

Decision -/CP.21

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 27/CP.19, in which the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 was approved,

Also recalling paragraph 11 of the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties,¹

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,²

I. Budget performance for the biennium 2014–2015

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the report on budget performance for the period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2015³ and the status of contributions to the trust funds administered by the secretariat as at 15 November 2015;⁴
2. *Welcomes* the Executive Secretary's efforts to address budgetary limits by enhancing effectiveness and efficiency, including reducing staffing costs through post management;
3. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
4. *Urges* Parties that have not made contributions to the core budget in full for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without delay;
5. *Calls upon* Parties to make their contributions to the core budget for the biennium 2016–2017 in a timely manner, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Expresses appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
7. *Urges* Parties to contribute further to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process, in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2016, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
8. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government of the secretariat;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I, as revised by decision 23/CP.20.

² FCCC/SBI/2015/13, FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.10 and FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.17.

³ FCCC/SBI/2015/13.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.17.

II. Audit report and financial statements for 2014

9. *Takes note* of the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors,⁵ which includes recommendations and the financial statements for 2014, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the accounts of the Convention and for the valuable observations and recommendations of the auditors;

11. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.10.