2 below refers to categories 1, 2 and the earmarked (category 3) activities, as only these had a budgetary allocation in the workplan.

26. One activity was not foreseen in the workplan: the financial support to the Chair of the Bureau to participate in meetings, which was funded through earmarked contributions by the European Union.

Table 2
Budgetary requirements
(United States dollars)

| | <i>Amounts by category</i> | | | |
|---|----------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| | <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| | | | <i>Earmarked</i> | |
| (a) Budgeted workplan activities for 2021–2023 (decision VIII/2–IV/2, annex II) | 630 000 | 499 000 | 278 000 | 1 407 000 |
| (b) 13% United Nations programme support costs | 81 900 | 64 870 | 36 140 | 182 910 |
| (c) Total budgeted workplan activities for 2021-2023 (decision VIII/2–IV/2, annex II) | 711 900 | 563 870 | 314 140 | 1 589 910 |
| (d) Expenditure from trust fund for budgeted workplan activities (from table 1, row (d)) ^a | 590 040 | 205 987 | 194 587 | 990 614 |
| (e) 13% United Nations programme support costs | 76 705 | 26 778 | 25 296 | 128 780 |
| (f) Total expenditure for budgeted workplan activities | 666 745 | 232 765 | 219 883 | 1 119 394 |
| (g) Cancelled activities and savings against budget for workplan activities | 39 960 | 293 013 | 83 413 | 416 386 |
| (h) 13% United Nations programme support costs | 5 195 | 38 092 | 10 844 | 54 130 |
| (i) Total for cancelled activities and savings against budget for workplan activities | 45 155 | 331 105 | 94 257 | 470 516 |
| (j) Outstanding requirements (c)-(f)-(i) | - | - | - | - |

^a Excluding the expenditure on the travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair not included in the workplan for 2021–2023 but covered through the earmarked funding of the European Union.

V. Outstanding requirements and operating reserve

27. Table 2 also indicates that no outstanding budgetary requirements remained at the end of the period, due to the cancellation of some activities and savings realized. As indicated in paragraph 24 above, the activity funded by Italy for the exchange of good practice (regarding energy transition, circular economy and green financing) would be completed in 2024 (with some \$25,000 allotted for external publishing and translation of the background document).

28. As proposed in decision IX/1–V/1, paragraph 15, the Meetings of the Parties may wish to agree on carrying over to the next period 2024–2026 savings made in the previous period, (including unspent funds from cancelled activities) and on earmarking them for secretariat staff resources. The final trust fund balance is to be confirmed upon the availability (in the first half of 2024) of the final budgetary figures until 31 December 2023

29. An operating reserve of some \$484,900 has been progressively created by carrying forward unspent funds from the previous intersessional periods. The operating reserve provides contingency funding to ensure continued operations under the Convention and the Protocol, and allows notably the yearly extension of the contracts of the staff paid from the trust fund, despite the small size of the majority of the individual contributions and their delayed receipt to the trust fund.

30. The existence of a sufficiently large operating reserve is primordial for the management of the extrabudgetary resources: In October/November of each calendar year, the secretariat must make a projection of expected expenditures from the trust fund during the year ahead, covering the staff costs and other expenditure items and activities envisioned in the budget agreed by the Meetings of the Parties. The actual spending is possible only once sufficient funds – which must include overheads of 13 per cent and an operating cash reserve of 15 per cent – are available and allotted to the appropriate expenditure lines. The United Nations administration retains 13 per cent of all voluntary contributions to cover overheads (programme support cost). In addition, for all United Nations trust funds, an operating cash reserve of 15 per cent of estimated planned expenditure must be set aside and maintained during the implementation of the trust fund activities in a given year to cover possible shortfalls. The 15 per cent reserve is released through an official request at the end of the year/early on in the following year.

