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#### Review of past activities and discussion of future activities in the different areas of work

## Overview of contributions and expenditures in 2013–2015

### Note by the secretariat

#### *Summary*

The present document reports on the contributions and expenditures related to the implementation of the programme of work for the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes for the period 2013–2015 (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.1), which was adopted at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

At its tenth session (Geneva, 24–25 July 2012), the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management considered the implementation of the current programme of work and requested the secretariat to submit the present document to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties.

The Meeting of the Parties may wish:

- (a) To endorse the report on contributions and expenditures;
- (b) To express its gratitude to Parties to the Convention, especially to the lead Parties of activities, as well as to organizations and partners that have provided human and financial resources to implement the programme of work;
- (c) To call upon Parties and partners to continue providing financial support also for the implementation of the future programme of work.



## I. Balance on 31 July 2012

1. The balance of the Water Convention's trust funds on 31 July 2012 was US\$ 1,302,847.

## II. Contributions received in 2012–2015

### A. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 August 2012 to 31 December 2012<sup>1</sup>

| <i>Country</i>   | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Currency</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Amount in USD<sup>a</sup></i> | <i>Earmarked/explanation</i>                      |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Switzerland  | 10/08/2012           | CHF             | 15 000        | 15 306                           | Promotion   |
| Sweden   | 31/08/2012           | USD             | 49 970        | 49 970                           | Drin project                                      |
| European Union (EU) through the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) | 13/09/2012           | EUR             | 307 486       | 385 804                          | National Policy Dialogues (NPDs)                  |
| Italy  | 29/10/2012           | EUR             | 45 000        | 57 915                           | sixth Meeting of the Parties                      |
| Italy  | 29/10/2012           | EUR             | 25 000        | 32 175                           | sixth Meeting of the Parties                      |
| Finland through the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)                             | 22/11/2012           | USD             | 26 108        | 26 108                           | Climate change pilot projects                     |
| Germany  | 23/11/2012           | EUR             | 26 000        | 33 679                           | sixth Meeting of the Parties                      |
| Norway   | 27/11/2012           | USD             | 272 325       | 272 325                          | NPD Turkmenistan, implementation, promotion       |
| Switzerland  | 03/12/2012           | EUR             | 80 000        | 86 022                           | sixth Meeting of the Parties                      |
| Finland through ENVSEC   | 20/12/2012           | USD             | 79 287        | 79 287                           | Climate change pilot projects                     |
| Switzerland  | 27/12/2012           | CHF             | 365 000       | 394 168                          | Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consultation |
|  | 27/12/2012           | CHF             | 50 000        | 53 996                           | Climate change                                    |
|  | 27/12/2012           | CHF             | 20 000        | 21 598                           | Benefits of cooperation                           |
| Estonia  | 28/12/2012           | EUR             | 20 000        | 25 974                           | Benefits of cooperation                           |
| Netherlands  | 28/12/2012           | EUR             | 200 000       | 259 740                          | Climate change, SDGs                              |
| <b>Total</b>   |                      |                 |               | <b>1 794 067</b>                 |   |

<sup>a</sup> United States dollars. Exchange rates from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

<sup>1</sup> This includes the Water Convention trust fund and trust funds for Water and Security (i.e., the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)) and National Policy Dialogues (NPDs), but not projects implemented by the Regional Adviser. For funds provided by the European Commission for NPDs and ENVSEC, programme support costs are 7 per cent; programme support for all other funds 13 per cent.

