

RC-11/15: Programme of work and budget for the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2024–2025

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision RC-10/19 on the programme of work and budget for the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2022–2023,

Taking note of the financial reports for 2020 and 2021 from the general trust fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam Convention general trust fund),¹

Taking note also of the report by the Secretariat on the available surpluses and options for using surpluses to fund core activities,²

Recalling decision RC-9/14 on the memorandum of understanding between the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade,

Noting decision RC-11/14, whereby the Conference of the Parties adopted amendments to the memorandum of understanding between the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, in particular its annex 1 setting out the central administrative services provided by the United Nations Environment Programme in support of the Convention,

I

Rotterdam Convention general trust fund

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2024–2025 of 4,302,621 United States dollars for 2024 and 4,302,621 United States dollars for 2025, for the purposes set out in table 1 of the present decision;

2. *Authorizes* the executive secretaries of the Rotterdam Convention to make commitments up to the amount of 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 2024–2025;

4. *Welcomes* the continued annual contributions by Italy and Switzerland, the host countries of the Secretariat, of 600,000 euros each to the Secretariat to offset planned expenditures;

5. *Notes* that, of Switzerland's annual host country contribution of 600,000 euros, 50 per cent will be apportioned to the Rotterdam Convention general trust fund and 50 per cent to the special voluntary trust fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions) for 2024–2025;

6. *Adopts* the indicative scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for the biennium 2024–2025 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 2024 for 2024;

7. *Recalls* that contributions to the Rotterdam Convention general trust fund are expected by 1 January of the year for which those contributions have been budgeted, urges Parties to pay their contributions promptly, encourages Parties in a position to do so to pay their contributions by 16 October 2023 for the calendar year 2024 and by 16 October 2024 for the calendar year 2025, 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.11/INF/31.

² Ibid.

8. *Reiterates* the ongoing concern that a number of Parties have not paid their contributions to the Rotterdam Convention general trust fund for 2022 and prior years, contrary to the provisions of paragraph 3 (a) of rule 5 of the financial rules, and urges Parties to pay their outstanding contributions in full as soon as possible;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to work directly with the permanent missions, ministries of foreign affairs and focal points of the Parties in that situation so that they fully pay their arrears and assessed contributions as soon as possible, and to present at regional meetings information on the current situation regarding arrears and their consequences;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to work closely with the Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to improve the timely communication of information on the payment of contributions, including arrears;

11. *Recalls* the provisions of paragraph 3 (e) of rule 5 of the financial rules with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2005 onwards and paragraph 12 of decision RC-10/19, and decides to continue the practice 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 implemented in accordance with the financial rules;

12. *Also recalls* the provisions of paragraph 13 of decision RC-10/19, 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. *Notes* the efforts of the executive secretaries and the President of the Conference of the Parties, who through a jointly signed letter invited the ministers for 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. *Adopts* the staffing table of the Secretariat for the biennium 2024–2025 used for costing purposes to set the overall budget, which is set out in table 3 of the present decision;

15. *Authorizes* the executive secretaries to continue to determine the staffing levels, numbers and structure of the Secretariat in a flexible manner, provided that positions remain at the same level or become lower, that the executive secretaries remain within the overall cost for the staff numbers set out in table 3 of the present decision for the biennium 2024–2025, in line with the recommendation of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,³ and that the staffing does not cause any additional budget obligations to be incurred beyond that biennium;

16. *Requests* the executive secretaries to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on the level of positions filled against the approved staffing table;

17. *Recalls* decision RC-10/19, in which it requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to comply with the memorandum of understanding between the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, in particular with regard to core services costs to be supported by the United Nations Environment Programme pursuant to the annex to the memorandum of understanding;

18. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to comply with the memorandum of understanding adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting in decision RC-9/17 and, accordingly, to cover the costs for the biennium 2022–2023;

³ Office of Internal Oversight Services, Internal Audit Division, Report 2014/024, available at <https://oios.un.org/audit-reports>.

