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Trust funds for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Updated indicative financial report for the fiscal year 2020 as at 30 September 2020

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present note provides an update, as at 30 September 2020, of the indicative financial report submitted to the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer at its forty-second meeting¹ (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/INF/1) pursuant to paragraph 13 of decision XX/20 of the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
2. In 2019, the Secretariat initiated the practice of submitting an indicative financial report reflecting the status of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol as at the end of the month at least one month before the start of the annual Meeting of the Parties.
3. The updated indicative financial report is being presented to the parties for the combined twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (part I) and Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, being held online due to the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The budgets (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(I)/4 and UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/4) were available for review and comments via an

* UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(I)/1–UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/1.

¹ Due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group was held online from 14 to 16 July 2020, in three substantially identical technical sessions, and was limited to consideration of the report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) replenishment task force.

online forum as of 1 October 2020. Advance unedited versions of the revised budgets (UNEP/OzL.Conv.12(I)/4/Rev.1 and UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/4/Rev.1) were made available in the meeting portal and the online forum as of 5 October 2020. The present update on the status of the trust funds as at 30 September 2020 is the latest possible and contains the most representative data for the fiscal year 2020 that the Secretariat could use to produce a document approximately one week before the launch of the online forum. The Secretariat is of the view that this update will contribute to an informed budget discussion and decision-making process.

4. Section II of the note provides the status of contributions and other income; section III sets out an update on the reserves, fund balance and interest; section IV presents the status of the cash balance; and section V furnishes details on expenditures and commitments against the approved budgets for the fiscal year 2020.

5. In both the text and tables of the note, all references to dollars (\$) are to United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

II. Status of contributions and other income

A. Trust funds

6. Section A of annex I to the present note shows the contributions made by each party to the trust fund for the Vienna Convention as at 30 September 2020. Contributions outstanding on that date amounted to \$925,702, of which \$386,466 were for prior years. Total expected contributions for 2020 amounted to \$986,000. Since the beginning of the year, \$893,431 had been received from parties, of which \$503,078 was for prior years.

7. Section B of annex I to the note shows the contributions made by each party to the trust fund for the Montreal Protocol as at 30 September 2020. Contributions outstanding on that date amounted to \$3,202,485, of which \$981,809 were for prior years. Total expected contributions for 2020 amounted to \$5,322,308. During the past three quarters, \$5,539,166 was received from parties, of which \$2,696,331 was for prior years.

8. In paragraph 8 of decision XXXI/17 of the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the parties requested the Executive Secretary to enter into discussions with parties with contributions outstanding for two or more years. A similar request was made by the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention in its decision XI/3, paragraph 9. Accordingly, the Secretariat contacted the parties concerned to follow-up on their outstanding contributions. The Executive Secretary informed the President of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties of her intention to send letters to the parties concerned to follow up on their outstanding contributions.

9. The Secretariat wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the efforts made by parties to pay their contributions to both trust funds, with some paying their contributions in full.

B. Earmarked contributions

10. No new earmarked contributions have been received since the date of the indicative financial report submitted to the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/INF/1).

C. Programme support resources

11. In paragraph 11 of decision XI/3 and in paragraph 11 of decision XXXI/17, the Conference of the Parties and the Meeting of the Parties, respectively, requested the Secretariat to fully utilize the programme support resources available to it and, where possible, to offset costs against the administrative components of the approved budgets of the trust funds.

12. The United Nations Environment Programme has allocated a programme support budget of \$466,781 to the Ozone Secretariat for the fiscal year 2020. As at 30 September 2020, \$248,688 had been spent or committed, leaving a balance of \$218,093. As the United Nations Environment Programme budget is for the biennium 2020–2021, any unspent balance will be carried over to 2021.

III. Reserves, fund balance and interest

13. The following table shows the reserves and fund balances of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol as at 30 September 2020.

Reserves and fund balances as at 30 September 2020

<i>Reserves and fund balance</i>	<i>Trust fund for the Vienna Convention</i>	<i>Trust fund for the Montreal Protocol</i>
Reserves ^a	205 501	798 346
Fund balance	2 584 957	11 395 302
Total^b (reserves and fund balance)	2 790 458	12 193 648

^a Reserves for each trust fund equal 15 per cent of the respective budgets approved for the year 2020.

