## Financial and budgetary matters: <br> Status of annual contributions

## Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to:
i. take note of the status of annual contributions;
ii. note the actions listed in paragraphs 12 and 13 on group confirmation of outstanding contributions as part of the audit process;
iii. note the actions listed in paragraphs $15,17,18$ and 19 to continue encouraging the payment of annual contributions;
iv. note the change in annual contributions receivable and in the annual provision against contributions receivable; and
v. note the status of the African voluntary contributions.

## Background

1. Article 6.6 of the Convention states that:
"Each Contracting Party shall contribute to the budget according to a scale of contributions adopted by unanimity of the Contracting Parties present and voting at a meeting of the ordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties."
2. Annual (assessed) contributions from Contracting Parties are used to finance the Convention's core budget. Each year, the Secretariat invoices Parties for their annual contributions. Swiss franc (CHF) invoicing is based upon the approved core budget and the current United Nations Scale of Assessment, adjusted on a pro rata basis to reflect which States are Parties to the Convention at the beginning of the year.
3. In Resolution XIV. 1 on Financial and budgetary matters, in paragraphs 17 and 18, the Conference of the Contracting Parties:

[^0]"18. REQUESTS the Secretariat to contact Contracting Parties that have outstanding contributions in excess of three years and assist them to identify appropriate options to rectify the situation and to request a plan for making payment of contributions, and to report back to each meeting of the Standing Committee and Conference of the Contracting Parties on activities taken in this regard and results achieved; and AGREES that the Standing Committee should continue to consider appropriate action concerning Parties that have neither paid their outstanding contributions nor submitted a payment plan for this purpose."

## Status of annual contributions as at 31 December 2023

4. The table in Annex 1 of this document presents for each Contracting Party, listed in alphabetical order, the status of annual contributions at 1 January 2023, all payments received in 2023 and the status of contributions at 31 December 2023.
5. As shown in the table in Annex 1, as of 31 December 2023, CHF 336K of contributions due for 2023 had not been received, which corresponded to $6.9 \%$ of the CHF $4,845 \mathrm{~K}$ contributions expected for 2023. The total due for the years prior to 2023 amounted to CHF 1,299K, compared to CHF $1,143 \mathrm{~K}$ due at the end of 2022, an increase of $13.6 \%$ from year to year. Therefore, the total contributions due but not received by that date amounted to CHF 1,635K, which represented an increase of CHF 41 K compared to 2022, or an increase of $2.6 \%$.
6. Contributions for 2023 had not been received, or not received in full, from 83 Contracting Parties by 31 December 2023 (the same number as at the end of 2022).
7. Table 1 below shows the status of contributions from 2019 to 2023 and the related provision for non-collection of contributions. The provision for non-collection was increased by CHF 211K to CHF $1,413 \mathrm{~K}$ at the end of 2023. Paragraph 8 below explains the increase in this provision since 2019.

Table 1: Status of contributions and provision for non-collection, 2019-2023 (CHF '000)

| Description | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assessed contributions from Contracting <br> Parties | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 |
| Voluntary contribution from the United <br> States of America | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 |
| Cumulative contributions not received by <br> year end | 3,210 | 1,674 | 1,536 | 1,594 | 1,635 |
| Provision for non-collection (i.e. provision <br> against contributions not received) | 896 | 990 | 1,050 | 1,202 | 1,413 |

8. In accordance with Decision SC57-39 of the Standing Committee, the provision for noncollection of outstanding contributions has been calculated since 2019 in accordance with the method proposed by the external auditor. Accordingly, in 2023 a provision of $20 \%$ was applied on contributions which had been outstanding for up to two years, $60 \%$ on contributions which had been outstanding for three years, and $80 \%$ on contributions which had been outstanding for four years. A provision of $100 \%$ was applied on balances outstanding for more than four years.
9. In 2023 the full provision of $100 \%$ was applied to 44 Contracting Parties with total outstanding contributions of CHF 1,324K (the same number of Parties as in 2022, which then had total outstanding contributions of CHF 1,071K). Of these Parties, 11 had not paid any contributions for more than ten years.
10. As of 31 December 2023, 106 Contracting Parties had paid all their contributions up to and including 2022 (the same number as at the end of 2022 when 106 Parties had paid their contributions for the years up to 2021). Of these 106 Parties, 89 had also paid their full contributions for 2023 (compared to 88 Parties in 2022). The Secretariat acknowledges, with appreciation, the consistent and prompt payment of these Contracting Parties. In addition, during 2023, 11 Parties had already paid a total of CHF 483K towards their contributions for 2024. These findings are summarized in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Number of Contracting Parties, by status of outstanding contributions, as of end 2023

