THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

59th Meeting of the Standing Committee

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**Financial and budgetary matters**

**Status of annual contributions**

**Actions requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to:

i. take note of the status of annual contributions;

ii. note the actions listed in paragraphs 14 and 15 on group confirmation of outstanding contributions as part of the audit process;

iii. note the actions listed in paragraphs 17, 19, 20 and 21 to continue encouraging the payment of annual contributions;

iv. note the change in annual contributions receivable and in the annual provision against contributions receivable; and

v. note the status of the African voluntary contributions.

**Background**

1. Article 6.6 of the Convention states:

“*Each Contracting Party shall contribute to the budget according to a scale of contributions adopted by unanimity of the Contracting Parties present and voting at a meeting of the ordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties.*”

2. Annual (assessed) contributions from Contracting Parties are used to finance the Convention’s core budget. Each year, the Secretariat invoices Parties for their annual contributions. Swiss franc (CHF) invoicing is based upon the approved core budget and the current United Nations Scale of Assessment, adjusted on a *pro rata* basis to reflect which States are Parties to the Convention at the beginning of the year.

3. In Resolution XIII.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* in paragraphs 17 and 18, the Conference of the Contracting Parties:

“*17. URGES Contracting Parties with outstanding contributions to make a renewed effort to settle them as expeditiously as possible to enhance the financial sustainability of the Convention through contributions by all Contracting Parties*;”and

“*18. REQUESTS the Secretariat to contact Contracting Parties that have outstanding contributions in excess of three years and assist them to identify appropriate options to rectify the situation and to request a plan for making payment of contributions, and to report back to each meeting of the Standing Committee and Conference of the Contracting Parties on activities taken in this regard and results achieved; and AGREES that the Standing Committee should continue to consider appropriate action concerning Parties that have neither paid their outstanding contributions nor submitted a payment plan for this purpose*.”

**Status of annual contributions as at 31 December 2020**

4. The table in Annex 1 of this document presents for each Contracting Party, listed in alphabetical order, the status of annual contributions at 1 January 2020, all payments received in 2020 and the status of contributions at 31 December 2020.

5. As per the table in Annex 1, as of 31 December 2020, CHF 600K of contributions due for 2020 had not been received, which corresponds to 12.4% of the CHF 4,845K contributions expected in 2020. The total due for the years prior to 2020 amounted to CHF 1,074K (an increase of 14.3% compared to 2019). Therefore, the total contributions due but not received by that date amounted to CHF 1,674K, which is a decrease of CHF 1,536K compared to 2019, or a decrease of 48%. This decrease results from the late payment of some 2018 assessed contributions that were paid in 2019. However, the Secretariat observed that if the late payment of the Contracting Parties with the largest contributions had not be taken into consideration, the amount received for 2020 would have slightly increased compared to 2019.

6. Contributions for 2020 had not been received, or not received in full, from 86 Contracting Parties by 31 December 2020 (compared to 102 at the end of 2019).

7. By 28 February 2021, 12 of those 86 Contracting Parties had paid their contributions for 2020 and prior years, totalling CHF187K (compared to 20 Contracting Parties and CHF 1,400K for the same period in 2020).

8. By 28 February 2021, 21 Contracting Parties had paid contributions or partial contributions for 2020, totalling CHF 606K (compared to 13 Contracting Parties and CHF 364K by the end of February 2020).

9. Table 1 below shows the status of contributions from 2016 to 2020 and the related provision for non-collection of contributions. The provision was increased by CHF 94K to CHF 990K at the end of 2020.

*Table 1: Status of contributions and provision for non-collection, 2016-2020 (CHF ‘000)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** |
| Assessed contributions from Contracting Parties | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 |
| Voluntary contribution from the United States of America | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 |
| Cumulative contributions not received by year end | 1,277 | 1,886 | 1,496 | 3,210 | 1,674 |
| Provision for non-collection (i.e. provision against contributions not received) | 653 | 720 | 663 | 896 | 990 |

10. In accordance with Decision SC57-39 taken by the Standing Committee at its 57th meeting, the provision for non-collection of outstanding contributions has been calculated since 2019 in accordance with the method proposed by the external auditor. As for prior years, a provision of 20% was applied on contributions not received within two years, 60% on contributions not received within three years, and 80% on contributions not received within four years. In addition, in accordance with Decision SC57-39, in order to fully comply with Swiss law, with the objective of incorporating the notion of economic risk resulting from delayed payment by some Contracting Parties over many years, a provision of 100% was applied on all outstanding balances of Contracting Parties which had not made a contribution payment to cover for outstanding contributions for the past four years, that is, for the years from 2017 to 2020.

