

Agenda Item 9.1: Budgetary Issues

Party Contributions for 2001 - 2003

Submitted by: Secretariat



ASCOBANS

NOTE:
IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY, DELEGATES ARE KINDLY REMINDED TO BRING THEIR OWN COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING

Secretariat's Note

1. The table of annual contributions by Parties to the ASCOBANS budget for 2001 - 2003 presented to MOP 3¹ was based on the UN scales of assessment for 2000, which were valid at the time of adoption of MOP3 Res. 2. Percentages of Party contributions given in this document were therefore subject to revision on adoption of the UN scales of assessment for 2001 - 2003.

In January 2001, the General Assembly adopted Res. A/55/5 B-F, *Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations*². Party contributions to the ASCOBANS budget for 2001 - 2003 have therefore been reapportioned in accordance with this Resolution³. The most substantial modification of Party contributions is attributable to the fact that under Res. A/55/5 B-F the maximum rate of assessment is now 22% (as compared to 25% until 31.12.2000).

2. Invoices to ASCOBANS Parties despatched by UNEP on behalf of ASCOBANS in January 2001 were still based on the UN scales of assessment for 2000. Consequently, the amounts given in these invoices no longer correspond to actual Party contributions due in 2001. Three Parties have already transferred their annual contributions for 2001 to the UNEP/ASCOBANS trust fund. In order to avoid complications likely to arise if new invoices were issued for 2001 and amounts overpaid/underpaid were refunded to Parties resp. transferred to the Trust Fund in 2001, the Secretariat proposes to subtract/add the requisite amounts from/to Party contributions for 2002.
3. Projections for annual contributions to the ASCOBANS budget presented at MOP3 were based on an estimated surplus of budget for 1998 - 2000 of 63,157 USD. The actual surplus, however, amounts to 58,122.97 USD. Amounts to be refunded to Parties in 2003 have therefore also been recalculated accordingly.

¹ Annex 1 to MOP3, Res. 2, MOP3/Doc.3(S)

² Annex 4 to the present document

³ cf. Annexes 1 - 3 of the present document

Annual Contributions by Parties 2001

	UN Scale 2001	Percentage	Contributions of Parties in 2001	Invoiced/Paid in 2001	Overpaid/Un- derpaid
Belgium	1.136	11.46%	19 625.42 - 2 406.60 ¹ = 17 218.82	15 806.00	Underpaid ² 1 412.82
Denmark	0.753	7.60%	13 015.11 - 1 596.00 = 11 419.11	9 917	Underpaid 1 502.11
Finland	0.525	5.30%	9 076.32 - 1 113.00 = 7 963.32	7 783	Underpaid 180.22
Germany	9.825	22.00%	37 675.33 - 4 620.00 = 33 055.33	37 563	Overpaid 4 507.67
Netherlands	1.748	17.65%	30 225.88 - 3 706.50 26 519.38	23 364	Underpaid 3 155
Poland	0.353	3.57%	6 113.67 - 749.70 = 5 363.97	3 662	Underpaid 1 701.97
Sweden	1.033	10.42%	17 844.40 - 2 188.20 = 15 656.20	15 446	Underpaid 210.20
United Kingdom	5.568	22.00%	37 675.33 - 4 620.00 = 33 055.33	37 563	Overpaid 4 507.67
Total	20.941	100.00%			
Total contributions of Parties as per percentage of ASCOBANS budget			171 251.46		
Total contributions of Parties after subtraction of surplus			150 251.45		

All figures in US Dollars

¹ This figure is the percentage of surplus of budgets 1998 - 2000 to be refunded in each case. The surplus of budgets for 1998 - 2000 amounts to 56 122.97 US\$, of which 21 000 US\$ are to be deducted from Party contributions in 2001, and 35 122.97 US\$ in 2003)

² This amount will be deducted from/added to Party contributions for 2002

Annual Contributions by Parties 2002

	UN Scale 2002	Percentage	Contributions of Parties in 2002
Belgium	1.138	11.53%	18 116.68 + 1 412.82 ¹ = 19 529.50
Denmark	0.755	7.65%	12 020.17 + 1 502.11 = 13 522.28
Finland	0.526	5.33%	8 374.84 + 180.22 = 8 555.06
Germany	9.845	22.00%	34 567.83 - 4 507.67 = 30 060.16
Netherlands	1.751	17.75%	27 889.95 + 3 155.00 31 044.95
Poland	0.319	3.23%	5 075.18 + 1 701.97 = 6 777.15
Sweden	1.035	10.49%	16 482.56 + 210.20 = 16 692.76
United Kingdom	5.579	22.00%	34 567.83 - 4 507.67 = 30 060.16
Total	20.948	99.98%	
Total contributions of Parties as per percentage of ASCOBANS budget			157 095.04
Total contributions of Parties after subtraction/addition of amounts overpaid/underpaid in 2001			150 251.45

All figures in US Dollars

¹ This figure is the amount overpaid/underpaid in 2001

Annual Contributions by Parties 2003

	UN Scale 2003	Percentage	Contributions of Parties in 2003
Belgium	1.129	11.42%	21 847.48 - 4 011.04 ¹ = 17 836.44
Denmark	0.749	7.56%	14 462.96 - 2 655.29 = 11 807.67
Finland	0.522	5.27%	10 081.98 - 1 850.98 = 8 231.00
Germany	9.769	22.00%	42 087.98 - 7 727.05 = 34 360.93
Netherlands	1.738	17.56%	33 593.86 - 6 167.59 27 426.27
Poland	0.378	3.82%	7 308.00 - 1 341.69 = 5 966.31
Sweden	1.02675	10.37%	19 838.74 - 3 642.25 = 16 196.49
United Kingdom	5.536	22.00%	42 087.98 - 7 727.05 = 34 360.93
Total	20.84775	100.00%	
Total contributions of Parties as per percentage of ASCOBANS budget			191 308.98
Total contributions of Parties after subtraction of surplus			156 186.04

All figures in US Dollars

¹ This figure is the percentage of surplus of budgets 1998 - 2000 to be refunded in each case. The surplus of budgets for 1998 - 2000 amounts to 56 122.97 US\$, of which 21 000.00 US\$ are to be deducted from Party contributions in 2001, and 35 122.97 US\$ in 2003.