11. A breakdown of the balances of outstanding contributions according to the year due, at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, is shown in Table 2 below. Table 2 also shows the overall increase in balances of outstanding contributions of CHF 41 K . The balances of contributions outstanding for over three years increased from CHF 738K at 31 December 2022 to CHF 848K at 31 December 2023. Figure 2, also found below, shows the changes from 2022 to 2023 in the balances of outstanding contributions, by the number of years for which they had been due.

Table 2: Balances of outstanding contributions, 31 December 2023 compared to 31 December 2022 (in '000 CHF, includes possible rounding differences)

| Year due | Outstanding <br> contribution balances <br> (CHF '000) <br> 31/12/2022 | Outstanding <br> contribution balances <br> (CHF '000) <br> 31/12/2023 | Change (CHF '000) <br> (2022 to 2023) |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2014 or before | 295 | 289 | -6 |
| 2015 | 71 | 70 | -1 |
| 2016 | 76 | 75 | -1 |
| 2017 | 83 | 82 | -1 |
| 2018 | 89 | 86 | -3 |
| 2019 | 124 | 119 | -5 |
| 2020 | 135 | 128 | -7 |
| 2021 | 271 | 186 | -85 |
| 2022 | 451 | 265 | -186 |
| 2023 | 0 | 336 | 336 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 , 5 9 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ |

Figure 2: Outstanding contributions (in '000 CHF), number of years due, 2022 and 2023

12. The Standing Committee considered the external auditor's proposal on group confirmation of outstanding Contracting Party balances in response to Decision SC57-40 and, in Decision SC5818, decided that it would acknowledge the status of the annual contributions intersessionally. The Secretariat would send the request for intersessional acknowledgement to the Standing Committee on behalf of the external auditor in the period following the closing of accounts and prior to the signing of the financial statements by the auditors.
13. Consequently, on 23 January 2024 the Secretariat sent a request to the Standing Committee to acknowledge the status of assessed contributions as at 31 December 2023. Since no comments were received within the given period of time, the outstanding contributions as at 31 December 2023 are considered as acknowledged.

## Actions for 2024

14. In accordance with Resolution XIV.1, paragraph 18, the Secretariat will continue to engage with Contracting Parties on contributions not received, and especially those due for more than three years at the end of 2023, including with the Contracting Parties that have never paid any contribution.
15. In accordance with Decision SC54-26, and in line with other Conventions, the Secretariat continues to publish the updated status of contributions on the Convention website on a monthly basis ${ }^{1}$, in the same format as the table presented in Annex 1.
16. Resolution XIV.1, paragraph 19, "requests Regional Representatives in the Standing Committee to engage Parties from their respective regions with outstanding contributions to encourage them to identify appropriate options to rectify the situation". Regional Representatives may wish to share with the Standing Committee their efforts, outcomes and challenges encountered in implementing this request from the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP14).
17. In 2024 the Secretariat will continue, as in 2023, to share with Regional Representatives the status of outstanding contributions on a quarterly basis, for further action in line with the above instructions.
18. In accordance with Decision SC57-44, and following the experience of other Conventions, the Secretariat will continue to encourage timely payments of annual contributions by sending out reminders.
19. In accordance with Decision SC58-15, the Parties with outstanding contributions are invited to agree on a payment plan in discussion with the Secretariat, and the Secretariat is instructed to work with Parties which have been able to pay outstanding contributions, particularly the longstanding ones, to identify good practices and efforts that could be shared.
20. Any continued increase in the total of outstanding contributions will result in further increases in the provisions for outstanding contributions in the budget, thus decreasing resources available for the regular budget of the Secretariat.

