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# Proposed interim budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for the year 2021

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

# Introduction

1. By decision [14/37](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-37-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties, and the respective meetings of the Parties for the protocols, approved an integrated budget for the 2019-2020 biennium and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an integrated programme of work and budget for the period 2021-2022, to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, the tenth meeting of the Parties to Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Parties to Nagoya Protocol. These meetings had been scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2020.
2. Due to the pandemic, and the resultant restrictions on travel and the holding of large gatherings in most parts of the world, it has become necessary to reschedule the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and related meetings until 2021. Accordingly, alternative arrangements will be needed to allow the continued operations of the Convention beyond 31 December 2020, including the functioning of the Secretariat and the convening of meetings rescheduled to 2021.
3. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties has considered this matter and has proposed that, on an exceptional basis, the Parties consider and approve an interim budget for 2021 through extraordinary meetings employing a written procedure.[[4]](#footnote-5) The Executive Secretary has accordingly prepared an interim budget for 2021, as contained herein.
4. The present document is divided into six sections. Section I addresses the income and budget performance for the biennium 2019-2020. In section II, the Secretariat submits a proposal for an extension of one year of the 2019-2020 budget to allow the implementation of some activities that have been rescheduled due to the pandemic. In section III, a proposal for an interim integrated budget is presented to provide for the continued operations of the Convention and the Protocols, including the Secretariat, during the year 2021 pending the adoption of a budget for the biennium 2021-2022 by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. Draft decisions for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties and the respective meetings of the Parties for the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols are provided in sections IV, V and VI.
5. It is understood that the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols would still consider the full budget for the 2021-2022 biennium, or for any other period as the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols may decide, in line with the Financial Rules.[[5]](#footnote-6) Accordingly, it is understood that the interim budget should be limited in scope to that necessary for the continuing operations of the Convention and protocols, including the preparation and convening of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and other meetings rescheduled to 2021.
6. **Summary of income and budget performance for the biennium 2019-2020**
7. **Income**
8. In decision 14/37, the Conference of the Parties and respective meetings of the Parties to the Protocols approved an integrated core budget of US$ 18,949,000 for the year 2019 and US$ 19,895,100 for the year 2020. After the deduction of savings from the prior period and the contribution of the host country, the total assessed contributions for 2019 and 2020 amounted to US$ 32,984,700. The assessed contributions of the new Parties to the Protocols in 2019 and 2020 (15 countries ratified the Nagoya Protocol and 1 country became a Party to the Cartagena Protocol) amount to US$ 90,200. Thus, the total assessment of contributions is US$ 33,074,900, comprising US$ 16,045,000 for 2019 and US$ 17,029,900 for 2020. For the biennium 2019-2020, the Secretariat has received as at 31 August 2020 contributions totalling US$ 23,654,300.
9. The collection rate to date for 2019 and 2020 respectively is 89.79 per cent and 54.31 per cent, giving an overall collection rate for the biennium of 71.52 per cent. The payments of the assessed contributions for 2020 are slower than usual, which is likely due to various causes related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Table 1  
Overall status of assessed contributions for the biennium 2019-2020

(Thousands of United States dollars)

| *Funding source* | *Resources* |
| --- | --- |
| Approved budget | 38 844.1 |
| Host country | -2 652.8 |
| Savings from prior year | -3 206.6 |
| Additional Parties to the Convention | 90.2 |
| **Total assessment** | **33 074.9** |
| Amount received as of 31 August 2020 | 23 654.3 |
| **Unpaid balance** | **9 420.6** |
| **Collection rate** | **71.52%** |

1. **Budget performance**
2. As shown in table 2 below (column 3), a total amount of US$ 31,005,390 is projected to be spent at the end of the biennium 2019-2020, on 31 December 2020. The projected expenditure for the period 2019-2020 does not include the costs for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol or the third meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, or the full costs of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the third meeting of Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which have been postponed to 2021 due to the constraints arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Table 2 also reflects the projected expenditure in 2021 related to the rescheduled meetings mentioned above. A total estimated expenditure of US$ 4,011,800 will be spent at the end of the 2019-2020 budget period, which would end (upon the approval of the Conference of the Parties and the associated meetings of the Parties to the Protocols at this extraordinary meeting) on 31 December 2021, thus leaving a final unspent amount of US$ 3,639,600.
4. While the meetings of the two subsidiary bodies are postponed, approximately US$ 278,500 will, however, be spent in 2020 for virtual information, preparatory, regional groups and opening meetings. Hence, for the present purposes, these costs are included under the projected expenditure for 2020. Therefore, the budget provision for meetings of US$ 3,688,000 as approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, if extended to 2021, is expected to be overspent by the end of 2021 by US$ 278,500 since these costs were not budgeted for in the 2019-2020 budget approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting. Furthermore, as the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties is to be held virtually in November 2020, additional costs may be incurred and charged to the budget for meetings.

**Table 2  
Projected expenditures by object of expenditure in relation to the 2019-2020 approved integrated budget**

*(Thousands of United States dollars)*

| *Object of expenditure* | *Total approved budget* | *Total expenditure (1 January 2019-31 December 2020)* | *Expenditure from approved budget to be incurred in 2021* | *Variance* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | *(1 January 2021-31 December 2021)* |  |
| A. Staff costs | 23 080.5 | 20 100.0 |  | 2 980.5 |
| B. Bureau meetings | 365.0 | 200.0 | 165.0 | 0.0 |
| C. Travel on official business | 800.0 | 559.6 |  | 240.4 |
| D. Consultants/subcontractors | 100.0 | 100.0 |  | 0.0 |
| E. Public awareness material/communications | 100.0 | 100.0 |  | 0.0 |
| F. Temporary assistance/overtime | 200.0 | 200.0 |  | 0.0 |
| G. Training | 10.0 | 10.0 |  | 0.0 |
| H. Translation of CHM website/website projects | 130.0 | 130.0 |  | 0.0 |
| I. Meetings | 3 688.0 | 749.0 | 2 939.0 | 0.0 |
| J. Expert meetings | 320.0 | 83.7 | 236.3 | 0.00 |
| K. Extraordinary meetings on post-2020 | 1 310.0 | 1 100.0 | 210.0 | 0.0 |
| L. Rent and associated costs | 2 652.9 | 2 652.9 |  | 0.0 |
| M. General operating expenses | 1 453.2 | 1 453.2 |  | 0.0 |
| **Subtotal (I)** | **34 209.6** | **27 438.4** | **3 550.3** | **3 220.9** |
| **II. Programme support costs (13%)** | **4 447.2** | **3 567.0** | **461.5** | **418.7** |
| **Subtotal (I + II)** | **38 656.8** | **31 005.4** | **4 011.8** | **3 639.6** |
| **III. Working capital reserve** | 187.3 | 187.3 |  |  |
| **Grand-Total (I + II + II)** | **38 844.1** | **31 192.7** | **4 011.8** | **3 639.6** |

