



## 9th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

*“Wetlands and water: supporting life, sustaining livelihoods”*

Kampala, Uganda, 8-15 November 2005

### Resolution IX.12

#### Financial and budgetary matters

1. RECALLING the budgetary provisions established by Article 6, paragraphs 5 and 6, of the Convention;
2. ACKNOWLEDGING WITH APPRECIATION the prompt payment by the majority of Contracting Parties of their contributions to the core budget of the Convention, but NOTING WITH CONCERN that a number of Parties are significantly in arrears (COP9 DOC. 34);
3. NOTING WITH GRATITUDE the additional financial contributions made by many Contracting Parties through their Ramsar Administrative Authorities and other agencies, including some development assistance agencies, and also the contributions made by non-governmental organizations and the private sector for activities undertaken by the Secretariat, including the following sources: BirdLife International, Danone Group, IUCN-The World Conservation Union, the MAVA Foundation, Minera Escondida, Rio Tinto, UNEP, the University of California at Berkeley, Wetlands International, the World Bank, and WWF International;
4. ACKNOWLEDGING ONCE MORE WITH APPRECIATION the effective financial and administrative services provided to the Secretariat by IUCN – The World Conservation Union; and
5. NOTING that Contracting Parties have been kept informed of the financial situation of the Convention Secretariat through the financial audited reports for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 and the reports of the Standing Committee meetings in 2003, 2004 and 2005 that have been circulated to Contracting Parties;

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6. NOTES WITH PLEASURE that since Ramsar COP8 in 2002 the Secretariat has managed the Convention's funds prudently and efficiently, despite the problems with the overly optimistic income projections adopted at COP8 in Resolution VIII.27, and LOOKS FORWARD to seeing improved financial reporting arising from the new management arrangements with IUCN;
7. URGES the Secretary General, in managing the budget, to attempt to refill the Reserve Fund established by Resolution VI.17, which will also partly fulfil the need to have a prudent reserve in the unlikely event of the sudden dissolution of the Secretariat;

8. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Contracting Parties that have served in the Subgroup on Finance of the Standing Committee during the past triennium, and in particular to Canada, which acted as Chair of the Subgroup;
9. DECIDES that the Terms of Reference for the Financial Administration of the Convention contained in Annex 3 to Resolution 5.2 shall be applied *in toto* to the 2006-2008 triennium;
10. FURTHER DECIDES that the Subgroup on Finance, as established by Resolution VI.17, shall continue to operate under the aegis of the Standing Committee and with the roles and responsibilities specified in that Resolution;
11. APPROVES the budget for the 2006-2008 triennium as attached as Annex I to enable the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Convention;
12. INSTRUCES the Standing Committee to ensure that the presentation of financial information concerning all of the Convention's income and expenditures is improved so that the information is clearer and easier to track;
13. AUTHORIZES the Standing Committee, with the advice of its Subgroup on Finance, to change budgetary allocations between budget lines in the light of significant positive or negative changes during the triennium to the rates of inflation and interest income projected in the budget;
14. AGREES that the staff of the Ramsar Secretariat will not exceed 25 members in the core budget of the Convention without the authorization of the Standing Committee;
15. CHARGES the Standing Committee to propose to COP10 a restructuring of the Subgroup on Finance that strengthens continuity of membership across triennia;
16. REQUESTS the Secretariat to investigate ways and means of managing the database needs of the Convention in a manner which reduces the line item for the Ramsar Sites Database;
17. DECIDES that the contribution of each Contracting Party to this budget (other than those making voluntary contributions) should be in accordance with the scale of assessments for the contribution of Member States to the United Nations budget as approved by the UN General Assembly, except in the case of Contracting Parties which, in applying the UN scale, would make annual contributions to the Ramsar Convention budget of less than SFR 1,000, in which case the annual contribution shall be that amount. The difference between the assessed contribution for these Contracting Parties according to the UN scale and the minimum threshold of SFR 1,000 shall be allocated, when actual payments have been effected, to another budget line or lines of the core budget, on the advice of the Standing Committee's Subgroup on Finance. All other Contracting Parties will continue to be assessed in accordance with the UN scale of contributions as indicated in Annex II, except in the case of those Contracting Parties making voluntary contributions, as indicated in Annex I;