## B. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013

| <i>Country</i>                | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Currency</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Amount in USD<sup>a</sup></i> | <i>Earmarked/explanation</i>   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Switzerland                   | 11/01/2013           | CHF             | 50 000        | 54 885                           | Nexus  |
| Finland                       | 14/01/2013           | EUR             | 5 000         | 6 494                            | Unearmarked  |
| Hungary                       | 31/01/2013           | USD             | 4 975         | 4 975                            | Unearmarked  |
| Bulgaria                      | 20/02/2013           | EUR             | 6 000         | 8 141                            | Benefits   |
| Switzerland                   | 02/05/2013           | CHF             | 350 000       | 373 134                          | Climate change pilots, nexus, benefits, opening                                |
| Finland                       | 07/05/2013           | EUR             | 15 000        | 19 634                           | Joint bodies workshop  |
| EU through ENVSEC             | 23/05/2013           | EUR             | 26 690        | 34 935                           | Dniester Climate Change pilot project  |
| Hungary                       | 28/05/2013           | USD             | 4 981         | 4 981                            | Unearmarked  |
| Eurasian Development Bank     | 03/07/2013           | USD             | 24 000        | 24 000                           | Dam safety   |
| EU through OECD               | 10/07/2013           | EUR             | 181 900       | 237 158                          | NPDs   |
| Germany                       | 22/07/2013           | EUR             | 40 000        | 52 910                           | Joint bodies workshop  |
| Switzerland                   | 22/07/2013           | CHF             | 50 000        | 79 365                           | Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Working Group on IWRM) |
| Switzerland                   | 30/07/2013           | CHF             | 75 000        | 52 151                           | Climate change workshop  |
| Finland                       | 30/08/2013           | EUR             | 15 000        | 19 894                           | Joint bodies workshop  |
| Finland/Sweden through ENVSEC | 18/09/2013           | EUR             | 112 985       | 149 649                          | Climate Change pilot projects  |
| EU through OECD               | 30/09/2013           | EUR             | 252 812       | 334 850                          | NPDs   |
| France                        | 09/10/2013           | USD             | 26 178        | 26 178                           | Opening of the Convention, promotion   |
| Luxembourg                    | 17/10/2013           | EUR             | 5 000         | 6 784                            | Joint bodies workshop  |
| Finland                       | 30/10/2013           | EUR             | 74 000        | 100 407                          | Nexus assessment   |
| Finland/Sweden through ENVSEC | 13/11/2013           | EUR             | 42 901        | 42 901                           | Climate Change pilot projects  |
| Germany                       | 19/11/2013           | EUR             | 10 000        | 13 405                           | Translation of publications into Arabic and Spanish                            |
| Switzerland                   | 10/12/2013           | CHF             | 40 000        | 44 101                           | SDG Consultations  |
| Norway                        | 17/12/2013           | USD             | 252 596       | 252 596                          | Implementation Committee, NPD Turkmenistan                                     |
| France                        | 19/12/2013           | CHF             | 24 631        | 27 156                           | Opening of the Convention, promotion   |
| Estonia                       | 26/12/2013           | EUR             | 10 000        | 13 587                           | Joint bodies workshop and assessment of benefits of transboundary cooperation  |
| <b>Total</b>                  |                      |                 |               | <b>1 984 271</b>                 |  |

<sup>a</sup> United States dollars. Exchange rates from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

### C. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014

| <i>Country</i>  | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Currency</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Amount in USD<sup>a</sup></i> | <i>Earmarked/explanation</i>  |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Finland   | 29/01/2014           | EUR             | 39 000        | 53 793                           | Nexus assessment  |
|   | 12/02/2014           | EUR             | 10 000        | 13 569                           | Joint bodies workshop   |
| Netherlands   | 26/03/2014           | EUR             | 12 500        | 17 100                           | Climate change  |
| Germany   | 31/03/2014           | EUR             | 45 000        | 61 560                           | Joint bodies workshop   |
| Hungary   | 24/04/2014           | USD             | 9 972         | 10 000                           | Unearmarked   |
| International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) | 29/04/2014           | EUR             | 1 200         | 1 651                            | Joint bodies workshop   |
| Finland   | 30/04/2014           | EUR             | 20 000        | 27 510                           | Joint bodies workshop   |
| France  | 30/04/2014           | CHF             | 36 496        | 40 778                           | Opening of the Convention, promotion                                      |
| Switzerland   | 21/05/2014           | CHF             | 400 000       | 450 958                          | Benefits, nexus, opening of the Convention, climate change pilot projects |
| EU through OECD   | 30/05/2014           | EUR             | 421 934       | 583 588                          | NPDs  |
| Finland   | 30/05/2014           | EUR             | 20 000        | 27 510                           | Working Group on IWRM   |
| Germany   | 17/06/2014           | EUR             | 10 000        | 13 831                           | Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents               |
| France  | 09/07/2014           | EUR             | 20 000        | 27 662                           | Opening of the Convention, promotion                                      |
| Switzerland   | 09/07/2014           | CHF             | 50 000        | 56 625                           | Working Group on IWRM   |
|   | 09/07/2014           | CHF             | 50 000        | 56 625                           | Climate change workshop   |
|   | 09/07/2014           | CHF             | 15 000        | 16 988                           | Promotion   |
| Germany   | 31/07/2014           | EUR             | 15 000        | 20 380                           | Nexus Task Force  |
| Switzerland   | 31/07/2014           | CHF             | 189 400       | 211 620                          | Opening of the Convention   |
| Eurasian Development Bank                                     | 29/09/2014           | USD             | 6 000         | 6 000                            | Dam safety  |
| Finland   | 13/11/2014           | EUR             | 15 000        | 18 916                           | Nexus Task Force  |
| Germany   | 26/11/2014           | EUR             | 20 000        | 24 907                           | Core Group on Reporting   |
| EU through ENVSEC   | 11/12/2014           | EUR             | 29 641        | 37 097                           | Dniester climate change project   |
| Finland   | 30/12/2014           | EUR             | 230 000       | 285 006                          | Nexus assessment  |
|   | 30/12/2014           | EUR             | 10 000        | 12 392                           | Unearmarked   |
| Norway  | 30/12/2014           | NOK             | 884 126       | 121 680                          | NPD Turkmenistan, Implementation Committee                                |
| <b>Total</b>  |                      |                 |               | <b>2 197 746</b>                 |   |