Annex**Details of the financial report**Table A.1
Income to the trust fund (for the period 2021–2023)

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Description of pledges in ECE/MP.EIA/30-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex I, plus additional contributions</i> | <i>Pledge* (US dollars)</i> | <i>Amount received (US dollars)</i> |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Albania | (None). Unpledged contribution of US\$2,000 for 2021–2023. | | 2 000 |
| Armenia | (None). Unpledged contributions of US\$1,000 and US\$300 for 2021–2023. | | 1 300 |
| Austria | US\$21,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$7,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 21 000 | 14 000 |
| Azerbaijan | (None). Unpledged contribution of US\$2,000 for 2022 and 2023. | | 2 000 |
| Belarus | (None) | | |
| Belgium | US\$33,954 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, disaggregated as follows: Flemish Region: US\$13,785.96; Federal Government: US\$10,186.66 (both paid in December 2020); Walloon Region: US\$7,843 (paid in May 2021); Brussels Capital Region: US\$2,131 (to be paid in 2021). | 33 954 | 33 946 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | (None) | | |
| Bulgaria | US\$5,000 to the Convention and US\$3,000 to the Protocol for the intersessional period 2021–2023. | 8 000 | 8 000 |
| Canada | Can\$ 15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 to support the implementation of the workplan for 2021–2023 under the Convention, to be paid in three instalments of Can\$ 5,000 each (2021 contribution before March 2021; 2022 contribution any time after May 2021; and 2023 contribution after April 2022). | 11 445 | 11 537 |
| Croatia | US\$9,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$3,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 9 000 | 3 000 |
| Cyprus | (None). Unpledged contribution of US\$1,000 for 2021 and 2022. | | 2 000 |
| Czechia | US\$15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 15 000 | 15 000 |
| Denmark | US\$13,500 for the intersessional period 2021–2023. | 13 500 | 13 500 |
| Estonia | €3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 3 500 | 3 299 |
| European Union | Total of €210,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €70,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023, consisting of an unearmarked contribution of €65,000/year and of €5,000/year earmarked to cover travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol. | 227 909 | 233 949 |

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Description of pledges in ECE/MP.EIA/30-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex I, plus additional contributions</i> | <i>Pledge* (US dollars)</i> | <i>Amount received (US dollars)</i> |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Finland | US\$30,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments: US\$10,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to the availability of funding from the national budget). | 30 000 | 20 000 |
| France | €90,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €30,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 105 189 | 100 307 |
| Germany | US\$60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$20,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 60 000 | 60 000 |
| Greece | €3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to confirmation). | 3 500 | |
| Hungary | US\$12,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$4,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 12 000 | 22 000 |
| Ireland | US\$19,500 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$6,500 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 19 500 | 23 000 |
| Italy | €60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 (€20,000/year to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023). In addition, earmarked contributions of, in total, €180,000 for the period 2021–2023 (€60,000/year to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023) for two proposed workplan activities: €120,000 (or €40,000/year) for subregional cooperation activities for marine regions; and €60,000 (or €20,000/year) for a thematic seminar on promoting the application of strategic environmental assessment in development cooperation. | 280 504 | 265 313 |
| Kazakhstan | (None) | | |
| Kyrgyzstan | (None) | | |
| Latvia | €3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 3 506 | 2 168 |
| Liechtenstein | (None) | | |
| Lithuania | US\$10,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 (paid at the end of 2020). | 10 000 | 10 000 |
| Luxembourg | (None). Unpledged contributions of €10,000 for 2021, €10,000 and €15,000 for 2022, and €20,000 for 2023. | | 59 370 |
| Malta | (None). Unpledged contribution of €3,000 for the period 2021–2023. | | 3 378 |
| Montenegro | €3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 paid in 2020. Unpledged contribution of €3,000 in 2023. | 3 506 | 6 788 |
| Netherlands | €60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 to be paid in one instalment. | 70 126 | 73 170 |
| North Macedonia | (None). Unpledged contribution of US\$2,000. | | 2 000 |
| Norway | NKr 360,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of NKr 120,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. In addition, for 2021, a one-off payment of NKr 366,666 (around US\$40,000) to strengthen secretariat resources for supporting the workplan implementation. | 85 610 | 112 880 |