19. *Authorizes* the executive secretaries, on an exceptional basis, to draw from the available surplus of the Rotterdam Convention general trust fund the amount of 85,431 United States dollars for the purposes set out in table 6 of the present decision;

II

Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions

20. *Takes note* of the funding estimates of 2,712,559 United States dollars for 2024 and 2,712,559 United States dollars for 2025, in table 1 of the present decision, for activities under the Convention to be financed from the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions;

21. *Notes* that the requirements for the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions presented in the budget represent the Secretariat's best efforts to be realistic and reflect priorities agreed upon by all Parties, and urges Parties, and invites non-Parties and others, to make voluntary contributions to the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund;

22. *Also notes* the importance of having funding available in the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions for the participation of developing-country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and of Parties with economies in transition in meetings under the Convention;

23. *Reiterates* that it looks forward to the outcomes of the work of the United Nations Environment Programme task force established to conduct an overall review of the current methodology for calculating and allocating programme support costs, which, once available, may be considered by the Conference of the Parties;

24. *Urges* Parties, and invites others in a position to do so, to contribute, as a matter of urgency and as early as feasible, to the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions 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 of Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties;

25. *Invites* Switzerland to include in its contribution to the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions, referred to in paragraph 5 of the present decision, support for, among other things, the participation of developing-country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and of Parties with economies in transition in meetings under the Convention and in joint activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

III

Preparations for the next biennium

26. *Notes* the efforts since 2012 to enhance efficiency in the use of financial and human resources in the Secretariat and encourages the executive secretaries to continue such efforts in the future work of the Secretariat;

27. *Requests* the executive secretaries to prepare a budget for the biennium 2026–2027 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting, explaining the key principles, assumptions and programmatic strategy on which the budget is based and presenting expenditures for the biennium 2024–2025 in a programmatic format;

28. *Also requests* the executive secretaries to determine the staffing levels, numbers and structure of the Secretariat in a staffing table and reflect the total actual costs in the budget of the Convention for the biennium 2026–2027;

29. *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 2026–2027 two funding scenarios that take into account any efficiencies identified as a result of paragraph 26 of the present decision and are based on:

(a) The executive secretaries' assessment of the required changes in the operational budget, which should not exceed a 5 per cent increase over the 2024–2025 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 2024–2025 level in nominal terms;

30. *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 programme of work for the biennium 2024–2025, and to identify which activities are going to be implemented, funded or co-funded from that contribution in the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027;

31. *Requests* the executive secretaries, at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to provide, where relevant, cost estimates for actions with 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;

32. *Also requests* the executive secretaries to allocate resources to fund the travel of participants from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition on the basis of the country classification lists developed by the United Nations Secretariat,⁴ in observance of paragraph 3 (b) of rule 4 of the financial rules of the Rotterdam Convention;

33. *Stresses* the need to ensure that the proposal for the requirement for the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions for the biennium 2026–2027 presented in the budget is realistic and represents the agreed priorities of all Parties so as to encourage voluntary contributions from donors;

IV

Follow-up to the recommendations from the United Nations Board of Auditors

34. *Adopts* the amendments to the financial rules for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade as set out in the annex to the present decision.

⁴ See, for example, the *World Economic Situation and Prospects* annual report.

Table 1
Programme budget, reserves and financing for the biennium 2024–2025
(United States dollars)

Activity	General trust funds			Voluntary trust funds (*)			
	Basel (BCL)	Rotterdam (ROL)	Stockholm (SCL)	Basel (BDL)	Rotterdam (RVL)	Stockholm (SVL)	
1	Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention	568 816	–	–	1 249 821	–	–
2	Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention	–	568 816	–	–	1 221 405	–
3	Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention	–	–	568 816	–	–	1 249 821
4	Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention	335 153	–	–	583 424	–	–
5	Chemical Review Committee	–	452 924	–	–	215 597	–
6	Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee	–	–	916 100	–	–	89 975
7	Bureaux of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm conventions	44 016	30 536	38 614	–	–	–
10	Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee	40 804	–	–	45 492	–	–
11	Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee	–	40 204	–	–	8 028	–
12	Support for scientific bodies	–	–	–	40 000	40 000	40 000
13	Technical assistance and capacity development	–	–	–	567 302	656 297	655 300
14	Basel Convention training and capacity development	–	–	–	5 580 800	–	–
15	Rotterdam Convention training and capacity development	–	–	–	–	1 310 000	–
16	Stockholm Convention training and capacity development	–	–	–	–	–	1 150 000
18	Partnerships	–	–	–	3 750 000	–	–
19	Basel and Stockholm convention support for regional centres	–	–	–	976 650	–	956 650
20	Basel Convention scientific support	339 375	–	20 000	435 000	–	–
21	Rotterdam Convention scientific support	–	86 000	–	–	78 000	–
22	Stockholm Convention scientific support	–	–	120 000	–	–	417 000
23	Stockholm Convention effectiveness evaluation and global monitoring plan	–	–	40 000	–	–	440 000
24	Basel and Stockholm convention national reporting	40 000	–	70 000	43 333	–	10 000
25	Clearing-house mechanism	42 673	92 856	42 671	83 334	83 332	83 334
26	Publications	23 766	23 766	23 766	55 753	54 000	54 000
27	Communication, outreach and public awareness	8 834	8 833	8 833	162 000	–	–
28	Executive direction, management and administration	154 600	238 600	238 600	–	–	–
29	International cooperation	6 667	6 667	6 667	34 510	34 510	34 510
30	Resource mobilization and financial mechanisms	–	–	175 000	64 333	16 333	267 834
32	Basel Convention legal and policy activities	–	–	–	969 938	–	–
33	Legal and policy activities	–	–	–	24 334	111 332	31 334