## African voluntary contributions

21. At COP10, through paragraph 23 of Resolution $X .2$ on Financial and budgetary matters, the Contracting Parties of Africa assessed with an annual contribution of less than CHF 2,000 agreed to increase their payments to that level. The difference between CHF 2,000 and their assessed contribution was to be in the form of a voluntary contribution specifically earmarked for African Ramsar Regional Initiatives.
22. Voluntary contributions received from the Contracting Parties in the Africa region in 2023 amounted to CHF 2K. This amount along with the balance of 28 K at the end of 2022 brings the total available for future allocations to CHF 30K. The table in Annex 2 of this document presents the total voluntary contributions received.
23. In Resolution XIV.1, paragraphs 24 and 25, the Parties agreed on the process of the allocation of these contributions.
[^1]Annex 1
Status of assessed contributions as at 31 December 2023 (in CHF)

| Country | Status as of 1 January 2023 |  |  | Received in 2023 |  |  | Status as of 31 December 2023 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Not received for prior years | Anticipated for 2023 | Paid for future years | For prior years | For 2023 | For future years | Not received for prior years | Not received for 2023 | Received for future years |
| Albania |  | 1,000 |  |  | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Algeria | - | 5,337 | - | - | 5,337 | - | - | - | - |
| Andorra | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Angola | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 15,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 15,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Argentina | 79,990 | 35,204 | - | - | - | - | 79,990 | 35,204 | - |
| Armenia | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Australia | - | 103,361 | 4,710 | - | 98,651 | 103,361 | - | - | 103,361 |
| Austria | - | 33,246 | - | - | 33,246 | - | - | - | - |
| Azerbaijan | - | 1,469 | - | - | 1,469 | - | - | - | - |
| Bahamas | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | - |
| Bahrain | 2,844 | 2,644 | - | 2,844 | 2,644 | - | - | - | - |
| Bangladesh | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Barbados | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | - |
| Belarus | 48 | 2,007 | - | 48 | 2,007 | - | - | - | - |
| Belgium | - | 40,541 | - | - | 40,541 | - | - | - | - |
| Belize | 11,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 11,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Benin | 3,000 | 1,000 | - | 3,000 | 1,000 | 2,005 | - | - | 2,005 |
| Bhutan | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |  |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 3,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 3,000 | 1,000 |  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Botswana | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | - |
| Brazil | 171,511 | 98,562 |  | 171,511 | 98,562 | - | - | - | - |
| Bulgaria | - | 2,742 |  | - | 2,742 | - | - | - | - |
| Burkina Faso | 4,824 | 1,000 | - | 4,824 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Burundi | 8,151 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | - | - | 7,151 | 1,000 | - |
| Cabo Verde | 17,000 | 1,000 |  | - | - | - | 17,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Cambodia | 3,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 3,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Cameroon | 11,247 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 11,247 | 1,000 | - |
| Canada | - | 128,674 | 175,725 | - | - |  | - | - | 47,051 |
| Central African Republic | 4,605 | 1,000 |  | - | - | - | 4,605 | 1,000 |  |
| Chad | 2,155 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 2,155 | 1,000 | - |
| Chile | - | 20,564 | - | - | 13,200 | - | - | 7,364 | - |
| China | - | 746,880 |  | - | 746,880 | - | - | - | - |
| Colombia | 11,640 | 12,045 | - | 11,640 | 12,045 | - | - | - | - |
| Comoros | 10,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 10,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Congo | 9,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 9,000 | 1,000 | - |