^b Cash balance and outstanding contributions, which form part of the total of reserves and fund balance, are as follows:

Cash balance	1 861 234	9 035 072
Outstanding contributions ^c	934 782	3 202 483

^c Calculated on a cash basis. The amounts differ from those reflected in paragraphs 6 and 7 owing to the timing between receipt of the contribution and its application to the receivable.

14. The fund balance is equal to total assets less total liabilities. Assets consist of, among other things, cash held, receivables from the donors (outstanding contributions), unaccounted travel advances and advance payments to implementing partners. Liabilities include such things as payables to vendors, implementing partners or staff and advance receipts from donors.

15. The fund balance of \$2,584,957 for the Vienna Convention trust fund includes outstanding contributions of \$934,782 for that trust fund. The fund balance of \$11,395,302 for the Montreal Protocol trust fund includes outstanding contributions of \$3,202,483 for that trust fund.

16. The total of reserves and fund balance as at 30 September 2020 for the Vienna Convention trust fund was \$2,790,458; for the Montreal Protocol trust fund, it was \$12,193,648.

17. Interest earned as at 30 June 2020, included in the cash balance noted in the table, amounted to \$12,804 for the Vienna Convention trust fund and \$55,578 for the Montreal Protocol trust fund.

IV. Status of the cash balance

18. The cash balance, shown in note b to the table above, consists of cash and cash equivalents, investments and interest income.

19. The cash balance has increased for both the trust funds since 30 April 2020, by 9 per cent for Vienna Convention trust fund and 20 per cent for Montreal Protocol trust fund. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way in which activities of the ozone treaties are being implemented, with some activities postponed to 2021 and others being held online, resulting in a lower budget implementation rate. If contributions are received as expected, the Secretariat would therefore expect to close the year with slightly higher cash balances than those presented in this note.

V. Interim budget performance report

20. Annex II to the present note lists the actual expenditures and commitments of the trust funds as at 30 September 2020 against the approved budgets for the fiscal year 2020. At 30 September 2020, the budget utilization rate stood at 47 per cent for the Vienna Convention trust fund and 46 per cent for the Montreal Protocol trust fund. With travel restricted everywhere in the world, actual meeting and travel-related expenditures were approximately 27 per cent of budget for the Montreal Protocol and 14 per cent for the Vienna Convention. The Secretariat expects the budget utilization rate to increase by 10 per cent over the next quarter for both the trust funds.

21. Total expenditure for each cost category will be maintained within the approved budget or within the allowable threshold of 10 per cent, with any excess covered by savings made in other cost categories.

Annex I***Status of contributions as at 30 September 2020****A. Trust fund for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer**

(in United States dollars)

<i>Party</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions for prior years as at 31 Dec 2019</i>	<i>Advance payments received in 2019</i>	<i>Collections in 2020 for prior years</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions for prior years as at 30 September 2020</i>	<i>Expected contributions for 2020</i>	<i>Collections in 2020 for 2020</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions for 2020 as at 30 September 2020</i>	<i>Total unpaid contributions as at 30 September 2020</i>
Algeria	1 403	–	1 403	–	1 581	1 581	–	–
Argentina	7 665	–	–	7 665	8 757	–	8 757	16 422
Australia	–	–	–	–	22 944	22 944	–	–
Austria	–	–	–	–	7 070	7 069	1	1
Azerbaijan	2 429	–	–	2 429	–	–	–	2 429
Belgium	–	–	–	–	8 689	8 689	–	–
Brazil	60 754	–	15 626	45 128	37 533	–	37 533	82 661
Canada	–	–	–	–	28 678	28 678	–	–
Chile	3 429	–	3 429	–	3 917	2 957	960	960
China	–	–	–	–	77 767	77 767	–	–
Colombia	5 891	–	–	5 891	3 161	–	3 161	9 052
Czechia	–	3 377	–	–	3 377	–	–	–
Denmark	–	–	–	–	5 734	5 734	–	–
Egypt	2 415	–	2 415	–	1 492	1 492	–	–
European Union	–	–	–	–	24 544	24 544	–	–
Finland	–	–	–	–	4 477	4 477	–	–
France	–	–	–	–	47 705	–	47 705	47 705
Germany	–	–	–	–	62 726	62 726	–	–
Greece	–	–	–	–	4 624	–	4 624	4 624
Hungary	–	–	–	–	1 581	–	1 581	1 581
India	9 498	–	–	9 498	7 236	–	7 236	16 734

