

Decision 25/CP.18

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 18/CP.17, in which the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013 was approved and the Executive Secretary was requested to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth session on income and budget performance and to propose any adjustments that might be needed in the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013,

Also recalling paragraph 11 of the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties,¹

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

I. Audited financial statements for the biennium 2010–2011

1. *Takes note* of the audited financial statements for the biennium 2010–2011, the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors, which includes recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the accounts of the Convention and for the valuable observations and recommendations of the auditors;
3. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate;

II. Budget performance for the biennium 2012–2013

4. *Takes note* of the reporting on budget performance for the biennium 2012–2013 as at 30 June 2012 and of the updated status of contributions as at 15 November 2012 to the trust funds administered by the secretariat;
5. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that have paid their contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
6. *Calls upon* Parties that have not paid their contributions to the core budget to do so without delay, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
8. *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 2013, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

² FCCC/SBI/2012/23, FCCC/SBI/2012/24 and Add.1 and 2 and FCCC/SBI/2012/INF.12 and Corr.1.

9. *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 to the secretariat in Bonn;

10. *Welcomes* the Executive Secretary's commitment to increasing the cost-effectiveness of the secretariat's operations and, in this context, the efforts undertaken by the secretariat, in cooperation with the Government of Germany, to consolidate Bonn as the hub for UNFCCC sessions and meetings, in order to reduce costs and further enhance the facilities and services made available at the secretariat's headquarters;

III. Programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-eighth session, a proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

12. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, when preparing the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015, to prepare a contingency for funding conference services, should this prove necessary in the light of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

13. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to recommend, at its thirty-eighth session, a programme budget for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth session and by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its ninth session;

14. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to authorize the Executive Secretary to notify Parties of their indicative contributions for 2014 on the basis of the recommended budget.

*9th plenary meeting
7 December 2012*