Item 12
Resources for the implementation of the programme of work

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Evolution of expenditures and contributions in the last years
Overview of contributions for implementation of the programme of work in 2018

Total contributions in 2018 (+): US$ 2,327,338
Total expenditures in 2018 (-): US$ 3,156,467
Approximate balance on 31 December 2018: US$ 3,111,653
Donor categories

More than 500,000 USD in 2015-2018: EU, Switzerland, Finland, Netherlands

100-500,000 USD: France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Italy, Norway, Sweden, GEF, UN-Water

Less than 100,000: Bulgaria, Hungary, Austria, Estonia, Luxembourg, USA, EIB, AFDB; IW:LEARN, University of Geneva
Conclusions and trends

- Some new donors, even from non-Parties and from development banks
- Still reliance on a few main donors: 14 out of 42 Parties – need for other Parties and donors to get involved
- Positive examples of unearmarked contributions
- Positive example of contributions without separate reporting requirements => relying on Convention’s reporting
- Increasingly fundraising together with partners - but this implies administrative complications
- Priority for staff funding – need for advance funding and reserve
Unearmarked contributions for implementation of the programme of work in 2018

13% → 27%

Unearmarked contributions in 2016-2018

Unearmarked contributions in 2018

Unearmarked funding provides a more balanced implementation of all programme areas and simplifying donor’s requirements increases efficiency. ⇒ 80% of all contributions in 2016-2018 required financial or narrative reports
1% coordination Levy
effective 14 March 2019

• **General Assembly Resolution 72/279** of May 2018 introduced the levy to provide funding to the new United Nations Resident Coordinator System.

• The policy for the collection and management of this 1% Coordination Levy was effective 14 March 2019.

• The 1% levy applies to agreements that have tightly earmarked contributions with reporting that relate to development activities with a minimum threshold of USD 100,000.
Thank you!
Targets for financial sustainability

• The eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties requested the secretariat, in cooperation with the Bureau, to prepare options for a more sustainable and predictable funding of the work under the Convention for discussion at the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/54).

• Bureau discussed in February 2019: no mandatory scheme, but development of targets for financial sustainability; first draft proposal discussed by Bureau in September 2019.

• Targets could relate to, inter alia, equitable contributions among parties, improving reliability and predictability of funding, supporting balanced implementation of all programme areas.

• The Bureau will further discuss the proposal and submit it to the 15th meeting of the WG IWRM in 2020.