1. **Working capital reserves as at 31 December 2020**
2. The working capital reserve is calculated each biennium cumulatively so that the total in the reserve is equivalent to 15 per cent of the estimated annual expenditure, including programme support costs. The level of the working capital reserve was increased from 7.5 per cent to 15 per cent from the biennium 2019‑2020 following the recommendation of the Office of the Internal Oversight Services and in accordance with Conference of the Parties decision 14/37, paragraph 4. The purpose of the working capital reserve is to ensure continuity of operations of the Secretariat of the Convention in the event of a temporary shortfall of cash. Drawdowns from the working capital reserve are restored from contributions as soon as possible.

**Table 3  
Working capital reserves as at 31 December 2020**

*(Thousands of United States dollars)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Trust fund** | **2003-14** | **2015-16** | **2017-18** | **2019-20** | **Total** |
| BY Trust Fund | 1 324.4 | 765.1 | 93.3 | 138.6 | **2 321.4** |
| BG Trust Fund | 293.8 | 175.5 | 19.7 | 28.1 | **517.1** |
| BB Trust Fund |  | 95.5 | 9.8 | 20.6 | **125.9** |
| **Total** | **1 618.2** | **1 036.1** | **122.8** | **187.3** | **2 964.4** |

1. The cumulative surplus (not including the working capital reserve of US$ 2,964,400) in the three trust funds (BY, BG and BB) is estimated at US$ 7 million at the end of 2020 and US$ 2.9 million after accounting for expenditure in 2021 from the existing budget as at 31 December 2021. The projection is based on the assumption that no further collection of assessed contributions for 2020 and prior years will be received by the Secretariat.

**Table 4  
Projected cumulative surplus (excluding the working capital reserve)**

*(Millions of United States dollars)*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Date* | *Convention* | *Cartagena Protocol* | *Nagoya Protocol* | *Total* |
| Reserves as at 31 December 2020 | $4.6 | $1.9 | $0.5 | **$7** |
| Reserves as at 31 December 2021 | $1.6 | $1.3 | $0.05 | **$2.95** |

1. **Proposal to extend the validity of the approved integrated budget for 2019-2020**
2. Due to the various restrictions imposed by Governments around the world to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainties associated with the pandemic and the nature and duration of the response measures by each Government, the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the governing bodies of the Protocols, physical meetings of the two subsidiary bodies as well as the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, cannot be convened in 2020. It is currently planned to hold these meetings in 2021.[[6]](#footnote-7) Considering that the validity of the approved budget for 2019-2020 will expire on 31 December 2020, the Secretariat is seeking the authorization of the Parties to extend the budget validity by one year (up to 31 December 2021), or, in the case that the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is not held during 2021, until the end of the month following the closure of the fifteenth meeting, to allow the implementation of the following priority activities, which were initially planned for 2020 but were rescheduled:
3. Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;
4. Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
5. Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing;
6. Third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
7. Twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (physical meeting);
8. Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (physical meeting);
9. Expert meetings – and any other online meetings related to the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
10. Bureau meetings.
11. A total cost of US$ 1,110,000 was incurred to convene the first and second meetings of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which leaves an unspent balance of US$ 210,000. The Secretariat therefore is seeking the authorization of the Parties to extend the budget validity of the remaining funds to offset the costs of the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which was not provided for in the approved budget.
12. **Proposed interim integrated budget for programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for 2021**
13. The Secretariat is submitting for the approval of the Parties an integrated interim budget to provide for its continued operations during the year 2021 pending the adoption of a budget for the 2021-2022 biennium by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, or for the period 2021-2023, as the Conference of the Parties may decide at that time. The resource requirements for 2021, beyond those covered by the extension of the validity as described in section II, are detailed in tables 5a and 5b. The resource requirements are estimated with the factors and assumptions described below.

Key factors and assumptions used in estimating the resource requirements for 2021

1. The resource requirements for the interim budget for 2021 are based on the assumption that the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, in 2021, and the related meetings of the Parties to the Protocols will approve an integrated results-based programme of work and budget for the biennium 2021-2022 (or for a period to be determined).
2. The proposed budget of US$ 16,943,800 is 15 per cent less than the approved budget for 2020.
3. The costs of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and related meetings of the Protocols, and most of the costs for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, are not included in the interim budget as they will be covered by the approved budget from 2019-2020 extended to 2021.
4. The proposed interim budget is limited in scope and only covers the minimum necessary resource requirements to allow for the continuing operations of the Secretariat in 2021.
5. Taking into account the estimated low level of reserves in the Nagoya Protocol trust fund and the need for prudence given the slow collection of assessed contributions as highlighted in paragraph 7 above, the use of reserves to offset the assessed contributions for 2021 is not proposed.
6. The approval of an interim budget will be without any prejudice to a final budget to be approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. The Secretariat will prepare and submit a detailed results-based programme of work and budget for the period of 2021-2022 in accordance with decision 14/37, paragraph 48. In addition, given that the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting may consider the periodicity of its future meetings, and taking into account that the fifteenth meeting will be delayed by one year, the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting may wish to consider scenarios in which the sixteenth meeting will be held either in 2022 (scenario A) or in 2023 (scenario B).
7. The estimated salary costs are for 78 posts (49 Professional and 29 General Service) as per the staffing table approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting (table 6).
8. In decision 14/37, paragraph 2, the Conference of the Parties agreed to share the costs of secretariat services among the Convention, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access Benefit-sharing on a ratio of 74:15:11 for the biennium 2019-2020. The same ratio will be used for the purpose of the interim budget for 2021. The Secretariat will determine a new ratio for the biennium 2021-2022 for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

