

RC-8/17: Programme of work and budget for the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2018–2019

The Conference of the Parties,

Taking note of the financial reports on the Rotterdam Convention trust funds for 2016 and estimated expenditures for 2017 from the Trust Fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam Convention Trust Fund),¹

I

Trust Fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2018–2019 of 8,239,100 United States dollars for the purposes set out in table 1 of the present decision;
2. *Authorizes* the executive secretaries of the Rotterdam Convention to make commitments in an amount up to the approved operational budget, drawing upon available cash resources;
3. *Decides* to maintain the working capital reserve at the level of 15 per cent of the annual average of the biennial operational budgets for the biennium 2018–2019;
4. *Invites* the governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue and, where possible, increase their financial and other support for the operation of the Convention and its Secretariat in the biennium 2018–2019;
5. *Welcomes* the continued contribution by Italy and Switzerland, the host countries of the Secretariat, of 1,200,000 euros each for the biennium to the Secretariat to offset planned expenditures;
6. *Notes* that 50 percent of Switzerland's host country contribution of 1,200,000 euros for the biennium, equivalent to 651,466 United States dollars,² will be apportioned to the Rotterdam Convention General Trust Fund and the remainder to the Special Trust Fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade;
7. *Adopts* the indicative scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for the biennium 2018–2019 set out in table 2 of the present decision and authorizes the executive secretaries, consistent with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, to adjust the scale to include all Parties for which the Convention enters into force before 1 January 2018 for 2018 and before 1 January 2019 for 2019;
8. *Recalls* that contributions to the Rotterdam Convention Trust Fund are expected by or on 1 January of the year for which those contributions have been budgeted, requests Parties to pay their contributions promptly, encourages Parties in a position to do so to pay their contributions by 16 October 2017 for the calendar year 2018 and by 16 October 2018 for the calendar year 2019 and requests the Secretariat to notify Parties of the amounts of their contributions as early as possible in the year preceding the year in which they are due;

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/38/Rev.2.

² The 50 per cent host country contribution of Switzerland to the General Trust Fund of 600,000 euros for 2018–2019 is equivalent to 651,466 United States dollars using the United Nations operational exchange rate of 1 May 2017, according to which 1 United States dollar equals 0.921 euros.

9. *Notes with concern* that a number of Parties have not paid their contributions to the Rotterdam Convention Trust Fund for 2016 and prior years, contrary to the provisions of paragraph 3 (a) of rule 5 of the financial rules;

10. *Urges* Parties to pay their contributions promptly by or on 1 January of the year to which the contributions apply and requests the Secretariat to present at regional meetings information on the state of play³ regarding arrears and their consequences;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of decision RC-7/15 and decides to continue the practice, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2005 onwards, that no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years shall be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties or a member of any subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties, provided, however, that this shall not apply to Parties that are least developed countries or small island developing States or to any Party that has agreed on and is respecting a schedule of payments in accordance with the financial rules;

12. *Also recalls* paragraph 15 of decision RC-7/15 and decides to continue the practice that no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for four or more years and that has not agreed on or is not respecting a schedule of payments implemented in accordance with paragraph 3 (d) of rule 5 of the financial rules shall be eligible to receive financial support for attendance at intersessional workshops or other informal meetings, as arrears that have been outstanding for more than four years must be treated as 100 per cent doubtful debts under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

13. *Takes note* of the efforts of the executive secretaries and the President of the Conference of the Parties, who through a jointly signed letter invited the ministers of foreign affairs of Parties with contributions in arrears to take timely action to rectify those arrears, requests that this practice continue and thanks those Parties that have responded in a positive manner by paying their outstanding contributions;

14. *Also takes note* of the indicative staffing table for the Secretariat for the biennium 2018–2019 used for costing purposes to set the overall budget, which is set out in table 3 of the present decision;

15. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, should the annual increase applied to real staff costs and used to determine the staffing envelope not be adequate, on an exceptional basis and as a last resort to draw additional funds, not exceeding 100,000 United States dollars, from the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions' three general trust funds' net balance to cover any shortfall in the approved staffing envelope for the biennium 2018–2019, provided that the balances are not reduced below the respective working capital reserves, except in the case of the Stockholm Convention, the working capital reserve for which may temporarily be used for this purpose;

16. *Authorizes* the executive secretaries to continue to determine the staffing levels, numbers and structure of the Secretariat in a flexible manner as recommended by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its audit report,⁴ provided that the executive secretaries remain within the overall cost of the staff numbers set out in table 3 of the present decision for the biennium 2018–2019;

17. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to continue cooperating on programmatic matters with the interim secretariat to the Minamata Convention and to provide any secretariat support that may be requested and is fully funded by the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention;

³ For the present decision, “state of play” consists of the current status of arrears, difficulties with paying assessed contributions due to restrictions that go beyond national jurisdiction and the status of any payment plans agreed on with the Secretariat.