Activity	General trust funds			Voluntary trust funds (*)		
	Basel (BCL)	Rotterdam (ROL)	Stockholm (SCL)	Basel (BDL)	Rotterdam (RVL)	Stockholm (SVL)
34						
Basel Country country-led initiative (environmentally sound management and further legal clarity)	–	–	–	444 440	–	–
35						
Office maintenance and operational services	434 853	237 427	434 853	–	–	–
36						
Information and communications technology (ICT) services	101 360	77 280	101 360	–	–	–
Staffing	6 887 034	5 751 351	8 199 842	2 599 603	972 155	1 137 213
Total approved programme of work (excluding programme support costs)	9 027 950	7 615 259	11 005 121	17 710 067	4 800 989	6 616 971
Programme support costs 13 per cent	1 173 633	989 984	1 430 666	2 302 309	624 129	860 206
Total approved programme of work (including programme support costs)	10 201 583	8 605 242	12 435 787	20 012 376	5 425 118	7 477 178

(*) Funding of the voluntary budget is subject to the availability of resources.

Funding from the general trust funds for the budget for the biennium 2024–2025

(United States dollars)

	<i>Basel Convention (BCL)</i>	<i>Rotterdam Convention (ROL)</i>	<i>Stockholm Convention (SCL)</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Remarks</i>				
Approved budgets for the biennium 2024–2025				
Direct costs for the biennium 2024–2025	9 027 950	7 615 258	11 005 121	27 648 329
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	1 173 633	989 984	1 430 666	3 594 283
<i>Total operational budget for the biennium 2024–2025</i>	<i>10 201 583</i>	<i>8 605 242</i>	<i>12 435 787</i>	<i>31 242 612</i>
Working capital reserve (WCR)				
Current level of WCR (15 per cent)	736 091	627 645	895 321	2 259 057
Required level of WCR (15 per cent)	765 119	645 393	932 684	2 343 196
<i>Change in the working capital reserve</i>	<i>29 028</i>	<i>17 748</i>	<i>37 363</i>	<i>84 139</i>
Rotterdam Convention special contingency reserve				
Current level of the reserve		298 874		298 874
Required level of the reserve		294 902		294 902
<i>Change in the reserve</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>(3 972)</i>		<i>(3 972)</i>
Total resources required for the biennium 2024–2025				
	10 230 611	8 619 018	12 473 150	31 322 779
Approved funding of the budgets for the biennium 2024–2025				
Host country contributions of Switzerland (excluding the Swiss assessed contribution)	<i>(2,4,5,6)</i>	660 066	2 083 636	2 743 702
Host country contribution of Italy	<i>(3,5)</i>	1 320 132	–	1 320 132
Assessed contributions of Parties		10 230 611	6 638 820	10 389 514
Total proposed funding		10 230 611	8 619 018	12 473 150
		31 322 779		31 322 779

Remarks:

(1) The level of the Rotterdam Convention's special contingency reserve has been established to reserve the equivalent of one year's staff costs for the two full-time positions provided as in-kind staff by FAO. The reserve has been adjusted to reflect the changes in the budgeted staff costs between the bienniums 2022–2023 and 2024–2025 at the Rome duty station.

(2) Switzerland's host country contribution to the Rotterdam Convention is €1,200,000 for the biennium, of which 50 per cent is allocated to the general trust fund and 50 per cent is allocated to the trust fund for voluntary contributions.

(3) Italy's host country contribution to the Rotterdam Convention's general trust fund is €1,200,000 for the biennium.

(4) Switzerland's host country contribution to the Stockholm Convention is CHF 4,000,000 for the biennium, of which CHF 2,000,000 (including Switzerland's assessed contribution) is allocated to the general trust fund and CHF 2,000,000 is allocated to the trust fund for voluntary contributions.

(5) The host country contributions for the Rotterdam Convention are pledged in euros and converted into United States dollars using the United Nations operational rate of exchange of 1 United States dollar = 0.909 euros for May 2023.

(6) The host country contributions for the Stockholm Convention are pledged in Swiss francs and converted into United States dollars using the United Nations operational rate of exchange of 1 United States dollar = 0.896 Swiss francs for May 2023.