**Table 5a  
Proposed integrated interim budget for 2021 (by object of expenditure)**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Object of expenditure* | *Approved budget 2020* | *Total proposed budget for 2021* | *Variance* | *Notes* |
|
| *(Thousands of United States dollars)* | | |  |
| A. Staff costs | 11 626.6 | 11 936.8 | 310.2 | 1 |
| B. Bureau meetings | 215.0 |  | -215.0 | 2 |
| C. Travel on official business | 400.0 | 400.0 | 0.0 |  |
| D. Consultants/subcontractors | 50.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 |  |
| E. Public awareness material/communications | 50.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 |  |
| F. Temporary assistance/overtime | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |  |
| G. Training | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 |  |
| H. Translation of CHM website/website projects | 65.0 | 65.0 | 0.0 |  |
| I. Meetings | 2 119.0 | 278.5 | -1 840.5 | 3 |
| J. Expert meetings | 150.0 | 0.0 | -150.0 | 4 |
| K. Extraordinary meetings on post-2020 | 560.0 | 350.0 | -210.0 | 5 |
| L. Rent and associated costs | 1 423.4 | 1,358.2 | -65.2 |  |
| M. General operating expenses | 726.6 | 726.6 | 0.0 |  |
| **Subtotal (I)** | **17 490.6** | **15 320.1** | **-2 170.5** |  |
| **II. Programme support costs (13%)** | 2 273.8 | 1 991.6 | -282.2 |  |
| **Subtotal (I + II)** | **19 764.4** | **17 311.7** | **-2 452.7** |  |
| **III. Working capital reserve** | 130.8 | -367.9 |  |  |
| **Grand Total (II + III)** | **19 895.1** | **16 943.8** | **-2 452.7** |  |
| Less: Contribution from host country | -1 423.4 | -1 534.8 |  | 6 |
| Less: Use of reserves for extraordinary meetings | -632.8 |  |  |  |
| Less: Use of reserves from previous years | -863.1 |  |  |  |
| **Net total (amount to be shared by Parties)** | **16 975.8** | **15 409.0** |  |  |
| Convention share of the interim budget (74%) | 12 562.1 | 11 402.7 |  |  |
| Cartagena Protocol share of the interim budget (15%) | 2 546.4 | 2 311.3 |  |  |
| Nagoya Protocol share of the interim budget (11%) | 1 867.3 | 1 695.0 |  |  |

*Notes*:

1. The estimated resources are based on 2020 actual staff costs with increases in keeping with United Nations salary scales and increments for Professional and General Service staff as follows: ASG: 315,000; D-1: 262,000; P-5: 240,000; P‑4: 210,700; P-3: 177,600; P-2: 132,000; General Service: 77,000.
2. Projected costs for 2021 are reduced due to carryover of funds from 2019-2020.
3. To cover the shortfall in costs for SBSTTA-24 and SBI-3 due to costs associated with the virtual meetings held in 2020.
4. Projected costs for 2021 are reduced due to carryover of funds from 2019-2020.
5. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties approved two stand-along extraordinary meetings on post‑2020 to be funded from the 2019-2020 budget. Parties also agreed that any additional meeting on post-2020 would need to be funded from voluntary funds. At its meeting of 16 March 2019, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties reviewed the process and decided to have an additional meeting on post-2020. The first meeting was held in Nairobi in August 2019 and was funded from the core budget. The Government of China generously offered to fully fund and host the second meeting in Kunming in February 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was moved at the last minute to Rome and funded from the core budget. The Government of Colombia offered to host the third meeting with a generous financial contribution from the Government of Norway to support local costs and the incremental costs to the Secretariat resulting from holding the meeting outside Montreal. Resources of US$ 350,000, in addition to US$ 210,000 from the 2019-2020 budget would total the cost budgeted for each meeting as per the approved figure used in the 2019-2020 budget, complemented by funding from the Governments of Norway and Colombia as indicated above.
6. The Secretariat renewed its grant agreement with the host country (the Government of Canada and the Province of Quebec) for the rent and associated costs of the office space in Montreal. The agreement covers the period from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2029, which corresponds to the period of the current lease agreement that the Secretariat has signed. The rent and associated costs for 2021 are estimated at CAD 2,072,358. The exchange rate used to convert the Canadian dollar contribution from the host country is CAD 1.35: US$ 1.00.

**Table 5b  
Resource requirements by Division from the integrated core budgets for the year 2021***(Thousands of United States dollars)*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | *2020* | *2021* |
| **I. Programmes:** |  |  |
| Office of the Executive Secretary | 3 444.8 | 2 449.4 |
| ABS and BS Protocols | 2 375.9 | 2 298.4 |
| Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division | 3 909.0 | 3 350.1 |
| Implementation Support Division | 3 708.2 | 4 295.5 |
| **II. Administration, Finance and Conference Services** | 4 052.6 | 2 926.7 |
| **Subtotal** | **17 490.5** | **15 320.1** |
| Programme support costs | 2 273.9 | 1 991.6 |
| **III. Working capital reserve** | 130.8 | (367.9) |
| **Total** | **19 895.2** | **16 943.8** |

1. **Draft decision of the Conference of the Parties to be considered through either a virtual extraordinary meeting or a written procedure with a view to its adoption before the end of 2020**
2. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision 14/37, in which it approved the budget for the biennium 2019-2020, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for the budget for the biennium 2021-2022,

*Considering* that the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties has been postponed until 2021 due to constraints arising from the COVID-19 pandemic,

*Noting*, therefore, the need to make arrangements to allow the continued functioning of the organs of the Convention, including its Secretariat and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies,

*Taking note* of the proposal of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties that, on an exceptional basis, the Parties consider and approve an interim budget for 2021 through agreed modalities,

*Taking note also* of the note by the Executive Secretary,[[7]](#footnote-8)

*Recognizing* the exceptional nature of the circumstances arising from the pandemic and expressing solidary among all Parties as they face its human and economic impacts,

