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**Financial and budgetary matters**

**Status of annual contributions**

**Actions 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 16, 18, 19 and 20 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:

“*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 XIII.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* in paragraphs 17 and 18, the Conference of the Contracting Parties:

“*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

“*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 2021**

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 2021, all payments received in 2021 and the status of contributions at 31 December 2021.

5. As per the table in Annex 1, as of 31 December 2021, CHF 523K of contributions due for 2021 had not been received, which corresponds to 10.8% of the CHF 4,845K contributions expected in 2021. The total due for the years prior to 2021 amounted to CHF 1,013K (a decrease of 5.6% compared to 2020). Therefore, the total contributions due but not received by that date amounted to CHF 1,536K, which is a decrease of CHF 138K compared to 2020, or a decrease of 8.2%.

6. Contributions for 2021 had not been received, or not received in full, from 93 Contracting Parties by 31 December 2021 (compared to 86 at the end of 2020).

7. Table 1 below shows the status of contributions from 2017 to 2021 and the related provision for non-collection of contributions. The provision was increased by CHF 60K to CHF 1,050K at the end of 2021.

*Table 1: Status of contributions and provision for non-collection, 2017-2021 (CHF ‘000)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
| Assessed contributions from Contracting Parties | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 |
| Voluntary contribution from the United States of America | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 |
| Cumulative contributions not received by year end | 1,886 | 1,496 | 3,210 | 1,674 | 1,536 |
| Provision for non-collection (i.e. provision against contributions not received) | 720 | 663 | 896 | 990 | 1,050 |

8. In accordance with Decision SC57-39 taken by the Standing Committee at its 57th meeting, the provision for non-collection of outstanding contributions has been calculated since 2019 in accordance with the method proposed by the external auditor. As for prior years, a provision of 20% was applied on contributions not received within two years, 60% on contributions not received within three years, and 80% on contributions not received within four years. In addition, in accordance with Decision SC57-39, in order to fully comply with Swiss law, with the objective of incorporating the notion of economic risk resulting from delayed payment by some Contracting Parties over many years, a provision of 100% was applied on all outstanding balances of Contracting Parties which had not made a contribution payment to cover for outstanding contributions for the past four years, that is, for the years from 2018 to 2021.

9. In 2021 the full provision of 100% was applied to 41 Contracting Parties with total outstanding contributions of CHF 905K (comparing to 33 Contracting Parties with total outstanding contributions of CHF 769K in 2020), of which 11 Parties have not paid any contributions for more than ten years.

10. As of 31 December 2021, 101 Contracting Parties had paid all their contributions up to and including 2020 (compared to 102 Parties that at the end of 2020 had paid their contributions for the years up to 2019). Of these 101 Parties, 78 had also paid their full contributions for 2021 (compared to 74 Parties in 2020). During 2021, 9 Parties had already paid a total of CHF 730K towards their contributions for 2022. The Secretariat acknowledges, with appreciation, the consistent and prompt payment of these Contracting Parties.

11. A breakdown of the balances of outstanding contributions according to the year due, at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, is shown in Table 2 below. The balances of contributions outstanding for over three years increased from CHF 548K at 31 December 2020 to CHF 628K at 31 December 2021. Table 2 also shows the overall decrease in balances of outstanding contributions of CHF 138K.

*Table 2: Balances of outstanding contributions, 31 December 2021 compared to 31 December 2020 (in ‘000 CHF, includes possible rounding differences)*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year due**  | **Outstanding contribution balances (CHF ‘000)31/12/2020** | **Outstanding contribution balances (CHF ‘000)31/12/2021** | **Change (CHF ‘000)(2020-2021)**  |
| 2012 or before | 167 | 160 | -7 |
| 2013 | 64 | 64 | 0 |
| 2014 | 70 | 70 | 0 |
| 2015 | 72 | 72 | 0 |
| 2016 | 77 | 77 | 0 |
| 2017 | 97 | 86 | -11 |
| 2018 | 148 | 98 | -50 |
| 2019 | 388 | 127 | -261 |
| 2020 | 590 | 258 | -332 |
| 2021 | 0 | 523 | 523 |
| **Total** | **1,674** | **1,536** | **-138** |

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 SC58-18, 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, the Secretariat sent on 24 January 2022 a request to the Standing Committee to acknowledge the status of assessed contributions as at 31 December 2021. Since no comments were received within the given period of time, the outstanding contributions as at 31 December 2021 are considered as acknowledged.

