Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention: update by the secretariat

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Resource requirements for intergovernmental activities in 2024-2025

The Executive Body at its 43rd session (11-14 December 2023) (ECE/EB.AIR/154, para. 46):

- ➢ **Took note of the resource requirements to support the implementation of intergovernmental activities under the Convention in 2025 (ECE/EB.AIR/2023/2, Table 16) and an indicative scale of recommended contributions contained an accompanying informal document No 5 (Table 2)**

  - ○ **Total amount 848,133, of which 673,594 staff costs (P and G)**

- ➢ **Invited Parties to make contributions**

- ➢ **Acknowledged the contribution of Germany through the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) programme**

- ➢ **Encouraged mobilization of resources in 2024 for the extension of the JPO post beyond October 2024**

  - ○ **Amount required: 192,400 US$**

Resource requirements for intergovernmental activities in 2024-2025

Letter from the secretariat on 30 January 2024 to national focal points, inviting contributions by 30 June

Urgent contributions needed for extension of JPO post

Contributions/pledges as of 30 May 2024:

➢ United States: 8,000 US$ received in 2023

➢ Belgium: 25,000 EUR

Resource requirements for intergovernmental activities in 2024-2025

- **Impact of UN liquidity crisis**

- **Additional contributions urgently need to avoid the loss of the JPO post**

- **Long term solution needed**
    - **To ensure that the secretariat has the resources to deliver on its mandates given by the Parties and provide adequate support to the Convention's bodies, including the resources mobilization and funding of scientific centres, and the review of compliance**

Resource requirements for intergovernmental activities in 2024-2025

The Working Group may wish to:

- Express regret at the lack of response to the call for contributions
- Urge Parties to provide contributions, as a matter of urgency, to ensure the extension of the JPO post beyond October 2024
- Note the need for finding a solution to ensure long-term, stable and predictable financing for the secretariat
- Recommend to the Executive Body to take action at it 44th session toward finding a sustainable solution

Thank you!