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Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixty-fourth session, having taken note of the information in the documents on administrative, financial and institutional matters prepared for the session,[1] recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-first session (November 2026):

Draft decision -/CP.31

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the UNFCCC financial procedures,[2]

Also recalling decision 20/CP.30,

Having considered the information in documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,[3]

1. *Notes* that the substantive information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat does not necessarily represent the views or interpretations of Parties;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties that have made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;

3. *Strongly urges* Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay and *expresses concern*

[1] FCCC/SBI/2026/6, FCCC/SBI/2026/7 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.1, FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.2, FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.3/Rev.1, FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.4 and Corr.1, and FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.5 and Corr.1.

[2] Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

[3] FCCC/SBI/2026/6, FCCC/SBI/2026/7 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.1, FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.2, FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.3/Rev.1, FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.4 and Corr.1, and FCCC/SBI/2026/INF.5 and Corr.1.

regarding the high level of outstanding contributions to the core budget for the current and previous bienniums;

4. *Reiterates* that reducing earmarking and establishing longer and more flexible utilization periods would increase flexibility in using contributions to the trust fund for supplementary activities, which would enable the secretariat to allocate funding to the activities most in need of resources, and *recalls* the invitation for those making contributions to the trust fund for supplementary activities to take this into account;[4]

5. *Expresses appreciation* for the contributions to the trust fund for participation in the UNFCCC process and the trust fund for supplementary activities received from Parties, including the contributions that allow for greater flexibility in allocation;

6. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the trust fund for participation in the UNFCCC process in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the process in 2026–2027, and to the trust fund for supplementary activities to ensure a high level of implementation of the work programme of the secretariat;

7. *Reiterates appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government of the secretariat;

8. *Invites* the Government of Germany and the secretariat to prepare a written report on the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-sixth session (June 2027);

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue taking measures to recover Parties' outstanding contributions to the core budget;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the secretariat to implement efficiency measures, *requests* the secretariat to engage Parties early in the development of the programme budget for the biennium 2028–2029 and *also requests* the secretariat to further enhance its efforts in identifying and implementing efficiency gains;

11. *Notes with concern* that some of the documents on administrative, financial and institutional matters prepared for the sixty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation were not made available in a timely manner and *reiterates* the request for the secretariat to issue documents in a timely manner, at least four weeks before the opening of each session;[5]

12. *Requests* the secretariat to brief Parties on the budgetary implications of a budget scenario for the biennium 2028–2029 that reflects a reduction in the biennial core budget of EUR 16.9 million compared with the approved core budget for the biennium 2026–2027 for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-sixth session (June 2027);

13. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 8 above;

14. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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[4] Decision 20/CP.29, para. 6.

[5] Decision 20/CP.29, para. 14. See also decision 20/CP.30, para. 36.