Table 2

Assessed contributions of Parties to the general trust funds for the operational budgets for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the biennium 2024–2025

(United States dollars)

Party	Basel Convention			Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention			
	<i>United Nations scale of assessment</i>	<i>Adjusted scale</i>	<i>Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025</i>	<i>Contribution for biennium 2024–2025</i>	<i>Adjusted scale</i>	<i>Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025</i>	<i>Contribution for biennium 2024–2025</i>	<i>Adjusted scale</i>	<i>Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025</i>	<i>Contribution for biennium 2024–2025</i>
	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>	<i>United States dollars</i>
Afghanistan	0.006	0.008	384	768	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Albania	0.008	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	333	666	0.010	524	1 048
Algeria	0.109	0.136	6 972	13 944	0.137	4 533	9 066	0.137	7 137	14 274
Andorra	0.005	0.006	320	640	n.a.	–	–	n.a.	–	–
Angola	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003	128	256	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Argentina	0.719	0.899	45 992	91 984	0.901	29 898	59 796	0.906	47 080	94 160
Armenia	0.007	0.009	448	896	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Australia	2.111	2.640	135 034	270 068	2.644	87 781	175 562	2.661	138 228	276 456
Austria	0.679	0.849	43 434	86 868	0.851	28 235	56 470	0.856	44 461	88 922
Azerbaijan	0.030	0.038	1 919	3 838	n.a.	–	–	0.038	1 964	3 928
Bahamas	0.019	0.024	1 215	2 430	n.a.	–	–	0.024	1 244	2 488
Bahrain	0.054	0.068	3 454	6 908	0.068	2 245	4 490	0.068	3 536	7 072
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Barbados	0.008	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	333	666	0.010	524	1 048
Belarus	0.041	0.051	2 623	5 246	n.a.	–	–	0.052	2 685	5 370
Belgium	0.828	1.035	52 965	105 930	1.037	34 430	68 860	1.044	54 217	108 434
Belize	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Benin	0.005	0.006	320	640	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Bhutan	0.001	0.001	64	128	n.a.	–	–	n.a.	–	–
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.019	0.024	1 215	2 430	0.024	790	1 580	0.024	1 244	2 488

Party	Basel Convention			Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention			
	United Nations scale of assessment	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025
	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.012	0.015	768	1 536	0.015	499	998	0.015	786	1 572
Botswana	0.015	0.019	960	1 920	0.019	624	1 248	0.019	982	1 964
Brazil	2.013	2.517	128 765	257 530	2.522	83 706	167 412	2.537	131 811	263 622
Brunei Darussalam	0.021	0.026	1 343	2 686	n.a.	–	–	n.a.	–	–
Bulgaria	0.056	0.070	3 582	7 164	0.070	2 329	4 658	0.071	3 667	7 334
Burkina Faso	0.004	0.005	256	512	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Burundi	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Cambodia	0.007	0.009	448	896	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Cameroon	0.013	0.016	832	1 664	0.016	541	1 082	0.016	851	1 702
Canada	2.628	3.286	168 105	336 210	3.292	109 279	218 558	3.313	172 081	344 162
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001	64	128	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Chad	0.003	0.004	192	384	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Chile	0.420	0.525	26 866	53 732	0.526	17 465	34 930	0.529	27 502	55 004
China	15.254	19.075	975 752	1 951 504	19.109	634 303	1 268 606	19.228	998 830	1 997 660
Colombia	0.246	0.308	15 736	31 472	0.308	10 229	20 458	0.310	16 108	32 216
Comoros	0.001	0.001	64	128	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Congo	0.005	0.006	320	640	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Cook Islands		0.001	51	102	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Costa Rica	0.069	0.086	4 414	8 828	0.086	2 869	5 738	0.087	4 518	9 036
Côte d'Ivoire	0.022	0.028	1 407	2 814	0.028	915	1 830	0.028	1 441	2 882
Croatia	0.091	0.114	5 821	11 642	0.114	3 784	7 568	0.115	5 959	11 918
Cuba	0.095	0.119	6 077	12 154	0.119	3 950	7 900	0.120	6 221	12 442
Cyprus	0.036	0.045	2 303	4 606	0.045	1 497	2 994	0.045	2 357	4 714