18. CALLS UPON all Contracting Parties to pay their contributions promptly by 1 January of each year, URGES Contracting Parties in arrears to make a renewed effort to settle them as expeditiously as possible, and AGREES that the Standing Committee at its 34<sup>th</sup> meeting should consider options for dealing with Parties which are consistently in arrears with payments to the Convention, based on an analysis by the Secretary General of the practices in other conventions; and
19. AFFIRMS that the rate of increase of the Ramsar Convention budget for the triennium 2006-2008 shall not be considered as setting a precedent for the budget of any other international convention and has been passed noting the official position of concerned Parties supporting zero nominal growth for all international conventions.

## Annex I

### Core budget 2006-2008 (Swiss francs)

#### Income

The forecast income for 2006-2008 represents a 4% increase per year, based on the COP8-budgeted Party allocations for 2005 (Resolution VIII.27 Annex I and Annex II of this document). The annual 4% increase encompasses an indexation of 1.5% to cover inflation for the budget lines concerning staff, administration and operating costs, and travel and subsistence costs (see the Comments column on the Expenditure chart on the next page).

|                               | 2005<br>(Forecast) | 2006       | 2007      | 2008      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Contributions from Parties | 2,843,619          | 2,965,864  | 3,080,436 | 3,200,413 |
| 2. Voluntary contribution USA | 787,322            | 836,526    | 868,841   | 902,681   |
| 3. Swiss income tax rebate    | 240,000            | 240,000    | 245,000   | 250,000   |
| 4. Interest                   | 15,000             | 12,000     | 12,000    | 12,000    |
| TOTAL INCOME                  | 3,885,941*         | 4,054,390  | 4,206,277 | 4,365,094 |
| Budgeted expenditure          | 3,885,941*         | 4,090,861  | 4,206,277 | 4,365,094 |
| Difference                    |                    | - 36,471** | 0         | 0         |

\* The forecast income and expenditure figures given here are lower than the COP8-approved figures as provided in the Expenditure table on the following page, and are those following budget adjustments determined by the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee (see also paragraph 6 of the Resolution).

\*\* The Reserve Fund will cover the SFr 36,471 negative difference for 2006, as illustrated in the Expenditure table in Annex I.

#### Notes on income:

line 1. Annual contributions from Contracting Parties (see Annex II for the list of contributions for 2006).

line 3. The Swiss Government, in addition to paying its annual contributions, allows the Secretariat to retain for the Ramsar core budget the income tax that would have been owed by the non-Swiss Secretariat staff.

line 4. Interest earned on deposits of cash not immediately needed for disbursement.