11. In 2020 the full provision of 100% was applied to 33 Contracting Parties with total outstanding contributions of CHF 769K (comparing to 34 Contracting Parties with total outstanding contributions of CHF 707K in 2019), of which 12 Parties have not paid any contributions for more than ten years.

12. As of 31 December 2020, 102 Contracting Parties had paid all their contributions up to and including 2019 (compared to 98 Parties that at the end of 2019 had paid their contributions for the years up to 2018). Of these 102 Parties, 74 had also paid their full contributions for 2020 (compared to 68 Parties in 2019). During 2020, 11 Parties had already paid a total of CHF 503K towards their contributions for 2021. The Secretariat acknowledges, with appreciation, the consistent and prompt payment of these Contracting Parties.

13. A breakdown of the balances of outstanding contributions according to the year due, at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019, is shown in Table 2 below. The balances of contributions outstanding for over three years increased from CHF 476K at 31 December 2019 to CHF 548K at 31 December 2020. Table 2 also shows the overall decrease in balances of outstanding contributions of CHF 1,536K. As mentioned in paragraph 5, the reason for such a decrease is due to the late payment of some 2018 assessed contributions that have been paid in 2019.

*Table 2: Balances of outstanding contributions, 31 December 2020 compared to 31 December 2019 (in ‘000 CHF, includes possible rounding differences)*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year due**  | **Outstanding contribution balances (CHF ‘000)31/12/2019** | **Outstanding contribution balances (CHF ‘000)31/12/2020** | **Change (CHF ‘000)(2019-2020)**  |
| 2011 or before | 135 | 125 | -11 |
| 2012 | 43 | 42 | -1 |
| 2013 | 65 | 64 | -1 |
| 2014 | 71 | 70 | -1 |
| 2015 | 74 | 72 | -2 |
| 2016 | 86 | 77 | -10 |
| 2017 | 135 | 97 | -37 |
| 2018 | 272 | 148 | -124 |
| 2019 | 2327 | 388 | -1939 |
| 2020 |  | 590 | 590 |
| **Total** | **3,210** | **1,674** | **-1,536** |

14. The Standing Committee considered the external auditor’s proposal on group confirmation of outstanding Contracting Party balances in response to Decision SC57-40 and, in Decision SC58-18, decided that it would acknowledge the status of the annual contributions intersessionally. The Secretariat would send the request for intersessional acknowledgement to the Standing Committee on behalf of the external auditor in the period following the closing of accounts and prior to the signing of the financial statements by the auditors.

15. Consequently, the Secretariat sent on 4 February 2021 a request to the Standing Committee to acknowledge the status of assessed contributions as at 31 December 2020. Since no comments were received within the given period of time, the outstanding contributions as at 31 December 2020 are considered as acknowledged.

**Actions for 2021**

16. In accordance with Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 18, the Secretariat will continue to engage with Contracting Parties on contributions not received, and especially those due for more than three years at the end of 2020, including with the Contracting Parties that have never paid any contribution.

17. In accordance with Decision SC54-26, and in line with other Conventions, the Secretariat continues to publish the updated status of contributions on the Convention website on a monthly basis[[1]](#footnote-1), in the same format as the table presented in Annex 1.

18. Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 19, “requests Regional Representatives in the Standing Committee to engage Parties from their respective regions with outstanding contributions to encourage them to identify appropriate options to rectify the situation”. Regional Representatives may wish to share with the Standing Committee their efforts, outcomes and challenges encountered in implementing this request from the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP13).

19. In 2021 the Secretariat will continue, as in 2020, to share with Regional Representatives the status of outstanding contributions on a quarterly basis, for further action, in line with the above instructions.

20. In accordance with Decision SC57-44, and following the experience of other Conventions, the Secretariat will continue to encourage timely payments of annual contributions by sending out reminders.

21. In accordance with Decision SC58-15, the Parties with outstanding contributions are invited to agree on a payment plan in discussion with the Secretariat and the Secretariat is instructed to work with Parties which have been able to pay outstanding contributions, particularly the long-standing ones, to identify good practices and efforts that could be shared.