14. In 2021, the status of outstanding contributions and the requirement for the provisions was discussed during the regional meetings that were held virtually prior to the Third Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (ExCOP3). The Secretariat informed Contracting Parties about the importance of regular payment of annual contributions, as well as the change in the methodology for the calculations of the provisions required to manage risks of non-payment. During the regional meetings Parties expressed support for the regular payment of outstanding contributions by all Parties.

**Actions for 2022**

15. In accordance with Resolution XIII.2, 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 2021, including with the Contracting Parties that have never paid any contribution.

16. 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]](#footnote-1), in the same format as the table presented in Annex 1.

17. Resolution XIII.2, 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 13th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP13).

18. In 2022 the Secretariat will continue, as in 2021, to share with Regional Representatives the status of outstanding contributions on a quarterly basis, for further action, in line with the above instructions.

19. 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.

20. 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 long-standing ones, to identify good practices and efforts that could be shared.

21. If Contracting Parties are late in their payments, the total of outstanding contributions will continue to increase. This 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**

22. At COP10, through Resolution X.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* paragraph 23, 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.

23. In Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 24 and 25, the Parties agreed on the process of the allocation of these contributions. The Standing Committee in Decision SC57-46 confirmed that the balance of the Africa region voluntary contributions as at 31 December 2018 was CHF 91K.

24. In accordance with Resolution XIII.2, the Secretariat has informed the Ramsar Regional Initiatives in Africa of the balance available and has invited them to submit requests to the Secretariat to access available funds in accordance with the provisions of Resolution XIII.9 on *Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2019-2021*. Requests received have been submitted to the African Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee for their decision on the allocation of available funds.

25. In 2020 the African Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee agreed to distribute the amount of CHF 91K in three equal parts of CHF 30.3K to the following Ramsar Regional Initiatives: 1) the Ramsar Centre for Eastern Africa (RAMCEA), 2) the Ramsar Regional Initiative for West African Coastal Zone Wetlands (WACOWet) and 3) the Ramsar Regional Initiative for the Niger River Basin (NigerWet). Two out of three RRIs have received the first tranche of allocated AVC funds in 2020, while the third RRI received the first tranche in the first half of 2021.

26. In 2021 one RRI received the second and final tranche of allocated AVC funds. The remaining two RRIs will receive the funds allocated to them upon submission of their final reports at the beginning of 2022.

27. Voluntary contributions received from the Contracting Parties in the Africa region amounted to CHF 11K in 2021, bringing the total amount for future allocations, with the balance of CHF 14K at the end of 2020, to CHF 25K. Voluntary contributions are listed in Annex 2 to the present document. After the accounts confirmation by the Standing Committee the Secretariat will contact the Regional Initiatives and the Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee in the African region on the allocation of this balance.

