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## **Report on contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the work programme of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers for 2022–2025**

**Note by the secretariat\***

### *Summary*

The present report was prepared pursuant to paragraph 11 of decision IV/4 on financial arrangements under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers, adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters at its fourth session (Geneva, 21–22 October 2021).<sup>a</sup> It provides an overview of contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the Protocol's work programme for 2022–2025 for the reporting period of 1 September 2023–30 September 2024.

<sup>a</sup> ECE/MP.PRTR/2021/6/Add.1.

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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 2022–2025 for the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Protocol on PRTRs),<sup>1</sup> from 1 September 2023 to 30 September 2024 inclusive (the reporting period). During the reporting period, 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 of expenditure 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 specialized 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 technical assistance, promotion and the compliance mechanism.

2. For the sustainability of the work under the Protocol, it is crucial to ensure staff funding on a long-term basis. The extension of contracts for staff funded under the trust fund depends on the availability and level of the 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 in previous years, the secretariat was therefore obliged to prioritize 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 in the reporting period only owing to savings accumulated at the end of each preceding year.

3. After considering the relevant elements presented in the report of the Secretary-General entitled *Pattern of conferences (A/78/96)*, the General Assembly did not establish a mandate or provide required guidance on rules of procedures, conditions of service for interpreters, security, authentication and universal access for the continuation of provision of online or hybrid meeting services. In the absence of such a mandate and legislative framework, hybrid and virtual meeting services are no longer being provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) effective 22 January 2024. Should services for virtual or hybrid meetings serviced by UNOG be requested in exceptional circumstances, these will be covered through extrabudgetary contributions, including costs for remote participation, and use of the authorized platforms. The secretariat therefore has to adjust its working methods and meeting organization to take into account these requirements.

4. Technical equipment and other operational support costs (including, office rent, human resources- and information technology-related services, financial administration) were normally provided for by United Nations regular budget funds also for extrabudgetary staff. However, this practice has been discontinued. Since 2020, the secretariat has been requested to gradually cover operational costs and administrative charges of UNOG and these are thus included in the operational costs of the work programme. These expenditures have been increasing substantially over the last three years.

## II. Contributions

5. The “Adjusted contribution” columns in tables 1 and 2 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

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<sup>1</sup> See ECE/MP.PRTR/2021/6/Add.1, decision IV/3, annex.

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 below 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 3 contains information on pledges for the current 2022–2025 work programmes as of 30 September 2024.

## A. Financial contributions

6. For convenience, a full overview of contributions for 2023 and 2024 for both the Convention and the Protocol current 2022–2025 work programmes is provided in, respectively, tables 1 and 2.

Table 1

### Contributions received in 2023 and for 2023 for the Convention and the Protocol as of 30 September 2024

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2023</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2023</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Austria	—	10 288	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2022
	82 508	82 508	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	10 672	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	—	5 171	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2022
Azerbaijan	5 336	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
Belgium (Federal)	—	15 538	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
	—	22 198	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme (rapid response mechanism), received in 2024
	15 070	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2023
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 034	1 034	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2023

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2023</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2023</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Belgium (Walloon Region)	3 722	3 722	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	3 722	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2023
Bosnia and Herzegovina	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2023
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2023
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2023
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2023
	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2023
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2023
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2023
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2023
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Bulgaria	2 723	2 723	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Cyprus	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2022
	5 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2022
	10 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Denmark	21 380	21 380	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	10 680	10 680	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Estonia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2023</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2023</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
European Union	109 170	109 170	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	27 382	27 382	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Finland	10 707	10 707	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	3 533	3 533	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
France	—	58 140	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2022
	16 146	16 146	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	10 917	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2023
	10 917	10 917	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Germany	60 000	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	20 000	20 000	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025
	27 987	27 987	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Hungary	—	4 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
	—	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
Iceland	1 500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2023
	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
Ireland	—	7 996	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2022
	27 412	27 412	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (Compliance Committee)
	81 878	81 878	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2023</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2023</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
			Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	8 449	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	—	4 797	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2022
	5 069	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Italy	116 649	116 649	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	21 575	21 575	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (e.g., capacity- building and public participation in decision-making)
	10 787	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
	—	10 811	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Kyrgyzstan	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2023
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2023
	—	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	—	1 067	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
	1 066	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2023
Lithuania	—	1 195	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2020
	1 437	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	1 079	—	Additional contribution for 2024 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	1 437	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2025, received in 2023
	1 079	—	Additional contribution for 2025 to support implementation of Aarhus

