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

Indicative financial report for the fiscal year 2021 as at 30 April 2021

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 13 of decision XX/20 of the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the parties requested the Secretariat to inform the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol about all sources of income received, including the reserves, fund balance, and interest, and to provide an indicative report on all expenditures against the agreed budget lines.
2. Pursuant to that decision, the Secretariat is circulating the present note as information for the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-third meeting.
3. The note provides information as at 30 April 2021 on the status of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol. Section II of the note describes the status of contributions and section III presents an update on the reserves, fund balance, and interest. Section IV provides details of expenditures and commitments against the approved budgets for the fiscal year 2021.
4. 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

5. Section A of annex I to the present note shows the status of contributions to the trust fund for the Vienna Convention as at 30 April 2021. The outstanding contributions on that date amounted to \$1,351,418, of which \$702,964 was for prior years. The total expected contributions for the year 2021

* Some agenda items will be discussed in online meetings to be held on 22 and 24 May and from 14 to 17 July 2021; others will be deferred to the combined twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held from 23 to 29 October 2021.

amounted to \$986,000. During the first four months of 2021, \$357,317 was received from parties, of which \$22,828 was for prior years. An advance payment of \$3,057 for the 2021 contributions received in 2020 has been applied to the 2021 expected contributions.

6. Section B of annex I to the note shows the status of contributions to the trust fund for the Montreal Protocol as at 30 April 2021. The outstanding contributions on that date amounted to \$4,078,974, of which \$1,667,875 was for prior years. The total expected contributions for the year 2021 amounted to \$3,743,099. During the first four months of 2021, \$1,620,621 was received from parties, of which \$300,225 was for prior years. An advance payment of \$11,604 for the 2021 contributions received in 2020 has been applied to the 2021 expected contributions.

7. In paragraph 8 of decision XXXII/12 of the Thirty-Second 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. Similarly, paragraph 7 of decision XII/2 of the twelfth meeting (part I) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention requested the Executive Secretary and invited the President of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to enter into discussions with any party whose contributions had been outstanding for two or more years with a view to finding a way forward. Accordingly, the Secretariat will contact the parties with outstanding contributions and will report on the progress achieved in that regard to the combined twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of Parties to the Vienna Convention and Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

B. Earmarked contributions

8. No earmarked contribution was received in the first four months of the fiscal year 2021.

C. Programme support resources

9. In paragraph 9 of decision XII/2 of the twelfth meeting (part I) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and paragraph 11 of decision XXXII/12 of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the parties 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.

10. The United Nations Environment Programme has allocated a programme support budget of \$271,408 to the Ozone Secretariat for the fiscal year 2021. The Secretariat will fully utilize this amount to cover administrative costs, including the salaries of staff with administrative roles.

III. Reserves, fund balance, and interest

11. Table 1 shows the reserves and fund balances of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol as at 30 April 2021.

Table 1
Reserves and fund balance

<i>Reserves and fund balance</i>	<i>Trust fund for the Vienna Convention</i>	<i>Trust fund for the Montreal Protocol</i>
Reserves ^a	205 500	802 328
Fund balance ^b	3 239 449	13 671 775
Total^c (reserves and fund balance)	3 444 949	14 474 103

^a Reserves for each trust fund equal 15 per cent of the respective approved budgets for 2021.

^b Includes the cash balance and outstanding contributions as follows:

Cash balance	2 097 427	10 334 894
Outstanding contributions ^d	1 339 018	4 002 761

^c Calculated on accrual basis.

^d Calculated on cash basis. The amounts differ from those reflected in paragraphs 5 and 6 due to the time between the receipt of the contribution and its application to the receivable.

12. The cash balance includes cash, cash equivalents, investments, and non-current investments. The cash balance as at 30 April 2021 was derived from the balance as at 31 December 2020, plus the contributions received, less the cash disbursed during the first four months of 2021.

13. The reserves and fund balance include the cash balance and outstanding contributions. The fund balance as at 30 April 2021 was derived from the fund balance as at 31 December 2020, plus the expected contributions for 2021, less the cash disbursed plus the net of movement in assets and liabilities during the first four months of 2021.
14. The reserves and fund balance as at 30 April 2021 of the trust fund for the Vienna Convention was \$3,444,949, which included a cash balance of \$2,097,427.
15. The reserves and fund balance as at 30 April 2021 of the trust fund for the Montreal Protocol was \$14,474,103, which included a cash balance of \$10,334,894.
16. As interest earned on the trust funds is recorded twice a year, in June and December, no report on interest as at 30 April 2021 has been provided.