**Annex 1**

**Status of assessed contributions as at 31 December 2021 (in CHF)**

| Country | Status as of 1 January 2021 | Received in 2021 | Status as of 31 December 2021 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not received for prior years | Anticipated for 2021 | Paid for future years | For prior years | For 2021 | For future years | Not received for prior years | Not received for 2021 | Received for future Years |
| Albania | 67  | 1,000  |  - | 67  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Algeria | - | 6,755  |  - |  - |  6,755  | -  | - | - |  - |
| Andorra |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 13,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 13,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Argentina | 89,584  | 44,786  |  - | 44,798  |  - |  - | 44,786  |  44,786  | - |
| Armenia |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Australia |  - |  108,171  |  108,171  |  - |  - |  108,071  |  - | - | 108,071  |
| Austria |  - | 33,136  |  - |  - | 33,136  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Azerbaijan |  - | 2,398  |  - |  - | 2,398  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Bahamas | 2,058  | 1,000  |  - | 2,058  |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | - |
| Bahrain | 2,447  | 2,447  |  - | 2,447  | 2,247  |  - |  - | 200  | - |
| Bangladesh | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Barbados |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Belarus |  - | 2,398  |  - |  - | 2,398  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Belgium |  - | 40,185  |  - |  - | 40,185  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Belize | 9,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 9,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Benin | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Bhutan | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - | 2,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | - |
| Botswana | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Brazil | 288,625  |  144,293  |  - |  288,625  |  - |  - |  - | 144,293  | - |
| Bulgaria |  - | 2,252  |  - |  - | 2,252  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Burkina Faso | 2,824  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 2,824  | 1,000  | - |
| Burundi | 6,151  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 6,151  | 1,000  | - |
| Cabo Verde | 15,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 15,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Cambodia | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Cameroon | 9,247  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 9,247  | 1,000  | - |
| Canada |  - |  133,818  |  155,442  |  - |  - |  134,845  |  - | - | 156,469  |
| Central African Republic | 2,605  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 2,605  | 1,000  | - |
| Chad | 155  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - |  155  | 1,000  | - |
| Chile | 33,783  | 19,921  |  - | 15,825  |  - |  - | 17,959  |  19,921  | - |
| China |  - |  587,595  |  - |  - |  587,595  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Colombia | 43,941  | 14,096  |  - | 42,691  |  - |  - | 1,250  |  14,096  | - |
| Comoros | 8,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 8,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Congo | 7,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 7,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Costa Rica | 2,313  | 3,035  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 2,313  | 3,035  | - |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 2,844  | 1,000  |  - | 2,844  | 1,000  | 2,740  |  - | - | 2,740  |
| Croatia |  - | 3,769  |  - |  - | 3,769  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Cuba | 24,336  | 3,916  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 24,336  | 3,916  | - |
| Cyprus |  - | 1,762  |  - |  - | 1,762  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Czech Republic |  - | 15,222  | 15,222  |  - |  - | 15,218  |  - | -  |  15,218  |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 21,846  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 21,846  | 1,000  | - |
| Denmark |  - | 27,116  |  - |  - | 27,116  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Djibouti | 18,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 18,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Dominican Republic | 8,598  | 2,594  |  - | 2,408  |  - |  - | 6,191  | 2,594  | - |
| Ecuador | 12,017  | 3,916  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 12,017  | 3,916  | - |
| Egypt |  - | 9,104  |  - |  - | 9,104  |  - |  - | - | - |
| El Salvador | 1,036  | 1,000  |  - | 1,036  | 1  |   |  - | 999  | - |
| Equatorial Guinea | 7,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 7,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Estonia |  - | 1,909  |  - |  - | 1,909  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Eswatini | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | - |
| Fiji |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | - |
| Finland |  - | 20,606  |  - |  - | 20,606  |  - |  - | - | - |
| France |  - |  216,684  |  216,684  |  - |  - |  216,684  |  - | - | 216,684  |
| Gabon | 2,236  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 2,236  | 1,000  | - |
| Gambia | 9,261  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 9,261  | 1,000  | - |
| Georgia |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Germany |  - |  298,081  |  - |  - |  298,081  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Ghana | 3,979  | 1,000  |  - | 3,979  | 13  |  - |  - | 987  | - |
| Greece |  - | 17,914  |  - |  - | 17,914  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Grenada | 8,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 8,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Guatemala | 1,762  | 1,762  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,762  | 1,762  | - |
| Guinea | 7,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 7,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Guinea-Bissau | 13,110  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 13,110  | 1,000  | - |
| Honduras | 1,997  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,997  | 1,000  | - |
| Hungary |  - | 10,083  |  - |  - | 10,083  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Iceland |  - | 1,370  |  - |  - | 1,370  |  - |  - | - | - |
| India |  - | 40,821  |  - |  - | 40,821  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Indonesia | 26,578  | 26,578  |  - | 26,578  |  - |  - |  - |  26,578  | - |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 56,126  | 19,480  |  - | 19,785  |  - |  - | 36,342  |  19,480  | - |
| Iraq | 18,938  | 6,314  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 18,938  | 6,314  | - |
| Ireland |  - | 18,159  | 2,220  |  - | 15,939  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Israel | 23,984  | 23,984  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 23,984  |  23,984  | - |
| Italy |  - |  161,864  |  - |  - |  161,864  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Jamaica |  - | 1,000  | 35  |  - |  965  | 35  |  - | - |  35  |
| Japan |  - |  419,173  |  - |  - |  419,173  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Jordan | 1,000  | 1,028  |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - | 1,028  | - |
| Kazakhstan |  - | 8,712  |  - |  - | 8,712  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Kenya | 1,175  | 1,175  |  - | 1,175  | 1,175  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Kiribati | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic of  | 2,583  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,583  | 1,000  | - |