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Description of pledges in ECE/MP.EIA/30-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex I, plus additional contributions</i> | <i>Pledge*</i> <i>(US dollars)</i> | <i>Amount received</i> <i>(US dollars)</i> |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Poland | US\$21,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$7,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 21 000 | 21 000 |
| Portugal | (None). Unpledged contribution of €15,000 for 2021. | | 32 661 |
| Rep. of Moldova | US\$1,500 for the next intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$500 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 1 500 | 500 |
| Romania | US\$15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 15 000 | 5 000 |
| Serbia | (None) | | |
| Slovakia | €15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023, subject to approval by the Slovakian authorities within each year's budget proposal. | 16 195 | 10 801 |
| Slovenia | US\$9,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$3,000 each for 2021 (already paid in December 2020), 2022 and 2023. | 9 000 | 12 000 |
| Spain | (None). Unpledged contribution of €10,000 for 2021 and €10,000 for 2022. | | 32 292 |
| Sweden | At least US\$8,300 per year for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to confirmation). | 24 900 | 24 900 |
| Switzerland | Subject to annual budgetary approval by the Parliament, CHF 42,000 per year for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023, including an annual contribution of CHF 20,000 and an additional contribution of CHF 22,000 earmarked for capacity-building activities in Central Asia and Azerbaijan that are to be specified subsequently. In 2022, an extraordinary earmarked contribution for the preparation by the secretariat of the 9th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention | 130 260 | 157 787 |
| Ukraine | US\$6,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of US\$2,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 6 000 | |
| United Kingdom | (None) | | |
| | Total | 1 247 605 | 1 400 846 |

Note All Parties to the Convention are listed.

* Pledges in original currencies were converted into United States dollars using a December 2020 exchange rate.

