Decisions adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly on 1 March 2024

6/6. Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

Having considered the note by the secretariat on the implementation of decision 3/3 of 6 December 2017 on the management of trust funds and earmarked contributions, ¹

Recalling that, in decision 3/3, it requested the Executive Director, in consultation with the relevant parties and/or donors, as appropriate and in accordance with the terms of the respective agreement or fund, to decide on reassigning the balances in inactive trust funds when the activities for which they were established had ended, with a view to supporting the implementation of appropriate subprogrammes of the agreed programme of work,

- 1. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made in the implementation of decision 3/3 through the closure of the inactive trust funds and the reassignment of the balances to the relevant activities;
- 2. *Notes* that, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme carries out the function of administering trust funds on the basis of the principle of full cost recovery of administrative costs;
 - 3. *Notes and approves* the establishment of the following trust funds:
- (a) CBC General trust fund for the Caribbean Biological Corridor Initiative, with an expiry date of 15 August 2036;
 - (b) CSS General trust fund for climate stability, with no fixed expiry date;
- (c) LHN General trust fund for living in harmony with nature, with no fixed expiry date;
- (d) MOL General trust fund for the core activities of the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme V), with an expiry date of 31 December 2030;
 - (e) PFP General trust fund for a pollution-free planet, with no fixed expiry date;
- 4. *Notes* that the extension of trust funds is an administrative matter that falls under the delegation of the Executive Director and hence will, as of the seventh session of the Environment Assembly, no longer require a decision by Member States, and, to facilitate the transition between sixth and seventh sessions, agrees to extend all existing trust funds to 31 December 2030 unless otherwise requested by the appropriate authorities, in accordance with the following list:

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Trust funds in support of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme

- (a) AFB Technical cooperation trust fund for United Nations Environment Programme activities as a multilateral implementing entity of the Adaptation Fund Board (AFB);
- (b) AML General trust fund for the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment;
- (c) BPL Technical cooperation trust fund for the implementation of the agreement with Belgium (financed by the Government of Belgium);

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¹ UNEP/EA.6/INF/16.

- (d) CLL Trust fund to support the activities of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
- (e) CML Trust fund for the special programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level to enhance implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management;
- (f) ECL Technical cooperation trust fund to support achievement of Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2011/608174/SUB/E2, the Strategic Cooperation Agreement between the European Commission Directorate-General for the Environment and the United Nations Environment Programme (covering ENRTP priority 3.1 Strengthening Environment Governance);
- (g) ESS Technical cooperation trust fund for the implementation by the United Nations Environment Programme of ecosystem-based adaptation (EBA);
- (h) EUL Technical cooperation trust fund to support the achievement of Contribution Agreement No. DCI-ENV/2010/258-800, the Strategic Cooperation Agreement between the European Commission Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation and the United Nations Environment Programme (covering environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy, ENRTP priorities 1, 2 and 3.3, "Support for mainstreaming");
- $(i) \ \ FSL-Technical\ cooperation\ trust\ fund\ to\ support\ the\ implementation\ of\ the\ Seed\ Capital\ Assistance\ Facility;$
- (j) IAL Technical cooperation trust fund for the Ireland Aid Multilateral Environment Fund for Africa (financed by the Government of Ireland);
- (k) IEL Technical cooperation trust fund for priority projects to improve the environment in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (financed by the Government of the Republic of Korea);
- (l) MCL General trust fund in support of the preparation of a global assessment of mercury and its compounds;
- (m)REL Technical cooperation trust fund for the promotion of renewable energy in the Mediterranean region (financed by the Government of Italy);
- (n) SCP Technical cooperation trust fund for the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns;
- (o) SML General trust fund for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management: Quick Start Programme; 2
- (p) WPL General trust fund to provide support to the Global Environment Monitoring System/Water Programme office and to promote its activities;

² UNEP is revising the terms of reference for the SML trust fund following a request made by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session urging UNEP to create a new trust fund. The name of the trust fund will be amended to "Trust fund in support of activities on the Global Framework on Chemicals". UNEP opted to use the existing trust fund rather than initiating the establishment of an entirely new trust fund.

