



**Fifth meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention  
(Maastricht, 30 June-2 July 2014)**

**Agenda item 7 (d): Financial Arrangements**

**EU Statement on the EU contribution**

Regarding the EU contribution and in accordance with standard practice, the European Union notes its general commitment to contribute at a level of 2.5% of the operational costs not covered by the UN regular budget. It is important that this standard practice is taken into account in future considerations and documents on this matter. However, in order to support financial sustainability and predictability as well as the effective implementation of the 2015-2017 work programme, the EU confirms its intention to maintain its annual contributions of €100,000 during this period. This is of course subject to the annual endorsement by the budgetary authorities of the European Union and is without prejudice to the arrangements for State Parties. We would be grateful if this statement could be reproduced in the minutes of this Meeting of the Parties.

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