22. If Contracting Parties are late in their payments, the total of outstanding contributions will continue to increase. This will result in further increases in the provisions for outstanding contributions in the budget, thus decreasing resources available for the regular budget of the Secretariat. As per Decision SC58-31, the future budgets of the Secretariat will have separate budget lines: 1) for the provision for outstanding contributions, and 2) staff-related provisions.

**African voluntary contributions**

23. At COP10, through Resolution X.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* paragraph 23, the Contracting Parties of Africa assessed with an annual contribution of less than CHF 2,000 agreed to increase their payments to that level. The difference between CHF 2,000 and their assessed contribution was to be in the form of a voluntary contribution specifically earmarked for African Ramsar Regional Initiatives.

24. In Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 24 and 25, the Parties agreed on the process of the allocation of these contributions. The Standing Committee in Decision SC57-46 confirmed that the balance of the Africa region voluntary contributions as at 31 December 2018 was CHF 91K.

25. In accordance with Resolution XIII.2, the Secretariat has informed the Ramsar Regional Initiatives in Africa of the balance available and has invited them to submit requests to the Secretariat to access available funds in accordance with the provisions of Resolution XIII.9 on *Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2019-2021*. Requests received have been submitted to the African Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee for their decision on the allocation of available funds.

26. In 2020 the African Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee agreed to distribute the amount of CHF 91K in three equal parts of CHF 30.3K to the following Ramsar Regional Initiatives: 1) the Ramsar Centre for Eastern Africa (RAMCEA), 2) the Ramsar Regional Initiative for West African Coastal Zone Wetlands (WACOWet) and 3) the Ramsar Regional Initiative for the Niger River Basin (NigerWet). The three RRIs have received the first tranche of allocated AVC funds in 2020 and will receive the second tranche in 2021.

27. Voluntary contributions received from the Contracting Parties in the Africa region amounted to CHF 2K in 2019 and CHF 12K in 2020. The total amount remaining at the end of 2020 for the future allocations is CHF 14K. Voluntary contributions are listed in Annex 2 to the present document. After the accounts confirmation by the Standing Committee the Secretariat will contact the Regional Initiatives and the Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee in the African region on the allocation of this balance.