IV. Interim budget performance report

17. Annex II to the present note lists the actual expenditures and commitments of the trust funds as at 30 April 2021 against the approved budgets for the fiscal year 2021. The budget utilization rate as at 30 April 2021 was 13 per cent for the trust fund for the Vienna Convention and 20 per cent for the trust fund for the Montreal Protocol.
18. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has continued to affect the implementation of the activities, including meetings, approved for the year 2021 by the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its twelfth meeting (part I). Physical meetings can only be organized after a careful assessment of the pandemic situation and taking into consideration travel restrictions, social distancing requirements, and other relevant measures put in place by Governments around the world.
19. After due consideration and consultations with the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group and several parties, it has been determined that the planned physical meetings scheduled to be held in Bangkok in July 2021, namely the sixty-sixth meeting of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure of the Montreal Protocol and the forty-third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, as well as the eleventh meeting (part II) of the Ozone Research Managers, cannot be convened as originally planned. Accordingly, prioritized items on the agenda of the forty-third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be discussed online, while others will be deferred to the preparatory segment of the combined twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held in October 2021.
20. For the smooth running of online meetings, the Secretariat will continue to use the following platforms:
 - (a) Online meetings platform with interpretation to ensure the equal participation of parties through the provision of simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations;
 - (b) Online forum to allow parties to review and comment on reports and meeting documents, as needed.
21. In 2021 the Secretariat expects a low level of budget utilization and cash consumption similar to that of 2020.

Annex I

Status of contributions as at 30 April 2021

A. Trust fund for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer

(in United States dollars)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions as at 31 Dec 2020</i>	<i>Advance payments received in 2020</i>	<i>Collections in 2021 for prior years</i>	<i>Expected contributions for 2021</i>	<i>Collections in 2021 for 2021</i>	<i>Total unpaid contributions</i>
Algeria	–	–	–	1 356	–	1 356
Argentina	16 422	–	7 665	8 993	–	17 750
Australia	–	–	–	21 721	21 721	–
Austria	1	–	1	6 654	6 654	–
Azerbaijan	1 429	–	–	0	–	1 429
Belgium	–	–	–	8 069	–	8 069
Brazil	82 606	–	–	28 975	–	111 581
Canada	–	–	–	26 871	26 871	–
Chile	960	–	–	4 000	–	4 960
China	–	–	–	117 993	–	117 993
Colombia	9 052	–	–	2 831	–	11 883
Czechia	–	3 057	–	3 057	–	–
Denmark	–	–	–	5 445	–	5 445
Egypt	–	–	–	1 828	–	1 828
European Union	–	–	–	24 572	–	24 572
Finland	–	–	–	4 138	–	4 138
France	–	–	–	43 511	43 511	–
Germany	–	–	–	59 856	–	59 856
Greece	–	–	–	3 597	–	3 597
Hungary	–	–	–	2 025	2 025	–
India	16 734	–	–	8 197	–	24 931
Indonesia	4 948	–	4 948	5 337	5 337	–

<i>Country</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions as at 31 Dec 2020</i>	<i>Advance payments received in 2020</i>	<i>Collections in 2021 for prior years</i>	<i>Expected contributions for 2021</i>	<i>Collections in 2021 for 2021</i>	<i>Total unpaid contributions</i>
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	11 630	–	–	3 912	–	15 542
Iraq	3 317	–	–	1 268	–	4 585
Ireland	–	–	–	3 646	3 646	–
Israel	4 222	–	–	4 816	–	9 038
Italy	36 797	–	–	32 503	–	69 300
Japan	–	–	–	84 173	84 173	–
Kazakhstan	–	–	–	1 749	1 749	–
Kuwait	5 247	–	5 247	2 477	–	2 477
Libya	8 103	–	–	0	–	8 103
Malaysia	3 161	–	3 161	3 352	3 352	–
Mexico	–	–	–	12 699	–	12 699
Netherlands	–	–	–	13 328	–	13 328
New Zealand	–	–	–	2 860	2 860	–
Nigeria	5 373	–	–	2 457	–	7 830
Norway	–	–	–	7 411	7 411	–
Oman	2 905	–	–	1 130	–	4 035
Pakistan	–	–	–	1 130	–	1 130
Peru	(9 115)	–	–	1 494	–	(7 621)
Philippines	1 674	–	–	2 015	–	3 689
Poland	–	–	–	7 883	7 883	–
Portugal	2 849	–	–	3 440	–	6 289
Qatar	6 916	–	–	2 772	–	9 688
Republic of Korea	–	–	–	22 282	22 282	–
Romania	1 806	–	1 806	1 946	–	1 946
Russian Federation	–	–	–	23 638	23 638	–
Saudi Arabia	4 489	–	–	11 519	–	16 008
Serbia	13 302	–	–	–	–	13 302
Singapore	–	–	–	4 767	4 767	–