1. *Decides* to extend, up to 31 December 2021, or, in the case that the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is not held during 2021, until the end of the month following the closure of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the validity of the funds allocated in the 2019-2020 budget associated with the costs of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies that are postponed from the biennium 2019-2020;
2. *Approves,* on an exceptional basis, a core programme budget for the Convention of 12,538,412 United States dollars for the year 2021, representing 74 per cent of the integrated interim budget of 16,943,800 United States dollars for the year 2021, for the purposes listed in tables 5a and 5b above;
3. *Decides* to share all costs for secretariat services among the Convention, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol on a ratio of 74:15:11 for the year 2021;
4. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Government of Canada as the host country for its renewed support to the Secretariat, and *welcomes* the contribution of 2,072,000 Canadian dollars for the year 2021 from the host country and the Province of Quebec for the rental and associated costs of the Secretariat in Montreal, to be allocated on a ratio of 74:15:11 and to offset contributions from the Parties to the Convention, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, respectively, for the year 2021;
5. *Adopts* the scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for 2021, in accordance with the current scale of assessments of the United Nations, as contained in tables 7, 8 and 9 of the present decision;
6. *Also adopt*s the staffing table (table 6) of the Secretariat for the year 2021, to be used for costing purposes to set the overall budget;
7. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to enter into commitments up to the level of the approved budget, drawing on available cash resources, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income, in accordance with the Financial Rules and Regulations of the United Nations Environment Programme;
8. *Also authorizes* the Executive Secretary to transfer resources among the programmes between each of the main appropriation lines set out in table 5b of the note by the Executive Secretary4 up to an aggregate of 15 per cent of the total programme budget, provided that a further limitation of up to a maximum of 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply;
9. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core programme budgets (BY, BG and BB) are due on 1 January of the year for which those contributions have been budgeted and to pay them promptly, and *requests* that Parties be notified of the amount of their contributions as early as possible in the year preceding the year in which the contributions are due;
10. *Notes with concern* that a number of Parties have not paid their contributions to the core budgets (BY, BG and BB Trust Funds) for 2020 and prior years, including Parties that have never paid their contributions;
11. *Notes* that the trust funds for the Convention and its Protocols (BY, BG and BB) should be extended for a period of two years beginning 1 January 2022 and ending 31 December 2023, and *requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to seek the approval of the United Nations Environment Assembly for their extension;
12. *Notes* that the voluntary trust funds (BE, BZ, VB) for the Convention and its Protocols should be extended for a period of four years beginning 1 January 2022 and ending 31 December 2025, and *requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to seek the approval of the United Nations Environment Assembly for their extension;
13. *Affirms* that this decision is without prejudice to further decisions to be taken by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting;
14. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:
    1. To take into account the results of this decision in preparing proposals for the budget for the biennium 2021-2022, in line with decision 14/37, paragraph 48;
    2. To also prepare budget proposals for the period 2023-2024, pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties and the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols regarding the dates for their sixteenth, eleventh and fifth meetings, respectively.
15. **Draft decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**
16. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety may wish to adopt a decision on the following lines:

*The Conference on the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol,*

*Recalling* its decision 9/16, in which it approved the budget for the biennium 2019-2020,

*Considering* that the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol has been postponed until 2021 due to constraints arising from the COVID‑19 pandemic,

*Noting*, therefore, the need to make arrangements to allow the continued functioning of the organs of the Protocol, including its Secretariat and the meetings of its Parties and its subsidiary bodies,

*Taking note* of the proposal of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties that, on an exceptional basis, the Parties consider and approve an interim budget for 2021 through agreed modalities,

*Taking note also* of the note by the Executive Secretary,[[8]](#footnote-9)

1. *Decides* to extend, up to 31 December 2021, or, in the case that the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol is not held during 2021, until the end of the month following the closure of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, the validity of the funds allocated in the 2019-2020 budget and associated with the costs of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and its subsidiary bodies that are postponed from the biennium 2019-2020;
2. *Approves,* on an exceptional basis, an interim core programme budget for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety of 2,541,570 United States dollars for the year 2021, representing 15 per cent of the integrated interim budget of 16,943,800 United States dollars for the year 2021, for the purposes listed in tables 5a and 5b above;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for the budget for the biennium 2021-2022;
4. *Decides* to apply, mutatis mutandis, paragraph 24(3) to paragraph 24(14) of the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its second extraordinary meeting.
5. **Draft decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing**
6. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access Benefit-sharing may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access Benefit-sharing,*

*Recalling* its decision 3/16, in which it approved the budget for the biennium 2019-2020,

*Considering* that the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol has been postponed until 2021 due to constraints arising from the COVID‑19 pandemic,

*Noting*, therefore, the need to make arrangements to allow the continued functioning of the organs of the Protocol, including its Secretariat and the meetings of its Parties and its subsidiary bodies,

*Taking note* of the proposal of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties that, on an exceptional basis, the Parties consider and approve an interim budget for 2021 through agreed modalities,

*Taking note also* of the note by the Executive Secretary,[[9]](#footnote-10)

1. *Decides* to extend, up to 31 December 2021, or, in the case that the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol is not held during 2021, until the end of the month following the closure of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, the validity of the funds allocated in the 2019‑2020 budget and associated with the costs of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol and its subsidiary bodies that are postponed from the biennium 2019-2020;
2. *Approves,* on an exceptional basis, an interim core programme budget for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing of 1,863,818 United States dollars for the year 2021, representing 11 per cent of the integrated interim budget of 16,943,800 United States dollars for the year 2021, for the purposes listed in tables 5a and 5b above;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for the budget for the biennium 2021-2022;
4. *Decides* to apply, mutatis mutandis, paragraph 24(3) to paragraph 24(14) of the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its second extraordinary meeting.

**Table 6**

**Secretariat staffing requirements from the core budgets of the Convention and its Protocols 2021**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Category and level* | *Approved 2019/2020* | *Proposed 2021* | *Variance* |
| **Professional and higher** |  |  |  |
| ASG | 1 | 1 | - |
| D-1 | 3 | 3 | - |
| P-5 | 10 | 10 | - |
| P-4 | 12 | 12 | - |
| P-3 | 14 | 14 | - |
| P-2/1 | 9 | 9 | - |
| **Subtotal** | **49** | **49** | **-** |
| **General Service** | 29 | 29 | - |
| **Total** | **78** | **78** | **-** |

