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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note describes the various actions that the Executive Director has taken and intends to take with regard to the trust funds managed by the United Nations Environment Programme.

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I. Introduction

1. The establishment and management of trust funds are governed by the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and other policies and procedures put in place by the Secretary-General.
2. As part of the reform process of administering trust funds in Umoja, the Secretariat has merged two trust fund types, namely, technical cooperation trust funds and general trust funds, into one consolidated trust fund type.
3. The following sections describe the various actions that the Executive Director intends to take with regard to the trust funds managed by the United Nations Environment Programme.

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

4. The Executive Director wishes to extend the following trust funds, upon receiving the request to do so from the relevant Governments or contracting parties:
 - (a) AHL – Technical Cooperation Trust Fund to Assist the Implementation of Agenda 21 in Europe and to Strengthen Pan-European Environmental Cooperation (financed by the Government of the Netherlands), which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
 - (b) BKL – General Trust Fund for the Clean-up of Environmental Hotspots following the Kosovo Conflicts and Preparation of Guidelines on Assessment and Remedial Measures for Post-conflict Environmental Damages, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
 - (c) BLL – General Trust Fund in Support of the UNEP/Habitat Balkans Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
 - (d) DUL – General Trust Fund to Support the Activities of the Dams and Development Unit to Coordinate Follow-up to the World Commission on Dams, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
 - (e) ECL – Technical Cooperation Trust Fund to Support the Achievement of Contribution Agreement No. 21/0401/2011/608174/SUB/E2, Strategic Cooperation Agreement between the European Commission Directorate-General for the Environment and UNEP (covering environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy, priority 3.1, “Strengthening environmental governance”), which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
 - (f) EML – Technical Cooperation Trust Fund for Activities in Developing Countries on Environmental Awareness and Machinery (financed by the Government of Germany), which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
 - (g) ESS – Technical Cooperation Trust Fund for the Implementation by the United Nations Environment Programme of Ecosystem-based Adaptation, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020.

III. Trust funds in support of regional seas programmes, conventions, protocols and special funds

5. The Executive Director wishes to extend the following trust funds, upon receiving the request to do so from the relevant Governments or contracting parties:
 - (a) BAL - General trust fund for the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas (ASCOBANS), which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
 - (b) BTL - General Trust Fund for the Conservation of European Bats (EUROBATS), which is extended up to and including 31 December 2018;
 - (c) BZL – General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2021;
 - (d) CAL - Support of the Mediterranean Action Plan (financed by the Government of Greece), which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;

- (e) MPL – Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2025;
- (f) MVL – General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions in Support of the Convention of the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2021;
- (g) PPL – General Trust Fund in Support of the Preparation and Negotiation of an International Legally Binding Instrument for the Application of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals in International Trade, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (h) QAC – Support of the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West, Central and Southern African Region, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (i) QAW – Support of the Action Plan for the Eastern African Region, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2018;
- (j) QCL – Support of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (k) QEL – Support of the Eastern Asian Seas Action Plan, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2018;
- (l) QFL – Support of the EUROBATS¹ Secretariat (Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats), which is extended up to and including 31 December 2018;
- (m) QML – Support of the Mediterranean Action Plan, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (n) QNL – Support of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (o) QOL – Support of the Activities of the Ozone Secretariat, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
- (p) QRL – Support of the Basel Convention, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (q) QTL – Support of CITES² Activities, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (r) QVL – Support of the ASCOBANS³ Secretariat, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2020;
- (s) RSL – Technical Cooperation Trust Fund to Support the Implementation of the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in Developing Countries, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (t) SCL - General Trust Fund for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, its Subsidiary Bodies and the Convention Secretariat, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (u) SOL - General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant for the Vienna Convention, which is extended up to and including [31 December 2020] [31 December 2026];⁴
- (v) SVL - Special Trust Fund for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, its subsidiary bodies and the Convention Secretariat, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2019;
- (w) VCL - Trust Fund for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2025.

¹ Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats.

² Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

³ Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas.

⁴ Pending decision of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention in November 2017.

6. The Executive Director wishes to change the name of and extend the following trust funds, as requested by the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its thirteenth meeting:

(a) BEL - General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2021, and henceforth named General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols;

(b) VBL – General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2021 and henceforth named 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;

7. The Executive Director wishes to merge and extend the following trust funds into the BEL Trust Fund, as requested by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its thirteenth meeting:

(a) BHL - Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Biosafety Protocol, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2021;

(b) BXL - Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities, which is extended up to and including 31 December 2021.
