

Decision 20/CP.23

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 22/CP.21, in which the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 was approved,

Also recalling paragraph 11 of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its subsidiary bodies and its permanent secretariat,¹

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,²

I. Budget performance for the biennium 2016–2017

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the report on budget performance for the biennium 2016–2017 as at 30 June 2017³ and the note on the status of contributions to the trust funds administered by the secretariat as at 16 October 2017;⁴
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
3. *Expresses concern* regarding the high level of outstanding contributions to the core budget for the current and previous bienniums, which has resulted in difficulties with cash flow;
4. *Strongly urges* Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay;
5. *Calls upon* Parties to make their contributions to the core budget for the year 2018 in a timely manner, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities received from Parties;
7. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process, in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2018, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
8. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government of the secretariat;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

² FCCC/SBI/2017/13, FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.8, FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.14 and FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.15 and Add.1.

³ FCCC/SBI/2017/13.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.14.

II. Audit report and financial statements for 2016

9. *Takes note* of the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors⁵ and the financial statements for 2016, which include recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audit of the accounts of the Convention;
11. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the auditors for the valuable observations and recommendations and the presentation made thereon to Parties;
12. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate.

*12th plenary meeting
17 November 2017*

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2017/INF.15 and Add.1.