| Country | Status as of 1 January 2023 |  |  | Received in 2023 |  |  | Status as of 31 December 2023 |  |  |
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|  | Not received for prior years | Anticipated for 2023 | Paid for future years | For prior years | For 2023 | For future years | Not received for prior years | Not received for 2023 | Received for future years |
| Costa Rica | 8,726 | 3,378 | - | - | - | - | 8,726 | 3,378 | - |
| Côte d'Ivoire | - | 1,077 | 1,663 | - | - | - | - | - | 586 |
| Croatia | - | 4,456 | - | - | 4,456 | - |  |  |  |
| Cuba | 32,903 | 4,651 | - | - | - | - | 32,903 | 4,651 | - |
| Cyprus | - | 1,763 | - | - | 1,763 | - | - | - | - |
| Czechia | 0 | 16,647 | 16,647 | - | - | 16,647 | 0 |  | 16,647 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 2,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 2,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 23,846 | 1,000 | - |  | - | - | 23,846 | 1,000 |  |
| Denmark | - | 27,076 | - | - | 27,076 | - | - | - | - |
| Djibouti | 20,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 20,000 | 1,000 |  |
| Dominican Republic | 12,066 | 3,281 | - | 12,066 | 3,281 | - | - | - | - |
| Ecuador | 19,703 | 3,770 | - | - | - | - | 19,703 | 3,770 | - |
| Egypt | - | 6,806 | - | - | 6,806 | - | - | - |  |
| El Salvador | 1,999 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 1,999 | 1,000 | - |
| Equatorial Guinea | 9,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 9,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Estonia | - | 2,154 | - | - | 2,154 | - | - | - | - |
| Eswatini | 2,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 2,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Fiji | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Finland | - | 20,417 | - | - | 20,417 | - | - | - | - |
| France | - | 211,421 | 211,421 | - | - |  | - | - |  |
| Gabon | 4,236 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 4,236 | 1,000 | - |
| Gambia | 11,261 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 11,261 | 1,000 |  |
| Georgia | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |  |
| Germany | - | 299,212 | - | - | 299,212 | - | - | - | - |
| Ghana | - | 1,175 | 2,831 | - | - |  | - | - | 1,656 |
| Greece | 15,913 | 15,913 | - | - | - | - | 15,913 | 15,913 | - |
| Grenada | 10,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 10,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Guatemala | - | 2,007 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,007 | - |
| Guinea | 9,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 9,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Guinea-Bissau | 15,110 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 15,110 | 1,000 | - |
| Honduras | - | 1,000 | 167 | - | 833 | 179 | - | - | 179 |
| Hungary | 11,164 | 11,164 | - | 11,164 | 11,164 | - | - | - | - |
| Iceland | - | 1,763 | - | - | 1,763 | - | - | - | - |
| India | - | 51,117 | - | - | 51,117 | - | - | - | - |
| Indonesia | 505 | 26,881 | - | 505 | 26,881 | - | - | - | - |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 73,987 | 18,165 | - | - | - | - | 73,987 | 18,165 | - |
| Iraq | 25,211 | 6,267 | - | - | - | - | 25,211 | 6,267 | - |
| Ireland | - | 21,495 | - | - | 21,495 | - | - | - | - |
| Israel | 27,468 | 27,468 |  | 27,468 | - | - | - | 27,468 | - |
| Italy |  | 156,142 | - | - | 151,376 | - | - | 4,766 | - |


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|  | Not received for prior years | Anticipated for 2023 | Paid for future years | For prior years | For 2023 | For future years | Not received for prior years | Not received for 2023 | Received for future years |
| Jamaica | - | 1,000 | 35 | - | 965 | 25 | - | - | 25 |
| Japan | - | 393,318 | - | - | 393,318 | - | - |  |  |
| Jordan | 2,105 | 1,077 | - | - | - | - | 2,105 | 1,077 | - |
| Kazakhstan | - | 6,512 | - | - | 6,512 | - | - | - | - |
| Kenya | - | 1,469 | - | - | 1,469 | 531 | - | - | 531 |
| Kiribati | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - |  |  |
| Kuwait | - | 11,457 | - | - | 11,457 | - | - | - |  |
| Kyrgyzstan | 3,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 3,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Lao People's <br> Democratic Republic | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - |  |  |
| Latvia | - | 2,448 | - | - | 2,448 | - | - | - | - |
| Lebanon | 13,768 | 1,763 | - | - | - | - | 13,768 | 1,763 |  |
| Lesotho | - | 1,000 | 1,205 | - | - | - | - | - | 205 |
| Liberia | 17,110 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 17,110 | 1,000 |  |
| Libya | 58,151 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 58,151 | 1,000 |  |
| Liechtenstein | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |  |
| Lithuania | - | 3,770 | - | - | 3,770 | - | - | - | - |
| Luxembourg | - | 3,329 | - | - | 3,329 | - | - | - |  |
| Madagascar | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 |  |
| Malawi | 966 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 966 | 1,000 |  |
| Malaysia | - | 17,039 | - | - | 17,039 | - | - | - |  |
| Mali | - | 1,000 | 3,060 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,060 |
| Malta | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |  |
| Marshall Islands | 7,161 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 7,161 | 1,000 |  |
| Mauritania | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 |  |
| Mauritius | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |  |
| Mexico | - | 59,784 | - | - | 59,784 | - | - | - | - |
| Monaco | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |  |
| Mongolia | 3,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 3,000 | 1,000 |  |
| Montenegro | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |  |
| Morocco | - | 2,693 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,693 |  |
| Mozambique | 4,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 4,000 | 1,000 |  |
| Myanmar | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - |  |
| Namibia | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | 1,000 | - |
| Nepal | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of the) | - | 67,422 | - | - | 67,422 | - | - | - |  |
| New Zealand | - | 15,130 | - | - | 15,130 | - | - | - | - |
| Nicaragua | 6,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 6,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Niger | 15,192 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 15,192 | 1,000 |  |
| Nigeria | 117,064 | 8,911 | - | - | - | - | 117,064 | 8,911 | - |
| North Macedonia | 11,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | - | - | 10,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Norway | - | 33,246 | - | - | 33,246 | - | - | - |  |