**Annex 1**

**Status of assessed contributions as at 31 December 2020 (in CHF)**

| Country | Status as of 1 January 2020 | Received in 2020 | Status as of 31 December 2020 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not received for prior years | Anticipated for 2020 | Paid for future years | For prior years | For 2020 | For future years | Not received for prior years | Not received for 2020 | Received for future Years |
| Albania | - | 1,000  | - | - | 933  | - | - |  67  |  - |
| Algeria | - | 6,755  | - |   | 6,755  | - | - | - |  - |
| Andorra | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 12,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 12,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Argentina | 88,414  | 44,786  | - | 43,616  | - | - | 44,798  |  44,786  |  - |
| Armenia | - | 1,000  | - | - | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Australia | - | 108,171  | 114,250  | - | - | 102,092  | - | - | 108,171  |
| Austria | - | 33,136  | - | - | 33,136  | - | - | - |  - |
| Azerbaijan | - | 2,398  | - | - | 2,398  | - | - | - |  - |
| Bahamas | 1,058  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 1,058  | 1,000  |  - |
| Bahrain | - | 2,447  | - | - | - | - | - | 2,447  |  - |
| Bangladesh | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Barbados | - | 1,000  | - | - | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Belarus | - | 2,398  | - | - | 2,398  | - | - | - |  - |
| Belgium | - | 40,185  | - | - | 40,185  | - | - | - |  - |
| Belize | 8,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 8,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Benin | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Bhutan | 2,000  | 1,000  | - | 2,000  | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 2,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 2,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | - | 1,000  | - | - | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Botswana | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Brazil | 144,332  | 144,293  | - | - | - | - | 144,332  | 144,293  |  - |
| Bulgaria | - | 2,252  | - | - | 2,252  | - | - | - |  - |
| Burkina Faso | 1,824  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 1,824  | 1,000  |  - |
| Burundi | 5,151  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 5,151  | 1,000  |  - |
| Cabo Verde | 14,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 14,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Cambodia | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | 3,000  | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Cameroon | 8,247  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 8,247  | 1,000  |  - |
| Canada | - | 133,818  | 13,612  | - | 133,818  | 141,831  | - | - | 155,442  |
| Central African Republic | 1,605  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 1,605  | 1,000  |  - |
| Chad | - | 1,000  | 845  | - | - | - | - | 155  |  - |
| Chile | 21,813  | 19,921  | - | 7,951  | - | - | 13,862  |  19,921  |  - |
| China | 688,372  | 587,595  | - | 688,372  | 587,595  | - | - | - |  - |
| Colombia | 29,845  | 14,096  | - | - | - | - | 29,845  |  14,096  |  - |
| Comoros | 7,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 7,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Congo | 6,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 6,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Costa Rica | 1,361  | 3,035  | - | 1,361  | 722  | - | - | 2,313  |  - |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 1,844  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 1,844  | 1,000  |  - |
| Croatia | - | 3,769  | - | - | 3,769  | - | - | - |  - |
| Cuba | 20,420  | 3,916  | - | - | - | - | 20,420  | 3,916  |  - |
| Cyprus | - | 1,762  | - | - | 1,762  | - | - | - |  - |
| Czech Republic | - | 15,222  | 15,226  | - | - | 15,218  | - | - |  15,222  |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 20,846  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 20,846  | 1,000  |  - |
| Denmark | - | 27,116  | - | - | 27,116  | - | - | - |  - |
| Djibouti | 17,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 17,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Dominican Republic | 6,004  | 2,594  | - | - | - | - | 6,004  | 2,594  |  - |
| Ecuador | 8,101  | 3,916  | - | - | - | - | 8,101  | 3,916  |  - |
| Egypt | 23,970  | 9,104  | - | 23,970  | 9,104  | - | - | - |  - |
| El Salvador | 36  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 36  | 1,000  |  - |
| Equatorial Guinea | 6,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 6,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Estonia | - | 1,909  | - | - | 1,909  | - | - | - |  - |
| Eswatini | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Fiji | 2,000  | 1,000  | - | 2,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Finland | - | 20,606  | - | - | 20,606  | - | - | - |  - |
| France | - | 216,684  | 237,590  | - | - | 195,778  | - | - | 216,684  |
| Gabon | 1,236  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 1,236  | 1,000  |  - |
| Gambia | 8,261  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 8,261  | 1,000  |  - |
| Georgia | - | 1,000  | - | - | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Germany | - | 298,081  | - | - | 298,081  | - | - | - |  - |
| Ghana | 2,979  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 2,979  | 1,000  |  - |
| Greece | - | 17,914  | - | - | 17,914  | - | - | - |  - |
| Grenada | 7,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 7,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Guatemala | - | 1,762  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,762  |  - |
| Guinea | 6,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 6,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Guinea-Bissau | 12,110  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 12,110  | 1,000  |  - |
| Honduras | 997  | 1,000  |   |   |   | - |  997  | 1,000  |  - |
| Hungary | - | 10,083  | - | - | 10,083  | - | - | - |  - |
| Iceland | 1,371  | 1,370  | - | 1,371  | 1,370  | - | - | - |  - |
| India | - | 40,821  | - | - | 40,821  | - | - | - |  - |
| Indonesia | 26,585  | 26,578  | - | 26,585  | - | - | - |  26,578  |  - |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 36,646  | 19,480  | - | - | - | - | 36,646  |  19,480  |  - |
| Iraq | 18,932  | 6,314  | - | 6,308  | - | - | 12,624  | 6,314  |  - |
| Ireland | - | 18,159  | 20,379  | - | - | - | - | - | 2,220  |
| Israel | - | 23,984  | - | - | - | - | - |  23,984  |  - |
| Italy | 596  | 161,864  | - | 596  | 161,864  | - | - | - |  - |
| Jamaica | 985  | 1,000  |   | 985  | 1,000  | 35  | - | - | 35  |
| Japan | - | 419,173  | - | - | 419,173  | - | - | - |  - |
| Jordan | 1,000  | 1,028  | - | 1,000  | 28  | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Kazakhstan | - | 8,712  | - | - | 8,712  | - | - | - |  - |
| Kenya | 1,175  | 1,175  | - | 1,175  | - | - | - | 1,175  |  - |
| Kiribati | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic of  | 1,583  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 1,583  | 1,000  |  - |
| Kuwait | 12,338  | 12,334  | - | - | - | - | 12,338  |  12,334  |  - |