| Kuwait | 24,672  | 12,334  |  - | 12,334  |  - |  - | 12,338  |  12,334  | - |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Latvia |  - | 2,300  |  - |  - | 2,300  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Lebanon | 9,705  | 2,300  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 9,705  | 2,300  | - |
| Lesotho | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - | 4,000  | 1,000  | 2,205  |  - | - | 2,205  |
| Liberia | 15,110  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 15,110  | 1,000  | - |
| Libya | 55,683  | 1,468  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 55,683  | 1,468  | - |
| Liechtenstein |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Lithuania |  - | 3,475  |  - |  - | 3,475  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Luxembourg |  - | 3,279  |  - |  - | 3,279  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Madagascar |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Malawi | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 4,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Malaysia |  - | 16,691  |  - |  - | 16,691  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Mali |  - | 1,000  | 4,055  |  - | 1,005  |  - |  - | - | 4,060  |
| Malta |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Marshall Islands | 5,161  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 5,161  | 1,000  | - |
| Mauritania |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | - | - |
| Mauritius | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Mexico |  - | 63,238  |  - |  - | 63,238  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Monaco |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Mongolia | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Montenegro |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Morocco | 5,385  | 2,692  |  - | 5,385  |  - |  - |  - | 2,692  | - |
| Mozambique | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 4,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Myanmar | 70  | 1,000  |  - | 70  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Namibia | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | - |
| Nepal | 5,000  | 1,000  |  - | 5,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Netherlands |  - | 66,371  |  - |  - | 66,371  |  - |  - | - | - |
| New Zealand |  - | 14,243  |  - |  - | 14,243  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Nicaragua | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 4,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Niger | 13,192  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 13,192  | 1,000  | - |
| Nigeria | 95,917  | 12,236  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 95,917  |  12,236  | - |
| North Macedonia | 9,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 9,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Norway |  - | 36,905  |  - |  - | 36,905  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Oman | 21,762  | 5,629  |  - | 21,762  |  651  |  - |  - | 4,978  | - |
| Pakistan | 7,366  | 5,629  |  - | 3,551  |  - |  - | 3,815  | 5,629  | - |
| Palau | 16,998  | 1,000  |  - | 1,011  |  - |  - | 15,987  | 1,000  | - |
| Panama |  - | 2,203  |  114  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 2,089  | - |
| Papua New Guinea | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 4,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Paraguay | 1,217  | 1,000  |  - | 1,217  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Peru | 6,630  | 7,440  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 6,630  | 7,440  | - |
| Philippines |  - | 10,034  |  - |  - | 10,034  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Poland |  - | 39,255  |  - |  - | 39,255  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Portugal |  - | 17,131  |  - |  - |  - |  - |  - |  17,131  | - |
| Republic of Korea |  - |  110,960  |  - |  - |  110,960  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Republic of Moldova  |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | - |
| Romania |  - | 9,691  |  - |  - |  - |  - |  - | 9,691  | - |
| Russian Federation |  - |  117,715  |  - |  - |  117,715  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Rwanda |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | - |
| Saint Lucia |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Samoa | 2,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 14,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 14,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Senegal | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 3,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Serbia |  - | 1,370  |  - |  - | 1,370  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Seychelles | 2,000  | 1,000  |  - | 2,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Sierra Leone | 4,377  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 4,377  | 1,000  | - |
| Slovakia |  - | 7,489  |  - |  - | 7,489  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Slovenia |  - | 3,720  |  - |  - | 3,720  |  - |  - | - | - |
| South Africa | 13,313  | 13,313  |  - | 13,313  |  - |  - |  - |  13,313  | - |
| South Sudan | 7,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 7,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Spain | 105,038  |  105,038  |  - |  105,038  |  105,038  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Sri Lanka | 2,154  | 2,154  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 2,154  | 2,154  | - |
| Sudan | 15,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 15,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Suriname | 6,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 6,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Sweden |  - | 44,345  |  - |  - | 44,345  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Switzerland |  - | 56,337  |  - |  - | 56,337  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 4,348  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 4,348  | 1,000  | - |
| Tajikistan | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - | 1,000  | - |
| Thailand |  - | 15,026  |  - |  - | 15,026  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Togo |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 4,986  | 1,958  |  - | 4,986  |  - |  - |  - | 1,958  | - |
| Tunisia | 2,742  | 1,224  |  - | 2,742  | 1,224  | 1,224  |  - | - | 1,224  |
| Turkey |  - | 67,105  |  - |  - | 67,105  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Turkmenistan | 10,044  | 1,615  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 10,044  | 1,615  | - |
| Uganda | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Ukraine | 2,790  | 2,790  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 2,790  | 2,790  | - |
| United Arab Emirates |  - | 30,151  |  - |  - | 30,151  |  - |  - | - | - |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |  - |  223,536  | 61  |  - |  223,475  |  223,476  |  - | - | 223,476  |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 11,000  | 1,000  |  - | 1,000  |  - |  - | 10,000  | 1,000  | - |
| United States of America |  -  | 1,065,801  |  - |  - | 1,056,519  |  - |  -  | 9,282  | - |
| Uruguay | 4,258  | 4,258  |  - | 4,258  | 4,258  |  - |  - | - | - |
| Uzbekistan | 16,188  | 1,566  |  - | 2,691  |  - |  - | 13,497  | 1,566  | - |
| Vanuatu |  - | 1,000  | 46  |  - |  954  | 99  |  - | - |  99  |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 276,737  | 35,633  |  - |  - |  - |  - |  276,737  |  35,633  | - |
| Viet Nam |  - | 3,769  |  - |  - |  930  |  - |  - | 2,839  | - |
| Yemen | 13,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 13,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Zambia | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 4,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Zimbabwe | 8,000  | 1,000  |  - |  - |  - |  - | 8,000  | 1,000  | - |
| Total | **1,674,049**  | **4,844,799**  | **503,050**  | **660,673**  | **3,844,406**  | **704,597**  | **1,013,376**  | **523,028**  | **730,281**  |