<sup>a</sup> United States dollars. Exchange rates from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

## D. Contributions to the trust funds from 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015

| <i>Country</i>  | <i>Date received</i> | <i>Currency</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Amount in USD<sup>a</sup></i> | <i>Earmarked/explanation</i>  |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Shared Waters Partnership | 09/01/2015           | USD             | 30 000        | 30 000                           | Benefits workshop   |
| Italy   | 13/01/2015           | EUR             | 20 000        | 24 390                           | Isonzo assessment   |
|   | 09/04/2015           | EUR             | 100 000       | 108 342                          | Opening of the Convention, climate change, seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP7) |
| Switzerland   | 06/05/2015           | CHF             | 585 600       | 617 722                          | Climate change pilot projects, nexus, benefits, opening of the Convention                       |
| EU through ENVSEC   | 21/05/2015           | EUR             | 63 048        | 69 743                           | Climate change pilot project  |
| France  | 29/05/2015           | CHF             | 52 083        | 54 940                           | Promotion, opening, MOP7  |
| Germany   | 29/05/2015           | EUR             | 15 000        | 16 593                           | Flood workshop  |
|   | 16/06/2015           | EUR             | 20 000        | 21 786                           | Working Group on IWRM   |
|   | 25/06/2015           | EUR             | 21 135        | 23 023                           | Nexus   |
| Switzerland   | 16/07/2015           | CHF             | 130 000       | 136 986                          | Working Group on IWRM, MOP7, climate change   |
| <b>Total</b>  |                      |                 |               | <b>1 103 525</b>                 |   |

<sup>a</sup> United States dollars. Exchange rates from currency of contribution to dollars is calculated on the date of funds transfer. Figures are rounded.

2. A total of US\$ 7,079,609 was received in the period from 1 August 2012 to 30 June 2015.

## III. Expenditures

3. Total expenditures from 1 August 2012 until 30 June 2015 were US\$ 6,130,132. A breakdown of costs by programme area is set out in the table below.

| <i>Description</i>   | <i>Amount in USD</i> |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>(a) Official meetings</b>   |                      |
| Seventh Meeting of the Parties                                       | 205 476              |
| <b>Working Group and Bureau meetings</b>                             |                      |
| 2015   | 97 000               |
| 2014   | 94 360               |
| 2013   | <sup>a</sup>         |
| <b>Subtotal (a)</b>  | <b>396 836</b>       |
| <b>(b) Programme area 1: Support to implementation and accession</b> |                      |
| Staff  | 166 570              |

| <i>Description</i>   | <i>Amount in USD</i> |
|--|----------------------|
| Staff travel   | 20 529               |
| Expert travel  | 322 281              |
| Consultancy  | 38 547               |
| Interpretation, etc.   | 72 975               |
| <b>Subtotal (b)</b>  | <b>620 902</b>       |
| <b>(c) Programme area 2:<br/>European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues</b> |                      |
| Staff  | 935 588              |
| Staff travel   | 159 131              |
| Expert travel  | 171 466              |
| Consultancies  | 136 088              |
| Grants   | 355 928              |
| <b>Subtotal (c)</b>  | <b>1 758 201</b>     |
| <b>(d) Programme area 3:<br/>Quantifying the benefits of transboundary cooperation</b>         |                      |
| Staff  | 159 293              |
| Staff travel   | 9 765                |
| Expert travel  | 117 490              |
| Consultancies  | 94 601               |
| <b>Subtotal (d)</b>  | <b>381 149</b>       |
| <b>(e) Programme area 4:<br/>Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins</b>            |                      |
| Staff  | 366 905              |
| Staff travel   | 39 096               |
| Expert travel  | 351 795              |
| Consultancies  | 277 509              |
| Grants   | 59 787               |
| <b>Subtotal (e)</b>  | <b>1 095 092</b>     |
| <b>(f) Programme area 5: Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus</b>                                |                      |
| Staff  | 348 329              |
| Staff travel   | 22 941               |
| Expert travel  | 135 046              |
| Consultancies  | 131 301              |
| Grants   | 193 114              |
| <b>Subtotal (f)</b>  | <b>830 731</b>       |
| <b>(g) Programme areas 6 and 7:<br/>Global opening and promotion of the Convention</b>         |                      |
| Staff  | 406 385              |
| Staff travel   | 144 599              |

| <i>Description</i>                | <i>Amount in USD</i> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Expert travel                     | 305 063              |
| Consultancies                     | 164 054              |
| Grants, exhibition, miscellaneous | 27 120               |
| <b>Subtotal (g)</b>               | <b>1 047 221</b>     |
| <b>Total ((a)-(g))</b>            | <b>6 130 132</b>     |