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Slovakia	–	–	–	1 504	1 504	–
South Africa	–	–	–	2 673	–	2 673
Spain	44 977	–	–	21 092	–	66 069
Sweden	–	–	–	8 905	8 905	–
Switzerland	–	–	–	11 313	11 313	–
Thailand	–	–	–	3 018	–	3 018
Turkey	9 995	–	–	13 475	–	23 470
Ukraine	1 011	–	–	–	–	1 011
United Arab Emirates	3 708	–	–	6 055	–	9 763
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	–	–	–	44 887	44 887	–
United States of America	399 618	–	–	216 230	–	615 848
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	31 655	–	–	7 155	–	38 810
TOTAL	725 792	3 057	22 828	986 000	334 489	1 351 418

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

(in United States dollars)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions as at 31 Dec 2020</i>	<i>Advance payments received in 2020</i>	<i>Collections in 2021 for prior years</i>	<i>Expected contributions for 2021</i>	<i>Collections in 2021 for 2021</i>	<i>Total unpaid contributions</i>
Algeria	–	–	–	5 149	–	5 149
Argentina	95 856	–	47 311	34 141	–	82 686
Australia	–	–	–	82 460	82 460	–
Austria	–	–	–	25 260	25 260	–
Belgium	–	–	–	30 633	–	30 633
Brazil	156 402	–	156 402	109 995	–	109 995
Canada	–	–	–	102 010	102 010	–
Chile	34 140	–	–	15 186	–	49 326
China	–	–	–	447 930	–	447 930
Colombia	–	–	–	10 746	–	10 746
Czechia	–	11 604	–	11 604	–	–
Denmark	–	–	–	20 671	–	20 671
Egypt	–	–	–	6 940	–	6 940
European Union	–	–	–	93 280	–	93 280
Finland	–	–	–	15 708	–	15 708
France	–	–	–	165 179	165 179	–
Germany	–	–	–	227 230	–	227 230
Greece	–	–	–	13 656	–	13 656
Hungary	–	–	–	7 686	7 686	–
India	83 337	–	–	31 118	–	114 455
Indonesia	28 809	–	28 809	20 261	20 261	–
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	156 715	–	–	14 850	–	171 565
Iraq	28 179	–	–	4 813	–	32 992
Ireland	–	–	–	13 843	13 843	–
Israel	33 753	–	–	18 283	–	52 036
Italy	–	–	–	123 391	–	123 391
Japan	–	–	–	319 540	319 540	–
Kazakhstan	9 443	–	9 443	6 641	6 641	–

<i>Country</i>	<i>Unpaid contributions as at 31 Dec 2020</i>	<i>Advance payments received in 2020</i>	<i>Collections in 2021 for prior years</i>	<i>Expected contributions for 2021</i>	<i>Collections in 2021 for 2021</i>	<i>Total unpaid contributions</i>
Kuwait	–	–	–	9 403	–	9 403
Libya	63 830	–	–	–	–	63 830
Malaysia	18 092	–	18 092	12 723	12 723	–
Mexico	–	–	–	48 207	–	48 207
Netherlands	–	–	–	50 595	50 595	–
New Zealand	–	–	–	10 858	10 858	–
Nigeria	47 865	–	–	9 328	–	57 193
Norway	–	–	–	28 133	28 133	–
Oman	18 335	–	–	4 291	–	22 626
Pakistan	6 101	–	–	4 291	–	10 392
Peru	27 010	–	–	5 671	–	32 681
Philippines	10 876	–	–	7 649	–	18 525
Poland	–	–	–	29 924	29 924	–
Portugal	18 569	–	–	13 059	–	31 628
Qatar	44 087	–	–	10 522	–	54 609
Republic of Korea	24 201	–	24 201	84 587	84 587	–
Romania	10 504	–	10 504	7 388	–	7 388
Russian Federation	–	–	–	89 736	89 736	–
Saudi Arabia	56 632	–	–	43 730	–	100 362
Serbia	43 724	–	–	–	–	43 724
Singapore	–	–	–	18 097	18 097	–
Slovakia	–	–	–	5 709	5 709	–
South Africa	–	–	–	10 149	–	10 149
Spain	113 854	–	–	80 072	–	193 926
Sweden	–	–	–	33 805	33 805	–
Switzerland	–	–	–	42 946	42 946	–
Thailand	–	–	–	11 455	–	11 455
Turkey	72 736	–	–	51 154	–	123 890
Ukraine	5 463	–	5 463	–	–	–
United Arab Emirates	–	–	–	22 984	–	22 984