Party	Basel Convention			Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention			
	United Nations scale of assessment	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025
	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Czechia	0.340	0.425	21 749	43 498	0.426	14 138	28 276	0.429	22 263	44 526
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005	0.006	320	640	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Denmark	0.553	0.692	35 374	70 748	0.693	22 995	45 990	0.697	36 210	72 420
Djibouti	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Dominica	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Dominican Republic	0.067	0.084	4 286	8 572	0.084	2 786	5 572	0.084	4 387	8 774
Ecuador	0.077	0.096	4 925	9 850	0.096	3 202	6 404	0.097	5 042	10 084
Egypt	0.139	0.174	8 891	17 782	n.a.	–	–	0.175	9 102	18 204
El Salvador	0.013	0.016	832	1 664	0.016	541	1 082	0.016	851	1 702
Equatorial Guinea	0.012	0.015	768	1 536	0.015	499	998	0.015	786	1 572
Eritrea	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Estonia	0.044	0.055	2 815	5 630	0.055	1 830	3 660	0.055	2 881	5 762
Eswatini	0.002	0.003	128	256	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
European Union		2.500	127 882	255 764	2.500	82 985	165 970	2.500	129 870	259 740
Fiji	0.004	n.a.	–	–	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Finland	0.417	0.521	26 674	53 348	0.522	17 340	34 680	0.526	27 305	54 610
France	4.318	5.400	276 209	552 418	5.409	179 554	359 108	5.443	282 742	565 484
Gabon	0.013	0.016	832	1 664	0.016	541	1 082	0.016	851	1 702
Gambia	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Georgia	0.008	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	333	666	0.010	524	1 048
Germany	6.111	7.642	390 902	781 804	7.655	254 112	508 224	7.703	400 148	800 296
Ghana	0.024	0.030	1 535	3 070	0.030	998	1 996	0.030	1 572	3 144

Party	Basel Convention			Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention			
	United Nations scale of assessment	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025
	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Greece	0.325	0.406	20 789	41 578	0.407	13 514	27 028	0.410	21 281	42 562
Grenada	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Guatemala	0.041	0.051	2 623	5 246	0.051	1 705	3 410	0.052	2 685	5 370
Guinea	0.003	0.004	192	384	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Guyana	0.004	0.005	256	512	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Honduras	0.009	0.011	576	1 152	0.011	374	748	0.011	589	1 178
Hungary	0.228	0.285	14 584	29 168	0.286	9 481	18 962	0.287	14 929	29 858
Iceland	0.036	0.045	2 303	4 606	n.a.	–	–	0.045	2 357	4 714
India	1.044	1.306	66 782	133 564	1.308	43 412	86 824	1.316	68 361	136 722
Indonesia	0.549	0.687	35 118	70 236	0.688	22 829	45 658	0.692	35 948	71 896
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.371	0.464	23 732	47 464	0.465	15 427	30 854	0.468	24 293	48 586
Iraq	0.128	0.160	8 188	16 376	0.160	5 323	10 646	0.161	8 381	16 762
Ireland	0.439	0.549	28 081	56 162	0.550	18 255	36 510	0.553	28 746	57 492
Israel	0.561	0.702	35 885	71 770	0.703	23 328	46 656	n.a.	–	–
Italy	3.189	3.988	203 991	407 982	3.995	132 607	265 214	4.020	208 815	417 630
Jamaica	0.008	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	333	666	0.010	524	1 048
Japan	8.033	10.045	513 847	1 027 694	10.063	334 034	668 068	10.126	526 000	1 052 000
Jordan	0.022	0.028	1 407	2 814	0.028	915	1 830	0.028	1 441	2 882
Kazakhstan	0.133	0.166	8 508	17 016	0.167	5 530	11 060	0.168	8 709	17 418
Kenya	0.030	0.038	1 919	3 838	0.038	1 247	2 494	0.038	1 964	3 928
Kiribati	0.001	0.001	64	128	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Kuwait	0.234	0.293	14 968	29 936	0.293	9 730	19 460	0.295	15 322	30 644
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.003	128	256	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038

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	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.007	0.009	448	896	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Latvia	0.050	0.063	3 198	6 396	0.063	2 079	4 158	0.063	3 274	6 548
Lebanon	0.036	0.045	2 303	4 606	0.045	1 497	2 994	0.045	2 357	4 714
Lesotho	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Liberia	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Libya	0.018	0.023	1 151	2 302	0.023	748	1 496	0.023	1 179	2 358
Liechtenstein	0.010	0.013	640	1 280	0.013	416	832	0.013	655	1 310
Lithuania	0.077	0.096	4 925	9 850	0.096	3 202	6 404	0.097	5 042	10 084
Luxembourg	0.068	0.085	4 350	8 700	0.085	2 828	5 656	0.086	4 453	8 906
Madagascar	0.004	0.005	256	512	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Malawi	0.002	0.003	128	256	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Malaysia	0.348	0.435	22 261	44 522	0.436	14 471	28 942	n.a.	–	–
Maldives	0.004	0.005	256	512	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Mali	0.005	0.006	320	640	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Malta	0.019	0.024	1 215	2 430	0.024	790	1 580	0.024	1 244	2 488
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Mauritania	0.002	0.003	128	256	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Mauritius	0.019	0.024	1 215	2 430	0.024	790	1 580	0.024	1 244	2 488
Mexico	1.221	1.527	78 104	156 208	1.530	50 772	101 544	1.539	79 951	159 902
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001	64	128	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Monaco	0.011	0.014	704	1 408	n.a.	–	–	0.014	720	1 440
Mongolia	0.004	0.005	256	512	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Montenegro	0.004	0.005	256	512	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Morocco	0.055	0.069	3 518	7 036	0.069	2 287	4 574	0.069	3 601	7 202