| Kyrgyzstan | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Latvia | - | 2,300  | - | - | 2,300  | - | - | - |  - |
| Lebanon | 7,405  | 2,300  | - | - | - | - | 7,405  | 2,300  |  - |
| Lesotho | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Liberia | 14,110  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 14,110  | 1,000  |  - |
| Libya | 55,684  | 1,468  | - | 1,469  | - | - | 54,215  | 1,468  |  - |
| Liechtenstein | - | 1,000  | - | - | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Lithuania | - | 3,475  | - | - | 3,475  | - | - | - |  - |
| Luxembourg | - | 3,279  | - | - | 3,279  | - | - | - |  - |
| Madagascar | - | 1,000  | - | - | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Malawi | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Malaysia | - | 16,691  | - | - | 16,691  | - | - | - |  - |
| Mali | - | 1,000  | 5,055  | - | - | - | - | - | 4,055  |
| Malta | - | 1,000  | - | - | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Marshall Islands | 4,161  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 4,161  | 1,000  |  - |
| Mauritania | 745  | 1,000  | - | 745  | 1,000  |  981  | - | - | 981  |
| Mauritius | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Mexico | - | 63,238  | - | - | 63,238  | - | - | - |  - |
| Monaco | 2,000  | 1,000  | - | 2,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Mongolia | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Montenegro | - | 1,000  | - | - | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Morocco | 2,693  | 2,692  | - | - | - | - | 2,693  | 2,692  |  - |
| Mozambique | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Myanmar | 82  | 1,000  | - | 82  | 930  | - | - |  70  |  - |
| Namibia | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Nepal | 4,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 4,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Netherlands | - | 66,371  | - | - | 66,371  | - | - | - |  - |
| New Zealand | 14,247  | 14,243  | - | 14,247  | 14,243  | - | - | - |  - |
| Nicaragua | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Niger | 12,192  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 12,192  | 1,000  |  - |
| Nigeria | 83,681  | 12,236  | - | - | - | - | 83,681  |  12,236  |  - |
| North Macedonia | 9,000  | 1,000  | - | 1,000  | - | - | 8,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Norway | - | 36,905  | - | - | 36,905  | - | - | - |  - |
| Oman | 16,133  | 5,629  | - | - | - | - | 16,133  | 5,629  |  - |
| Pakistan | 5,610  | 5,629  | - | 3,873  | - | - | 1,737  | 5,629  |  - |
| Palau | 17,000  | 1,000  | - | 1,002  | - | - | 15,998  | 1,000  |  - |
| Panama | - | 2,203  | 95  | - | 2,203  | 19  | - | - | 114  |
| Papua New Guinea | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Paraguay | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | 2,783  | - | - |  217  | 1,000  |  - |
| Peru | 2,862  | 7,440  | - | 2,862  | 810  | - | - | 6,630  |  - |
| Philippines | - | 10,034  | - | - | 10,034  | - | - | - |  - |
| Poland | - | 39,255  | - |   | 39,255  | - | - | - |  - |
| Portugal | 62,104  | 17,131  | - | 62,104  | 17,131  | - | - | - |  - |
| Republic of Korea | - | 110,960  | - | - | 110,960  | - | - | - |  - |
| Republic of Moldova  | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Romania | - | 9,691  | - | - | 9,691  | - | - | - |  - |
| Russian Federation | - | 117,715  | - | - | 117,715  | - | - | - |  - |
| Rwanda | 5,000  | 1,000  | - | 5,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Saint Lucia | 15,000  | 1,000  | - | 15,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Samoa | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 13,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 13,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Senegal | 2,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 2,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Serbia | - | 1,370  | - | - | 1,370  | - | - | - |  - |
| Seychelles | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 1,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Sierra Leone | 3,377  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,377  | 1,000  |  - |
| Slovakia | - | 7,489  | - | - | 7,489  | - | - | - |  - |
| Slovenia | 3,721  | 3,720  | - | 3,721.0  | 3,720  | - | - | - |  - |
| South Africa | 13,317  | 13,313  | - | 13,317  | - | - | - |  13,313  |  - |
| South Sudan | 6,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 6,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Spain | 105,066  | 105,038  | - | 105,066  | - | - | - | 105,038  |  - |
| Sri Lanka | 2,154  | 2,154  | - | 2,154  | - | - | - | 2,154  |  - |
| Sudan | 14,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 14,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Suriname | 5,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 5,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Sweden | - | 44,345  | - | - | 44,345  | - | - | - |  - |
| Switzerland | - | 56,337  | - | - | 56,337  | - | - | - |  - |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 3,348  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,348  | 1,000  |  - |
| Tajikistan | - | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Thailand | - | 15,026  | - | - | 15,026  | - | - | - |  - |
| Togo | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | 1,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - |  - |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 4,986  | 1,958  | - | 1,958  | - | - | 3,028  | 1,958  |  - |
| Tunisia | 2,742  | 1,224  | - | 1,224  | - | - | 1,518  | 1,224  |  - |
| Turkey | 67,123  | 67,105  | - | 67,123  | 67,105  | - | - | - |  - |
| Turkmenistan | 8,429  | 1,615  | - | - | - | - | 8,429  | 1,615  |  - |
| Uganda | - | 1,000  |   | - | - | - | - | 1,000  |  - |
| Ukraine | - | 2,790  | - | - | - | - | - | 2,790  |  - |
| United Arab Emirates | - | 30,151  | - | - | 30,151  | - | - | - |  - |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | - | 223,536  | 223,597  | - | - | - | - | - | 61  |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 10,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 10,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| United States of America | 1,065,799  | 1,065,799  | 55,054  | 1,065,799  | 1,010,745  | - | -  | -  |  - |
| Uruguay | - | 4,258  | - | - | - | - | - | 4,258  |  - |
| Uzbekistan | 16,872  | 1,566  | - | 2,250  | - | - | 14,622  | 1,566  |  - |
| Vanuatu | 167  | 1,000  |   | 167  | 1,000  | 46  | - | - | 46  |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 241,104  | 35,633  | - | - | - | - | 241,104  |  35,633  |  - |
| Viet Nam | - | 3,769  | - | - | 3,769  | - | - | - |  - |
| Yemen | 12,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 12,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Zambia | 3,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 3,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Zimbabwe | 7,000  | 1,000  | - | - | - | - | 7,000  | 1,000  |  - |
| Total | **3,264,952**  | **4,844,797**  | **685,703**  | **2,191,236**  | **3,605,792**  | **455,999**  | **1,073,716**  | **600,333**  | **503,030**  |

**Annex 2**

**Voluntary contributions from Contracting Parties in the Africa region**

| Contracting Party | Total potential voluntary contributions 2009-2020 (CHF) | Voluntary contributions paid up to 31 December 2019 (CHF) | Voluntary contributions paid for / in 2020 (CHF) | Total voluntary contributions received for up to 31 Dec. 2020 (CHF) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Benin | 12,000 | 9,956 |   | 9,956 |
| Botswana | 12,000 | 6,000 |   | 6,000 |
| Burkina Faso | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Burundi | 12,000 | 1,000 |   | 1,000 |
| Cameroon | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Cape Verde | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Central African Republic | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Chad | 12,000 | 10,000 |   | 10,000 |
| Comoros | 12,000 | 4,000 |   | 4,000 |
| Congo | 12,000 | 3,246 |   | 3,246 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 12,000 | 4,000 |   | 4,000 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Djibouti | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Eswatini | 8,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Gabon | 12,000 | 1,625 |   | 1,625 |
| Gambia | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Ghana | 12,000 | 5,000 |   | 5,000 |
| Guinea | 12,000 | 5,000 |   | 5,000 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Kenya | 12,000 | 10,000 |   | 10,000 |
| Lesotho | 12,000 | 3,795 |   | 3,795 |
| Liberia | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Madagascar (a) | 12,000 | 7,916 | 944 | 8,860 |
| Malawi | 12,000 | 5,929 |   | 5,929 |
| Mali | 12,000 | 11,000 | 1,000 | 12,000 |
| Mauritania | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Mauritius | 12,000 | 5,000 |   | 5,000 |
| Mozambique | 12,000 | 3,000 |   | 3,000 |
| Namibia | 12,000 | 7,000 |   | 7,000 |
| Niger | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Rwanda | 12,000 | 3,000 |   | 3,000 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Senegal | 12,000 | 2,000 |   | 2,000 |
| Seychelles | 12,000 | 4,000 |   | 4,000 |
| Sierra Leone | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| South Sudan | 7,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Sudan | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Tanzania, United Republic of | 12,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Togo | 12,000 | 1191 | 9809 | 11000 |
| Tunisia | 6,856 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Uganda | 12,000 | 7828 |   | 7828 |
| Zambia | 12,000 | 200 |   | 200 |
| Zimbabwe | 8,000 | 0 |   | 0 |
| Total | **509,856** | **121,686** | **11,753** | **133,439** |

1. See https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/status\_contributions.pdf; the table is also accessible from <https://www.ramsar.org/about/the-secretariat>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)