

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Meeting of the Parties <i>Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain, 4 - 8 May 2015</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scale of Contributions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretariat</p>
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SUMMARY

A scale of contributions for the 2016 - 2018 triennium is provided for the consideration of Parties at MoP5. The scale of contributions has been developed in accordance with the principles agreed to by Parties at MoP3. The formula used to calculate Parties contributions has been updated with the latest available United Nations (UN) values, as requested at MoP4.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Meeting of the Parties agree to a scale of contributions to establish the contributions to be paid by Parties during the 2016 - 2018 triennium.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Principles used in calculating the scale of contributions

At the Third Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MoP3), a set of principles were agreed to for calculating the contributions of Parties to the Agreement (para 7.10.2, [MoP3 Report](#)). The formula to be used to calculate Parties contributions was set out in [Resolution 3.6](#).

At the Fourth Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MoP4), it was agreed to continue using this formula to determine Parties contributions for the 2013 - 2015 triennium. Parties acknowledged that while the formula set out in Resolution 3.6 was excessively complex, it best met the current constraints of most Parties (para 7.9.6, [MoP4 Report](#)). It was also noted that UN values from 2004 and 2007 had been used in calculating Parties contributions for the 2013 - 2015 triennium and that it would be appropriate to update these to the most recent available values when calculating future triennial budget contributions (para 7.9.7, MoP4 Report).

A minor amendment to the scale of contributions formula was made to accommodate the exceptional circumstances of France (para 7.9.12, MoP4 Report). This amendment

determined that the contribution of France would be set at AUD 107,306 per annum (para 4, appendix B to [Resolution 4.6](#)).

MoP4 also noted that the formula used for calculating the scale of contributions for Parties was incorrectly reported in the report of MoP3 and agreed to an amended formula, as set out in Appendix B to Resolution 4.6 (**ANNEX 1**).

2. PROPOSED SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 2016 - 2018 TRIENNIUM

2.1. Values used in calculating the scale of contributions for 2016 - 2018

As requested at MoP4, the most recent values available have been used to calculate Parties contributions for the 2016 - 2018 triennium. UN Resolution 67/238 on the 'Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations', adopted on 24 December 2012, is the latest resolution on this issue and values from this Resolution have been used in the calculation of (*UN%*) in **Table 1**.

Data from the World Bank (www.data.worldbank.org) have been used to determine Gross National Income (*GNI%*) and Gross National Income Per Capita (*GNIpc%*) in the scale of contributions formula. The latest available data published by the World Bank is for 2013. Values for *GNI%* and *GNIpc%* are expressed in international dollars using purchasing power parity rates (PPP). The Purchasing power parity conversion factor is the number of units of a country's currency required to buy the same amount of goods and services in the domestic market as a U.S. dollar would buy in the United States.

New Zealand's *GNI%* data for 2013 was not available on the World Bank website, so the *GNI%* for 2012 was used. This figure was divided by the 2013 total population figure for New Zealand, which was available from the World Bank website, to calculate the *GNIpc%* value for New Zealand.

Argentina's *GNI%* and *GNIpc%* values for 2013 were not available from the World Bank website. Argentina – *GNI%* PPP was last measured at 703,278,101,129 in 2011 by the World Bank (<http://www.tradingeconomics.com/argentina/gni-ppp-us-dollar-wb-data.html>, viewed on 1 February 2015). Argentina's *GNIpc%* PPP value was last measured at 17,250 in 2011 by the World Bank (<http://www.tradingeconomics.com/argentina/gni-per-capita-ppp-us-dollar-wb-data.html>, viewed on 1 February 2015).

2.2. Calculation of the scale of contributions for 2016 - 2018

The scales of contributions for 2016 - 2018 are shown in **Table 1** below.

Following the calculation of Equation 2, no Party contributed more than 20% of the proposed annual budgets for 2016-2018, therefore it was not necessary to use Equation 3.

Table 1. Proposed Scale of Contributions by ACAP Parties for the 2016 - 2018 triennium