## Core budget 2006-2008 (Swiss francs)

### Expenditure

| Budget lines   | 2006              | 2007             | 2008             | Comments                |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1. STAFF COSTS</b>  |                   |                  |                  |                         |
| a) Salaries and social charges   | 2,392,483         | 2,428,370        | 2,464,796        | Indexation at 1.5% p.a. |
| b) Other employment benefits   | 97,015            | 98,470           | 99,947           | Indexation at 1.5% p.a. |
| c) Staff hiring and departure costs  | 25,000            | 25,375           | 26,756           | Indexation at 1.5% p.a. |
| <b>Sub-total</b>   | <b>2,514,498*</b> | <b>2,552,215</b> | <b>2,590,499</b> |                         |
| <b>2. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>  |                   |                  |                  |                         |
| a) Ramsar Sites Database   | 160,000           | 160,000          | 170,000          |                         |
| b) STRP  | 200,675           | 203,310          | 205,985          |                         |
| <b>3. SUPPORT TO REGIONAL INITIATIVES</b>  |                   |                  |                  |                         |
| a) Regional networks (cooperation)   | 106,000           | 102,382          | 179,190          | **                      |
| b) Regional centers (training & capacity-building)   | 100,000           | 100,000          | 100,000          | **                      |
| <b>Sub-total</b>   | <b>206,000**</b>  | <b>202,382</b>   | <b>279,190</b>   |                         |
| <b>4. TRAVEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS<br/>(International)</b>  | <b>120,000</b>    | <b>121,800</b>   | <b>123,627</b>   | Indexation at 1.5%      |
| <b>5. PURCHASE &amp; MAINTENANCE OF<br/>EQUIPMENT/ OFFICE SUPPLIES</b> (including<br>depreciation) | <b>25,000</b>     | <b>25,000</b>    | <b>25,000</b>    |                         |
| <b>6. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES &amp;<br/>OPERATING COSTS</b>  |                   |                  |                  |                         |
| a) IUCN Services   | 531,812           | 546,816          | 567,462          | 13% of budget           |
| b) Operating Costs   | 70,000            | 91,500           | 99,617           |                         |
| c) Simultaneous interpretation at SC meetings  | 25,000            | 25,375           | 25,756           | Indexation at 1.5%      |
| d) Communications & Reporting  | 125,000           | 142,250          | 150,903          |                         |
| <b>7. OUTREACH / CEPA</b>  | <b>17,201</b>     | <b>39,268</b>    | <b>30,000</b>    |                         |
| <b>8. SUBSIDIARY BODIES</b>  |                   |                  |                  |                         |
| a) Standing Committee delegates' support   | 45,675            | 46,360           | 47,056           | Indexation at 5%        |
| <b>9. MISCELLANEOUS</b>  |                   |                  |                  |                         |
| a) Bad debt provision  | 50,000            | 50,000           | 50,000           |                         |
| b) Exchange loss   |                   |                  |                  |                         |
| <b>COP related costs incurred by the Bureau</b>  |                   |                  |                  |                         |
| <b>TOTAL FORECAST EXPENDITURE</b>  | <b>4,090,861</b>  | <b>4,206,277</b> | <b>4,365,094</b> |                         |
| <b>FORECAST INCOME</b>   | <b>4,054,390</b>  | <b>4,206,277</b> | <b>4,365,094</b> |                         |
| <i>Borrowed from reserve fund</i>  | 36,471            |                  |                  |                         |
| Difference   | 0                 | 0                | 0                |                         |

#### Explanatory notes:

\* The 2006 total salaries includes the outposted Ramsar regional officer for Oceania.

\*\* Regional Initiatives allocations, for 2006 only (see also Resolution IX.7), are:

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| MedWet Initiative      | SFR 26,000 |
| WacoWet (West Africa)  | SFR 60,000 |
| High Andean Initiative | SFR 20,000 |

Ramsar Centre, I.R. Iran  
CREHO (Panama Centre)

SFR 20,000  
SFR 80,000

## Annex II

## Annual Contributions – 2006 invoices (Swiss francs)

**Note: Annual contributions for 2006 are fixed; depending on the 2007-2009 UN percentage calculations schedule, those for 2007 and 2008 may vary.**

