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Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions

Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note sets out 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. The following sections describe the various actions that the Executive Director has taken or intends to take with regard to the trust funds managed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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

3. The Executive Director wishes to report that the following new trust funds in support of the UNEP programme of work have been established since the third session of United Nations Environment Assembly:

(a) CBL - Trust fund for the capacity-building initiative for transparency of the Global Environment Facility;

(b) GPS - Trust fund in support of the Secretariat functions and the organization of meetings and consultations for the Global Pact for the Environment, pursuant to resolution 72/277 of the General Assembly;

(c) GPP - Trust fund for assisting the delegates from the developing countries, the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in attending the sessions of the ad hoc open-ended working group, pursuant to resolution 72/277 of the General Assembly.

4. The Executive Director wishes to extend the following trust funds, upon receiving a request to do so from the relevant Governments or authorities:

(a) AFB – Technical cooperation trust fund for UNEP activities as a multilateral implementing entity of the Adaptation Fund Board, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(b) AML - General trust fund for the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(c) CLL - Trust fund to support the activities of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(d) CML - Trust fund to support implementation of a special programme on chemicals and waste, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(e) IAL - Technical cooperation trust fund for the Ireland Aid Multilateral Environment Fund for Africa (financed by the Government of Ireland), which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(f) 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), which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(g) MCL - General trust fund in support of activities on mercury and other metals, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(h) MDL - Technical cooperation trust fund for UNEP implementation of the Millennium Development Goals Achievement Fund, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(i) REL - Technical cooperation trust fund for the promotion of renewable energy in the Mediterranean region (financed by the Government of Italy), which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(j) SML - General trust fund for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management Quick Start Programme, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(k) WPL - General trust fund to provide support the Global Environment Monitoring System/Water Programme Office and to promote its activities, which is extended up to 31 December 2021.

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

5. The Executive Director wishes report that the following new trust funds in support of regional seas programmes, conventions, protocols and special funds have been established since the third session of the Environment Assembly:

A. 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, pursuant to resolution 1/16 of the Environment Assembly;

(b) 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, pursuant to resolution 1/16 of the Environment Assembly.

6. The Executive Director wishes to extend the following trust funds, upon receiving a request to do so from the relevant Governments or contracting parties:

B. 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), which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(b) MEL – Trust fund for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(c) QML – Support of the Mediterranean Action Plan, which is extended up to 31 December 2021.

C. 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 Pollutants¹

(a) BCL - Trust fund for the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(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, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(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, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(d) RVL - