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Voluntary indicative scale of contributions

Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note provides information on the application of the voluntary indicative scale of contributions and how the scale has been adapted in the light of the universal membership of the United Nations Environment Programme, as referred to in paragraph 22 of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 1/15 of 27 June 2014.

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I. History of the establishment and application of the voluntary indicative scale of contributions

1. The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) adopted the report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers or Their Representatives on International Environmental Governance in its decision SS.VII/1 at its seventh special session, held in Cartagena, Colombia, in 2002.
2. In paragraphs 16 and 17 of its report, the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group stated that all Member States of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies should contribute financially to UNEP. To that end, it called for the establishment of a voluntary indicative scale of contributions to broaden the base of contributions and to enhance predictability in the voluntary financing of the Environment Fund. The voluntary scale was to be developed taking into account, among other things, the United Nations scale of assessment and the following factors:
 - (a) A minimum indicative rate of 0.001 per cent;
 - (b) A maximum indicative rate of 22 per cent;
 - (c) A maximum indicative rate for the least developed countries of 0.01 per cent;
 - (d) The economic and social circumstances of the Member States, in particular those of developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
 - (e) Provisions to allow for any Member State in a position to do so to increase its level of contributions over and above its current level.
3. The Open-ended Intergovernmental Group confirmed that all Member States, taking into account their economic and social circumstances, would be encouraged to contribute to the Environment Fund either on the basis of the indicative scale of contributions or on the basis of any of the following:
 - (a) Biennial pledges;
 - (b) United Nations scale of assessments;
 - (c) Historical level of contributions;
 - (d) Any other basis identified by the Member State;
4. At the same time, the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group confirmed that all contributions to the Fund would remain voluntary and each State reserved the right to determine whether or not it wished to contribute voluntarily to the Fund.
5. In response to the Council's adoption of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group's report, the Executive Director of UNEP launched a pilot phase of the voluntary indicative scale of contributions for one year, 2003. During the same year, the guiding principles and criteria for the voluntary indicative scale of contributions were further elaborated and presented to the Governing Council at its twenty-second session (UNEP/GC.22/INF/20/Rev.1), outlining conditions that would improve the financial situation of UNEP, including:
 - (a) Encouraging those countries that were paying above the United Nations scale to maintain their high levels of contributions and countries in a position to do so to consider making higher payments over and above their previous levels of contribution;
 - (b) Inviting developed countries, countries with economies in transition and developing countries that were contributing below the United Nations scale to increase their contributions gradually and pay closer to the United Nations scale and encouraging countries that used to make higher contributions to pay closer to the previous historical high level of contributions.
6. Following the pilot phase, the scale was applied in the biennium 2004–2005, and was subsequently revised for the bienniums 2006–2007, 2008–2009, 2010–2011, 2012–2013 and 2014–2015 at the request of the Governing Council. The Council continued to reiterate the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for UNEP.
7. In 2008, in his report on trends in contributions to operational activities for development of the United Nations system and measures to promote an adequate, predictable and expanding base of United Nations development assistance (A/63/201), the Secretary-General acknowledged the success of the initial result of introducing the voluntary indicative scale of contributions.

II. Recent commitments by Member States to increasing funding for United Nations Environment Programme, in particular for the Environment Fund

8. In its resolution 67/213, the General Assembly decided to strengthen and upgrade UNEP in the manner set out in subparagraphs (a) to (h) of paragraph 88 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012. In that resolution, the General Assembly recalled the decision, as set out in the Rio+20 outcome document, to have secure, stable, adequate and increased financial resources from the regular budget of the United Nations and voluntary contributions to fulfil the mandate of UNEP and urged donors to increase voluntary funding to UNEP, including to the Environment Fund.

9. Subsequently, at its twenty-seventh session and its first universal session, held in February 2013, the Governing Council, in paragraph 19 of its decision 27/2, stressed the need by **no later than 2016** to implement the provisions of paragraph 88 (b) of the outcome document of Rio+20 regarding secure, stable, adequate and increased financial resources.

10. In its resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, the General Assembly urged donor countries and other countries in a position to do so to maintain and substantially increase their voluntary contributions, in a manner consistent with their capacities, to the core/regular budgets of the United Nations development system, in particular its funds, programmes and specialized agencies (the Environment Fund in the case of UNEP) and to contribute on a multi-year basis in a sustained and predictable manner.

11. At its twenty-seventh session, the Governing Council, in paragraphs 23 and 24 of its decision 27/13, reiterated the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for UNEP, and urged donors to increase voluntary funding to UNEP, including to the Environment Fund. The United Nations Environment Assembly, in paragraphs 18 and 19 of its resolution 1/15, reiterated that call and also asked the Executive Director, in light of the universal membership, to continue efforts to broaden the donor base.

III. Application of the 2014–2015 and 2016–2017 voluntary indicative scales of contributions in support of the commitments made by Member States

12. In paragraph 26 of decision 27/13, the Governing Council noted the positive effect of the voluntary indicative scale of contributions to broaden the base of contributions to, and to enhance predictability in, the voluntary financing of the Environment Fund, and requested the Executive Director to adapt the voluntary indicative scale of contributions in the light of the universal membership of UNEP, in accordance with decisions SS.VII/1 and any subsequent decisions. Furthermore, in paragraph 27 of the decision, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director in his efforts to mobilize resources for UNEP to take action to strengthen and broaden the donor base of the Environment Fund. In paragraphs 18 and 22 of its decision 1/15, the United Nations Environment Assembly reiterated that position.

13. The provisions of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Governing Council and the United Nations Environment Assembly on strengthening funding to UNEP, in particular to the Environment Fund, were applied to the UNEP programme of work and budget for the biennium 2014–2015. In accordance with Governing Council decision 27/13, the Environment Fund, which is the primary source of non-earmarked funding for UNEP, was to receive appropriations worth \$110 million and \$135 million in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

14. The voluntary indicative scale of contributions for 2014–2015 was adjusted accordingly, taking into account the decisions of the Governing Council establishing the indicative scale, with particular emphasis on the following:

(a) Member States were requested to contribute at least on the same percentage basis as their United Nations assessed scale level for 2013–2015, which is considered to reflect their current status of economic and social development;

(b) Member States already contributing at or above the United Nations assessed scale were requested to retain their high levels of contributions;

(c) Member States that were contributing below their highest ever payment were encouraged to strive to return to that level of funding.

15. The Executive Director notified each Member State of their suggested level of contribution according to the voluntary indicative scale of contributions between August and October 2013. Following the responses received and further consultations with Member States, the scale was finalized in early 2014. However, the actual amount of contribution provided by each Member State remained at their discretion. The 2014–2015 indicative scale and the actual contributions received against it are set out in annex I to the present note (2015 actual contribution figures to be completed in early 2016).

16. Applying the principles articulated above required many Member States to contribute to the Environment Fund a far greater amount than in previous years. In anticipation of possible difficulties in achieving the requested increases rapidly, the Executive Director encouraged the Member States to make a commitment to gradually increase their contributions towards the level of the voluntary scale from the outset. It was also expected that the increase in the Environment Fund contributions would mainly be achieved through a shift from earmarked contributions considering the difficult financial situation globally. However, the sharp strengthening of the United States dollar against many other currencies during the second half of 2014 was not anticipated and many contributions, while at the same or higher level in local currency compared to previous years, therefore lost value in terms of United States dollars (\$1.5 million) and vis-à-vis the indicative scale.

17. The above-mentioned challenges in transitioning to the new scale were reflected in the Environment Fund statistics as follows: while 49 Member States contributed within 10 per cent of their scale in 2013, only 30 achieved the same level in 2014. The number of Member States contributing 11–50 per cent below the scale amounted to 9 in 2014 compared to 22 in 2013. The number of Member States contributing 51–99 per cent below the scale amounted to 40 in 2014 compared to 18 in 2013. Out of 193 Member States, the number of non-contributors increased from 95 in 2013 to 103 in 2014. A brighter development was the number of Member States contributing 10 per cent or more above their voluntary indicative scale of contribution level which went up to 10 in 2014 as compared to 8 in 2013.

18. Despite the above-mentioned challenges and the continued strong value of the United States dollar against other currencies, the 2016–2017 voluntary indicative scale of contributions has been developed following the same principles as for the 2014–2015 biennium. The rationale for maintaining this approach is to strive to achieve the annual budgets of \$135 million approved by the Member States. The budgets are a reflection of the level of financial support required in the Environment Fund to enable UNEP to deliver on its strengthened mandate and the voluntary indicative scale of contributions is a reflection of commitments yet to be met by the Member States universally in providing secure, stable, adequate and increased financial contributions to UNEP. The 2016–2017 scale is included in annex II to the present note.

19. In addition to efforts by Member States to increase their level of funding to the Environment Fund in accordance with the voluntary indicative scale of contributions, they are encouraged to work with the UNEP secretariat and other Member States to implement all the aspects of the UNEP funding strategy of 2014. The funding strategy emphasizes the need for a shift towards an increase in non-earmarked funding, a widened base for contributions and more partnerships that catalyse resources and results at the global, regional and national levels. It also seeks an increased return on investment and greater accountability of the Programme as well as recognizing the need for better communication.

20. The UNEP funding strategy was developed through close consultation and collaboration between the Member States and the secretariat. Similarly, its implementation requires a joint effort to provide the necessary financial and other resources for the Programme to achieve its mandate. The voluntary indicative scale of contributions serves as one of the important benchmarks for measuring the success achieved in translating the strategy into action.

Annex I

Voluntary indicative scale of contributions 2014–2015

(United States dollars)

| Country ^a | 2014 | | | 2015 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| | United States dollars (budget: \$110 million) | Percentage of budget | Actual pledge | United States dollars (budget: \$135 million) | Percentage of budget | Actual pledge |
| Afghanistan | 5 500 | 0.005 | 0 | 6 750 | 0.005 | 551 |
| Albania | 11 000 | 0.010 | 11 000 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 |
| Algeria | 150 700 | 0.137 | 10 000 | 184 950 | 0.137 | 0 |
| Andorra | 39 474 | 0.036 | 41 076 | 39 474 | 0.029 | 33 602 |
| Angola | 11 000 | 0.010 | 0 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 1 791 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 2 200 | 0.002 | 0 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 1 000 |
| Argentina | 475 200 | 0.432 | 50 000 | 583 200 | 0.432 | 0 |
| Armenia | 7 700 | 0.007 | 2 500 | 9 450 | 0.007 | 2 500 |
| Australia | 2 281 400 | 2.074 | 167 680 | 2 799 900 | 2.074 | 385 950 |
| Austria | 877 800 | 0.798 | 540 640 | 1 077 300 | 0.798 | 462 040 |
| Azerbaijan | 44 000 | 0.040 | 40 000 | 54 000 | 0.040 | 54 000 |
| Bahamas | 18 700 | 0.017 | 22 200 | 22 950 | 0.017 | 22 950 |
| Bahrain | 42 900 | 0.039 | 0 | 52 650 | 0.039 | 0 |
| Bangladesh | 11 000 | 0.010 | 653 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 653 |
| Barbados | 8 800 | 0.008 | 0 | 10 800 | 0.008 | 0 |
| Belarus | 61 600 | 0.056 | 16 000 | 75 600 | 0.056 | 21 000 |
| Belgium | 5 241 379 | 4.765 | 5 538 000 | 5 241 379 | 3.883 | 4 332 400 |
| Belize | 1 100 | 0.001 | 8 910 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Benin | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |
| Bhutan | 1 450 | 0.001 | 1 450 | 1 780 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 9 900 | 0.009 | 0 | 12 150 | 0.009 | 0 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 18 700 | 0.017 | 0 | 22 950 | 0.017 | 0 |
| Botswana | 18 700 | 0.017 | 0 | 22 950 | 0.017 | 0 |
| Brazil | 3 227 400 | 2.934 | 0 | 3 960 900 | 2.934 | 0 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 28 600 | 0.026 | 0 | 35 100 | 0.026 | 0 |
| Bulgaria | 51 700 | 0.047 | 17 000 | 63 450 | 0.047 | 25 000 |
| Burkina Faso | 5 646 | 0.005 | 0 | 0 | 0.004 | 0 |
| Burundi | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Cabo Verde | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Cambodia | 4 400 | 0.004 | 4 400 | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 |
| Cameroon | 13 200 | 0.012 | 13 200 | 16 200 | 0.012 | 16 200 |
| Canada | 3 282 400 | 2.984 | 2 808 480 | 4 028 400 | 2.98 | 2 504 020 |
| Central African Republic | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Chad | 2 200 | 0.002 | 0 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 0 |
| Chile | 367 400 | 0.334 | 20 000 | 450 900 | 0.334 | 20 000 |
| China | 5 662 800 | 5.148 | 500 000 | 6 949 800 | 5.148 | 500 000 |
| Colombia | 284 900 | 0.259 | 0 | 349 650 | 0.259 | 0 |
| Comoros | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Congo | 5 500 | 0.005 | 5 020 | 6 750 | 0.005 | 0 |
| Costa Rica | 41 800 | 0.038 | 4 573 | 51 300 | 0.038 | 0 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 12 100 | 0.011 | 0 | 14 850 | 0.011 | 0 |
| Croatia | 138 600 | 0.126 | 33 000 | 170 100 | 0.126 | 33 000 |
| Cuba | 75 900 | 0.069 | 0 | 93 150 | 0.069 | 0 |
| Cyprus | 51 700 | 0.047 | 44 000 | 63 450 | 0.047 | 44 000 |
| Czech Republic | 424 600 | 0.386 | 424 600 | 521 100 | 0.386 | 521 000 |

| Country ^a | 2014 | | | 2015 | | |
|--|--|-------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| | United States dollars (budget: \$110 million) | Percentage of budget | Actual pledge | United States dollars (budget: \$135 million) | Percentage of budget | Actual pledge |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 6 600 | 0.006 | 0 | 8 100 | 0.006 | 0 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |
| Denmark | 5 271 920 | 4.793 | 5 017 897 | 5 271 920 | 3.905 | 4 277 892 |
| Djibouti | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Dominica | 1 100 | 0.001 | 1 300 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Dominican Republic | 49 500 | 0.045 | 0 | 60 750 | 0.045 | 0 |
| Ecuador | 48 400 | 0.044 | 4 500 | 59 400 | 0.044 | 0 |
| Egypt | 147 400 | 0.134 | 0 | 180 900 | 0.134 | 0 |
| El Salvador | 17 600 | 0.016 | 0 | 21 600 | 0.016 | 0 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 11 000 | 0.010 | 0 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| Eritrea | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Estonia | 44 000 | 0.040 | 25 223 | 54 000 | 0.040 | 5 567 |
| Ethiopia | 11 000 | 0.010 | 0 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| Fiji | 4 481 | 0.004 | 4 462 | 4 481 | 0.003 | 4 481 |
| Finland | 4 395 180 | 3.996 | 7 373 400 | 4 395 180 | 3.256 | 6 677 400 |
| France | 6 152 300 | 5.593 | 6 152 300 | 7 550 550 | 5.593 | 7 550 550 |
| Gabon | 22 000 | 0.020 | 0 | 27 000 | 0.020 | 0 |
| Gambia | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Georgia | 7 700 | 0.007 | 9 450 | 9 450 | 0.007 | 9 450 |
| Germany | 9 696 293 | 8.815 | 10 075 152 | 9 696 293 | 7.182 | 8 279 842 |
| Ghana | 15 400 | 0.014 | 0 | 18 900 | 0.014 | 0 |
| Greece | 701 800 | 0.638 | 50 000 | 861 300 | 0.638 | 0 |
| Grenada | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Guatemala | 29 700 | 0.027 | 0 | 36 450 | 0.027 | 0 |
| Guinea | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Guyana | 1 100 | 0.001 | 993 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 993 |
| Haiti | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | | 0.003 | 0 |
| Honduras | 8 800 | 0.008 | 4 361 | 10 800 | 0.008 | 0 |
| Hungary | 292 600 | 0.266 | 9 972 | 359 100 | 0.266 | 9 990 |
| Iceland | 38 000 | 0.035 | 37 980 | 38 000 | 0.028 | 38 980 |
| India | 732 600 | 0.666 | 100 000 | 899 100 | 0.666 | 100 000 |
| Indonesia | 380 600 | 0.346 | 59 000 | 467 100 | 0.346 | 75 000 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 391 600 | 0.356 | 55 368 | 480 600 | 0.356 | 0 |
| Iraq | 74 800 | 0.068 | 0 | 91 800 | 0.068 | 0 |
| Ireland | 470 000 | 0.427 | 470 000 | 564 300 | 0.418 | 564 300 |
| Israel | 435 600 | 0.396 | 140 000 | 534 600 | 0.396 | 234 600 |
| Italy | 4 892 800 | 4.448 | 3 281 042 | 6 004 800 | 4.448 | 2 627 280 |
| Jamaica | 12 100 | 0.011 | 0 | 14 850 | 0.011 | 0 |
| Japan | 11 916 300 | 10.833 | 2 725 604 | 14 624 550 | 10.833 | 2 581 953 |
| Jordan | 24 200 | 0.022 | 0 | 29 700 | 0.022 | 0 |
| Kazakhstan | 133 100 | 0.121 | 29 970 | 163 350 | 0.121 | 30 000 |
| Kenya | 30 000 | 0.027 | 0 | 30 000 | 0.022 | 0 |
| Kiribati | 1 100 | 0.001 | 1 225 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Kuwait | 300 300 | 0.273 | 200 000 | 368 550 | 0.273 | 200 000 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 2 200 | 0.002 | 3 900 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 0 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 2 200 | 0.002 | 0 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 0 |
| Latvia | 51 700 | 0.047 | 0 | 63 450 | 0.047 | 63 450 |
| Lebanon | 46 200 | 0.042 | 0 | 56 700 | 0.042 | 7 000 |
| Lesotho | 9 975 | 0.009 | 0 | 9 975 | 0.007 | 0 |

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|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| | United States dollars (budget: \$110 million) | Percentage of budget | Actual pledge | United States dollars (budget: \$135 million) | Percentage of budget | Actual pledge |
| Liberia | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Libya | 156 200 | 0.142 | 0 | 191 700 | 0.142 | 0 |
| Liechtenstein | 9 900 | 0.009 | 9 000 | 12 150 | 0.009 | 0 |
| Lithuania | 80 300 | 0.073 | 23 000 | 98 550 | 0.073 | 23 000 |
| Luxembourg | 660 313 | 0.600 | 338 075 | 660 313 | 0.489 | 270 856 |
| Madagascar | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |
| Malawi | 2 200 | 0.002 | 0 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 0 |
| Malaysia | 309 100 | 0.281 | 40 000 | 379 350 | 0.281 | 40 000 |
| Maldives | 2 000 | 0.002 | 2 000 | 2 455 | 0.002 | 2 000 |
| Mali | 4 400 | 0.004 | 0 | 5 400 | 0.004 | 0 |
| Malta | 17 600 | 0.016 | 0 | 21 600 | 0.016 | 0 |
| Marshall Islands | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Mauritania | 2 200 | 0.002 | 10 000 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 9 988 |
| Mauritius | 14 300 | 0.013 | 5 000 | 17 550 | 0.013 | 0 |
| Mexico | 2 026 200 | 1.842 | 350 000 | 2 486 700 | 1.842 | 750 000 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Monaco | 26 437 | 0.024 | 27 097 | 26 437 | 0.020 | 21 631 |
| Mongolia | 3 300 | 0.003 | 985 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 985 |
| Montenegro | 5 500 | 0.005 | 0 | 6 750 | 0.005 | 0 |
| Morocco | 68 200 | 0.062 | 16 000 | 83 700 | 0.062 | 15 850 |
| Mozambique | 3 300 | 0.003 | 3 300 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |
| Myanmar | 11 000 | 0.010 | 0 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| Namibia | 11 000 | 0.010 | 0 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| Nauru | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Nepal | 6 600 | 0.006 | 0 | 8 100 | 0.006 | 0 |
| Netherlands | 10 017 600 | 9.107 | 10 699 200 | 10 017 600 | 7.420 | 9 067 200 |
| New Zealand | 278 300 | 0.253 | 260 000 | 341 550 | 0.253 | 260 000 |
| Nicaragua | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |
| Niger | 2 200 | 0.002 | 0 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 0 |
| Nigeria | 99 000 | 0.090 | 0 | 121 500 | 0.090 | 0 |
| Norway | 3 000 000 | 2.727 | 3 000 000 | 3 000 000 | 2.222 | 2 324 923 |
| Oman | 112 200 | 0.102 | 0 | 137 700 | 0.102 | 0 |
| Pakistan | 93 500 | 0.085 | 11 000 | 114 750 | 0.085 | 10 956 |
| Palau | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Panama | 28 600 | 0.026 | 28 600 | 35 100 | 0.026 | 38 600 |
| Papua New Guinea | 4 400 | 0.004 | 0 | 5 400 | 0.004 | 0 |
| Paraguay | 11 000 | 0.010 | 0 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| Peru | 128 700 | 0.117 | 10 000 | 157 950 | 0.117 | 16 667 |
| Philippines | 169 400 | 0.154 | 0 | 207 900 | 0.154 | 19 000 |
| Poland | 1 013 100 | 0.921 | 150 000 | 1 243 350 | 0.921 | 150 000 |
| Portugal | 521 400 | 0.474 | 0 | 639 900 | 0.474 | 50 000 |
| Qatar | 229 900 | 0.209 | 0 | 282 150 | 0.209 | 0 |
| Republic of Korea | 2 193 400 | 1.994 | 390 000 | 2 691 900 | 1.994 | 409 794 |
| Republic of Moldova | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |
| Romania | 248 600 | 0.226 | 248 600 | 305 100 | 0.226 | 0 |
| Russian Federation | 2 681 800 | 2.438 | 1 500 000 | 3 291 300 | 2.438 | 900 000 |
| Rwanda | 2 200 | 0.002 | 0 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 0 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Saint Lucia | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Samoa | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| San Marino | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |

| Country ^a | 2014 | | | 2015 | | |
|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | United States dollars (budget: \$110 million) | Percentage of budget | Actual pledge | United States dollars (budget: \$135 million) | Percentage of budget | Actual pledge |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Saudi Arabia | 950 400 | 0.864 | 133 000 | 1 166 400 | 0.864 | 133 000 |
| Senegal | 6 600 | 0.006 | 0 | 8 100 | 0.006 | 0 |
| Serbia | 44 000 | 0.040 | 20 000 | 54 000 | 0.040 | 25 000 |
| Seychelles | 1 200 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Sierra Leone | 1 100 | 0.001 | 1 225 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Singapore | 422 400 | 0.384 | 50 000 | 518 400 | 0.384 | 50 000 |
| Slovakia | 188 100 | 0.171 | 55 000 | 230 850 | 0.171 | 55 000 |
| Slovenia | 110 000 | 0.100 | 110 000 | 135 000 | 0.100 | 135 000 |
| Solomon Islands | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Somalia | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| South Africa | 409 200 | 0.372 | 0 | 502 200 | 0.372 | 0 |
| South Sudan | 4 400 | 0.004 | 0 | 5 400 | 0.004 | 0 |
| Spain | 3 270 300 | 2.973 | 152 650 | 4 013 550 | 2.973 | 0 |
| Sri Lanka | 27 500 | 0.025 | 0 | 33 750 | 0.025 | 10 200 |
| Sudan | 11 000 | 0.010 | 0 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| Suriname | 4 400 | 0.004 | 0 | 5 400 | 0.004 | 0 |
| Swaziland | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |
| Sweden | 4 882 142 | 4.438 | 4 875 427 | 4 882 142 | 3.616 | 4 602 927 |
| Switzerland | 4 358 546 | 3.962 | 3 965 836 | 4 358 546 | 3.229 | 3 822 923 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 39 600 | 0.036 | 0 | 48 600 | 0.036 | 0 |
| Tajikistan | 3 300 | 0.003 | 0 | 4 050 | 0.003 | 0 |
| Thailand | 262 900 | 0.239 | 22 982 | 322 650 | 0.239 | 24 384 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 8 800 | 0.008 | 0 | 10 800 | 0.008 | 0 |
| Timor-Leste | 2 200 | 0.002 | 0 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 0 |
| Togo | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Tonga | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 48 400 | 0.044 | 13 000 | 59 400 | 0.044 | 0 |
| Tunisia | 39 600 | 0.036 | 0 | 48 600 | 0.036 | 0 |
| Turkey | 1 460 800 | 1.328 | 678 700 | 1 792 800 | 1.328 | 833 000 |
| Turkmenistan | 20 900 | 0.019 | 0 | 25 650 | 0.019 | 0 |
| Tuvalu | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Uganda | 6 600 | 0.006 | 0 | 8 100 | 0.006 | 8 100 |
| Ukraine | 108 900 | 0.099 | 0 | 133 650 | 0.099 | 0 |
| United Arab Emirates | 654 500 | 0.595 | 40 000 | 803 250 | 0.595 | 40 000 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 5 696 900 | 5.179 | 5 470 080 | 6 991 650 | 5.179 | 4 782 030 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 9 900 | 0.009 | 0 | 12 150 | 0.009 | 0 |
| Uruguay | 57 200 | 0.052 | 57 200 | 70 200 | 0.052 | 70 200 |
| Uzbekistan | 16 500 | 0.015 | 0 | 20 250 | 0.015 | 0 |
| Vanuatu | 1 100 | 0.001 | 0 | 1 350 | 0.001 | 0 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 689 700 | 0.627 | 0 | 846 450 | 0.627 | 0 |
| Viet Nam | 46 200 | 0.042 | 7 500 | 56 700 | 0.042 | 0 |
| Yemen | 11 000 | 0.010 | 0 | 13 500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| Zambia | 6 600 | 0.006 | 0 | 8 100 | 0.006 | 0 |
| Zimbabwe | 2 200 | 0.002 | 4 900 | 2 700 | 0.002 | 0 |
| Total^b | 118 096 636 | 107.36 | 84 624 728 | 134 088 370 | 99.32 | 71 312 498 |

^aThe United States of America does not participate in the voluntary indicative scale of contributions.

^bThe total biennial voluntary indicative scale of contributions is 2.9 per cent higher than the approved budget to accommodate possible negative discrepancies between the scale and actual contributions. The total 2014 pledges include pledges received for 2014 after the closure of the annual accounts.

Annex II

Voluntary indicative scale of contributions 2016–2017 (as proposed by the Executive Director)

(United States dollars)

| <i>Country^a</i> | <i>2016</i> | | <i>2017</i> | |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | <i>United States dollars (budget: \$135 million)</i> | <i>Percentage of budget</i> | <i>United States dollars (budget: \$135 million)</i> | <i>Percentage of budget</i> |
| Afghanistan | 8 100 | 0.006 | 8 100 | 0.006 |
| Albania | 13 500 | 0.008 | 13 500 | 0.008 |
| Algeria | 217 350 | 0.161 | 217 350 | 0.161 |
| Andorra | 41 076 | 0.030 | 41 076 | 0.030 |
| Angola | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Argentina | 1 204 200 | 0.892 | 1 204 200 | 0.892 |
| Armenia | 9 450 | 0.007 | 9 450 | 0.007 |
| Australia | 3 154 950 | 2.337 | 3 154 950 | 2.337 |
| Austria | 972 000 | 0.720 | 972 000 | 0.720 |
| Azerbaijan | 81 000 | 0.060 | 81 000 | 0.060 |
| Bahamas | 22 950 | 0.017 | 22 950 | 0.017 |
| Bahrain | 59 400 | 0.044 | 59 400 | 0.044 |
| Bangladesh | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Barbados | 9 450 | 0.007 | 9 450 | 0.007 |
| Belarus | 75 600 | 0.056 | 75 600 | 0.056 |
| Belgium | 5 538 000 | 4.102 | 5 538 000 | 4.102 |
| Belize | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Benin | 4 050 | 0.003 | 4 050 | 0.003 |
| Bhutan | 1 450 | 0.001 | 1 450 | 0.001 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 16 200 | 0.012 | 16 200 | 0.012 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 17 550 | 0.013 | 17 550 | 0.013 |
| Botswana | 18 900 | 0.014 | 18 900 | 0.014 |
| Brazil | 5 161 050 | 3.823 | 5 161 050 | 3.823 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 35 100 | 0.026 | 35 100 | 0.026 |
| Bulgaria | 60 750 | 0.045 | 60 750 | 0.045 |
| Burkina Faso | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Burundi | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Cabo Verde | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Cambodia | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Cameroon | 16 200 | 0.012 | 16 200 | 0.012 |
| Canada | 3 943 350 | 2.921 | 3 943 350 | 2.921 |
| Central African Republic | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Chad | 6 750 | 0.005 | 6 750 | 0.005 |
| Chile | 538 650 | 0.399 | 538 650 | 0.399 |
| China | 10 693 350 | 7.921 | 10 693 350 | 7.921 |
| Colombia | 434 700 | 0.322 | 434 700 | 0.322 |
| Comoros | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Congo | 8 100 | 0.006 | 8 100 | 0.006 |
| Costa Rica | 63 450 | 0.047 | 63 450 | 0.047 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 12 150 | 0.009 | 12 150 | 0.009 |
| Croatia | 133 650 | 0.099 | 133 650 | 0.099 |
| Cuba | 87 750 | 0.065 | 87 750 | 0.065 |
| Cyprus | 58 050 | 0.043 | 58 050 | 0.043 |
| Czech Republic | 521 000 | 0.386 | 521 000 | 0.386 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 6 750 | 0.005 | 6 750 | 0.005 |

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| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 10 800 | 0.008 | 10 800 | 0.008 |
| Denmark | 5 017 897 | 3.717 | 5 017 897 | 3.717 |
| Djibouti | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Dominica | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Dominican Republic | 62 100 | 0.046 | 62 100 | 0.046 |
| Ecuador | 90 450 | 0.067 | 90 450 | 0.067 |
| Egypt | 205 200 | 0.152 | 205 200 | 0.152 |
| El Salvador | 18 900 | 0.014 | 18 900 | 0.014 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Eritrea | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Estonia | 51 300 | 0.038 | 51 300 | 0.038 |
| Ethiopia | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Fiji | 4 481 | 0.003 | 4 481 | 0.003 |
| Finland | 7 373 400 | 5.462 | 7 373 400 | 5.462 |
| France | 7 550 550 | 5.593 | 7 550 550 | 5.593 |
| Gabon | 22 950 | 0.017 | 22 950 | 0.017 |
| Gambia | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Georgia | 10 800 | 0.008 | 10 800 | 0.008 |
| Germany | 9 639 965 | 7.141 | 9 639 965 | 7.141 |
| Ghana | 21 600 | 0.016 | 21 600 | 0.016 |
| Greece | 635 850 | 0.471 | 635 850 | 0.471 |
| Grenada | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Guatemala | 37 800 | 0.028 | 37 800 | 0.028 |
| Guinea | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Guyana | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Haiti | 4 050 | 0.003 | 4 050 | 0.003 |
| Honduras | 10 800 | 0.008 | 10 800 | 0.008 |
| Hungary | 217 350 | 0.161 | 217 350 | 0.161 |
| Iceland | 38 980 | 0.029 | 38 980 | 0.029 |
| India | 994 950 | 0.737 | 994 950 | 0.737 |
| Indonesia | 680 400 | 0.504 | 680 400 | 0.504 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 635 850 | 0.471 | 635 850 | 0.471 |
| Iraq | 174 150 | 0.129 | 174 150 | 0.129 |
| Ireland | 564 300 | 0.418 | 564 300 | 0.418 |
| Israel | 580 500 | 0.430 | 580 500 | 0.430 |
| Italy | 5 059 800 | 3.748 | 5 059 800 | 3.748 |
| Jamaica | 12 150 | 0.009 | 12 150 | 0.009 |
| Japan | 13 068 000 | 9.680 | 13 068 000 | 9.680 |
| Jordan | 27 000 | 0.020 | 27 000 | 0.020 |
| Kazakhstan | 257 850 | 0.191 | 257 850 | 0.191 |
| Kenya | 24 300 | 0.018 | 24 300 | 0.018 |
| Kiribati | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Kuwait | 384 750 | 0.285 | 384 750 | 0.285 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 4 050 | 0.003 | 4 050 | 0.003 |
| Latvia | 67 500 | 0.050 | 67 500 | 0.050 |
| Lebanon | 62 100 | 0.046 | 62 100 | 0.046 |
| Lesotho | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Liberia | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Libya | 168 750 | 0.125 | 168 750 | 0.125 |
| Liechtenstein | 9 450 | 0.007 | 9 450 | 0.007 |
| Lithuania | 97 200 | 0.072 | 97 200 | 0.072 |