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Indonesia	–	–	–	–	4 948	–	4 948	4 948
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7 006	–	–	7 006	4 624	–	4 624	11 630
Iraq	2 051	–	–	2 051	1 266	–	1 266	3 317
Ireland	–	–	–	–	3 289	3 289	–	–
Israel	–	–	–	–	4 222	–	4 222	4 222
Italy	–	–	–	–	36 797	–	36 797	36 797
Japan	–	–	–	–	95 036	–	95 036	95 036
Kazakhstan	–	–	–	–	1 875	1 875	–	–
Kuwait	2 449	–	–	2 449	2 798	–	2 798	5 247
Libya	6 876	–	–	6 876	1 227	–	1 227	8 103
Malaysia	–	–	–	–	3 161	–	3 161	3 161
Mexico	–	1	–	–	14 089	14 089	(1)	(1)
Netherlands	–	–	–	–	14 550	14 550	–	–
New Zealand	–	–	–	–	2 631	–	2 631	2 631
Nigeria	3 321	–	–	3 321	2 052	–	2 052	5 373
Norway	–	–	–	–	8 335	8 335	–	–
Oman	1 796	–	–	1 796	1 109	–	1 109	2 905
Peru	–	9 216	–	–	1 335	1 234	(9 115)	(9 115)
Philippines	54	–	–	54	1 620	–	1 620	1 674
Poland	–	–	–	–	8 257	8 257	–	–
Portugal	6 217	–	3 368	2 849	3 849	–	3 849	6 698
Qatar	4 275	–	–	4 275	2 641	–	2 641	6 916
Republic of Korea	–	–	–	–	20 018	20 018	–	–
Romania	–	–	–	–	1 806	–	1 806	1 806
Russian Federation	–	–	–	–	30 317	30 317	–	–
Saudi Arabia	14 337	–	14 337	–	11 251	6 762	4 489	4 489
Serbia	13 302	–	–	13 302	–	–	–	13 302
Singapore	–	–	–	–	4 389	4 389	–	–
Slovakia	–	–	–	–	1 571	1 571	–	–
South Africa	–	–	–	–	3 574	3 574	–	–

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Spain	20 992	–	–	20 992	23 985	–	23 985	44 977
Sweden	–	–	–	–	9 386	9 386	–	–
Switzerland	–	–	–	–	11 192	11 192	–	–
Thailand	–	–	–	–	2 857	2 857	–	–
Turkey	–	–	–	–	9 995	–	9 995	9 995
Ukraine	–	–	–	–	1 011	–	1 011	1 011
United Arab Emirates	3 708	–	–	3 708	5 930	–	5 930	9 638
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	–	43 817	–	–	43 817	–	–	–
United States of America	683 627	–	462 500	221 127	215 991	–	215 991	437 118
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	26 049	–	–	26 049	5 606	–	5 606	31 655
Total	889 544	56 411	503 078	386 466	986 000	390 352	539 237	925 702

B. Trust fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

(in United States dollars)