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|  | Not received for prior years | Anticipated for 2023 | Paid for future years | For prior years | For 2023 | For future years | Not received for prior years | Not received for 2023 | Received for future years |
| Oman | 10,413 | 5,435 | - | - | - | - | 10,413 | 5,435 |  |
| Pakistan | 11,364 | 5,582 | - | 3,376 | - | - | 7,988 | 5,582 |  |
| Palau | 17,987 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 17,987 | 1,000 |  |
| Panama | 4,537 | 4,407 | - | 4,537 | 4,273 | - | - | 134 |  |
| Papua New Guinea | 6,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 6,000 | 1,000 |  |
| Paraguay | - | 1,273 | - | - | 1,273 | - | - | - | - |
| Peru | - | 7,981 | 15 | - | 7,350 |  | - | 616 | - |
| Philippines | - | 10,380 | - | - | 10,380 | - | - |  |  |
| Poland | - | 40,982 | - | - | 40,982 | - | - |  |  |
| Portugal | - | 17,284 | - | - | 17,284 | - | - | - |  |
| Republic of Korea | - | 126,030 | - | - | 113,401 | - | - | 12,629 |  |
| Republic of Moldova | 2,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |  |
| Romania | 15,276 | 15,276 | - | 15,276 | 15,276 | - | - | - |  |
| Russian Federation | 91,365 | 91,365 | - | - | - | - | 91,365 | 91,365 |  |
| Rwanda | 2,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |  |
| Saint Lucia | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 |  |
| Samoa | 3,000 | 1,000 | - | 3,000 | - | - | - | 1,000 |  |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 16,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 16,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Senegal | 5,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 5,000 | 1,000 |  |
| Serbia | - | 1,567 | - | - | 1,567 | - | - | - |  |
| Seychelles | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Sierra Leone | 6,377 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 6,377 | 1,000 |  |
| Slovakia | - | 7,589 | - | - | 7,589 | - | - | - |  |
| Slovenia | - | 3,868 | - | - | 3,868 | - | - | - |  |
| South Africa | - | 11,947 | - | - | 11,947 | - | - | - | - |
| South Sudan | 9,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 9,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Spain | - | 104,487 | - | - | 104,487 | - | - | - | - |
| Sri Lanka | - | 2,203 | - | - | 2,203 | - | - | - | - |
| Sudan | 17,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 17,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Suriname | - | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Sweden | - | 42,647 | - | - | 42,647 | - | - | - |  |
| Switzerland | - | 55,524 | - | - | 55,524 | - | - | - | - |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 6,348 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 6,348 | 1,000 | - |
| Tajikistan | 200 | 1,000 | - | 200 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Thailand | 3,905 | 18,018 | - | 3,905 | 13,015 | - | - | 5,003 |  |
| Togo | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Trinidad and Tobago | - | 1,812 | - | - | 1,812 | - | - | - | - |
| Tunisia | - | 1,000 | 224 | - | 776 | 448 | - | - | 448 |
| Türkiye | - | 41,374 | - | - | 41,374 | - | - | - |  |
| Turkmenistan | 13,324 | 1,665 | - | - | - | - | 13,324 | 1,665 |  |
| Uganda | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 |  |
| Ukraine | 2,742 | 2,742 | - | - | - | - | 2,742 | 2,742 |  |
| United Arab Emirates | - | 31,091 | - | - | 31,091 | - | - - | - |  |