<sup>a</sup> Included in programme area 1.

#### IV. Approximate balance on 30 June 2015

4. The approximate balance of the various trust funds as at 30 June 2015 was US\$ 2,252,324.

#### V. Expected expenditures until the end of 2015

| <i>Description</i>   | <i>Amount in USD</i> |
|--|----------------------|
| Meeting of the Parties   | 250 000              |
| Staff costs  | 500 000              |
| Staff travel (excluding the Meeting of the Parties)                        | 50 000               |
| Expert travel (excluding the Meeting of the Parties)                       | 80 000               |
| Consultancies  | 100 000              |
| Grants   | 100 000              |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>1 080 000</b>     |
| Need to reserve funds for staff members' extension for 2016 by end of 2015 | 1 000 000            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2 080 000</b>     |

#### VI. In-kind contributions

5. The Netherlands hosted and partly funded the Expert Scoping Workshop on Quantifying the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation (Amsterdam, 6–7 June 2013).

6. Estonia hosted and partly funded the expert workshop “Beyond water: Regional economic integration and geopolitical benefits of transboundary water cooperation” (Tallinn, 28–29 January 2015).

7. The Netherlands provided in-kind expertise in the form of one of the lead experts for programme area 4 on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins.

8. Estonia supported the preparation of the publication *Counting our Gains: Policy Guidance Note on Identifying, Assessing and Communicating the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation* (ECE/MP.WAT/47).

9. Numerous experts contributed to the preparation of the following publications: *Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins: Lessons Learned and Good Practices*;<sup>2</sup> *Counting our Gains: Policy Guidance Note on Identifying, Assessing and Communicating the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation*; and *Reconciling Different Resource Uses in Transboundary Basins: Assessment of the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus* (ECE/MP.WAT/46).<sup>3</sup>
10. Several institutions hosted meetings of the Implementation Committee: the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, the United Nations Office at Vienna, the University of Bologna and the University of London.
11. Lithuania provided in-kind support to the project on river basin management and climate change adaptation in the Neman Basin, e.g., by hosting and partly funding several project events.
12. Lebanon and Jordan provided in-kind support for their national events on the Water Convention that they hosted: “Workshop on the UNECE Water Convention: Key aspects and opportunities for Lebanon” (Beirut, 4–5 February 2015); and the “National workshop on frameworks for transboundary water cooperation: Focus on the UNECE Water Convention” (Amman, 10 March 2015).
13. The Alliance for Water Adaptation and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources provided support for the Dniester pilot project by funding several studies on the Dniester reservoirs and organizing technical workshops in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.
14. The Centre for Water Law Policy and Science of the University of Dundee provided in-kind support for promoting the Convention outside the ECE region.
15. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) provided support for the global opening of the Convention, including by translating the publication *Model Provisions on Transboundary Groundwaters*<sup>4</sup> (ECE/MP.WAT/40) into Arabic.
16. Several organizations and partners supported the global opening of and awareness-raising on the Convention, such as the Global Water Partnership (GWP), the International Network of Basin Organizations, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and many others.
17. The Global Environment Facility (GEF)/UNDP assisted in the organization of the workshop on “Assessing the water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus in transboundary basins under the Water Convention: Alazani/Ganikh pilot project” (Kachereti/Tbilisi, Georgia, 25–27 November 2013).
18. The GWP Central Asia supported the organization of the workshop on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus Assessment in the Syr Darya River Basin (Astana, 2–4 December 2014).

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<sup>2</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.15.II.E.1. Available from: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=39417>.

<sup>3</sup> The last two documents cited are being prepared as publications for presentation to the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session. They will subsequently be made available through the publications page for the Water Convention at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub.html>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=35126>.



19. The International Network of Basin Organizations financed the translation of the publication *Water and Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins: Lessons Learned and Good Practices* into French.

20. Several partners, such as GWP and especially the GEF International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network directly funded travel of eligible experts to different events held within the framework of the Convention, including workshops on climate change, joint bodies and others.

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