<i>Party</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions for prior years as at 31 Dec 2019</i>	<i>Advance payments received in 2019</i>	<i>Collections in 2020 for prior years</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions for prior years as at 30 September 2020</i>	<i>Expected contributions for 2020</i>	<i>Collections in 2020 for 2020</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions for 2020 as at 30 September 2020</i>	<i>Total unpaid contributions as at 30 September 2020</i>
Algeria	26 642	–	26 642	–	7 321	7 321	–	–
Argentina	47 311	–	–	47 311	48 545	–	48 545	95 856
Australia	–	–	–	–	117 249	117 249	–	–
Austria	–	–	–	–	35 917	35 917	–	–
Belgium	–	–	–	–	43 557	43 557	–	–
Brazil	413 912	–	211 143	202 769	156 402	–	156 402	359 171
Canada	–	–	–	–	145 048	145 048	–	–
Chile	12 547	–	–	12 547	21 593	–	21 593	34 140
China	–	–	–	–	636 911	636 911	–	–
Colombia	–	–	–	–	15 280	15 280	–	–
Czechia	–	16 500	–	–	16 500	–	–	–
Denmark	–	–	–	–	29 392	29 392	–	–
Egypt	16 457	–	16 457	–	9 868	9 868	–	–
European Union	–	–	–	–	132 635	132 635	–	–
Finland	–	–	–	–	22 336	22 336	–	–
France	–	–	–	–	234 868	234 868	–	–
Germany	–	–	–	–	323 098	323 098	–	–
Greece	–	–	–	–	19 417	–	19 417	19 417
Hungary	–	–	–	–	10 929	–	10 929	10 929
India	39 090	–	–	39 090	44 247	–	44 247	83 337
Indonesia	–	–	–	–	28 809	–	28 809	28 809
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	135 599	–	–	135 599	21 116	–	21 116	156 715
Iraq	21 335	–	–	21 335	6 844	–	6 844	28 179
Ireland	–	–	–	–	19 683	19 683	–	–
Israel	7 757	–	–	7 757	25 996	–	25 996	33 753
Italy	85 165	–	–	85 165	175 450	–	175 450	260 615
Japan	–	–	–	–	454 353	–	454 353	454 353

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Kazakhstan	20 679	–	–	20 679	9 443	–	9 443	30 122
Kuwait	15 116	–	15 116	–	13 370	13 370	–	–
Libya	63 830	–	–	63 830	–	–	–	63 830
Malaysia	–	–	–	–	18 092	–	18 092	18 092
Mexico	–	–	–	–	68 546	68 546	–	–
Netherlands	–	–	–	–	71 941	71 941	–	–
New Zealand	–	–	–	–	15 439	–	15 439	15 439
Nigeria	34 602	–	–	34 602	13 263	–	13 263	47 865
Norway	–	–	–	–	40 003	40 003	–	–
Oman	12 234	–	–	12 234	6 101	–	6 101	18 335
Pakistan	–	–	–	–	6 101	–	6 101	6 101
Peru	23 510	–	4 563	18 947	8 063	–	8 063	27 010
Philippines	–	–	–	–	10 876	–	10 876	10 876
Poland	–	–	–	–	42 549	42 549	–	–
Portugal	42 441	–	42 441	–	18 569	–	18 569	18 569
Qatar	29 125	–	–	29 125	14 962	–	14 962	44 087
Republic of Korea	16 683	–	16 683	–	120 274	96 073	24 201	24 201
Romania	–	–	–	–	10 504	–	10 504	10 504
Russian Federation	–	–	–	–	127 595	127 595	–	–
Saudi Arabia	117 406	–	117 406	–	62 179	5 547	56 632	56 632
Serbia	43 724	–	–	43 724	–	–	–	43 724
Singapore	–	–	–	–	25 731	25 731	–	–
Slovakia	–	–	–	–	8 117	8 117	–	–
South Africa	–	–	–	–	14 430	14 430	–	–
Spain	–	–	–	–	113 854	–	113 854	113 854
Sweden	–	–	–	–	48 067	48 067	–	–
Switzerland	–	–	–	–	61 065	61 065	–	–
Thailand	–	–	–	–	16 287	16 287	–	–
Turkey	–	–	–	–	72 736	–	72 736	72 736

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Ukraine	5 463	–	–	5 463	–	–	–	5 463
United Arab Emirates	–	–	–	–	32 682	–	32 682	32 682
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	–	242 297	–	–	242 297	–	–	–
United States of America	2 245 880	–	2 245 880	–	1 167 185	430 351	736 834	736 834
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	201 632	–	–	201 632	38 623	–	38 623	240 255
Total	3 678 140	258 797	2 696 331	981 809	5 322 308	2 842 835	2 220 676	3 202 485

Annex II¹

Trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol - Interim 2020 budget performance report as at 30 September 2020²

(in United States dollars)