Trust funds in support of the multilateral environmental agreements and action plans

- A. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
 - (a) BCL Trust fund for the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal;
 - (b) BDL Trust fund to assist developing countries and other countries in need of technical assistance in the implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal;
 - (c) ROL General trust fund for the operational budget of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade;
 - (d) RVL Special trust fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade;
 - (e) SCL General trust fund for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, its subsidiary bodies and the Convention secretariat;
 - (f) SVL Special trust fund for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, its subsidiary bodies and the Convention secretariat;

B. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

- (a) BBL General trust fund for the core programme budget for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing;
- (b) BEL General trust fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- (c) BGL General trust fund for the core programme budget for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
 - (d) BYL General trust fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- (e) BZL General trust fund for voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of parties in the process of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- (f) VBL General trust fund for voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

C. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

- (a) CTL Trust fund for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;
- (b) QTL Support of activities related to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;

D. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

- (a) AVL General trust fund for voluntary contributions in respect of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds;
- (b) AWL General trust fund for the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds;
- (c) BAL General trust fund for the conservation of small cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas;
- (d) BTL General trust fund for the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats;
- (e) MRL Technical cooperation trust fund on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia;
- (f) MSL Trust fund for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals;
- (g) MVL General trust fund for voluntary contributions in support of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals;
- (h) QFL General trust fund for voluntary contributions in respect of the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats;
- (i) QVL General trust fund in respect of the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas;
- (j) SMU trust fund to support the activities of the secretariat of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks;

E. Trust fund administered by the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

(a) MCP – Specific trust fund of the Minamata Convention on Mercury to support capacity-building and technical assistance in accordance with Article 13;

F. Trust funds administered by the Ozone secretariat

- (a) MPL Trust fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;
 - (b) QOL Support of the activities of the Ozone Secretariat;
- (c) SOL General trust fund for financing activities on research and systematic observation for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer;
 - (d) VCL Trust fund for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of Ozone Layer;

G. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa

- (a) BML General trust fund for the core programme budget of the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa;
 - (b) BRL Trust fund for the revolving fund activities of the Bamako Convention;
- (c) BWL Special trust fund for voluntary contributions in support of the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa;

H. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians

- (a) CAP Trust fund for the core budget of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians and related protocols;
 - (b) CAR Trust fund for the core budget of the Carpathian Convention;
- I. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Atlantic Coast of the West, Central and Southern Africa Region (Abidjan Convention)
 - (a) QAC Support of the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Atlantic Coast of the West, Central and Southern Africa Region;
 - (b) WAL Trust fund for the protection, management and development of the marine and coastal environment of the Atlantic coast of the West, Central and Southern Africa region;
- J. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region (Nairobi Convention)
 - (a) EAL Regional seas trust fund for the Eastern African region;
 - (b) QAW Support of the action plan for the protection, management and development of the marine and coastal environment of the Eastern African Region;
- K. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention) and its protocols
 - (a) CRL Regional trust fund for implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme;
 - (b) QCL Trust fund for support of the Cartagena Convention Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme;
- L. Trust funds administered by the coordinating unit for the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Sustainable Development of the Coastal Areas of the Mediterranean
 - (a) CAL Support of the Mediterranean Action Plan (financed by the Government of Greece);
 - (b) MEL Trust fund for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution;
 - (c) QML Support of the Mediterranean Action Plan;
- M. Trust funds administered by the coordinating body of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas (COBSEA)
 - (a) ESL Regional trust fund for implementation of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas;

- (b) QEL Support of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas;
- N. Trust funds administered by the regional coordinating unit for the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment the Northwest Pacific Region (NOWPAP)
 - (a) PNL General trust fund for the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal environment of the Northwest Pacific Region;
 - (b) QNL Support of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan;
 - 5. *Requests* the Executive Director to regularly brief the Committee of Permanent Representatives on matters related to the management of trust funds, as appropriate.