⁴ Office of Internal Oversight Services, Internal Audit Division, Report 2014/024, available at <https://oios.un.org/page/download/id/120>.

18. *Requests* the Secretariat to ensure the full utilization of the programme support costs available to it in 2018–2019 and, where possible, to offset those costs against the administrative components of the approved budget;

II

Special Trust Fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade

19. *Takes note* of the funding estimates included in table 1 of the present decision for activities under the Convention to be financed from the Special Trust Fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (voluntary Special Trust Fund) in the amount of 3,957,125 United States dollars for the biennium 2018–2019;

20. *Notes* that the voluntary Special Trust Fund requirement presented in the budget represents the Secretariats' best efforts to be realistic and reflects priorities agreed upon by all Parties and urges Parties and invites non-Parties and others to make voluntary contributions to the voluntary Special Trust Fund so as to encourage contributions from donors;

21. *Invites* Switzerland to include in its contribution to the voluntary Special Trust Fund support for, among other things, the participation of developing-country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition in meetings of the Convention and joint activities between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

22. *Urges* Parties, and invites others in a position to do so, to contribute urgently to the voluntary Special Trust Fund with a view to ensuring the full and effective participation of developing-country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;

III

Preparations for the next biennium

23. *Decides* that the two trust funds for the Convention shall be continued until 31 December 2019 and requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to extend them for the biennium 2018–2019, subject to the approval of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme;

24. *Takes note* of the efforts since 2012 to enhance efficiency in the use of financial and human resources in the joint secretariat and encourages the executive secretaries to continue such efforts in the future work of the Secretariat;

25. *Requests* the executive secretaries to prepare a budget for the biennium 2020–2021, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting, explaining the key principles, assumptions and programmatic strategy on which the budget is based and presenting expenditures for the 2020–2021 period in a programmatic format;

26. *Notes* the need to facilitate priority-setting by providing Parties with timely information on the financial consequences of various options and, to that end, requests the executive secretaries to include in the proposed operational budget for the biennium 2020–2021 two alternative funding scenarios that take account of any efficiencies identified as a result of paragraph 24 above and are based on:

(a) Their assessment of the required changes in the operational budget, which should not exceed a 5 per cent increase over the 2018–2019 level in nominal terms, to finance all proposals before the Conference of the Parties that have budgetary implications;

(b) Maintaining the operational budget at the 2018–2019 level in nominal terms;

27. *Requests* the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to report to the Conference of the Parties which activities were financed from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations contribution in the implementation of the 2018–2019 programme of work and to identify which activities are going to be implemented, funded or co-funded from that contribution in the 2020–2021 programme of work and budget;

28. *Requests* the executive secretaries at the ninth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to provide, where relevant, cost estimates for actions that have budgetary implications that are not foreseen in the draft programme of work but are included in proposed draft decisions before the adoption of those decisions by the Conference of the Parties;

29. *Stresses* the need to ensure that the proposal for the 2020–2021 voluntary Special Trust Fund requirement presented in the budget is realistic and represents the agreed priorities of all Parties so as to encourage voluntary contributions from donors;

30. *Requests* the Secretariat to identify elements of programmatic cooperation with other organizations of the chemicals and wastes cluster for the programme of work for 2018–2019 in line with decision RC-8/10 on international cooperation and coordination.

Table 1

Programme budget, reserves and financing for the 2018–2019 biennium (United States dollars)**Programme budget**

	General trust fund			Voluntary trust fund		
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm
1 Fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention	557 575			1 014 871		
2 Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention		557 575			1 014 871	
3 Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention			557 575			1 014 871
4 Eleventh meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group	347 982			669 512		
5 Fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Rotterdam Convention Chemical Review Committee and orientation workshop for members of the Chemical Review Committee		517 208			89 535	
6 Fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee			952 962			111 552
7 Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and joint meeting of the bureaux to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	50 900					
8 Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention and joint meeting of the bureaux to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions		30 200				
9 Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention and joint meeting of the bureaux to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions			44 000			
10 Thirteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee	35 000			30 280		
12 Support for the work of and coordination between the scientific bodies of the conventions				40 000	40 000	40 000
13 Technical assistance and capacity development programme of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions ¹				516 000	636 500	637 500
14 Training and capacity development activities under the Basel Convention				1 000 000		
15 Training and capacity development activities under the Rotterdam Convention					1 000 000	
16 Training and capacity development activities under the Stockholm Convention						1 000 000
18 Partnerships for technical assistance				566 600	278 800	39 600
19 Coordination of and support for the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres and cooperation and coordination between regional centres	44 150		44 150	300 000		300 000
20 Scientific support for Parties to the Basel Convention	275 000		20 000	235 000		
21 Scientific support for Parties to the Rotterdam Convention		60 000			130 000	
22 Scientific support for Parties to the Stockholm Convention			135 000			372 000