**Table 7**  
**Contributions to the Trust Fund for the Convention on the Biological Diversity for2021**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Afghanistan | 0.007 | 0.009 | 998 |
| Albania | 0.008 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Algeria | 0.138 | 0.173 | 19,673 |
| Andorra | 0.005 | 0.006 | 713 |
| Angola | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Argentina | 0.915 | 1.144 | 130,442 |
| Armenia | 0.007 | 0.009 | 998 |
| Australia | 2.210 | 2.763 | 315,056 |
| Austria | 0.677 | 0.846 | 96,513 |
| Azerbaijan | 0.049 | 0.061 | 6,985 |
| Bahamas | 0.018 | 0.023 | 2,566 |
| Bahrain | 0.050 | 0.063 | 7,128 |
| Bangladesh | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Barbados | 0.007 | 0.009 | 998 |
| Belarus | 0.049 | 0.061 | 6,985 |
| Belgium | 0.821 | 1.026 | 117,041 |
| Belize | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Benin | 0.003 | 0.004 | 428 |
| Bhutan | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 0.016 | 0.020 | 2,281 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 0.012 | 0.015 | 1,711 |
| Botswana | 0.014 | 0.018 | 1,996 |
| Brazil | 2.948 | 3.686 | 420,265 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 0.025 | 0.031 | 3,564 |
| Bulgaria | 0.046 | 0.058 | 6,558 |
| Burkina Faso | 0.003 | 0.004 | 428 |
| Burundi | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessment** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Cabo Verde | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Cambodia | 0.006 | 0.008 | 855 |
| Cameroon | 0.013 | 0.016 | 1,853 |
| Canada | 2.734 | 3.418 | 389,757 |
| Central African Republic | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Chad | 0.004 | 0.005 | 570 |
| Chile | 0.407 | 0.509 | 58,022 |
| China | 12.005 | 15.009 | 1,711,425 |
| Colombia | 0.288 | 0.360 | 41,057 |
| Comoros | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Congo | 0.006 | 0.008 | 855 |
| Cook Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Costa Rica | 0.062 | 0.078 | 8,839 |
| Côte d’Ivoire | 0.013 | 0.016 | 1,853 |
| Croatia | 0.077 | 0.096 | 10,977 |
| Cuba | 0.080 | 0.100 | 11,405 |
| Cyprus | 0.036 | 0.045 | 5,132 |
| Czechia | 0.311 | 0.389 | 44,336 |
| Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | 0.006 | 0.008 | 855 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Denmark | 0.554 | 0.693 | 78,978 |
| Djibouti | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Dominica | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Dominican Republic | 0.053 | 0.066 | 7,556 |
| Ecuador | 0.080 | 0.100 | 11,405 |
| Egypt | 0.186 | 0.233 | 26,516 |
| El Salvador | 0.012 | 0.015 | 1,711 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 0.016 | 0.010 | 1,140 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Eritrea | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Estonia | 0.039 | 0.049 | 5,560 |
| Eswatini | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Ethiopia | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| European Union |  | 2.500 | 285,068 |
| Fiji | 0.003 | 0.004 | 428 |
| Finland | 0.421 | 0.526 | 60,017 |
| France | 4.427 | 5.535 | 631,110 |
| Gabon | 0.015 | 0.019 | 2,138 |
| Gambia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Georgia | 0.008 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Germany | 6.090 | 7.614 | 868,187 |
| Ghana | 0.015 | 0.019 | 2,138 |
| Greece | 0.366 | 0.458 | 52,177 |
| Grenada | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Guatemala | 0.036 | 0.045 | 5,132 |
| Guinea | 0.003 | 0.004 | 428 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Guyana | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Haiti | 0.003 | 0.004 | 428 |
| Honduras | 0.009 | 0.011 | 1,283 |
| Hungary | 0.206 | 0.258 | 29,367 |
| Iceland | 0.028 | 0.035 | 3,992 |
| India | 0.834 | 1.043 | 118,895 |
| Indonesia | 0.543 | 0.679 | 77,410 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 0.398 | 0.498 | 56,739 |
| Iraq | 0.129 | 0.161 | 18,390 |
| Ireland | 0.371 | 0.464 | 52,890 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Israel | 0.490 | 0.613 | 69,854 |
| Italy | 3.307 | 4.134 | 471,444 |
| Jamaica | 0.008 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Japan | 8.564 | 10.707 | 1,220,878 |
| Jordan | 0.021 | 0.026 | 2,994 |
| Kazakhstan | 0.178 | 0.223 | 25,376 |
| Kenya | 0.024 | 0.030 | 3,421 |
| Kiribati | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Kuwait | 0.252 | 0.315 | 35,925 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Lao People’s Democratic Republic | 0.005 | 0.006 | 713 |
| Latvia | 0.047 | 0.059 | 6,700 |
| Lebanon | 0.047 | 0.059 | 6,700 |