| Member state                  | UN<br>Rate<br>% | Ramsar<br>Rate<br>% | 2005<br>Amount<br>SFr | 2006<br>Amount<br>SFr | Change<br>% | 2007<br>Amount<br>SFr | Change<br>% | 2008<br>Amount<br>SFr | Change<br>% |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Albania                       | 0.0050          | 0.0051              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Algeria                       | 0.0760          | 0.0778              | 2,785                 | 2,896                 | 4.00%       | 3,012                 | 4.00%       | 3,133                 | 4.00%       |
| Antigua & Barbuda             | 0.0030          | 0.0031              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Argentina                     | 0.9560          | 0.9786              | 35,033                | 36,434                | 4.00%       | 37,892                | 4.00%       | 39,407                | 4.00%       |
| Armenia                       | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Australia                     | 1.5920          | 1.6296              | 58,339                | 60,673                | 4.00%       | 63,099                | 4.00%       | 65,623                | 4.00%       |
| Austria                       | 0.8590          | 0.8793              | 31,478                | 32,737                | 4.00%       | 34,047                | 4.00%       | 35,408                | 4.00%       |
| Azerbaijan                    | 0.0050          | 0.0051              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Bahamas                       | 0.0130          | 0.0133              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Bahrain                       | 0.0300          | 0.0307              | 1,099                 | 1,143                 | 4.00%       | 1,189                 | 4.00%       | 1,236                 | 4.00%       |
| Bangladesh                    | 0.0100          | 0.0102              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Belarus                       | 0.0180          | 0.0184              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Belgium                       | 1.0690          | 1.0942              | 39,174                | 40,741                | 4.00%       | 42,371                | 4.00%       | 44,065                | 4.00%       |
| Belize                        | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Benin                         | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Bolivia                       | 0.0090          | 0.0092              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina        | 0.0030          | 0.0031              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Botswana                      | 0.0120          | 0.0123              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Brazil                        | 1.5230          | 1.5589              | 55,811                | 58,043                | 4.00%       | 60,365                | 4.00%       | 62,780                | 4.00%       |
| Bulgaria                      | 0.0170          | 0.0174              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Burkina Faso                  | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Burundi                       | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Cambodia                      | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Canada                        | 2.8130          | 2.8794              | 103,083               | 107,206               | 4.00%       | 111,495               | 4.00%       | 115,954               | 4.00%       |
| Cape Verde                    | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Chad                          | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Chile                         | 0.2230          | 0.2283              | 8,172                 | 8,499                 | 4.00%       | 8,839                 | 4.00%       | 9,192                 | 4.00%       |
| China                         | 2.0530          | 2.1015              | 75,233                | 78,242                | 4.00%       | 81,372                | 4.00%       | 84,627                | 4.00%       |
| Colombia                      | 0.1550          | 0.1587              | 5,680                 | 5,907                 | 4.00%       | 6,143                 | 4.00%       | 6,389                 | 4.00%       |
| Comoros                       | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Congo                         | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Congo, Democratic Republic of | 0.0030          | 0.0031              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Costa Rica                    | 0.0300          | 0.0307              | 1,099                 | 1,143                 | 4.00%       | 1,189                 | 4.00%       | 1,236                 | 4.00%       |
| Côte d'Ivoire                 | 0.0100          | 0.0102              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Croatia                       | 0.0370          | 0.0379              | 1,356                 | 1,410                 | 4.00%       | 1,467                 | 4.00%       | 1,525                 | 4.00%       |
| Cuba                          | 0.0430          | 0.0440              | 1,576                 | 1,639                 | 4.00%       | 1,705                 | 4.00%       | 1,773                 | 4.00%       |
| Cyprus                        | 0.0390          | 0.0399              | 1,429                 | 1,486                 | 4.00%       | 1,546                 | 4.00%       | 1,607                 | 4.00%       |
| Czech Republic                | 0.1830          | 0.1873              | 6,706                 | 6,974                 | 4.00%       | 7,253                 | 4.00%       | 7,543                 | 4.00%       |