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2023</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2023</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
			Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	1 437	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2026, received in 2023
	1 079	—	Additional contribution for 2026 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	—	1 195	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2020
	1 079	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
	1 079	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2025, received in 2023
	1 079	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2026, received in 2023
Luxembourg	20 263	20 263	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	—	21 668	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (of which \$10,834 for rapid response mechanism and \$10,834 for Compliance Committee), received in 2024
	1 643	1 643	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Malta	—	977	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2022
Montenegro	1 065	1 065	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	1 665	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	1 065	1 065	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
	1 110	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Netherlands	54 885	54 885	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	32 017	32 017	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025
	21 954	21 954	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
North Macedonia	1 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2023
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023



<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2023</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2023</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Norway	22 492	22 492	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	10 405	10 405	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (Compliance Committee)
	35 002	—	Additional contribution in 2022 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism), received in 2023
	22 492	22 492	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Poland	—	5 394	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
Portugal	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Rep. of Moldova	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Romania	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2023
	—	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
	1 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2023
Serbia	1 900	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2023
	1 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2023 <sup>a</sup>
	1 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2023 <sup>b</sup>
Slovakia	—	1 066	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2022
	5 476	5 476	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	1 079	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	—	533	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2022
	1 079	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2023</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2023</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Slovenia	3 767	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2023 <sup>c</sup>
	2 153	2 153	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
	2 153	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2023
Spain	11 013	11 013	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	11 013	11 013	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Sweden	34 990	34 990	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	17 990	17 990	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Switzerland	44 639	44 639	For the Aarhus Convention 2023 (of which CHF 20,000 to support work aimed at, e.g., providing advisory support and assistance to countries with economies in transition so as to strengthen capacities of their experts)
	80 552	80 552	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023 (of which CHF 50,000 to support work aimed at, e.g., providing advisory support and assistance to countries with economies in transition so as to strengthen capacities of their experts)
Ukraine	—	977	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
	—	977	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
United Kingdom	39 535	39 535	For the Aarhus Convention 2023 (of which \$4,651 for rapid response mechanism)
	11 682	11 682	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 311 024</b>	<b>1 347 384</b>	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	307 032	286 882	

*Abbreviations:* PRTRs, Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers.

<sup>a</sup> In table 2 of document ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/4, this contribution, together with the contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs for 2022, was recorded as a 2023 contribution to the Aarhus Convention. This omission is hereby corrected.

<sup>b</sup> In table 2 of document ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/4, this contribution, together with the contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs for 2021, was recorded as a 2023 contribution to the Aarhus Convention. This omission is hereby corrected.

<sup>c</sup> In table 2 of document ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2023/6 and table 2 of document ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/4, this contribution was recorded as a 2023 contribution to the Aarhus Convention. This omission is hereby corrected.

Table 2  
**Contributions received in 2024 and for 2024 for the Convention and the Protocol  
as of 30 September 2024**