	General trust fund			Voluntary trust fund		
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm
23 Effectiveness evaluation and the global monitoring plan			60 000			398 000
24 National reporting	42 500		70 000	107 500		20 000
25 Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, including the prior informed consent database and the Rotterdam Convention website in English, French and Spanish	42 705	92 792	42 703	83 334	83 330	83 336
26 Publications	33 400	33 200	33 400			
27 Joint communication, outreach and public awareness	10 000	10 000	10 000			
28 Executive direction and management	122 300	225 427	204 868			
29 International cooperation and coordination, including partnerships						
30 Financial resources and mechanisms	12 000	12 000	12 000			
32 Legal and policy (specific to the Basel Convention)				402 500		
33 Joint legal and policy activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions; national legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions				20 000		
34 Coordination and provision of support to Parties in follow-up to the country-led initiative on environmentally sound management and further legal clarity				677 500		
35 Office maintenance and services	364 080	212 040	364 080			
36 Joint information technology services	100 000	80 000	100 000			
37 Staff costs	6 488 841	5 460 797	7 599 014	228 845	228 845	228 845
Total (excluding programme support costs)	8 526 433	7 291 239	10 249 752	5 891 942	3 501 881	4 245 704
Programme support costs	1 108 436	947 861	1 332 468	765 952	455 244	551 941
Total (including programme support costs)	9 634 869	8 239 100	11 582 220	6 657 894	3 957 125	4 797 645
Grand total		29 456 189			15 412 664	

¹The impact assessment of the implementation of the technical assistance plan shall be funded as a priority using unearmarked contributions to the voluntary trust funds of the conventions.

Reserves

	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm
2018–2019 approved budget from the general trust fund	9 634 869	8 239 100	11 582 220
Working capital reserve			
Current level	705 363	611 008	748 847
Required level	722 615	617 933	868 666
Approved changes to the working capital reserve	17 252	6 924	119 820
Rotterdam Convention special contingency reserve			
Current level	0	292 540	0
Approved changes to the Rotterdam Convention special contingency reserve	0	0	0
Total required for the approved budget and changes to reserves	9 652 121	8 246 025	11 702 039

Financing

	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm
Funded from the trust fund balance	0	0	0
Funded from the Rotterdam Convention special contingency reserve	0	0	0
Funded from the host country contributions of Switzerland ^{1,2}	0	651 466	1 934 389
Funded from the host country contributions of Italy ¹	0	1 302 932	0
Funded from assessed contributions of Parties	9 652 121	6 291 627	9 767 650

¹The host country contribution for the Rotterdam Convention was pledged in Euros and converted to United States dollars using the United Nations operational rate of exchange of 1 United States dollar = 0.921 euros on 1 May 2017.

²The host country contribution for the Stockholm Convention was pledged in Swiss francs and converted into United States dollars using the United Nations operational rate of exchange of 1 United States dollar = 0.996 Swiss francs on 1 May 2017.

Table 2

Assessed contributions apportioned to Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the 2018–2019 biennium (United States dollars)

United Nations Secretariat scale		Basel Convention (BCL)			Rotterdam Convention (ROL)			Stockholm Convention (SCL)			
Party	United Nations scale	BC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium	RC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium	SC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium	Remarks			
	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)				
	<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	
1	Afghanistan	0.006	1	0.008	362	1	0.010	315	1	0.010	488
2	Albania	0.008	2	0.010	483	2	0.010	315	2	0.010	488
3	Algeria	0.161	3	0.201	9 717	-	n.a.	n.a.	3	0.213	10 400
4	Andorra	0.006	4	0.008	362	-	n.a.	n.a.	4	n.a.	n.a.
5	Angola	0.010	5	0.010	483	-	n.a.	n.a.	-	0.010	488
6	Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	6	0.003	121	3	0.010	315	5	0.010	488
7	Argentina	0.892	7	1.115	53 834	4	1.131	35 595	6	1.180	57 623
8	Armenia	0.006	8	0.008	362	5	0.010	315	7	0.010	488
9	Australia	2.337	9	2.923	141 043	6	2.964	93 256	8	3.091	150 969
10	Austria	0.720	10	0.900	43 454	7	0.913	28 731	9	0.952	46 511
11	Azerbaijan	0.060	11	0.075	3 621	-	n.a.	n.a.	10	0.079	3 876
12	Bahamas	0.014	12	0.018	845	-	n.a.	n.a.	11	0.019	904
13	Bahrain	0.044	13	0.055	2 655	8	0.056	1 756	12	0.058	2 842
14	Bangladesh	0.010	14	0.010	483	-	n.a.	n.a.	13	0.010	488
15	Barbados	0.007	15	0.009	422	-	n.a.	n.a.	14	0.010	488
16	Belarus	0.056	16	0.070	3 380	-	n.a.	n.a.	15	0.074	3 618
17	Belgium	0.885	17	1.107	53 412	9	1.123	35 315	16	1.171	57 170
18	Belize	0.001	18	0.001	60	10	0.010	315	17	0.010	488
19	Benin	0.003	19	0.004	181	11	0.010	315	18	0.010	488
20	Bhutan	0.001	20	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.
21	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.012	21	0.015	724	12	0.000	0	19	0.016	775
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.013	22	0.016	785	13	0.016	519	20	0.017	840
23	Botswana	0.014	23	0.018	845	14	0.018	559	21	0.019	904
24	Brazil	3.823	24	4.781	230 726	15	4.849	152 554	22	5.057	246 963
25	Brunei Darussalam	0.029	25	0.036	1 750	-	n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.
26	Bulgaria	0.045	26	0.056	2 716	16	0.057	1 796	23	0.060	2 907
27	Burkina Faso	0.004	27	0.005	241	17	0.010	315	24	0.010	488

