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Meeting of the parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context
Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment
(Third meeting, 9- 12 October 2000)
(Item 2, c (ii) of the provisional agenda)

Decision II/13
The Budget and Financial Arrangements for the period
until the third meeting of the Parties */
Submitted by the Bureau

The Meeting,

Recalling its decision II/11 on the work-plan covering the activities under the Convention during the period up to its third meeting,

Recalling also its decision II/12 on arrangements to support the participation of experts from countries in transition,

Recalling further Article 13 of the Convention stipulating that the Executive Secretary of ECE shall carry out the secretariat functions,

Recognizing that the successful implementation of the Convention depends on adequate administrative and financial resources being made available to support and maintain the initiatives necessary to achieve its goals,

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1. Decides that the Parties will contribute to the budget of the Convention and urges them to pay their contributions [on a voluntary basis] [as appropriate] before the end of 2001;
2. Endorses with approval the budget of the Convention for the period up to the third meeting of the Parties as set out in the table below;
3. Urges Parties and non-Parties that participate in the Convention's activities to ensure that the resources necessary to meet the programme of activities which are agreed upon, are provided;
4. Invites the Executive Secretary to continue to provide, strengthened with additional extrabudgetary resources to be provided by the Parties, secretariat support for the tasks outlined in the work-plan, as included in decision II/11;
5. Requests the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat, to prepare a budget for adoption by consensus at the third meeting of the Parties.

WORKPLAN 2001-2003

ACTIVITIES	LEAD COUNTRY	SUPPORT COUNTRY	BUDGET	COVERAGE	OUTCOME	Approximate time schedule
1. Review	Secretariat	All	UN/ECE	100%	Review	1) Revised reporting, Autumn 2001 2) Country reporting Autumn 2002
2. Reporting System		All	US\$ 5,000 for participants from countries in transition (lead country)		Report on revised reporting system	Final report, summer 2001
3. Cooperation with other Conventions			US\$ 25,000 for participants from countries in transition (lead country) for the workshop US\$ 35,000 for lead country		Reports on common elements	Autumn 2002
4. Guidelines of good practice	Finland Netherlands Sweden		US\$ 70,000 (lead countries)	100%	Draft guidelines	Spring 2001 Autumn 2002
5. Strategic Environmental Assessment	All	All	US\$ 25,000 (for participants from countries in transition per meeting) (see below)		Draft Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment	
6. Sub-regional cooperation	Croatia Poland		US\$ 25,000 for participants from countries in transition US\$ 30,000 for lead country	100%	Guidelines for strengthened implementation and increased capacity of CEE & NB countries to implement the Convention	Late spring 2002
7. Database	Poland	All	20,000 - 2001 20,000 - 2002 20,000 - 2003	25% (Poland) 25% (Poland) 25% (Poland)	Full implementation of database	

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8. Amendments of the Convention		All	US\$ 25,000 for participants from countries in transition per meeting US\$ 30,000 for lead country		Report on possible amendments to the Convention	Spring 2001 to spring 2003
9. Meetings (2) Working group on EIA	All	All	US\$ 25,000 for participants from countries in transition per meeting		Effective management of the Convention	
10. Meetings Implementation Committee			US\$ 5,000 for participants from countries in transition per meeting		Report on review of the Convention	Summer 2001 to summer 2003
11. Open-ended Ad hoc Working group on the Protocol			US\$ 25,000 for participants from countries in transition per meeting		Draft Protocol on SEA	Spring 2001 to summer 2002
12. Third meeting of the Parties			US\$ 42,000 US\$ 200,000		Decision-making related to the Convention	
13. Meetings of the Bureau (4 meetings)	2-3 countries		US\$ 2,000 US\$ 2,000 US\$ 2,000 US\$ 2,000		Administer the work under the Convention	
14. Secretariat travel Promotional material, etc. Consultancy	Secretariat		US\$ 52,150		Promotion and Support	

Notes:

1. The budget period is the period between the second and third meeting of the Parties, e.g. the two years from February 2001 to autumn 2003. The above figures are presented as yearly estimates

2. It is understood that other expenses associated with organizing the third meeting of the Parties are to be borne by the host country, as appropriate in cooperation with other countries. The host country may also consider covering the participation of delegations from countries in transition.

3. The Bureau hold that contributions in kind by Government(s) would have to be made to second experts to the secretariat.

4. Secretariat travel to seminars and workshops should be covered by the host country.