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Report on Financial Implementation of the 2022-2023 Programme of Work

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Note by the Secretariat

The purpose of this document is to provide an overall preliminary indication of the financial implementation of the Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget 2022-2023, approved by the 22nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention held in Antalya, Türkiye in December 2021.

For the biennium 2022-2023, actual expenditures and commitments were extracted from UMOJA through the BI portal based on the respective budget structure for the biennium 2022-2023, as well as the expenses reported by the RACs for the first semester of the year 2023. For the Grants related to the EC Discretionary Contribution and to the Greek Host Country Contribution and for the Assessed Ordinary Contributions Trust Fund, the report was run as of September 2023. As a preliminary indication, a summary table is included in this document to provide the budget delivery rates as of September 2023, in accordance with the accounting records of UNEP. The final status of the financial implementation of the Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget 2022-2023 will be available after the accounts are closed and audited for the respective years.

SUMMARY TABLE OF INDICATIVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE BIENNIUM 2022–2023

AGAINST BUDGET APPROVED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Projects	Approved Budget 2022-2023 in USD	Consumed Budget 2022-2023 in USD (as of September 2023)	Rate of Consumption against Budget (as of September 2023)
COORDINATING UNIT	5,671,731	3,858,316	68%
MED POL	2,572,472	1,705,967	66%
<u>Regional Activity Centres:</u>			
REMPEC/IMO	2,248,002	1,657,045	74%
PB/RAC	1,729,003	1,041,927	60%
PAP/RAC	1,623,705	1,005,805	62%
SPA/RAC	1,500,109	937,874	63%
INFO/RAC	656,033	365,105	56%
SCP/RAC	667,053	247,416	37%
SUB-TOTAL	16,668,108	10,819,455	65%
Programme Support Costs	1,795,249	1,489,023	
GRAND TOTAL	18,463,357	12,308,477	

Footnotes:

1. The approved budget, financed out of the Assessed Ordinary Contributions, the EC Discretionary Contribution and the Greek Host Country Contribution is converted at the UN Operational Rate of Exchange effective of USD 1 = EUR 0.862, which is the rate used for the conversion of amounts for the biennium 2022-2023, as approved by COP 22. For the Greek Host Country Contribution, the biennial budget is included at the amount of USD 800,000 as reflected in the Host Country Agreement.

2. The approved budget and consumed amounts for REMPEC/IMO, as presented above, include PSC (6.5%) for IMO, which is therefore not included in the MAP Programme Support Costs indicated on the table.

3. For the COORDINATING UNIT and MED POL, incurred expenditures as well as commitments are included in the table.

4. For RACs, only incurred expenditures are included in the table, i.e., the expenses reported by the RACs and recorded in UNEP's accounts for the year 2022 as well as the expenses reported by the RACs for the first semester of the year 2023.