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	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)				
	<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	
28	Burundi	0.001	28	0.001	60	18	0.010	315	25	0.010	488
29	Cabo Verde	0.001	29	0.001	60	19	0.010	315	26	0.010	488
30	Cambodia	0.004	30	0.005	241	20	0.010	315	27	0.010	488
31	Cameroon	0.010	31	0.013	604	21	0.013	399	28	0.013	646
32	Canada	2.921	32	3.653	176 288	22	3.705	116 561	29	3.864	188 695
33	Central African Republic	0.001	33	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	30	0.010	488
34	Chad	0.005	34	0.006	302	23	0.010	315	31	0.010	488
35	Chile	0.399	35	0.499	24 080	24	0.506	15 922	32	0.528	25 775
36	China	7.921	36	9.906	478 049	25	10.048	316 082	33	10.477	511 691
37	Colombia	0.322	37	0.403	19 433	26	0.408	12 849	34	0.426	20 801
38	Comoros	0.001	38	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	35	0.010	488
39	Congo	0.006	39	0.008	362	27	0.010	315	36	0.010	488
40	Cook Islands	0.001	40	0.001	60	28	0.010	315	37	0.010	488
41	Costa Rica	0.047	41	0.059	2 837	29	0.060	1 876	38	0.062	3 036
42	Côte d'Ivoire	0.009	42	0.011	543	30	0.011	359	39	0.010	488
43	Croatia	0.099	43	0.124	5 975	31	0.126	3 951	40	0.131	6 395
44	Cuba	0.065	44	0.081	3 923	32	0.082	2 594	41	0.086	4 199
45	Cyprus	0.043	45	0.054	2 595	33	0.055	1 716	42	0.057	2 778
46	Czechia	0.344	46	0.430	20 761	34	0.436	13 727	43	0.455	22 222
47	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005	47	0.006	302	35	0.010	315	44	0.010	488
48	Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.008	48	0.010	483	36	0.010	315	45	0.010	488
49	Denmark	0.584	49	0.730	35 246	37	0.741	23 304	46	0.772	37 726
50	Djibouti	0.001	50	0.001	60	38	0.010	315	47	0.010	488
51	Dominica	0.001	51	0.001	60	39	0.010	315	48	0.010	488
52	Dominican Republic	0.046	52	0.058	2 776	40	0.058	1 836	49	0.061	2 972
53	Ecuador	0.067	53	0.084	4 044	41	0.085	2 674	50	0.089	4 328
54	Egypt	0.152	54	0.190	9 174	-	n.a.	n.a.	51	0.201	9 819
55	El Salvador	0.014	55	0.018	845	42	0.018	559	52	0.019	904
56	Equatorial Guinea	0.010	56	0.010	483	43	0.010	315	-	n.a.	n.a.