Table A.2
Income to the trust fund by date of receipt for 2021-2023

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Party</i> | <i>Amount received in original currency</i> | <i>Income in US dollars</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 2020 | | | |
| 14 Oct. | Montenegro | €3 000 | 3 521 |
| 4 Dec. | Czechia | | 5 000 |
| 8 Dec. | Slovenia | US\$3 000 | 3 000 |
| 8 Dec. | Germany | | 20 000 |
| 16 Dec. | Belgium (Flemish Region) | | 13 786 |
| 16 Dec. | Belgium (Federal Government) | | 10 186 |
| 28 Dec. | Norway | | 42 110 |
| 30 Dec. | Lithuania | | 10 000 |
| 2021 | | | |
| 19 Jan. | Ireland | | 6 500 |
| 3 Feb. | Belgium (Brussels Capital Region) | | 2 131 |
| 24 Feb. | Canada | Can\$ 5 000 | 4 024 |
| 10 Mar. | Denmark | | 13 500 |
| 11 Mar. | Luxembourg | €10 000 | 12 188 |
| 1 Apr. | Armenia | | 1 000 |
| 20 May | Albania | | 2 000 |
| 28 May | Sweden | | 8 300 |
| 3 June | Estonia | | 1 219 |
| 11 June | Netherlands | €60 000 | 73 170 |
| 24 June | France | €30 000 | 36 585 |
| 20 July | Cyprus | | 1 000 |
| 28 July | Switzerland | CHF 42 000 | 45 701 |
| 11 Aug. | Belgium (Walloon Region) | | 7 843 |
| 16 Aug. | European Union | €70 000 | 83 234 |
| 10 Sept. | Hungary | | 4 000 |
| 14 Sept. | Italy | €80 000 | 94 339 |
| 1 Oct. | Poland | | 7 000 |
| 5 Nov. | Latvia | €1 000 | 1 166 |
| 8 Nov. | Canada | Can\$ 5 000 | 3 949 |
| 12 Nov. | Finland | US\$10 000 | 10 000 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Party</i> | <i>Amount received in original currency</i> | <i>Income in US dollars</i> |
|-------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 23 Nov. | Slovenia | US\$3 000 | 3 000 |
| 8 Dec. | Germany | US\$20 000 | 20 000 |
| 10 Dec. | Czechia | US\$5 000 | 5 000 |
| 15 Dec. | Malta | €3 000 | 3 378 |
| 17 Dec. | Austria | US\$7 000 | 7 000 |
| 22 Dec. | Spain | €10 000 | 11 261 |
| 27 Dec. | Norway | NKr 402 915 | 44 531 |
| 27 Dec. | Norway | NKr 121 550 | 14 014 |
| 30 Dec. | Slovakia | €5 000 | 5 631 |
| 2022 | | | |
| 27 Jan. | European Union | €70 000 | 79 909 |
| 28 Feb. | Ireland | | 6 500 |
| 4 Mar. | Luxembourg | €10 000 | 11 235 |
| 4 Apr. | Poland | Zl 29 246 | 7 000 |
| 25 Apr. | Portugal | €15 000 | 16 304 |
| 1 June | France | €30 000 | 32 858 |
| 6 June | Italy | €20 000 | 21 505 |
| 6 June | Italy | €60 000 | 64 516 |
| 30 June | Rep. of Moldova | US\$500 | 500 |
| 1 Sept. | Estonia | €1 000 | 1 002 |
| 15 Sept. | Sweden | US\$8 300 | 8 300 |
| 16 Sept. | Latvia | €1 000 | 1 003 |
| 28 Sept. | Spain | €10 000 | 10 030 |
| 12 Oct. | Cyprus | US\$1 000 | 1 000 |
| 19 Oct. | Canada | Can\$ 5 000 | 3 564 |
| 21 Oct. | Luxembourg | €15 000 | 14 534 |
| 27 Oct. | Finland | US\$10 000 | 10 000 |
| 27 Oct. | Armenia | US\$300 | 300 |
| 15 Nov. | Austria | US\$7 000 | 7 000 |
| 17 Nov. | France | €30 000 | 30 864 |
| 18 Nov. | Norway | NKr 121 580 | 12 225 |
| 24 Nov. | Italy | €20 000 | 20 576 |
| 28 Nov. | Switzerland | CHF 62 000 | 65 263 |
| 7 Dec. | Czechia | US\$5 000 | 5 000 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Party</i> | <i>Amount received in original currency</i> | <i>Income in US dollars</i> |
|--------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 8 Dec. | Hungary | US\$8 000 | 8 000 |
| 14 Dec. | Slovakia | €5 000 | 5 170 |
| 19 Dec. | Bulgaria | US\$8 000 | 8 000 |
| 23 Dec. | Slovenia | US\$3 000 | 3 000 |
| 27 Dec. | Azerbaijan | US\$2 000 | 2 000 |
| 2023 | | | |
| 3 Jan. | Germany | US\$20 000 | 20 000 |
| 1 Feb. | European Union | €65 000 | 70 806 |
| 10 Feb. | Romania | US\$5 000 | 5 000 |
| 21 Mar. | Slovenia | US\$3 000 | 3 000 |
| 21 Mar. | Hungary | US\$10 000 | 10 000 |
| 28 Mar. | Luxembourg | €20 000 | 21 413 |
| 3 Apr. | Sweden | US\$8 300 | 8 300 |
| 4 Apr. | Ireland | US\$10 000 | 10 000 |
| 7 Apr. | North Macedonia | US\$2 000 | 2 000 |
| 18 Apr. | Montenegro | €3 000 | 3 267 |
| 1 May | Switzerland | CHF 42 000 | 46 823 |
| 10 May | Spain | €10 000 | 11 001 |
| 23 May | Portugal | €15 000 | 16 357 |
| 14 June | Italy | €60 000 | 64 377 |
| 28 June | Estonia | €1 000 | 1 078 |
| 30 June | Croatia | US\$3 000 | 3 000 |
| 5 July | Poland | US\$7 000 | 7 000 |
| Total | | | 1 400 846 |

Table A.3
Summary of earmarked contributions to the trust fund

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Earmarked activities</i> | <i>Amount received in original currency</i> | <i>Amount received in US dollars</i> |
|--------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 2021 | | | |
| Italy | Exchange of good practices: Thematic seminar + background paper (initially on promoting application of SEA in development cooperation) | €20 000 | 23 400 |