**Annex 2**

**Voluntary contributions from Contracting Parties in the Africa region**

| Contracting Party | Total potential voluntary contributions 2009-2021 (CHF) | Voluntary contributions paid up to 31 December 2020 (CHF) | Voluntary contributions paid for / in 2021 (CHF) | Total voluntary contributions received for up to 31 Dec. 2021 (CHF) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Benin | 13,000 | 9,956 |   | 9,956 |
| Botswana | 13,000 | 6,000 |   | 6,000 |
| Burkina Faso | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Burundi | 13,000 | 1,000 |   | 1,000 |
| Cameroon | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Cape Verde | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Central African Republic | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Chad | 13,000 | 10,000 |   | 10,000 |
| Comoros | 13,000 | 4,000 |   | 4,000 |
| Congo | 13,000 | 3,246 |   | 3,246 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 13,000 | 4,000 |   | 4,000 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Djibouti | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Eswatini | 9,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Gabon | 13,000 | 1,625 |   | 1,625 |
| Gambia | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Ghana | 13,000 | 5,000 |   | 5,000 |
| Guinea | 13,000 | 5,000 |   | 5,000 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Kenya | 13,000 | 10,000 |   | 10,000 |
| Lesotho | 13,000 | 3,795 |   | 3,795 |
| Liberia | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Libya | 532 |  |  |  |
| Madagascar (a) | 13,000 | 8,860 | 2,013 | 10,874 |
| Malawi | 13,000 | 5,929 |   | 5,929 |
| Mali | 13,000 | 12,000 | 1,000 | 13,000 |
| Mauritania | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Mauritius | 13,000 | 5,000 | 8,000 | 13,000 |
| Mozambique | 13,000 | 3,000 |   | 3,000 |
| Namibia | 13,000 | 7,000 |   | 7,000 |
| Niger | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Rwanda | 13,000 | 3,000 |   | 3,000 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Senegal | 13,000 | 2,000 |   | 2,000 |
| Seychelles | 13,000 | 4,000 |   | 4,000 |
| Sierra Leone | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| South Sudan | 8,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Sudan | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Tanzania, United Republic of | 13,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Togo | 13,000 | 11,000 |   | 11,000 |
| Tunisia | 7,632 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Uganda | 13,000 | 7,828 |   | 7,828 |
| Zambia | 13,000 | 200 |   | 200 |
| Zimbabwe | 9,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Total | **554,164** | **133,439** | **11,013** | **144,453** |

1. See <https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/status_contributions.pdf>; the table is also accessible from <https://www.ramsar.org/about/the-secretariat>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)