| Country | Status as of 1 January 2023 |  |  | Received in 2023 |  |  | Status as of 31 December 2023 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Not received for prior years | Anticipated for 2023 | Paid for future years | For prior years | For 2023 | For future years | Not received for prior years | Not received for 2023 | Received for future years |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | - | 214,212 | 9,264 | - | 204,948 | 214,212 | - | - | 214,212 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 12,000 | 1,000 |  | - | - | - | 12,000 | 1,000 | - |
| United States of America | - | 1,065,799 |  | - | 1,065,799 | 94,196 | - |  | 94,196 |
| Uruguay | - | 4,505 |  | - | 4,505 |  | - |  |  |
| Uzbekistan | 16,385 | 1,322 | - | 2,644 | - | - | 13,741 | 1,322 |  |
| Vanuatu | 901 | 1,000 |  | - | - | - | 901 | 1,000 |  |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 320,938 | 8,568 | - | - | - | - | 320,938 | 8,568 | - |
| Viet Nam | - | 4,554 | - | - | 4,554 | - | - | - | - |
| Yemen | 15,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 15,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Zambia | 6,000 | 1,000 | - | - | - | - | 6,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Zimbabwe | 10,000 | 1,000 | - | 10,000 | 1,000 | 193 | - | - | 193 |
| Total | 1,593,691 | 4,844,799 | 426,968 | 295,007 | 4,132,932 | 431,797 | 1,298,684 | 336,458 | 483,356 |

## Annex 2

## Voluntary contributions from Contracting Parties in the Africa region

| Contracting Party | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total potential } \\ & \text { voluntary } \\ & \text { contributions } \\ & \text { 2009-2023 (CHF) } \end{aligned}$ | Voluntary contributions paid up to 31 December 2022 (CHF) | Total voluntary contributions received in 2023 (CHF) | Total voluntary contributions received for up to 31 December 2023 (CHF) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Angola | 2,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Benin | 15,000 | 9,956 |  | 9,956 |
| Botswana | 15,000 | 6,000 |  | 6,000 |
| Burkina Faso | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Burundi | 15,000 | 1,000 |  | 1,000 |
| Cabo Verde | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Cameroon | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Central African Republic | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Chad | 15,000 | 10,000 |  | 10,000 |
| Comoros | 15,000 | 4,000 |  | 4,000 |
| Congo | 15,000 | 3,246 |  | 3,246 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 14,846 | 4,000 |  | 4,000 |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Djibouti | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Eswatini | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Gabon | 15,000 | 1,625 |  | 1,625 |
| Gambia | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Ghana | 14,650 | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |
| Guinea | 15,000 | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Kenya | 13,712 | 10,531 |  | 10,531 |
| Lesotho | 15,000 | 3,795 |  | 3,795 |
| Liberia | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Libya | 2,532 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Madagascar | 15,000 | 10,874 |  | 10,874 |
| Malawi | 15,000 | 5,929 |  | 5,929 |
| Mali | 15,000 | 14,000 | 1,000 | 15,000 |
| Mauritania | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Mauritius | 15,000 | 14,000 | 1,000 | 15,000 |
| Mozambique | 15,000 | 3,000 |  | 3,000 |
| Namibia | 15,000 | 7,000 |  | 7,000 |
| Niger | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Rwanda | 15,000 | 3,000 |  | 3,000 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Senegal | 15,000 | 2,000 |  | 2,000 |
| Seychelles | 15,000 | 4,000 |  | 4,000 |
| Sierra Leone | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| South Sudan | 10,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Sudan | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Tanzania, United Republic of | 15,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Togo | 15,000 | 11,000 |  | 11,000 |
| Tunisia | 9,856 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Uganda | 15,000 | 8,828 |  | 8,828 |
| Zambia | 15,000 | 200 |  | 200 |
| Zimbabwe | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Total | 644,596 | 147,984 | 2,000 | 149,984 |


[^0]:    "17. URGES Contracting Parties with outstanding contributions to make a renewed effort to settle them as expeditiously as possible to enhance the financial sustainability of the Convention through contributions by all Contracting Parties;" and

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ See https://www.ramsar.org/document/convention-wetlands-monthly-status-assessed-contributions; the table is also accessible from https://www.ramsar.org/about/the-secretariat.