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Earmarked activities</i> | <i>Amount received in original currency</i> | <i>Amount received in US dollars</i> |
|-----------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| | Subregional cooperation activities in marine regions | €40 000 | 46 800 |
| Switzerland | Capacity-building activities in Central Asia and Azerbaijan | CHF 22 000 | 23 760 |
| European Union | Travel- and subsistence-related costs of Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under Convention and Protocol | €5 000 | 5 950 |
| | Total | | 99 910 |
| 2022 | | | |
| Italy | Exchange of good practices: Thematic seminar + background paper (initially on promoting application of SEA in development cooperation) | €20 000 | 21 505 |
| | Subregional cooperation activities in marine regions | €40 000 | 43 010 |
| European Union | Travel- and subsistence-related costs of Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under Convention and Protocol | €5 000 | 5 700 |
| Switzerland | Participation of Azerbaijan and Central Asian participants at meetings of Working Group on EIA and SEA (Geneva, 19–21 Dec. 2022 and 13–15 June 2023) and at 9th session of MoP to Convention (12–15 December 2023) | CHF 22 000 | 23 159 |
| | Preparation by secretariat of 9th session of MoP to Convention (12–15 Dec. 2023) | CHF 20 000 | 21 054 |
| | Total | | 114 428 |
| 2023 | | | |
| European Union | Travel- and subsistence-related costs of Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under Convention and Protocol | €0 | 0 |
| Switzerland | Activities of Convention on capacity- building in Central Asia countries and Azerbaijan, and to cover travel expenses of delegations of those countries participating in Convention bodies' meetings, in particular 9th session of MoP to Espoo Convention and 5th MoP to Protocol on SEA, due to take place in Geneva in Dec. 2023 | CHF 22 000 | 24 526 |
| Italy | €40,000 reallocated from subregional cooperation activities in marine regions to secretariat resources | €60 000 | 64 377 |
| | Exchange of good practices (Thematic seminar + background paper) | | |
| | Total | | 88 903 |

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Earmarked activities</i> | <i>Amount received in original currency</i> | <i>Amount received in US dollars</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Total for all earmarked activities | | | 303 241 |

Abbreviations: EIA, environmental impact assessment; MoP, Meeting of the Parties; SEA, strategic environmental assessment.

Table B.1
Expenditure from the trust fund
(United States dollars)

| <i>Index</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Priority</i> | <i>Subactivity</i> | <i>Type of expenditure</i> | <i>Expenditure (E115)</i> |
|--------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| I.A | 9th session of MoP to Convention and 5th session of MoP to Protocol | 2 | 12–15 Dec. 2023 | Participation of CITs | 30 000 |
| | | | | Participation of NGOs | 20 000 |
| | | | | Invited speakers | 15 000 |
| | | | | Participation of non-ECE countries | 15 000 |
| (a) | Total for activity | | | | 80 000 |
| 2.1 | Meetings of Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, Geneva | 2 | Tenth meeting, 1–3 Dec. 2021 | Participation of CITs | 8 734 |
| | | | | Participation of NGOs | 5 284 |
| | | | | Participation of non-ECE countries | - |
| 2.2 | | | Eleventh meeting, 19–21 Dec. 2022 | Participation of CITs | 4 926 |
| | | | | Participation of NGOs | 8 340 |
| | | | | Participation of non-ECE countries | 2 139 |
| 2.3 | | | Twelfth meeting, 13–15 June 2023 | Participation of CITs | 14 233 |
| | | | | Participation of NGOs | 6 586 |
| | | | | Participation of non-ECE countries | - |
| (b) | Total for activity | | | | 50 241 |
| 3.1 | Bureau meetings (free standing) | 2 | Meeting, 16–17 June 2021 | Participation of CITs (Bureau members) | - |
| 3.2 | | | Meeting, 9–10 June 2022 | | |
| 3.3 | | | Meeting, 22–23 Feb. 2023 | | - |
| | | | Meeting, 11 Dec. 2023 | | |
| (c) | Total for activity | | | | - |
| 4.1 | | 2 | 49th session, 2–5 Feb. 2021 | Participation of CITs (Committee members) | - |

