

FINANCIAL SITUATION

Governments remain the most important donors in the long-term process of ensuring adequate, stable and predictable financial resources for UNEP. The emphasis in resource mobilization is on securing timely and increased contributions from Governments to the Environment Fund to ensure adequate capacity on the part of UNEP to implement the Environment Fund programme of work agreed by Governments for the biennium 2004–2005.

Following the decisions of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) the UNEP Executive Director extended a pilot phase of the voluntary indicative scale of contributions into the next biennium 2006–2007. The 23rd session of the GC/GMEF encouraged all Governments, taking into account their economic and social

circumstances, to make their voluntary contributions to the Environment Fund on the basis of either the voluntary indicative scale of contributions or any of the other voluntary options contained in paragraph 18 of the Cartagena decision SS.VII/1. In mid-2005 UNEP notified all member States of a new proposed voluntary indicative scale of contributions for the next biennium and invited their comments.

Since 2000, annual contributions to the Environment Fund have been growing in US dollar terms at an average rate of about 9 per cent (see table). By December 2005 close to 30 countries had increased their support to the Environment Fund and payments/pledges continue to arrive. The maximum pledges/payments expected for 2005 are estimated at \$59.2 million, representing an estimated annual increase in pledges and contributions of 1-2 per cent.

GROWTH OF SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS AND EARMARKED SUPPORT

While mobilizing adequate contributions to the core Environment Fund remains a top fund raising priority for UNEP, supplementary funds, including trust funds, trust fund support and earmarked contributions, are vital to the organization as they allow UNEP to fully implement the work programme approved by the Governing Council.

In 2005, UNEP continued its work within existing partnership agreements with Belgium, Ireland, the Netherlands and Norway, and concluded a new long-term partnership with the Government of Sweden by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in February 2005. The expected support for the first year (2005) was approximately \$4 million, which was channelled through a UNEP trust fund. The new MoU with Sweden provides support for the following programme areas: Early warning and assessment; Implementation of multilateral environmental agreements; Sustainable consumption and production patterns; Civil society; Water; and Chemicals.

Partnership agreements have demonstrated their clear advantages and efficiency compared to traditional project-oriented approaches to fund raising and ad-hoc bilateral discussions on programme issues. The main focus of all partnerships is on programme activities in developing countries. Partnerships facilitate UNEP access to donor countries' development funds and enable it to make an adequate contribution towards achieving the internationally agreed goals of the Millennium Declaration by 2015.

Partnerships also provide predictable financial support to core UNEP programme areas and activities and the implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity Building for a period of between three and four years. That is a major contribution to improving strategic planning and reducing the administrative burden. In addition, partnerships stimulate innovative approaches and priority setting through the introduction of regular policy dialogue and programme consultations.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNEP'S ENVIRONMENT FUND 2000 – 2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 *	2005 *
Contributions and pledges USD	41 mil	44.1 mil	48.3 mil	52.7 mil	58.9 mil	59.2 mil
Percentage	100%	108%	118%	129%	143%	144%

* including pledges and estimates

ENVIRONMENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS 2003 – 2005: TOP 20 DONORS

Country	2003	2004	2005	TOTAL
United Kingdom	6,867,000	7,672,560	7,986,720	22,526,280
Germany	5,865,872	6,945,516	6,641,934	19,453,322
United States	5,475,000	5,910,100	6,000,000	17,385,100
Netherlands	4,661,858	6,020,352	6,003,878	16,686,088
France	3,340,130	3,927,620	4,000,000	11,267,750
Japan	3,500,000	3,400,000	3,230,000	10,130,000
Finland	3,085,147	3,364,760	3,601,026	10,050,933
Italy	2,807,240	3,072,800	2,886,960	8,767,000
Switzerland	2,582,205	2,827,216	2,997,548	8,406,969
Sweden	2,503,129	2,800,532	2,883,512	8,187,173
Denmark	2,565,382	2,658,662	2,441,717	7,665,761
Norway	2,145,923	2,134,259	2,370,305	6,650,487
Canada	1,693,284	1,984,890	2,058,894	5,737,069
Spain	678,830	950,902	709,500	2,339,232
Belgium	674,700	758,920	730,195	2,163,815
Russian Federation	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,500,000
Austria	376,740	509,543	520,953	1,407,236
Australia	328,845	424,600	428,450	1,181,895
Ireland	359,003	381,795	396,187	1,136,985
Kuwait	200,000	200,00	200,000*	600,000
TOTAL	50,210,288	56,445,027	56,587,779 *	163,243,094 *
WORLD TOTAL	52,718,463 *	58,949,519 **	59,159,993 **	170,826,706 **

* includes pledges

** includes estimates

ENVIRONMENT FUND: COUNTRIES INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS/PLEDGES 2004 – 2005

Country	Contributions and pledges in 2004	Contributions and pledges in 2005	Increase
1 Andorra	17,898	25,522	7,624
2 Australia	424,600	428,450	3,850
3 Austria	509,543	520,953	11,410
4 Bhutan	1,300	1,350	50
5 Brazil	68,593	100,000	31,407
6 Brunei Darussalam	9,700	9,980	280
7 Canada	1,984,890	2,058,894	74,004
8 Czech Rep.	132,000	197,949	65,949
9 Dominican Rep.	-	2,000	2,000
10 Finland	3,364,760	3,601,026	236,266
11 France	3,927,620	4,000,000	72,380
12 Hungary	70,200	76,000	5,800
13 India	100,000	100,888	888
14 Ireland	381,795	396,187	14,392
15 Madagascar	-	4,585	4,585
16 Maldives	1,500	2,000	500
17 Nicaragua	-	600*	600
18 Norway	2,134,259	2,370,305	236,046
19 Poland	100,000	150,000	50,000
20 Republic of Moldova	-	700	700
21 Saudi Arabia	120,000	133,186	13,186
22 Sweden	2,800,532	2,883,512	82,980
23 Switzerland	2,827,216	2,997,548	170,332
24 The FYR Macedonia	-	2,400	2,400
25 Tonga	-	600*	600
26 United Kingdom	7,672,560	7,986,720	314,160
27 United States	5,910,100	6,000,000	89,900
28 Zambia	-	2,177	2,177
TOTAL	32,559,066	34,053,532	1,494,466

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