Party	UN Scale of Contributions - 2013	UN Scale as ACAP %	GNI% (PPP)	GNIpc% (PPP)	2015 Contributions AUD	2016 Contributions AUD	2017 Contributions AUD	2018 Contributions AUD
Argentina	0.432	0.020370	703,278,101,129 ¹	17,250 ²	22,207	39,704	40,696	41,714
Australia	2.074	0.097793	981,817,844,782	42,450	112,708	76,437	78,348	80,307
Brazil	2.934	0.138344	2,955,982,635,873	14,750	50,638	100,825	103,345	105,929
Chile	0.334	0.015749	370,579,462,858	21,030	19,410	34,578	35,442	36,329
Ecuador	0.044	0.002075			600	1,506	1,544	1,582
France	5.593	0.263721	2,544,021,159,982	38,530	107,306	116,323	119,231	122,211
New Zealand	0.253	0.011929	136,326,299,772	30,493 ³	47,257	38,748	39,716	40,709
Norway	0.851	0.040126	338,214,070,767	66,520	85,566	85,688	87,830	90,026
Peru	0.117	0.005517			2,935	4,004	4,104	4,207
South Africa	0.372	0.017541	648,671,942,197	12,240	25,445	32,423	33,233	34,064
Spain	2.973	0.140183	1,525,288,400,118	32,700	115,285	80,721	82,739	84,808
United Kingdom	5.179	0.244200	2,445,748,339,753	38,160	117,256	113,108	115,936	118,834
Uruguay	0.052	0.002452			1,527	1,780	1,824	1,870
TOTALS	21.208	1.000000	12,649,928,257,231	314,123	708,140	725,844	743,990	762,590
If France's contributions are held at AUD 107,306 for the 2016 - 2018 triennium the budget shortfall is:						9,017	11,925	14,905
ACAP Budget	2015	708,141						
ACAP Budget	2016	725,844						
ACAP Budget	2017	743,990						
ACAP Budget	2018	762,590						
Σ GNI%ACAP			12,649,928,257,231					
Σ GNIpc%ACAP			314,123					
Σ %Contribution			0.01004338					
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1. No GNI PPP value for Argentina was available for 2013. The GNI PPP value for 2011 was used from World Bank data. Refer <http://www.tradingeconomics.com/argentina/gni-ppp-us-dollar-wb-data.html> viewed on 1 February 2015.
2. No GNIpc value for Argentina was available for 2013. GNIpc PPP was last measured at 17,250 in 2011 by the World Bank refer to <http://www.tradingeconomics.com/argentina/gni-per-capita-ppp-us-dollar-wb-data.html> viewed on 1 February 2015
3. No GNIpc value was available for New Zealand for 2013. The 2012 GNI%PPP value was used instead and this value was then divided by the 2013 population figure available from the World Bank databank www.data.worldbank.org/country/new-zealand viewed on 23 January 2015

ANNEX 1

RESOLUTION 4.6 - APPENDIX B

Scale of Contributions Formulae

1. For Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget (currently Resolution 61/237, February 2007) is less than or equal to 0.15%, annual contributions shall be calculated on the UN Scale of Assessment.

$$Contribution1 = \frac{UN\%}{\sum UN\% ACAP} * ACAPBudget$$

(Equation 1)

where: UN % is the calculated UN Scale of Assessment for a Party outlined in the United Nations Scale of Assessment for payment of annual contributions to the UN Budget (currently Resolution 58/1 B, March 2004);

$\sum UN\% ACAP$ is the sum of the UN Scale of Assessment for all ACAP Parties outlined in UN Resolution 58/1 B; and

$ACAPBudget$ is the annual budget approved by the Meeting of the Parties.

2. For Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget (Resolution 61/237, February 2007) is greater than 0.15%, annual contributions shall be calculated based on 50% GNI, and 50% GNI per capita, with no party paying more than 20% of the total ACAP Budget. It is calculated using the following equations:

$$Contribution2 = \left[\sum \left(\frac{GNI\%}{\sum GNI\% ACAP} \cdot 0.5 \right), \left(\frac{GNIpc\%}{\sum GNIpc\% ACAP} \cdot 0.5 \right) \right] \cdot (1 - \sum \% Contribution1) * ACAPBudget$$

(Equation 2)

where: GNI % is the Gross National Income for a Party that has a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%;

$\sum GNI\% ACAP$ is the sum of the Gross National Incomes for all ACAP Parties that have a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%;

GNIpc% is the Gross National Income per capita for a Party that has a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%;

$\sum GNI\% ACAP$ is the sum of the Gross National Incomes per capita for all ACAP Parties that have a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%; and

$\sum \%Contribution1$ is the total assessed contributions for Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget is less than or equal to 0.15%: it is expressed as a percentage of the ACAP budget.

3. If the calculated percentage contribution for one or more parties resulting from Equation 2 exceeds 20%, the contribution for the Party/Parties is set at 20% of the annual budget, and the contribution for the residual Parties recalculated in one or more subsequent iterations of the following formula:

$$Contribution = \left[\sum \left(\frac{GNI\%}{\sum GNI\% ACAP < 20\%} \cdot 0.5 \right), \left(\frac{GNIpc\%}{\sum GNIpc\% ACAP < 20\%} \cdot 0.5 \right) \right]$$

$$\bullet \left(1 - [(0.20 \cdot Parties > 20\%) + (\sum \%Contribution1)] \right) \bullet ACAPBudget$$

(Equation 3)

where: $\sum GNI\% ACAP Parties < 20\%$ is the sum of the Gross National Incomes for all ACAP Parties that have an assessed annual ACAP contribution < 20% in Equation 2;

$\sum GNIpc\% ACAP Parties < 20\%$ is the sum of the Gross National Incomes per capita for all ACAP Parties that have an assessed annual ACAP contribution < 20% in Equation 2;

$Parties > 20\%$ is the number of Parties that have an assessed contribution from Equation 2 or subsequent iterations of this equation that is >20% of the ACAP Budget.

4. That the contribution of France be set at AUD 107,306 per annum.