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	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Mozambique	0.004	0.005	256	512	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Myanmar	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Namibia	0.009	0.011	576	1 152	0.011	374	748	0.011	589	1 178
Nauru	0.001	0.001	64	128	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Nepal	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	1.377	1.722	88 082	176 164	1.725	57 259	114 518	1.736	90 166	180 332
New Zealand	0.309	0.386	19 766	39 532	0.387	12 849	25 698	0.389	20 233	40 466
Nicaragua	0.005	0.006	320	640	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Niger	0.003	0.004	192	384	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Niue		n.a.	–	–	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Nigeria	0.182	0.228	11 642	23 284	0.228	7 568	15 136	0.229	11 917	23 834
North Macedonia	0.007	0.009	448	896	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Norway	0.679	0.849	43 434	86 868	0.851	28 235	56 470	0.856	44 461	88 922
Oman	0.111	0.139	7 100	14 200	0.139	4 616	9 232	0.140	7 268	14 536
Pakistan	0.114	0.143	7 292	14 584	0.143	4 740	9 480	0.144	7 465	14 930
Palau	0.001	0.001	64	128	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Panama	0.090	0.113	5 757	11 514	0.113	3 742	7 484	0.113	5 893	11 786
Papua New Guinea	0.010	0.013	640	1 280	n.a.	–	–	0.013	655	1 310
Paraguay	0.026	0.033	1 663	3 326	0.033	1 081	2 162	0.033	1 702	3 404
Peru	0.163	0.204	10 427	20 854	0.204	6 778	13 556	0.205	10 673	21 346
Philippines	0.212	0.265	13 561	27 122	0.266	8 816	17 632	0.267	13 882	27 764
Poland	0.837	1.047	53 540	107 080	1.049	34 805	69 610	1.055	54 807	109 614
Portugal	0.353	0.441	22 580	45 160	0.442	14 679	29 358	0.445	23 114	46 228
Qatar	0.269	0.336	17 207	34 414	0.337	11 186	22 372	0.339	17 614	35 228

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	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Republic of Korea	2.574	3.219	164 651	329 302	3.224	107 034	214 068	3.245	168 545	337 090
Republic of Moldova	0.005	0.006	320	640	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Romania	0.312	0.390	19 958	39 916	0.391	12 974	25 948	0.393	20 430	40 860
Russian Federation	1.866	2.333	119 362	238 724	2.338	77 593	155 186	2.352	122 185	244 370
Rwanda	0.003	0.004	192	384	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.002	0.003	128	256	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Saint Lucia	0.002	0.003	128	256	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Samoa	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Saudi Arabia	1.184	1.481	75 737	151 474	1.483	49 234	98 468	1.492	77 528	155 056
Senegal	0.007	0.009	448	896	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Serbia	0.032	0.040	2 047	4 094	0.040	1 331	2 662	0.040	2 095	4 190
Seychelles	0.002	0.003	128	256	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Singapore	0.504	0.630	32 239	64 478	0.631	20 958	41 916	0.635	33 002	66 004
Slovakia	0.155	0.194	9 915	19 830	0.194	6 445	12 890	0.195	10 149	20 298
Slovenia	0.079	0.099	5 053	10 106	0.099	3 285	6 570	0.100	5 173	10 346
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001	64	128	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Somalia	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
South Africa	0.244	0.305	15 608	31 216	0.306	10 146	20 292	0.308	15 977	31 954
Spain	2.134	2.669	136 505	273 010	2.673	88 737	177 474	2.690	139 734	279 468
Sri Lanka	0.045	0.056	2 879	5 758	0.056	1 871	3 742	0.057	2 947	5 894
State of Palestine		0.001	51	102	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038