| Lesotho | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Liberia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Libya | 0.030 | 0.038 | 4,277 |
| Liechtenstein | 0.009 | 0.011 | 1,283 |
| Lithuania | 0.071 | 0.089 | 10,122 |
| Luxembourg | 0.067 | 0.084 | 9,551 |
| Madagascar | 0.004 | 0.005 | 570 |
| Malawi | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Malaysia | 0.341 | 0.426 | 48,613 |
| Maldives | 0.004 | 0.005 | 570 |
| Mali | 0.004 | 0.005 | 570 |
| Malta | 0.017 | 0.021 | 2,424 |
| Marshall Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Mauritania | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Mauritius | 0.011 | 0.014 | 1,568 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Mexico | 1.292 | 1.615 | 184,187 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Monaco | 0.011 | 0.014 | 1,568 |
| Mongolia | 0.005 | 0.006 | 713 |
| Montenegro | 0.004 | 0.005 | 570 |
| Morocco | 0.055 | 0.069 | 7,841 |
| Mozambique | 0.004 | 0.005 | 570 |
| Myanmar | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Namibia | 0.009 | 0.011 | 1,283 |
| Nauru | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Nepal | 0.007 | 0.009 | 998 |
| Netherlands | 1.356 | 1.695 | 193,310 |
| New Zealand | 0.291 | 0.364 | 41,485 |
| Nicaragua | 0.005 | 0.006 | 713 |
| Niger | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Nigeria | 0.250 | 0.313 | 35,640 |
| Niue | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| North Macedonia | 0.007 | 0.009 | 998 |
| Norway | 0.754 | 0.943 | 107,490 |
| Oman | 0.115 | 0.144 | 16,394 |
| Pakistan | 0.115 | 0.144 | 16,394 |
| Palau | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Panama | 0.045 | 0.056 | 6,415 |
| Papua New Guinea | 0.010 | 0.013 | 1,426 |
| Paraguay | 0.016 | 0.020 | 2,281 |
| Peru | 0.152 | 0.190 | 21,669 |
| Philippines | 0.205 | 0.256 | 29,225 |
| Poland | 0.802 | 1.003 | 114,333 |
| Portugal | 0.350 | 0.438 | 49,896 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Qatar | 0.282 | 0.353 | 40,202 |
| Republic of Korea | 2.267 | 2.834 | 323,182 |
| Republic of Moldova | 0.003 | 0.004 | 428 |
| Romania | 0.198 | 0.248 | 28,227 |
| Russian Federation | 2.405 | 3.007 | 342,855 |
| Rwanda | 0.003 | 0.004 | 428 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Saint Lucia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Samoa | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| San Marino | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1.172 | 1.465 | 167,080 |
| Senegal | 0.007 | 0.009 | 998 |
| Serbia | 0.028 | 0.035 | 3,992 |
| Seychelles | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Sierra Leone | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Singapore | 0.485 | 0.606 | 69,141 |
| Slovakia | 0.153 | 0.191 | 21,812 |
| Slovenia | 0.076 | 0.095 | 10,835 |
| Solomon Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Somalia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| South Africa | 0.272 | 0.340 | 38,776 |
| South Sudan | 0.006 | 0.008 | 855 |
| Spain | 2.146 | 2.683 | 305,932 |
| Sri Lanka | 0.044 | 0.055 | 6,273 |
| State of Palestine | 0.008 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Sudan | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1,140 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Suriname | 0.005 | 0.006 | 713 |
| Sweden | 0.906 | 1.133 | 129,159 |
| Switzerland | 1.151 | 1.439 | 164,086 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 0.011 | 0.014 | 1,568 |
| Tajikistan | 0.004 | 0.005 | 570 |
| Thailand | 0.307 | 0.384 | 43,766 |
| Timor-Leste | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Togo | 0.002 | 0.003 | 285 |
| Tonga | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 0.040 | 0.050 | 5,702 |
| Tunisia | 0.025 | 0.031 | 3,564 |
| Turkey | 1.371 | 1.714 | 195,449 |
| Turkmenistan | 0.033 | 0.041 | 4,704 |
| Tuvalu | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Uganda | 0.008 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Ukraine | 0.057 | 0.071 | 8,126 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.616 | 0.770 | 87,817 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 4.567 | 5.710 | 651,069 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Uruguay | 0.087 | 0.109 | 12,403 |
| Uzbekistan | 0.032 | 0.040 | 4,562 |
| Vanuatu | 0.001 | 0.001 | 143 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 0.728 | 0.910 | 103,783 |
| Viet Nam | 0.077 | 0.096 | 10,977 |
| Yemen | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1,140 |
| Zambia | 0.009 | 0.011 | 1,283 |
| Zimbabwe | 0.005 | 0.006 | 713 |
| **Total** | **78.010** | **100.000** | **11,402,700** |