| Member state                 | UN<br>Rate<br>% | Ramsar<br>Rate<br>% | 2005<br>Amount<br>SFr | 2006<br>Amount<br>SFr | Change<br>% | 2007<br>Amount<br>SFr | Change<br>% | 2008<br>Amount<br>SFr | Change<br>% |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Denmark                      | 0.7180          | 0.7349              | 26,311                | 27,363                | 4.00%       | 28,458                | 4.00%       | 29,596                | 4.00%       |
| Djibouti                     | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Dominican<br>Republic        | 0.0350          | 0.0358              | 1,283                 | 1,334                 | 4.00%       | 1,388                 | 4.00%       | 1,443                 | 4.00%       |
| Ecuador                      | 0.0190          | 0.0194              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Egypt                        | 0.1200          | 0.1228              | 4,397                 | 4,573                 | 4.00%       | 4,756                 | 4.00%       | 4,946                 | 4.00%       |
| El Salvador                  | 0.0220          | 0.0225              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Equatorial<br>Guinea         | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Estonia                      | 0.0120          | 0.0123              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Finland                      | 0.5330          | 0.5456              | 19,532                | 20,313                | 4.00%       | 21,126                | 4.00%       | 21,971                | 4.00%       |
| France                       | 6.0300          | 6.1723              | 220,971               | 229,810               | 4.00%       | 239,002               | 4.00%       | 248,562               | 4.00%       |
| Gabon                        | 0.0090          | 0.0092              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Gambia                       | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Georgia                      | 0.0030          | 0.0031              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Germany                      | 8.6620          | 8.8665              | 317,421               | 330,118               | 4.00%       | 343,323               | 4.00%       | 357,055               | 4.00%       |
| Ghana                        | 0.0040          | 0.0041              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Greece                       | 0.5300          | 0.5425              | 19,422                | 20,199                | 4.00%       | 21,007                | 4.00%       | 21,847                | 4.00%       |
| Guatemala                    | 0.0300          | 0.0307              | 1,099                 | 1,143                 | 4.00%       | 1,189                 | 4.00%       | 1,236                 | 4.00%       |
| Guinea                       | 0.0030          | 0.0031              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Guinea-Bissau                | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Honduras                     | 0.0050          | 0.0051              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Hungary                      | 0.1260          | 0.1290              | 4,617                 | 4,802                 | 4.00%       | 4,994                 | 4.00%       | 5,193                 | 4.00%       |
| Iceland                      | 0.0340          | 0.0348              | 1,246                 | 1,296                 | 4.00%       | 1,348                 | 4.00%       | 1,402                 | 4.00%       |
| India                        | 0.4210          | 0.4309              | 15,428                | 16,045                | 4.00%       | 16,687                | 4.00%       | 17,354                | 4.00%       |
| Indonesia                    | 0.1420          | 0.1454              | 5,204                 | 5,412                 | 4.00%       | 5,629                 | 4.00%       | 5,854                 | 4.00%       |
| Iran, Islamic<br>Republic of | 0.1570          | 0.1607              | 5,753                 | 5,983                 | 4.00%       | 6,222                 | 4.00%       | 6,471                 | 4.00%       |
| Ireland                      | 0.3500          | 0.3583              | 12,826                | 13,339                | 4.00%       | 13,873                | 4.00%       | 14,428                | 4.00%       |
| Israel                       | 0.4670          | 0.4780              | 17,113                | 17,798                | 4.00%       | 18,509                | 4.00%       | 19,250                | 4.00%       |
| Italy                        | 4.8850          | 5.0003              | 179,012               | 186,172               | 4.00%       | 193,619               | 4.00%       | 201,364               | 4.00%       |
| Jamaica                      | 0.0080          | 0.0082              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Japan                        | 19.4680         | 19.9275             | 713,409               | 741,945               | 4.00%       | 771,623               | 4.00%       | 802,488               | 4.00%       |
| Jordan                       | 0.0110          | 0.0113              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Kenya                        | 0.0090          | 0.0092              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Korea,<br>Republic of        | 1.7960          | 1.8384              | 65,815                | 68,448                | 4.00%       | 71,186                | 4.00%       | 74,033                | 4.00%       |
| Kyrgyz<br>Republic           | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Latvia                       | 0.0150          | 0.0154              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Lebanon                      | 0.0240          | 0.0246              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Lesotho,<br>Kingdom of       | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Liberia                      | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Libyan Arab<br>Jamahiriya    | 0.1320          | 0.1351              | 4,837                 | 5,030                 | 4.00%       | 5,232                 | 4.00%       | 5,441                 | 4.00%       |
| Liechtenstein                | 0.0050          | 0.0051              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Lithuania                    | 0.0240          | 0.0246              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Luxembourg                   | 0.0770          | 0.0788              | 2,822                 | 2,935                 | 4.00%       | 3,052                 | 4.00%       | 3,174                 | 4.00%       |
| Madagascar                   | 0.0030          | 0.0031              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Malawi                       | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Malaysia                     | 0.2030          | 0.2078              | 7,439                 | 7,737                 | 4.00%       | 8,046                 | 4.00%       | 8,368                 | 4.00%       |
| Mali                         | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Malta                        | 0.0140          | 0.0143              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |



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| Marshall Islands      | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Mauritania            | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Mauritius             | 0.0110          | 0.0113              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Mexico                | 1.8830          | 1.9274              | 69,003                | 71,763                | 4.00%       | 74,634                | 4.00%       | 77,619                | 4.00%       |
| Moldova, Republic of  | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Monaco                | 0.0030          | 0.0031              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Mongolia              | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Morocco               | 0.0470          | 0.0481              | 1,722                 | 1,791                 | 4.00%       | 1,000                 | -44.16%     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Mozambique            | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Myanmar               | 0.0100          | 0.0102              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Namibia               | 0.0060          | 0.0061              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Nepal                 | 0.0040          | 0.0041              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Netherlands           | 1.6900          | 1.7299              | 61,930                | 64,407                | 4.00%       | 66,983                | 4.00%       | 69,663                | 4.00%       |
| New Zealand           | 0.2210          | 0.2262              | 8,099                 | 8,423                 | 4.00%       | 8,760                 | 4.00%       | 9,110                 | 4.00%       |
| Nicaragua             | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Niger                 | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Nigeria               | 0.0420          | 0.0430              | 1,539                 | 1,601                 | 4.00%       | 1,665                 | 4.00%       | 1,731                 | 4.00%       |
| Norway                | 0.6790          | 0.6950              | 24,882                | 25,877                | 4.00%       | 26,912                | 4.00%       | 27,989                | 4.00%       |
| Pakistan              | 0.0550          | 0.0563              | 2,015                 | 2,096                 | 4.00%       | 2,179                 | 4.00%       | 2,267                 | 4.00%       |
| Palau                 | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Panama                | 0.0190          | 0.0194              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Papua New Guinea      | 0.0030          | 0.0031              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Paraguay              | 0.0120          | 0.0123              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Peru                  | 0.0920          | 0.0942              | 3,371                 | 3,506                 | 4.00%       | 3,646                 | 4.00%       | 3,792                 | 4.00%       |
| Philippines           | 0.0950          | 0.0972              | 3,481                 | 3,620                 | 4.00%       | 3,765                 | 4.00%       | 3,916                 | 4.00%       |
| Poland                | 0.4610          | 0.4719              | 16,893                | 17,569                | 4.00%       | 18,271                | 4.00%       | 19,002                | 4.00%       |
| Portugal              | 0.4700          | 0.4811              | 17,223                | 17,912                | 4.00%       | 18,628                | 4.00%       | 19,374                | 4.00%       |
| Romania               | 0.0600          | 0.0614              | 2,199                 | 2,287                 | 4.00%       | 2,378                 | 4.00%       | 2,474                 | 4.00%       |
| Russian Federation    | 1.1000          | 1.1260              | 40,310                | 41,922                | 4.00%       | 43,599                | 4.00%       | 45,343                | 4.00%       |
| Saint Lucia           | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Samoa                 | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Senegal               | 0.0050          | 0.0051              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 0.0190          | 0.0194              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Seychelles            | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Sierra Leone          | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Slovak Republic       | 0.0510          | 0.0522              | 1,869                 | 1,944                 | 4.00%       | 2,022                 | 4.00%       | 2,102                 | 4.00%       |
| Slovenia              | 0.0820          | 0.0839              | 3,005                 | 3,125                 | 4.00%       | 3,250                 | 4.00%       | 3,380                 | 4.00%       |
| South Africa          | 0.2920          | 0.2989              | 10,700                | 11,128                | 4.00%       | 11,573                | 4.00%       | 12,036                | 4.00%       |
| Spain                 | 2.5200          | 2.5795              | 92,346                | 96,040                | 4.00%       | 99,881                | 4.00%       | 103,877               | 4.00%       |
| Sri Lanka             | 0.0170          | 0.0174              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Sudan                 | 0.0080          | 0.0082              | -                     | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Suriname              | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Sweden                | 0.9980          | 1.0216              | 36,572                | 38,035                | 4.00%       | 39,556                | 4.00%       | 41,139                | 4.00%       |
| Switzerland           | 1.1970          | 1.2253              | 43,864                | 45,619                | 4.00%       | 47,443                | 4.00%       | 49,341                | 4.00%       |
| Syrian Arab Republic  | 0.0380          | 0.0389              | 1,393                 | 1,449                 | 4.00%       | 1,507                 | 4.00%       | 1,567                 | 4.00%       |
| Tajikistan            | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |