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	United Nations scale of assessment	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025
	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Sudan	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Suriname	0.003	0.004	192	384	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Sweden	0.871	1.089	55 715	111 430	1.091	36 219	72 438	1.098	57 033	114 066
Switzerland	1.134	1.418	72 539	145 078	1.421	47 155	94 310	1.429	74 254	148 508
Syrian Arab Republic	0.009	0.011	576	1 152	0.011	374	748	0.011	589	1 178
Tajikistan	0.003	0.004	192	384	n.a.	–	–	0.010	519	1 038
Thailand	0.368	0.460	23 540	47 080	0.461	15 302	30 604	0.464	24 097	48 194
Togo	0.002	0.003	128	256	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Tonga	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Trinidad and Tobago	0.037	0.046	2 367	4 734	0.046	1 539	3 078	0.047	2 423	4 846
Tunisia	0.019	0.024	1 215	2 430	0.024	790	1 580	0.024	1 244	2 488
Türkiye	0.845	1.057	54 052	108 104	1.059	35 137	70 274	1.065	55 331	110 662
Turkmenistan	0.034	0.043	2 175	4 350	n.a.	–	–	n.a.	–	–
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Uganda	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Ukraine	0.056	0.070	3 582	7 164	0.070	2 329	4 658	0.071	3 667	7 334
United Arab Emirates	0.635	0.794	40 619	81 238	0.795	26 405	52 810	0.800	41 580	83 160
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.375	5.471	279 855	559 710	5.481	181 924	363 848	5.515	286 474	572 948
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Uruguay	0.092	0.115	5 885	11 770	0.115	3 826	7 652	0.116	6 024	12 048
Uzbekistan	0.027	0.034	1 727	3 454	n.a.	–	–	0.034	1 768	3 536
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001	64	128	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.175	0.219	11 194	22 388	0.219	7 277	14 554	0.221	11 459	22 918
Viet Nam	0.093	0.116	5 949	11 898	0.117	3 867	7 734	0.117	6 090	12 180

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	United Nations scale of assessment	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2024–2025	Contribution for biennium 2024–2025
	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Yemen	0.008	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Zambia	0.008	0.010	512	1 024	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Zimbabwe	0.007	0.009	448	896	0.010	332	664	0.010	519	1 038
Total		100.000	5 115 306	10 230 612	100.000	3 319 410	6 638 820	100.000	5 194 757	10 389 514

Notes:

(1) United Nations scale of assessment as per resolution 76/238 of 24 December 2021 adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

(2) As 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; (iii) no contribution from a least developed country Party exceeds 0.01 per cent of the total.

(3) As 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 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; (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 2024 and 2025. It is the same for both years and is the average of Parties' assessed contributions due for the biennium 2024–2025.

Table 3

Indicative staffing table for the Secretariat for the biennium 2024–2025 funded from the general trust funds (used for costing purposes only)

<i>Staff category and level</i>	<i>Funding source</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>General trust fund</i>	<i>In-kind by FAO</i>	<i>Programme support costs</i>	
A. Professional categories				
D-2 level	1 00	0 25		1 25
D-1 level	1 00			1 00
P-5 level	7 00			7 00
P-4 level	7 00		2 00	9 00
P-3 level	16 50	1 00		17 50
P-2 level	2 00			2 00
Subtotal A	34 50	1 25	2 00	37 75
B. General Service category				
GS	12 00	1 25	6 00	19 25
Subtotal B	12 00	1 25	6 00	19 25
Total (A+B)	46 50	2 50	8 00	57 00
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(3)	

Remarks:

- (1) Core funded positions are funded from the general trust funds (Parties' assessed contributions).
- (2) Posts provided by FAO as an in-kind contribution to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat.
- (3) Posts funded from programme support costs levied on both assessed (general trust funds) and voluntary contributions.

Table 4
Indicative staffing table for the Secretariat for the biennium 2024–2025 funded from the technical cooperation/voluntary special trust funds (used for costing purposes only)

<i>Staff category and level</i>	<i>Funding source</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Voluntary trust funds</i>	<i>Junior Professional Officers</i>	
A. Professional categories			
D-2 level			
D-1 level			
P-5 level			
P-4 level			
P-3 level	1 60		1 60
P-2 level	1 00	2 00	3 00
Subtotal A	2 60	2 00	4 60
B. General Service category			
GS	5 20		5 20
Subtotal B	5 20		5 20
Total (A+B)	7 80	2 00	9 80
Remarks	(1)	(2)	

Remarks:

- (1) Voluntary funded posts will only be filled if sufficient voluntary funding becomes available. Additional voluntary funded positions may be created to support the implementation of voluntary funded projects as required and subject to the availability of resources.
- (2) Technical cooperation trust funds for junior professional officers are established and managed by UNEP.