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| Luxembourg | 338 075 | 0.250 | 338 075 | 0.250 |
| Madagascar | 4 050 | 0.003 | 4 050 | 0.003 |
| Malawi | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Malaysia | 434 700 | 0.322 | 434 700 | 0.322 |
| Maldives | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Mali | 4 050 | 0.003 | 4 050 | 0.003 |
| Malta | 21 600 | 0.016 | 21 600 | 0.016 |
| Marshall Islands | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Mauritania | 10 000 | 0.007 | 10 000 | 0.007 |
| Mauritius | 16 200 | 0.012 | 16 200 | 0.012 |
| Mexico | 1 937 250 | 1.435 | 1 937 250 | 1.435 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Monaco | 27 097 | 0.020 | 27 097 | 0.020 |
| Mongolia | 6 750 | 0.005 | 6 750 | 0.005 |
| Montenegro | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Morocco | 72 900 | 0.054 | 72 900 | 0.054 |
| Mozambique | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Myanmar | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Namibia | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Nauru | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Nepal | 8 100 | 0.006 | 8 100 | 0.006 |
| Netherlands | 10 699 200 | 7.925 | 10 699 200 | 7.925 |
| New Zealand | 361 800 | 0.268 | 361 800 | 0.268 |
| Nicaragua | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Niger | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Nigeria | 282 150 | 0.209 | 282 150 | 0.209 |
| Norway | 3 000 000 | 2.222 | 3 000 000 | 2.222 |
| Oman | 152 550 | 0.113 | 152 550 | 0.113 |
| Pakistan | 125 550 | 0.093 | 125 550 | 0.093 |
| Palau | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Panama | 45 900 | 0.034 | 45 900 | 0.034 |
| Papua New Guinea | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Paraguay | 18 900 | 0.014 | 18 900 | 0.014 |
| Peru | 183 600 | 0.136 | 183 600 | 0.136 |
| Philippines | 222 750 | 0.165 | 222 750 | 0.165 |
| Poland | 1 135 350 | 0.841 | 1 135 350 | 0.841 |
| Portugal | 529 200 | 0.392 | 529 200 | 0.392 |
| Qatar | 363 150 | 0.269 | 363 150 | 0.269 |
| Republic of Korea | 2 752 650 | 2.039 | 2 752 650 | 2.039 |
| Republic of Moldova | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Romania | 305 100 | 0.226 | 305 100 | 0.226 |
| Russian Federation | 4 168 800 | 3.088 | 4 168 800 | 3.088 |
| Rwanda | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Saint Lucia | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Samoa | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| San Marino | 4 050 | 0.003 | 4 050 | 0.003 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1 547 100 | 1.146 | 1 547 100 | 1.146 |
| Senegal | 6 750 | 0.005 | 6 750 | 0.005 |
| Serbia | 43 200 | 0.032 | 43 200 | 0.032 |
| Seychelles | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Sierra Leone | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |

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| Singapore | 603 450 | 0.447 | 603 450 | 0.447 |
| Slovakia | 216 000 | 0.160 | 216 000 | 0.160 |
| Slovenia | 135 000 | 0.100 | 135 000 | 0.100 |
| Solomon Islands | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Somalia | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| South Africa | 491 400 | 0.364 | 491 400 | 0.364 |
| South Sudan | 4 050 | 0.003 | 4 050 | 0.003 |
| Spain | 3 298 050 | 2.443 | 3 298 050 | 2.443 |
| Sri Lanka | 41 850 | 0.031 | 41 850 | 0.031 |
| Sudan | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Suriname | 8 100 | 0.006 | 8 100 | 0.006 |
| Swaziland | 2 700 | 0.002 | 2 700 | 0.002 |
| Sweden | 4 875 427 | 3.611 | 4 875 427 | 3.611 |
| Switzerland | 3 965 836 | 2.938 | 3 965 836 | 2.938 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 32 400 | 0.024 | 32 400 | 0.024 |
| Tajikistan | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Thailand | 392 850 | 0.291 | 392 850 | 0.291 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 9 450 | 0.007 | 9 450 | 0.007 |
| Timor-Leste | 4 050 | 0.003 | 4 050 | 0.003 |
| Togo | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Tonga | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 45 900 | 0.034 | 45 900 | 0.034 |
| Tunisia | 37 800 | 0.028 | 37 800 | 0.028 |
| Turkey | 1 374 300 | 1.018 | 1 374 300 | 1.018 |
| Turkmenistan | 35 100 | 0.026 | 35 100 | 0.026 |
| Tuvalu | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Uganda | 12 150 | 0.009 | 12 150 | 0.009 |
| Ukraine | 139 050 | 0.103 | 139 050 | 0.103 |
| United Arab Emirates | 815 400 | 0.604 | 815 400 | 0.604 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 6 025 050 | 4.463 | 6 025 050 | 4.463 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Uruguay | 106 650 | 0.079 | 106 650 | 0.079 |
| Uzbekistan | 31 050 | 0.023 | 31 050 | 0.023 |
| Vanuatu | 1 350 | 0.001 | 1 350 | 0.001 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 770 850 | 0.571 | 770 850 | 0.571 |
| Viet Nam | 78 300 | 0.058 | 78 300 | 0.058 |
| Yemen | 13 500 | 0.010 | 13 500 | 0.010 |
| Zambia | 9 450 | 0.007 | 9 450 | 0.007 |
| Zimbabwe | 5 400 | 0.004 | 5 400 | 0.004 |
| Total* | 139 765 484 | 103.5 | 139 765 484 | 103.5 |

* The total biennial voluntary indicative scale of contributions stands at 3.5 per cent higher than the approved budget to accommodate possible negative discrepancies between the scale and actual contributions.

** The United States of America does not participate in the voluntary indicative scale of contributions.