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Remarks	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	
-	<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>
57 Eritrea	0.001	57	0.001	60	44	0.010	315	53	0.010	488
58 Estonia	0.038	58	0.048	2 293	45	0.048	1 516	54	0.050	2 455
59 Ethiopia	0.010	59	0.010	483	46	0.010	315	55	0.010	488
60 European Union	2.500	60	2.500	120 652	47	2.500	78 645	56	2.500	122 096
61 Fiji	0.003		n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.	57	0.010	488
62 Finland	0.456	61	0.570	27 521	48	0.578	18 196	58	0.603	29 457
63 France	4.859	62	6.076	293 251	49	6.164	193 895	59	6.427	313 888
64 Gabon	0.017	63	0.021	1 026	50	0.022	678	60	0.022	1 098
65 Gambia	0.001	64	0.001	60	51	0.010	315	61	0.010	488
66 Georgia	0.008	65	0.010	483	52	0.010	315	62	0.010	488
67 Germany	6.389	66	7.990	385 589	53	8.104	254 949	63	8.451	412 725
68 Ghana	0.016	67	0.020	966	54	0.020	638	64	0.021	1 034
69 Greece	0.471	68	0.589	28 426	55	0.597	18 795	65	0.623	30 426
70 Guatemala	0.028	69	0.035	1 690	56	0.036	1 117	66	0.037	1 809
71 Guinea	0.002	70	0.003	121	57	0.010	315	67	0.010	488
72 Guinea-Bissau	0.001	71	0.001	60	58	0.010	315	68	0.010	488
73 Guyana	0.002	72	0.003	121	59	0.010	315	69	0.010	488
74 Honduras	0.008	73	0.010	483	60	0.010	315	70	0.010	488
75 Hungary	0.161	74	0.201	9 717	61	0.204	6 425	71	0.213	10 400
76 Iceland	0.023	75	0.029	1 388	-	n.a.	n.a.	72	0.030	1 486
77 India	0.737	76	0.922	44 479	62	0.935	29 410	73	0.975	47 610
78 Indonesia	0.504	77	0.630	30 417	63	0.639	20 112	74	0.667	32 558
79 Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.471	78	0.589	28 426	64	0.597	18 795	75	0.623	30 426
80 Iraq	0.129	79	0.161	7 785	-	n.a.	n.a.	76	0.171	8 333
81 Ireland	0.335	80	0.419	20 218	65	0.425	13 368	77	0.443	21 641
82 Israel	0.430	81	0.538	25 951	66	0.545	17 159	-	n.a.	n.a.
83 Italy	3.748	82	4.687	226 200	67	4.754	149 562	-	n.a.	n.a.
84 Jamaica	0.009	83	0.011	543	68	0.011	359	78	0.010	488
85 Japan	9.680	84	12.105	584 208	69	12.279	386 274	79	12.804	625 321
86 Jordan	0.020	85	0.025	1 207	70	0.025	798	80	0.026	1 292
87 Kazakhstan	0.191	86	0.239	11 527	71	0.242	7 622	81	0.253	12 338
88 Kenya	0.018	87	0.023	1 086	72	0.023	718	82	0.024	1 163

United Nations Secretariat scale		Basel Convention (BCL)			Rotterdam Convention (ROL)			Stockholm Convention (SCL)		
Party	United Nations scale	BC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium	RC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium	SC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium	Remarks		
(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)				
<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	
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89 Kiribati	0.001	88	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	83	0.010	488
90 Kuwait	0.285	89	0.356	17 200	73	0.362	11 373	84	0.377	18 411
91 Kyrgyzstan	0.002	90	0.003	121	74	0.010	315	85	0.010	488
92 Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.003	91	0.004	181	75	0.010	315	86	0.010	488
93 Latvia	0.050	92	0.063	3 018	76	0.063	1 995	87	0.066	3 230
94 Lebanon	0.046	93	0.058	2 776	77	0.058	1 836	88	0.061	2 972
95 Lesotho	0.001	94	0.001	60	78	0.010	315	89	0.010	488
96 Liberia	0.001	95	0.001	60	79	0.010	315	90	0.010	488
97 Libya	0.125	96	0.156	7 544	80	0.159	4 988	91	0.165	8 075
98 Liechtenstein	0.007	97	0.009	422	81	0.010	315	92	0.010	488
99 Lithuania	0.072	98	0.090	4 345	82	0.091	2 873	93	0.095	4 651
100 Luxembourg	0.064	99	0.080	3 863	83	0.081	2 554	94	0.085	4 134
101 Madagascar	0.003	100	0.004	181	84	0.010	315	95	0.010	488
102 Malawi	0.002	101	0.003	121	85	0.010	315	96	0.010	488
103 Malaysia	0.322	102	0.403	19 433	86	0.408	12 849	-	n.a.	n.a.
104 Maldives	0.002	103	0.003	121	87	0.010	315	97	0.010	488
105 Mali	0.003	104	0.004	181	88	0.010	315	98	0.010	488
106 Malta	0.016	105	0.020	966	89	0.020	638	99	0.021	1 034
107 Marshall Islands	0.001	106	0.001	60	90	0.010	315	100	0.010	488
108 Mauritania	0.002	107	0.003	121	91	0.010	315	101	0.010	488
109 Mauritius	0.012	108	0.015	724	92	0.015	479	102	0.016	775
110 Mexico	1.435	109	1.795	86 605	93	1.820	57 263	103	1.898	92 700
111 Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	110	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	104	0.010	488
112 Monaco	0.010	111	0.013	604	-	n.a.	n.a.	105	0.013	646
113 Mongolia	0.005	112	0.006	302	94	0.010	315	106	0.010	488