Table 5
Projected staff costs for the Geneva and Rome duty stations for the biennium 2024–2025

(United States dollars)

Duty station: Geneva

<i>Staff category and level</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024-2025</i>
A. Professional categories					
D-2/D-1 level	326 728	336 530	346 626	357 025	703 651
P-5 level	286 303	294 893	303 740	312 853	616 593
P-4 level	233 012	240 003	247 204	254 621	501 825
P-3 level	191 955	197 714	203 646	209 756	413 402
P-2 level	143 790	148 104	152 548	157 125	309 673
B. General Service category					
GS	141 622	145 872	150 249	154 757	305 006
C. Other					
Retirement/separation and replacement recruitment costs					262 931
General temporary assistance, including overtime					100 000
After Service Health Insurance (ASHI)					423 321
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2) (3) (4) (5)

Remarks:

(1) Actual staff costs and staff entitlements incurred during January–September 2022 have been used as the basis for projecting staff costs for future years.

(2) Staff costs for 2023, 2024 and 2025 have been estimated by incrementing the actual 2022 costs by 3 per cent per annum to provide for salary step increases, inflation, the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on post adjustment and any other unexpected changes in staff costs.

(3) Projected costs associated with retirement/separation (e.g., repatriation, shipment, annual leave commutation) and recruitment of replacement staff (e.g., relocation costs, assignment grants) have been presented separately as they are not part of actual ordinary staff cost projections. The provisions made take into account the fact that three staff members will retire during the biennium 2024–2025. No provision has been made to cover the repatriation and annual leave commutation of two additional staff members who have the option to retire during the biennium 2024–2025 should they wish to do so.

(4) General temporary assistance includes the cost of staff to replace staff on parental leave as well as general service staff overtime during large meetings such as meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention.

(5) The After Service Health Insurance (ASHI) programme provides eligible staff members with continued health insurance coverage throughout their retirement. This benefit to staff creates an accrued liability for the Organization. The United Nations Controller has approved for UNEP an increase of the monthly accrual from 6 to 9 per cent of the base salary to reduce the risk associated with staff liabilities.

Duty station: Rome

<i>Staff category and level</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024–2025</i>
A. Professional categories					
P-5 level	231 200	238 136	245 281	252 640	497 921
P-4 level	228 936	235 805	242 880	250 167	493 047
P-3 level	185 382	190 944	196 673	202 574	399 247
P-2 level	139 676	143 867	148 184	152 630	300 814
B. General Service category					
GS	88 480	91 135	93 870	96 687	190 557
C. Other					
Retirement/separation and replacement recruitment costs					
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2) (3)

Remarks:

- (1) Staff costs incurred during January–June 2022 have been used as the basis for projecting staff costs for future years.
- (2) Staff costs for 2023, 2024 and 2025 have been estimated by incrementing the 2022 actual costs by 3 per cent per annum to provide for salary step increases, inflation, the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on post adjustment and any other unexpected changes in staff costs.
- (3) None of the staff located in Rome are expected to retire during the biennium 2024–2025.

Table 6

Specified activities to be funded from the available surpluses in the general trust funds of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

(United States dollars)

<i>Purpose</i>	<i>General trust fund</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Basel (BCL)</i>	<i>Rotterdam (ROL)</i>	<i>Stockholm (SCL)</i>	
Funding the correction of one Party's assessed contribution under the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2018–2019		31 866		31 866
Additional costs incurred owing to contingency arrangements made to allow online/hybrid participation in meetings of the Conference of the Parties during its face-to-face segment held in Geneva in June 2022 (including programme support costs)	53 565	53 565	53 565	160 695
Total	53 565	85 431	53 565	192 561

Annex to decision RC-11/15

Amendments to the financial rules for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade

[...]

Financial period

Rule 2

The financial period shall be a ~~biennium consisting~~ calendar year. The biennial programme of work and budget period shall normally consist of two consecutive calendar years, the first of which shall be an even year.

[...]

Accounts and audit

Rule 6

1. The accounts and financial management of all funds governed by the present rules shall be subject to the internal and external audit process of the United Nations.
2. An interim statement of accounts for the first year of the financial period shall be provided to the Conference of the Parties during the second year of the period, and a final audited statement of accounts for the full financial period shall be provided to the Conference of the Parties as soon as possible after the accounts for the financial period are closed. The financial statements shall be prepared annually in United States dollars in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.
3. The Conference of the Parties shall be informed of any ~~relevant remarks~~ key findings in the reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors on financial statements of the United Nations Environment Programme that directly and/or adversely affect the funds and operations of the Convention.

[...]