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2024</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2024</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Austria	—	10 672	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	81 345	81 345	Additional contribution in 2024 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	—	5 336	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Belgium (Federal)	15 538	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
	22 198	—	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism), received in 2024
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 024	1 024	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
Bulgaria	2 673	2 673	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Cyprus	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Denmark	21 380	21 380	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	10 680	10 680	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Estonia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
European Union	107 296	107 296	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	26 824	26 824	Additional contribution for 2024 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Finland	10 941	10 941	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	3 611	3 611	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
France	65 646	65 646	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
	1 000	1 000	Additional contribution in 2024 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (Compliance Committee)
Germany	60 000	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	28 446	28 446	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2024</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2024</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Hungary	4 500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
	1 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
Ireland	—	8 449	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	80 472	80 472	Additional contribution in 2024 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	26 824	26 824	Additional contribution in 2024 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (Compliance Committee)
	—	5 069	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Italy	10 811	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
	—	10 787	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	1 000	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Kyrgyzstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2024
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	1 067	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
Lithuania	—	1 437	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	—	1 079	Additional contribution for 2024 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (rapid response mechanism)
	—	1 079	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Luxembourg	21 668	—	Additional contribution in 2023 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (of which \$10,834 for rapid response mechanism and \$10,834 for Compliance Committee), received in 2024
Montenegro	—	1 665	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	—	1 110	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Netherlands	54 171	54 171	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	21 668	21 668	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Norway	22 493	22 493	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	22 493	22 493	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Poland	5 394	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2024
	5 394	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
	5 470	5 470	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
Portugal	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	1 609	1 609	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Romania	1 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2024</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2024</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2024
Slovakia	—	1 079	For the Aarhus Convention 2024, received in 2023
	—	1 079	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024, received in 2023
Spain	10 834	10 834	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	10 846	10 846	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Sweden	34 990	34 990	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	17 990	17 990	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Switzerland	44 248	44 248	For the Aarhus Convention 2024 (of which CHF 20,000 to support work aimed at, e.g., providing advisory support and assistance to countries with economies in transition so as to strengthen capacities of their experts)
	78 563	78 563	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024 (of which CHF 50,000 to support work aimed at, e.g., providing advisory support and assistance to countries with economies in transition so as to strengthen capacities of their experts)
Ukraine	977	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2024
	977	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2023, received in 2024
	977	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2024
	977	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>993 684</b>	<b>962 549</b>	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	234 408	252 538	

*Note:* No financial contributions or formal pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Aarhus Convention for the previous and current work programmes: Azerbaijan (for 2018, 2021, 2022, 2024), Bosnia and Herzegovina (for 2024), Greece (for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024), Guinea-Bissau (for 2022, 2023, 2024), Hungary (for 2024), Iceland (for 2024), Italy (for 2024), North Macedonia (for 2022, 2023, 2024), Republic of Moldova (for 2021, 2022, 2024), Romania (for 2023, 2024), Turkmenistan (for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024) and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (for 2024). No financial contributions or formal pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs for the previous and current work programmes: Belgium (for 2022, 2023, 2024), Bosnia and Herzegovina (for 2019, 2024), Bulgaria (for 2024), France (for 2024), Hungary (for 2024), Israel (for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024), Latvia (for 2024), North Macedonia (for 2024), Poland (for 2022, 2023, 2024), Republic of Moldova (for 2022, 2024), Serbia (for 2024) and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (for 2024).

Table 3  
**Pledges for the current 2022–2025 and previous work programmes as of 30 September 2024**

(Original currency)

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Original currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Armenia	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	\$	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Federal)	€	10 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
Belgium (Walloon Region)	€	3 465	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
Latvia	\$	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
Luxembourg	€	18 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	€	1 500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Malta	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	\$	5 500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2017–2024
Netherlands	€	30 000	Additional contribution Aarhus Convention 2024 to support implementation of Aarhus Convention work programme for 2022–2025 (access to information through electronic information tools)
North Macedonia	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Romania	\$	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Serbia	\$	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	\$	2 100	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	\$	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	\$	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	\$	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	\$	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2017
	\$	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2016
	\$	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2023
Slovenia	€	3 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	€	3 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	€	2 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024
Tajikistan	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2023
	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2022
Ukraine	\$	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2024
	\$	1 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2024

## B. In-kind contributions

7. The following in-kind contributions were made in the reporting period:

(a) Support from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for the travel of non-governmental and governmental delegates and a number of representatives of Aarhus Centres to the meetings of subsidiary bodies under the Convention; as well as for relevant activities of the Aarhus Centres related to the Convention and the Protocol and partially for travel of the secretariat to the relevant events;

(b) Support from the Government of Germany for the establishment and advancement of PRTRs in South-Eastern Europe and the Republic of Moldova.

## III. Estimated and projected expenditures

8. The estimated expenditures for 2023 and the projected expenditures for 2024 shown in, respectively, tables 4 and 5, are limited to those intended to be covered by voluntary contributions made under the Convention's and the Protocol's schemes of financial arrangements through the trust fund. They do not include costs expected to be covered by the United Nations regular budget. Figures are rounded up and may change in accordance with United Nations administrative regulations. Reported estimated expenditures are those related to the implementation of the Protocol on PRTRs 2022–2025 work programme in 2023 and projected expenditures are those related to the implementation of the Protocol's 2022–2025 work programme in 2024. Convention-related expenses are reported to the bodies of the Convention.