United Nations Secretariat scale		Basel Convention (BCL)			Rotterdam Convention (ROL)			Stockholm Convention (SCL)		
Party	United Nations scale	BC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium	RC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium	SC adjusted scale, per cent	Average annual contribution for biennium			
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)			
-	<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>
114 Montenegro	0.004	113	0.005	241	95	0.010	315	107	0.010	488
115 Morocco	0.054	114	0.068	3 259	96	0.068	2 155	108	0.071	3 488
116 Mozambique	0.004	115	0.005	241	97	0.010	315	109	0.010	488
117 Myanmar	0.010	116	0.010	483	-	n.a.	n.a.	110	0.010	488
118 Namibia	0.010	117	0.013	604	98	0.519	16 334	111	0.013	646
119 Nauru	0.001	118	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	112	0.010	488
120 Nepal	0.006	119	0.008	362	99	0.010	315	113	0.010	488
121 Netherlands	1.482	120	1.853	89 442	100	1.880	59 138	114	1.960	95 736
122 New Zealand	0.268	121	0.335	16 174	101	0.340	10 694	115	0.354	17 313
123 Nicaragua	0.004	122	0.005	241	102	0.010	315	116	0.010	488
124 Niger	0.002	123	0.003	121	103	0.010	315	117	0.010	488
125 Nigeria	0.209	124	0.261	12 614	104	0.265	8 340	118	0.276	13 501
126 Niue	0.001		n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.	119	0.010	488
127 Norway	0.849	125	1.062	51 239	105	1.077	33 879	120	1.123	54 845
128 Oman	0.113	126	0.141	6 820	106	0.143	4 509	121	0.149	7 300
129 Pakistan	0.093	127	0.116	5 613	107	0.118	3 711	122	0.123	6 008
130 Palau	0.001	128	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	123	0.010	488
131 Panama	0.034	129	0.043	2 052	108	0.043	1 357	124	0.045	2 196
132 Papua New Guinea	0.004	130	0.005	241	-	n.a.	n.a.	12	0.010	488

United Nations Secretariat scale		Basel Convention (BCL)			Rotterdam Convention (ROL)			Stockholm Convention (SCL)		
Party	United Nations scale	BC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium	RC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium	SC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	
-	<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>
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133 Paraguay	0.014	131	0.018	845	109	0.018	559	12	0.019	924
134 Peru	0.136	132	0.170	8 208	110	0.173	5 427	12	0.180	8 786
135 Philippines	0.165	133	0.206	9 958	111	0.209	6 584	12	0.218	10 659
136 Poland	0.841	134	1.052	50 756	112	1.067	33 560	12	1.112	54 328
137 Portugal	0.392	135	0.490	23 658	113	0.497	15 643	13	0.519	25 323
138 Qatar	0.269	136	0.336	16 235	114	0.341	10 734	13	0.356	17 377
139 Republic of Korea	2.039	137	2.550	123 058	115	2.586	81 365	13	2.697	131 718
140 Republic of Moldova	0.004	138	0.005	241	116	0.010	315	13	0.010	488
141 Romania	0.184	139	0.230	11 105	117	0.233	7 342	13	0.243	11 886
142 Russian Federation	3.088	140	3.862	186 367	118	3.917	123 225	13	4.085	199 483
143 Rwanda	0.002	141	0.003	121	119	0.010	315	13	0.010	488
144 Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	142	0.001	60	120	0.010	315	13	0.010	488
145 Saint Lucia	0.001	143	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	13	0.010	488
146 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	144	0.001	60	121	0.010	315	13	0.010	488
147 Samoa	0.001	145	0.001	60	122	0.010	315	14	0.010	488
148 Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	146	0.001	60	123	0.010	315	14	0.010	488
149 Saudi Arabia	1.146	147	1.433	69 163	124	1.454	45 730	14	1.516	74 031
150 Senegal	0.005	148	0.006	302	125	0.010	315	14	0.010	488

United Nations Secretariat scale		Basel Convention (BCL)			Rotterdam Convention (ROL)			Stockholm Convention (SCL)		
Party	United Nations scale	BC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium	RC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium	SC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	
-	<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>
151 Serbia	0.032	149	0.040	1 931	126	0.041	1 277	14 4	0.042	2 067
152 Seychelles	0.001	150	0.001	60	-	n.a.		14 5	0.010	488
153 Sierra Leone	0.001	151	0.001	60	127	0.010	315	14 6	0.010	488
154 Singapore	0.447	152	0.559	26 977	128	0.567	17 837	14 7	0.591	28 876
155 Slovakia	0.160	153	0.200	9 656	129	0.203	6 385	14 8	0.212	10 336
156 Slovenia	0.084	154	0.105	5 070	130	0.107	3 352	14 9	0.111	5 426
157 Solomon Islands	0.001		n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.	15 0	0.010	488
158 Somalia	0.001	155	0.001	60	131	0.010	315	15 1	0.010	488
159 South Africa	0.364	156	0.455	21 968	132	0.462	14 525	15 2	0.481	23 514
160 Spain	2.443	157	3.055	147 440	133	3.099	97 486	15 3	3.231	157 816
161 Sri Lanka	0.031	158	0.039	1 871	134	0.039	1 237	15 4	0.041	2 003
162 State of Palestine	0.001	159	0.001	60	-	n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.
163 Sudan	0.010	160	0.010	483	135	0.010	315	15 5	0.010	488
164 Suriname	0.006	161	0.008	362	136	0.010	315	15 6	0.010	488
165 Swaziland	0.002	162	0.003	121	137	0.010	315	15 7	0.010	488
166 Sweden	0.956	163	1.196	57 697	138	1.213	38 149	15 8	1.265	61 757
167 Switzerland	1.140	164	1.426	68 801	139	1.446	45 491	15 9	1.508	73 643
168 Syrian Arab Republic	0.024	165	0.030	1 448	140	0.030	958	16 0	0.032	1 550
169 Tajikistan	0.004	166	0.005	241	-	n.a.	n.a.	16 1	0.010	488