| <i>Index</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Priority</i> | <i>Subactivity</i> | <i>Type of expenditure</i> | <i>Expenditure (E115)</i> |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| 4.2 | Meetings of Implementation Committee | | 50th session, 4–7 May 2021 | | - |
| 4.3 | | | 51st session, 4–7 Oct. 2021 | | - |
| 4.4 | | | 52nd session, 29–31 Mar. 2022 | | - |
| 4.5 | | | 53rd session, 10–13 May 2022 | | - |
| 4.6 | | | 54th session, 4–7 Oct. 2022 | | 2 250 |
| 4.7 | | | 55th session, 31 January–3 Feb. 2023 | | - |
| 4.8 | | | 56th session, 2–5 May 2023 | | 3 331 |
| 4.9 | | | 57th session, 28 Aug.–1 Sept. 2023 | | 2 383 |
| (d) | | Total for activity | | | |
| | Subtotal meetings | | | | 138 205 |
| 5.1 | External expert to provide secretariat support for implementation of Convention and Protocol | 1 | Year 2021 | External expert (United Nations Standard Salary Cost, including net salary, taxes and common staff costs) | 202 045 |
| 5.2 | | | Year 2022 | | 214 025 |
| 5.3 | | | Year 2023 (Jan.–Aug.) | | 126 526 |
| | | | Year 2023 (Sept.–Dec. 2023) | | 47 445 |
| (e) | Total for activity | | | | 590 040 |
| 6.1 | Administrative staff to provide secretariat support (half time) | 2 | Year 2021 | Administrative staff at 50% (United Nations Standard Salary Cost, including net salary, taxes and common staff costs) | - |
| 6.2 | | | Year 2022 | | 10 100 |
| 6.3 | | | Year 2023 | | 35 350 |
| (f) | Total for activity | | | | 45 450 |
| 8.1 | Communication, visibility, coordination | 2 | Secretariat travel in relation to workplan | Secretariat travel and DSA | - |
| 8.2 | | | Consultancy support and promotional materials | | |
| (h) | Total for activity | | | | - |
| 9 | Reporting under Convention and Protocol | 2 | Consultancy costs for drafting reviews of implementation, | Consultant | 22 332 |

| <i>Index</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Priority</i> | <i>Subactivity</i> | <i>Type of expenditure</i> | <i>Expenditure (E115)</i> |
|--------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | | translation of reports | | |
| (i) | Total for activity | | | | 22 332 |
| 10.1 | Legislative assistance: | 3 | Year 2021 | Consultants | 34 731 |
| 10.2 | Assistance in legal drafting and awareness raising for Central Asia (earmarked Swiss funding) | | Year 2022 | Participation of Azerbaijan and Central Asian participants at meeting of Working Group on EIA and SEA (19–21 December 2022) | 12 646 |
| 10.3 | | | Year 2023 | Participation of Azerbaijan and Central Asian participants at 9th session of MoP to Convention (12–15 Dec. 2023) | 20 600 |
| (j) | Total for activity | | | | 67 977 |
| | Subregional cooperation | | Resources for travel | Travel support to Central Asian experts | |
| | Cooperation in marine regions (earmarked Italian funding) | 3 | Year 2021 | Consultants | 25 050 |
| | | | Year 2022 | Consultants | 57 210 |
| | | | Year 2023 | | |
| (k) | Total for activity | | | | 82 260 |
| | Exchange of good practices: high-level event and background paper (earmarked Italian funding) | 3 | Year 2021 | | |
| | | | Year 2022 | | |
| (l) | | | Year 2023 | Consultants | 35 350 |
| | | | | Travel of speakers for thematic event | 9 000 |
| (m) | Total for activity | | | | 44 350 |
| | Travel- and subsistence-related costs of Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under Convention and Protocol (earmarked EU funding) | | Year 2022 | Participation at Bureau meeting (9–19 June 2022) and Working Group on EIA and SEA, 11th meeting (19–21 Dec. 2022) | 4 454 |
| | | | Year 2023 | Participation at Bureau meeting (22–23 Feb. 2023) and Working Group on EIA and SEA, 12th meeting (13–15 June 2023) | 3 132 |
| | | | | Participation at 9th session of MoP to Convention (12–15 Dec. 2023) | 2 415 |
| | Total for activity | | | | 10 001 |
| | Online database for good practice | 2 | | | - |