Table 4

### January–December 2023 estimated expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
A. Compliance mechanism	Travel of experts and participants	5 500
B. Technical assistance	Subcontracts (to assist Armenia and Ukraine in establishing PRTR systems and acceding to/implementing Protocol)	21 800
C. Information exchange on technical level		— <sup>a</sup>
D. Reporting mechanism		— <sup>b</sup>
E. Awareness-raising and promotion of Protocol and its interlinkages with other treaties and processes	Travel of secretariat (e.g., to service International PRTR Coordinating Group meeting)	1 900
F. Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities	Meetings of Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol (travel + DSA for eligible participants)	64 200
G. Technical assessment of Protocol's provisions		— <sup>c</sup>

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	
H.	Horizontal support areas	Technical, other operational and support costs (including equipment, IT licenses and services, financial, office and travel administration, printing, banking fees, costs to cover organization of hybrid meetings, etc.)	38 600
<b>Subtotal (activities)</b>		<b>131 700</b>	
	Staff requirements	One P-3 staff member (80 per cent full-time equivalent) to support work under Protocol on PRTRs for January–December 2023	148 700
		Secretarial support (one G staff member, 30 per cent of full-time equivalent) for January–December 2023	47 200 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Subtotal (staff requirements)</b>		<b>195 900</b>	
Programme support costs (13 per cent)		42 600	
<b>Total</b>		<b>370 200</b>	

*Abbreviations:* IT, information technology; DSA, daily subsistence allowance.

<sup>a</sup> Part of expenditures related to participation at the meetings of the Working Group of the Parties and the Bureau are reported under work area F. Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities.

<sup>b</sup> No expenditures were encountered for this work area.

<sup>c</sup> No expenditures were encountered for this work area.

<sup>d</sup> The remaining 70 per cent of G-5 staff costs are dedicated to the work under the Aarhus Convention and costs are reported to the bodies of the Aarhus Convention.

Table 5  
January–December 2024 projected expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Core expenditures</i>	<i>Other expenditures</i>	
A.	Compliance mechanism	Travel of experts and participants	11 000	—
B.	Technical assistance	Travel of experts and participants, organizational costs (including capacity-building workshops)	—	5 000
		Subcontracts (to assist Armenia and Georgia in establishing PRTR systems and acceding to/implementing Protocol)	—	27 300
C.	Information exchange on technical level	Subcontracts (including maintenance and improvement of PRTR.net and PRTR online tool on national implementation reports)	2 000	—
D.	Reporting mechanism	Subcontracts	—	—
E.	Awareness-raising and promotion of Protocol and its interlinkages with other treaties and processes	Travel of experts and secretariat	5 000	—
		Subcontracts	—	5 000



<i>Activity</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Core expenditures</i>	<i>Other expenditures</i>	
F.	Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities	Travel of experts and participants, subcontracts to eleventh meeting of Working Group of the Parties and Global round table on PRTRs	90 000	—
G.	Technical assessment of Protocol's provisions	Subcontracts	5 000	—
H.	Horizontal support areas	Technical, other operational support costs (including equipment, IT licenses and services, financial, office and travel administration, printing, banking fees, costs to cover organization of hybrid meetings, etc.)	26 000	—
<b>Subtotal (activities)</b>			<b>139 000</b>	<b>37 300</b>
	Staff requirements	One P-3 staff member (100 per cent full-time equivalent) to support work under Protocol on PRTRs for January–December 2024	189 000	—
		Secretarial support (one G staff member, 30 per cent of full-time equivalent) for January–December 2024)	43 500 <sup>a</sup>	—
<b>Subtotal (staff requirements)</b>			<b>232 500</b>	<b>—</b>
Programme support costs (13 per cent)			48 295	4 849
<b>Total</b>			<b>419 795</b>	<b>42 149</b>

<sup>a</sup> One G-5 staff member is required in order to provide administrative support for activities under the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol. The staff costs for January–December 2024 are shared with the Convention as follows: 70 per cent of costs are covered by the contributions for the Convention and 30 per cent by the contributions for the Protocol.