United Nations Secretariat scale		Basel Convention (BCL)			Rotterdam Convention (ROL)			Stockholm Convention (SCL)		
Party	United Nations scale	BC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium	RC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium	SC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	
-	<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>
170 Thailand	0.291	167	0.364	17 562	141	0.369	11 612	16 2	0.385	18 798
171 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.007	168	0.009	422	142	0.010	315	16 3	0.010	488
172 Togo	0.001	169	0.001	60	143	0.010	315	16 4	0.010	488
173 Tonga	0.001	170	0.001	60	144	0.010	315	16 5	0.010	488
174 Trinidad and Tobago	0.034	171	0.043	2 052	145	0.043	1 357	16 6	0.045	2 196
175 Tunisia	0.028	172	0.035	1 690	146	0.036	1 117	16 7	0.037	1 809
176 Turkey	1.018	173	1.273	61 438	-	n.a.	n.a.	16 8	1.347	65 762
177 Turkmenistan	0.026	174	0.033	1 569	-	n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.
178 Tuvalu	0.001		n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.	16 9	0.010	488
179 Uganda	0.009	175	0.010	483	147	0.010	315	17 0	0.010	488
180 Ukraine	0.103	176	0.129	6 216	148	0.131	4 110	17 1	0.136	6 654
181 United Arab Emirates	0.604	177	0.755	36 453	149	0.766	24 102	17 2	0.799	39 018
182 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.463	178	5.581	269 351	150	5.661	178 093	17 3	5.903	288 307
183 United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	179	0.010	483	151	0.010	315	17 4	0.010	488
184 Uruguay	0.079	180	0.099	4 768	152	0.100	3 152	17 5	0.104	5 103
185 Uzbekistan	0.023	181	0.029	1 388	-	n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.
186 Vanuatu	0.001		n.a.	n.a.	-	n.a.	n.a.	17 6	0.010	488
187 Venezuela	0.571	182	0.714	34 461	153	0.724	22 785	17 7	0.755	36 886
188 Viet Nam	0.058	183	0.073	3 500	154	0.074	2 314	17	0.077	3 747

United Nations Secretariat scale		Basel Convention (BCL)			Rotterdam Convention (ROL)			Stockholm Convention (SCL)		
Party	United Nations scale	BC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium	RC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium	SC adjusted scale, per cent		Average annual contribution for biennium
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	
-	<i>Per cent</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	No.	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>
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189 Yemen	0.010	184	0.010	483	155	0.010	315	17	0.010	488
190 Zambia	0.007	185	0.009	422	156	0.010	315	18	0.010	488
191 Zimbabwe	0.004	186	0.005	241	157	0.010	315	18	0.010	488
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Total (annual)	80.490		100.000	4 826 060		100.000	3 145 813		100.000	4 883 825
Total (biennium)				9 652 121			6 291 627			9 767 650

Remarks:

(1) United Nations scale of assessment per General Assembly resolution 70/245, adopted at the seventieth session of the General Assembly for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 on 23 December 2015

(2) Per rule 5, paragraph 1 (a), of the financial rules of the Basel Convention, contributions made each year by Parties should be based on an indicative scale based on the United Nations scale approved by the General Assembly and should be adjusted to ensure that (i) no Party contributes less than 0.001 per cent of the total, (ii) no one contribution exceeds 22 per cent of the total and (iii) no contribution from a least developed country Party exceeds 0.01 per cent of the total.

(3) Per rule 5, paragraph 1 (a), of the financial rules of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, contributions made each year by Parties should be based on an indicative scale based on the United Nations scale approved by the General Assembly and should be adjusted to ensure that (i) no Party contributes less than 0.01 per cent of the total, (ii) no one contribution exceeds 22 per cent of the total and (iii) no contribution from a least developed country Party exceeds 0.01 per cent of the total.

(4) This is the annual contribution to be paid by the Parties both in 2018 and 2019. It is the same for both years and is based on the total required funds for the biennium and the average requirement for the year.