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	–	–	–	170 403	170 403	–
United States of America	519 332	–	–	820 863	–	1 340 195
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	240 255	–	–	27 163	–	267 418
Total	1 968 100	11 604	300 225	3 743 099	1 320 396	4 078 974

Annex II

Trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol interim 2021 budget performance report as at 30 April 2021

(in United States dollars)

Budget line	Cost category	Trust fund for the Vienna Convention		Trust fund for the Montreal Protocol	
		2021 approved budget	Expenditure as at 30 April 2021	2021 approved budget	Expenditure as at 30 April 2021
1000	Employee salaries allowances and benefits	602 000	156 376	1 555 000	447 869
1200	Consultants	–	–	85 000	30 000
1300	Meeting costs				
1321	Conference services costs – Open-ended Working Group meeting	–	–	632 000	343 966
1322	Conference services costs – preparatory meetings and Meeting of the Parties	252 000	–	525 000	1 531
1323	Communication costs of Article 5 party assessment panel members and organization costs of panel meetings	–	–	55 000	12 505
1324	Conference services costs – Bureau meetings	20 000	–	25 000	–
1325	Conference services costs – meetings of the Implementation Committee	–	–	125 000	93 459
1327	Conference services costs – meeting of the Ozone Research Managers	7 000	–	–	–
1328	Promotional activities for the protection of the ozone layer	10 000	–	–	–
5401	Hospitality	15 000	–	25 000	–
	Subtotal: meeting costs	304 000	–	1 387 000	451 461
3300	Travel of Article 5 parties and experts				
3301	Travel of Article 5 parties – assessment panel meetings	–	–	350 000	3 850
3302	Travel of Article 5 parties – preparatory meetings and meetings of the parties	–	–	400 000	(579)
3303	Travel of Article 5 parties – Open-ended Working Group meetings	–	–	365 000	–
3304	Travel of Article 5 parties – Bureau meetings	20 000	(559)	15 000	–
3305	Travel of Article 5 parties – meetings of the Implementation Committee	–	–	65 000	–
3307	Travel of Article 5 parties – meeting of the Ozone Research Managers	160 000	(2 845)	–	–
	Subtotal: travel of Article 5 parties and experts	180 000	(3 404)	1 195 000	3 271

<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>2021 approved budget</i>	<i>Expenditure as at 30 April 2021</i>	<i>2021 approved budget</i>	<i>Expenditure as at 30 April 2021</i>
1600	Travel on official business				
1601	Staff travel on official business	30 000	–	180 000	(776)
1602	Conference services staff travel on official business	–	–	15 000	–
	Subtotal: staff travel	30 000	-	195 000	(776)
4100–5300	Other operational costs: supplies and consumables				
4100	Expendable equipment	8 000	2 524	18 000	–
4200	Non-expendable equipment	10 000	3 375	25 000	62
4300	Rental of premises	19 000	–	32 000	–
5100	Operation and maintenance of equipment	10 000	109	20 000	–
5200	Reporting costs	12 500	–	75 000	(149)
5300	Sundry	36 889	942	25 000	1 500
	Subtotal: other operational costs	96 389	6 950	195 000	1 413
5401	Public awareness and communication			121 500	–
	Total direct costs	1 212 389	159 922	4 733 500	933 238
	Programme support costs (13 per cent)	157 611	20 790	615 355	121 321
	Total direct and programme support costs	1 370 000	180 712	5 348 855	1 054 559
	Additional activities to be drawn down from the existing cash balance				
5407	Temporary Website Officer (P3)			150 000	149 829
	Conference services costs – OEWG42(II)			161 636	–
	Conference services costs – ExMOP4			141 211	55 414
	Travel of A5 parties – OEWG42(II)			472 628	–
	Travel of A5 parties – ExMOP4			71 818	–
	Subtotal: additional activities			997 293	205 243
	Programme support costs (13%)			129 648	26 682
	Total additional activities and programme support costs			1 126 941	231 925
	Grand total	1 370 000	180 712	6 475 796	1 286 484
	Budget utilization rate		13%		20%