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| Tanzania,<br>United<br>Republic of | 0.0060          | 0.0061              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Thailand                           | 0.2090          | 0.2139              | 7,659                 | 7,965                 | 4.00%       | 8,284                 | 4.00%       | 8,615                 | 4.00%       |
| The FYR of<br>Macedonia            | 0.0060          | 0.0061              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Togo                               | 0.0010          | 0.0010              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Trinidad And<br>Tobago             | 0.0220          | 0.0225              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Tunisia                            | 0.0320          | 0.0328              | 1,173                 | 1,220                 | 4.00%       | 1,269                 | 4.00%       | 1,319                 | 4.00%       |
| Turkey                             | 0.3720          | 0.3808              | 13,632                | 14,177                | 4.00%       | 14,744                | 4.00%       | 15,334                | 4.00%       |
| Uganda                             | 0.0060          | 0.0061              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Ukraine                            | 0.0390          | 0.0399              | 1,429                 | 1,486                 | 4.00%       | 1,546                 | 4.00%       | 1,607                 | 4.00%       |
| United<br>Kingdom                  | 6.1270          | 6.2716              | 224,525               | 233,506               | 4.00%       | 242,846               | 4.00%       | 252,560               | 4.00%       |
| Uruguay                            | 0.0480          | 0.0491              | 1,759                 | 1,829                 | 4.00%       | 1,903                 | 4.00%       | 1,979                 | 4.00%       |
| Uzbekistan                         | 0.0140          | 0.0143              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Venezuela                          | 0.1710          | 0.1750              | 6,266                 | 6,517                 | 4.00%       | 6,777                 | 4.00%       | 7,048                 | 4.00%       |
| Viet Nam                           | 0.0210          | 0.0215              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
| Zambia                             | 0.0020          | 0.0020              | 1,000                 | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       | 1,000                 | 0.00%       |
|                                    |                 |                     |                       | <b>2,965,864</b>      |             | <b>3,080,436</b>      |             | <b>3,200,413</b>      |             |
| Other<br>Contributions             | 22.0000         | 22.00               | <b>787,322</b>        | <b>836,526</b>        | 6.25%       | <b>868,841</b>        | 3.86%       | <b>902,681</b>        | 3.89%       |
| USA                                | 98.2020         | 100.00              | <b>3,633,191</b>      | <b>3,802,390</b>      |             | <b>3,949,277</b>      |             | <b>4,103,094</b>      |             |