<i>Budget line</i>	<i>Cost category</i>	<i>Trust fund for the Vienna Convention</i>		<i>Trust fund for the Montreal Protocol</i>	
		<i>2020 approved budget</i>	<i>Expenditure as at 30 September 2020</i>	<i>2020 approved budget</i>	<i>Expenditure as at 30 September 2020</i>
1000	Employee salaries allowances and benefits	589 898	471 164	1 523 780	1 065 656
1200	Consultants	–	–	85 000	84 355
1300	Meeting costs				
1321	Conference services costs – Open-ended Working Group meeting	–	–	690 000	199 500
1322	Conference services costs – preparatory meetings and Meeting of the Parties	252 000	–	505 310	348 846
1323	Communication costs of Article 5 party assessment panel members and organization costs of panel meetings	–	–	55 000	16 791
1324	Conference services costs – Bureau meetings	20 000	261	25 000	23 448
1325	Conference services costs – meetings of the Implementation Committee	–	–	–	–
1327	Conference services costs – Ozone Research Managers meeting	20 000	14 353	125 000	140 000
1328	Promotional activities for the protection of the ozone layer	10 000	10 000	–	–
5401	Hospitality	15 000	–	25 000	–
	Subtotal: meeting costs	317 000	24 614	1 425 310	728 585
3300	Travel of Article 5 parties and experts				
3301	Travel of Article 5 parties – assessment panel meetings	–	–	350 000	30 070
3302	Travel of Article 5 parties – preparatory meetings and meetings of the parties	–	–	400 000	(33 306)
3303	Travel of Article 5 parties – Open-ended Working Group meetings	–	–	365 000	(1 791)
3304	Travel of Article 5 parties – Bureau meetings	20 000	655	15 000	–
3305	Travel of Article 5 parties – meetings of the Implementation Committee	–	–	65 000	(2 181)
3307	Travel of Article 5 parties – Ozone Research Managers meeting	160 000	41 679	–	–
	Subtotal: travel of Article 5 parties and experts	180 000	42 334	1 195 000	(7 208)

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² The budget performance report has been prepared for the purpose of comparing the approved budget to the expenditures during the reporting period and is based on a modified cash basis of accounting.

Budget line	Cost category	Trust fund for the Vienna Convention		Trust fund for the Montreal Protocol	
		2020 approved budget	Expenditure as at 30 September 2020	2020 approved budget	Expenditure as at 30 September 2020
1600	Travel on official business				
1601	Staff travel on official business	30 000	3 325	195 000	19 693
1602	Conference services staff travel on official business	–	–	15 000	11 207
	Subtotal: staff travel	30 000	3 325	210 000	30 900
4100–5300	Other operational costs: supplies and consumables				
4100	Expendable equipment	8 000	1 143	18 000	(172)
4200	Non-expendable equipment	10 000	–	25 000	1 069
4300	Rental of premises	17 500	17 500	27 917	26 327
5100	Operation and maintenance of equipment	7 500	3 137	20 000	20 000
5200	Reporting costs	12 500	–	70 000	31 030
5300	Sundry	40 000	9 603	30 000	5 626
	Subtotal: other operational costs	95 500	31 383	190 917	83 880
5401	Public awareness and communication			80 000	78 943
	Total direct costs	1 212 398	572 820	4 710 007	2 065 111
	Programme support costs (13 per cent)	157 612	74 467	612 301	268 465
	Total direct and programme support costs	1 370 010	647 287	5 322 308	2 333 576
	Additional activities to be drawn down from the existing cash balance				
1327	Contribution to the SAP/SPARC workshop on CFC-11	–	–	–	(1 616)
	Temporary. P4 cost difference (Communications Officer)	–	–	29 200	–
	Vienna Convention anniversary	–	–	50 000	50 000
5407	Temporary Website Officer (P3)	–	–	150 000	103 319
	Mobile app: Data centre	–	–	40 000	35 890
	Contacts management system	–	–	45 000	–
	Blends tool	–	–	10 000	19 240
	Enhancement and maintenance of the Online Reporting System (ORS)	–	–	–	32 000
	Subtotal: additional activities	–	–	324 200	238 833
	Programme support costs (13%)	–	–	42 146	31 048
	Total additional activities and programme support costs	–	–	366 346	269 881
	Grand total	1 370 010	647 287	5 688 654	2 603 457
	Budget utilization rate		47%		46%

Abbreviations: CFC-11, trichlorofluoromethane; SAP, Scientific Assessment Panel; SPARC, Stratosphere-Troposphere Processes and Their Role in Climate.