| <i>Index</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Priority</i> | <i>Subactivity</i> | <i>Type of expenditure</i> | <i>Expenditure (E115)</i> |
|--------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Total for activity | | | | - |
| (p) | Total 2021-2023 as in decision VIII/2-IV/2, annex II | | | | 1 000 615 |
| (q) | 13% United Nations programme support costs | | | | 130 080 |
| (r) | Total for implementation of workplan (p)+(q) | | | | 1 130 695 |

Abbreviations: CITs, countries in transition; DSA, daily subsistence allowance; ECE, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; EU, European Union; NGOs, non-governmental organizations.

Note: Expenditure in italics is estimated.

Table B.2
Summary of the earmarked contributions: income and expenditure

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Earmarked activities</i> | <i>Amount received in original currency</i> | <i>Amount received (US dollars)</i> | <i>Amount spent (US dollars)</i> | <i>Balance (US dollars)</i> |
|-----------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| European Union | Travel- and subsistence-related costs of Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under Convention and Protocol | €10 000 | 11 650 | 10 001 | 1 649 |
| Italy | Exchange of good practices: Thematic seminar on promoting application of SEA in development cooperation | €60 000 | 66 364 | 44 350 | 22 014 |
| | Subregional cooperation activities for marine regions | €80 000 | 89 810 | 82 260 | 7 550 |
| | €40,000 reallocated from subregional cooperation activities in marine regions to secretariat resources | €40 000 | 42 918 | - | 42 918 |
| | Carried over funding for supporting secretariat's functioning | €60 000 | 71 684 | 24 396 | 47 288 |
| Switzerland | Capacity-building activities in Central Asia and Azerbaijan, and participation of Azerbaijan and Central Asian participants at meetings | CHF 66 000 | 71 445 | 67 977 | 3 468 |

| <i>Party</i> | <i>Earmarked activities</i> | <i>Amount received in original currency</i> | <i>Amount received (US dollars)</i> | <i>Amount spent (US dollars)</i> | <i>Balance (US dollars)</i> |
|--------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Preparation by secretariat of 9th session of MoP to Convention (12–15 Dec. 2023) | CHF 20 000 | 21 054 | 21 054 | - |
| Total | | | 374 925 | 250 038 | 124 887 |

Table B.3
In-kind contributions
(United States dollars)

| <i>Activity</i> | <i>Priority</i> | <i>Subactivity</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Source</i> | <i>Value</i> | <i>Notes</i> |
|---|-----------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Subregional cooperation and capacity-building | 2 | 11th Baltic Sea subregional meeting under Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA | 3 Nov. 2021, online | Estonia | Unknown | Subregional meeting on cooperation on Espoo Convention and Protocol in Baltic Sea subregion, organized by Estonia |
| | 2 | 12th Baltic Sea Subregional Meeting under Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA | 14–15 June 2022, Warsaw | Poland | Unknown | Subregional meeting on cooperation on Espoo Convention and its Protocol in Baltic Sea subregion, organized by Poland |
| | 2 | Seminar on sustainable infrastructure | 2 Dec. 2021, Geneva | Switzerland | Unknown | Seminar on sustainable infrastructure held during 10th meeting of Working Group, co-organized by Switzerland and secretariat |
| Reporting under Convention and Protocol | 2 | Informal translation by Canada of Parties' responses to questionnaire on implementation of Convention and Protocol during period 2021–2023 from original French into English | | Canada | Unknown | |