**Table 8**  
**Contributions to the Trust Fund for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for 2021**

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Afghanistan | 0.007 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Albania | 0.008 | 0.011 | 264 |
| Algeria | 0.138 | 0.197 | 4,557 |
| Angola | 0.010 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 0.002 | 0.003 | 66 |
| Armenia | 0.007 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Austria | 0.677 | 0.967 | 22,358 |
| Azerbaijan | 0.049 | 0.070 | 1,618 |
| Bahamas | 0.018 | 0.026 | 594 |
| Bahrain | 0.050 | 0.071 | 1,651 |
| Bangladesh | 0.010 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Barbados | 0.007 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Belarus | 0.049 | 0.070 | 1,618 |
| Belgium | 0.821 | 1.173 | 27,113 |
| Belize | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Benin | 0.003 | 0.004 | 99 |
| Bhutan | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 0.016 | 0.023 | 528 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 0.012 | 0.017 | 396 |
| Botswana | 0.014 | 0.020 | 462 |
| Brazil | 2.948 | 4.212 | 97,356 |
| Bulgaria | 0.046 | 0.066 | 1,519 |
| Burkina Faso | 0.003 | 0.004 | 99 |
| Burundi | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Cabo Verde | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Cambodia | 0.006 | 0.009 | 198 |
| Cameroon | 0.013 | 0.019 | 429 |
| Central African Republic | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Chad | 0.004 | 0.006 | 132 |
| China | 12.005 | 17.153 | 396,458 |
| Colombia | 0.288 | 0.412 | 9,511 |
| Comoros | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Congo | 0.006 | 0.009 | 198 |
| Costa Rica | 0.062 | 0.089 | 2,048 |
| Côte d’Ivoire | 0.013 | 0.019 | 429 |
| Croatia | 0.077 | 0.110 | 2,543 |
| Cuba | 0.080 | 0.114 | 2,642 |
| Cyprus | 0.036 | 0.051 | 1,189 |
| Czechia | 0.311 | 0.444 | 10,271 |
| Democratic People’s Republic of Korea | 0.006 | 0.009 | 198 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 0.010 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Denmark | 0.554 | 0.792 | 18,296 |
| Djibouti | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Dominica | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Dominican Republic | 0.053 | 0.076 | 1,750 |
| Ecuador | 0.080 | 0.114 | 2,642 |
| Egypt | 0.186 | 0.266 | 6,143 |
| El Salvador | 0.012 | 0.017 | 396 |
| Eritrea | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Estonia | 0.039 | 0.056 | 1,288 |
| Eswatini | 0.020 | 0.029 | 660 |
| Ethiopia | 0.010 | 0.010 | 231 |
| European Union |  | 2.500 | 57,783 |
| Fiji | 0.003 | 0.004 | 99 |
| Finland | 0.421 | 0.602 | 13,903 |
| France | 4.427 | 6.325 | 146,199 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Gabon | 0.015 | 0.021 | 495 |
| Gambia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Georgia | 0.008 | 0.011 | 264 |
| Germany | 6.090 | 8.702 | 201,118 |
| Ghana | 0.015 | 0.021 | 495 |
| Greece | 0.366 | 0.523 | 12,087 |
| Grenada | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Guatemala | 0.036 | 0.051 | 1,189 |
| Guinea | 0.003 | 0.004 | 99 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Guyana | 0.002 | 0.003 | 66 |
| Honduras | 0.009 | 0.013 | 297 |
| Hungary | 0.206 | 0.294 | 6,803 |
| India | 0.834 | 1.192 | 27,542 |
| Indonesia | 0.543 | 0.776 | 17,932 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 0.398 | 0.569 | 13,144 |
| Iraq | 0.129 | 0.184 | 4,260 |
| Ireland | 0.371 | 0.530 | 12,252 |
| Italy | 3.307 | 4.725 | 109,212 |
| Jamaica | 0.008 | 0.011 | 264 |
| Japan | 8.564 | 12.236 | 282,821 |
| Jordan | 0.021 | 0.030 | 694 |
| Kazakhstan | 0.178 | 0.254 | 5,878 |
| Kenya | 0.024 | 0.034 | 793 |
| Kiribati | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Kuwait | 0.252 | 0.360 | 8,322 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 0.002 | 0.003 | 66 |
| Lao People’s Democratic Republic | 0.005 | 0.007 | 165 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Latvia | 0.047 | 0.067 | 1,552 |
| Lebanon | 0.047 | 0.067 | 1,552 |
| Lesotho | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Liberia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Libya | 0.030 | 0.043 | 991 |
| Lithuania | 0.071 | 0.101 | 2,345 |
| Luxembourg | 0.067 | 0.096 | 2,213 |
| Madagascar | 0.004 | 0.006 | 132 |
| Malawi | 0.002 | 0.003 | 66 |
| Malaysia | 0.341 | 0.487 | 11,261 |
| Maldives | 0.004 | 0.006 | 132 |
| Mali | 0.004 | 0.006 | 132 |
| Malta | 0.017 | 0.024 | 561 |
| Marshall Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Mauritania | 0.002 | 0.003 | 66 |
| Mauritius | 0.011 | 0.016 | 363 |
| Mexico | 1.292 | 1.846 | 42,668 |
| Mongolia | 0.005 | 0.007 | 165 |
| Montenegro | 0.004 | 0.006 | 132 |
| Morocco | 0.055 | 0.079 | 1,816 |
| Mozambique | 0.004 | 0.006 | 132 |
| Myanmar | 0.010 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Namibia | 0.009 | 0.013 | 297 |
| Nauru | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Netherlands | 1.356 | 1.937 | 44,781 |
| New Zealand | 0.291 | 0.416 | 9,610 |
| Nicaragua | 0.005 | 0.007 | 165 |
| Niger | 0.002 | 0.003 | 66 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Nigeria | 0.250 | 0.357 | 8,256 |
| Niue | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| North Macedonia | 0.007 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Norway | 0.754 | 1.077 | 24,900 |
| Oman | 0.115 | 0.164 | 3,798 |
| Pakistan | 0.115 | 0.164 | 3,798 |
| Palau | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Panama | 0.045 | 0.064 | 1,486 |
| Papua New Guinea | 0.010 | 0.014 | 330 |
| Paraguay | 0.016 | 0.023 | 528 |
| Peru | 0.152 | 0.217 | 5,020 |
| Philippines | 0.205 | 0.293 | 6,770 |
| Poland | 0.802 | 1.146 | 26,486 |
| Portugal | 0.350 | 0.500 | 11,559 |
| Qatar | 0.282 | 0.403 | 9,313 |
| Republic of Korea | 2.267 | 3.239 | 74,866 |
| Republic of Moldova | 0.003 | 0.004 | 99 |
| Romania | 0.198 | 0.283 | 6,539 |
| Rwanda | 0.003 | 0.004 | 99 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Saint Lucia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Samoa | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1.172 | 1.675 | 38,705 |
| Senegal | 0.007 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Serbia | 0.028 | 0.040 | 925 |
| Seychelles | 0.002 | 0.003 | 66 |
| Sierra Leone | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Slovakia | 0.153 | 0.219 | 5,053 |
| Slovenia | 0.076 | 0.109 | 2,510 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Solomon Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Somalia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| South Africa | 0.272 | 0.389 | 8,983 |
| Spain | 2.146 | 3.066 | 70,870 |
| Sri Lanka | 0.044 | 0.063 | 1,453 |
| State of Palestine | 0.008 | 0.011 | 264 |
| Sudan | 0.010 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Suriname | 0.005 | 0.007 | 165 |
| Sweden | 0.906 | 1.295 | 29,920 |
| Switzerland | 1.151 | 1.645 | 38,011 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 0.011 | 0.016 | 363 |
| Tajikistan | 0.004 | 0.006 | 132 |
| Thailand | 0.307 | 0.439 | 10,138 |
| Togo | 0.002 | 0.003 | 66 |
| Tonga | 0.001 | 0.001 | 33 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 0.040 | 0.057 | 1,321 |
| Tunisia | 0.025 | 0.036 | 826 |
| Turkey | 1.371 | 1.959 | 45,276 |
| Turkmenistan | 0.033 | 0.047 | 1,090 |
| Uganda | 0.008 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Ukraine | 0.057 | 0.081 | 1,882 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.616 | 0.880 | 20,343 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 4.567 | 6.525 | 150,822 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 0.010 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Uruguay | 0.087 | 0.124 | 2,873 |
| Uzbekistan | 0.032 | 0.046 | 1,057 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 0.728 | 1.040 | 24,042 |
| Viet Nam | 0.077 | 0.110 | 2,543 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2021** |
| Yemen | 0.010 | 0.010 | 231 |
| Zambia | 0.009 | 0.013 | 297 |
| Zimbabwe | 0.005 | 0.007 | 165 |
| **Total** | **68.263** | **100.000** | **2,311,300** |