Table 3

Indicative staffing table for the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the biennium 2018–2019

Posts funded from the general trust funds (used for costing purposes only)

Staff category and level	Approved 2016–2017 Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions				Total proposed 2018–2019 Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions			
	Core funded	In-kind by FAO	UNEP programme support costs	Total	Core funded	In-kind by FAO	UNEP programme support costs	Total
A. Professional category								
D-2 level	1.00	0.25	–	1.25	1.00	0.25	–	1.25
D-1 level	1.00	–	–	1.00	1.00	–	–	1.00
P-5 level	7.50	–	–	7.50	7.00	–	–	7.00
P-4 level	8.00	–	2.00	10.00	7.00	–	2.00	9.00
P-3 level	17.50	1.00	–	18.50	16.00	1.00	–	17.00
P-2 level	2.00	–	–	2.00	2.00	–	–	2.00
Subtotal A	37.00	1.25	2.00	40.25	34.00	1.25	2.00	37.25
B. General Service category								
GS	13.00	1.25	6.00	20.25	12.00	1.25	6.00	19.25
Subtotal B	13.00	1.25	6.00	20.25	12.00	1.25	6.00	19.25
TOTAL (A+B)	50.00	2.50	8.00	60.50	46.00	2.50	8.00	56.50
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(3)		(1)	(2)	(3)	

Remarks:

- (1) Post funded by assessed contributions.
- (2) Provided by FAO as an in-kind contribution in its capacity as part of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat.
- (3) Funded by the programme support cost of 13 per cent accrued from both assessed (core) and voluntary contributions; includes finance, administration and logistics staff.

Posts funded from voluntary special and technical cooperation trust funds (used for costing purposes only)

Staff category and level	Approved 2016–2017 Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Total proposed 2018–2019 Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
A. Professional category		
D-2 level	–	–
D-1 level	–	–
P-5 level	–	–
P-4 level	1.00	
P-3 level	5.25	1.00
P-2 level	–	–
Subtotal A	6.25	1.00
B. General Service category		
GS	4.00	1.00
Subtotal B	4.00	1.00
TOTAL (A+B)	10.25	2.00
Remarks		(1)

Remarks:

(1) Voluntarily-funded staff will be recruited only if funds are available.

Projected salary costs for Geneva for the biennium 2018–2019 (United States dollars)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2018–2019
A. Professional category					
D-2	332 988	339 648	346 441	353 370	699 811
D-1	332 988	339 648	346 441	353 370	699 811
P-5	295 207	301 111	307 133	313 276	620 409
P-4	224 791	229 287	233 873	238 550	472 423
P-3	183 774	187 449	191 198	195 022	386 221
P-2	144 919	147 817	150 773	153 789	304 562
B. General Service category					
GS	131 318	133 945	136 623	139 356	275 979
C. Other direct personnel costs					
Retirement and replacement recruitment costs					351 115
ASHI costs	116 000	117 624	119 271	120 941	240 211

Remarks	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3), (4)
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Remarks:

(1) Average actual salary costs including staff entitlement of BRS Geneva staff for 2016 was used as basis to project future salary costs.

(2) Staff costs for 2017, 2018 and 2019 were estimated by using the actual costs of 2016 with an increase of 2 per cent per annum to cover for salary step increase, inflation, exchange rate fluctuations and unexpected adverse movements in salary costs.

(3) The projected actual salary costs for the biennium exclude the estimated retirement and recruitment costs of a total of USD 351,115 for 4 staff members for staff due to retire and their replacements. The retirement/recruitment costs are an integral part of the staffing costs and have been added separately.

(4) After service health insurance (ASHI) is a new staff-related cost that is 3 per cent of the net base salary of every staff member and is mandatory in the United Nations Secretariat as at 1 January 2017. These costs were not yet mandatory in 2016 and thus are included separately.

Projected salary costs for Rome for the biennium 2018–2019 (United States dollars)

Staff category and level	2016	2017	2018	2019	2018–2019
A. Professional category					
P-5	220 381	224 788	229 284	233 870	463 154
P-4	228 301	232 867	237 524	242 274	479 798
P-3	185 452	189 161	192 944	196 803	389 747
P-2	136 869	139 607	142 399	145 247	287 645
B. General Service category					
GS	94 042	95 923	97 842	99 799	197 640
C. Other direct personnel costs					
ASHI costs	22 000	22 308	22 620	22 937	45 557
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2), (3)

Remarks:

(1) Average actual salary costs including staff entitlements and improved cost recovery uplift (ICRU) in respect of Rome staff for 2016 was used as a basis to project future salary costs.

(2) Staff costs for 2017, 2018 and 2019 were estimated by using the actual costs of 2016 increased by 2 per cent per annum. No retirement or recruitment costs were included in the estimates.

(3) After service health insurance (ASHI) is a new staff-related cost that is 3 per cent of the net base salary of every staff member and is mandatory in the United Nations Secretariat as at 1 January 2017. These costs were not yet mandatory in 2016 and thus are included separately.