**Table 9**  
**Contributions to the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for 2021**

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2020** |
| Afghanistan | 0.007 | 0.012 | 205 |
| Albania | 0.008 | 0.014 | 234 |
| Angola | 0.010 | 0.010 | 170 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |
| Argentina | 0.915 | 1.579 | 26,758 |
| Austria | 0.677 | 1.168 | 19,798 |
| Belarus | 0.049 | 0.085 | 1,433 |
| Belgium | 0.821 | 1.416 | 24,009 |
| Benin | 0.003 | 0.005 | 88 |
| Bhutan | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 0.016 | 0.028 | 468 |
| Botswana | 0.014 | 0.024 | 409 |
| Bulgaria | 0.046 | 0.079 | 1,345 |
| Burkina Faso | 0.003 | 0.005 | 88 |
| Burundi | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Cambodia | 0.006 | 0.010 | 175 |
| Cameroon | 0.013 | 0.022 | 380 |
| Central African Republic | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Chad | 0.004 | 0.007 | 117 |
| China | 12.005 | 20.712 | 351,076 |
| Comoros | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Congo | 0.006 | 0.010 | 175 |
| Côte d’Ivoire | 0.013 | 0.022 | 380 |
| Croatia | 0.077 | 0.133 | 2,252 |
| Cuba | 0.080 | 0.138 | 2,340 |
| Czechia | 0.311 | 0.537 | 9,095 |
| Democratic Republic of Korea | 0.006 | 0.010 | 175 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 0.010 | 0.010 | 170 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2020** |
| Denmark | 0.554 | 0.956 | 16,201 |
| Djibouti | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Dominican Republic | 0.053 | 0.091 | 1,550 |
| Ecuador | 0.080 | 0.138 | 2,340 |
| Egypt | 0.186 | 0.321 | 5,439 |
| Eritrea | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Estonia | 0.039 | 0.067 | 1,141 |
| Eswatini | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |
| Ethiopia | 0.010 | 0.010 | 170 |
| European Union |  | 2.500 | 42,375 |
| Fiji | 0.003 | 0.005 | 88 |
| Finland | 0.421 | 0.726 | 12,312 |
| France | 4.427 | 7.638 | 129,464 |
| Gabon | 0.015 | 0.026 | 439 |
| Gambia | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Germany | 6.090 | 10.507 | 178,097 |
| Ghana | 0.015 | 0.026 | 439 |
| Greece | 0.366 | 0.631 | 10,703 |
| Guatemala | 0.036 | 0.062 | 1,053 |
| Guinea | 0.003 | 0.005 | 88 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Guyana | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |
| Honduras | 0.009 | 0.016 | 263 |
| Hungary | 0.206 | 0.355 | 6,024 |
| India | 0.834 | 1.439 | 24,390 |
| Indonesia | 0.543 | 0.937 | 15,880 |
| Japan | 8.564 | 14.776 | 250,447 |
| Jordan | 0.021 | 0.036 | 614 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2020** |
| Kazakhstan | 0.178 | 0.307 | 5,205 |
| Kenya | 0.024 | 0.041 | 702 |
| Kuwait | 0.252 | 0.435 | 7,370 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |
| Lao People’s Democratic Republic | 0.005 | 0.009 | 146 |
| Lebanon | 0.047 | 0.081 | 1,374 |
| Lesotho | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Liberia | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Luxembourg | 0.067 | 0.116 | 1,959 |
| Madagascar | 0.004 | 0.007 | 117 |
| Malawi | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |
| Malaysia | 0.341 | 0.588 | 9,972 |
| Maldives | 0.004 | 0.007 | 117 |
| Mali | 0.004 | 0.007 | 117 |
| Malta | 0.017 | 0.029 | 497 |
| Marshall Islands | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Mauritania | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |
| Mauritius | 0.011 | 0.019 | 322 |
| Mexico | 1.292 | 2.229 | 37,783 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Mongolia | 0.005 | 0.009 | 146 |
| Montenegro | 0.004 | 0.007 | 117 |
| Mozambique | 0.004 | 0.007 | 117 |
| Myanmar | 0.010 | 0.010 | 170 |
| Namibia | 0.009 | 0.016 | 263 |
| Nepal | 0.007 | 0.012 | 205 |
| Netherlands | 1.356 | 2.340 | 39,655 |
| Nicaragua | 0.005 | 0.009 | 146 |
| Niger | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2020** |
| Norway | 0.754 | 1.301 | 22,050 |
| Oman | 0.115 | 0.198 | 3,363 |
| Pakistan | 0.115 | 0.198 | 3,363 |
| Palau | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Panama | 0.045 | 0.078 | 1,316 |
| Peru | 0.152 | 0.262 | 4,445 |
| Philippines | 0.205 | 0.354 | 5,995 |
| Portugal | 0.350 | 0.604 | 10,235 |
| Qatar | 0.282 | 0.487 | 8,247 |
| Republic of Korea | 2.267 | 3.911 | 66,296 |
| Republic of Moldova | 0.003 | 0.005 | 88 |
| Romania | 0.198 | 0.342 | 5,790 |
| Rwanda | 0.003 | 0.005 | 88 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Samoa | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Senegal | 0.007 | 0.010 | 170 |
| Serbia | 0.028 | 0.048 | 819 |
| Seychelles | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |
| Sierra Leone | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Slovakia | 0.153 | 0.264 | 4,474 |
| Solomon Islands | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| South Africa | 0.272 | 0.469 | 7,954 |
| Spain | 2.146 | 3.703 | 62,758 |
| Sudan | 0.010 | 0.010 | 170 |
| Sweden | 0.906 | 1.563 | 26,495 |
| Switzerland | 1.151 | 1.986 | 33,660 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 0.011 | 0.019 | 322 |

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| **Member country** | **Scale of assessments** | **Scale with 22% ceiling, no LDC paying more than 0.01%** | **Contributions as of 1 Jan 2020** |
| Tajikistan | 0.004 | 0.007 | 117 |
| Togo | 0.002 | 0.003 | 58 |
| Tonga | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Tuvalu | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Uganda | 0.008 | 0.010 | 170 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.616 | 1.063 | 18,014 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 4.567 | 7.880 | 133,565 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 0.010 | 0.010 | 170 |
| Uruguay | 0.087 | 0.150 | 2,544 |
| Vanuatu | 0.001 | 0.002 | 29 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 0.728 | 1.256 | 21,290 |
| Viet Nam | 0.077 | 0.133 | 2,252 |
| Zambia | 0.009 | 0.016 | 263 |
| Zimbabwe | 0.005 | 0.009 | 146 |
| **Total** | **56.540** | **100.000** | **1,695,000** |

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1. \* [CBD/ExCOP/2/1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/0105/47c2/536a2998bc7bfe50d5e4376a/excop-02-01-en.pdf). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. \*\* [CBD/CP/ExMOP/1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/b1e1/b95a/3ad8c71e6d4082b90ff169b1/cp-exmop-01-01-en.pdf)/1. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. \*\*\* [CBD/NP/ExMOP/1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/245d/763b/a6882419c8c618ae3f6a0547/np-exmop-01-01-en.pdf)/1. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. See the annotated provisional agenda ([CBD/ExCOP/2/1/Add.1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/7f4b/9ea8/c493788c5f7d6d7a0c4e1291/excop-02-01-add1-en.pdf), [CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/1/Add.1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/572d/e2be/a14d239f588364e539192102/cp-exmop-01-01-add1-en.pdf), [CBD/NP/ExMOP/1/1/Add.1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/23ed/1224/8e9918a3a9e4e5ab9608dade/np-exmop-01-01-add1-en.pdf)) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (decision [I/6](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-01/cop-01-dec-06-en.pdf) annex I). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Currently the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the related meetings of the Protocols are scheduled for May 2020, but further postponement may be needed depending upon the timing of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. CBD/ExCOP/2/2. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. CBD/CP/ExMOP/1/2. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. CBD/NP/ExMOP/1/2. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)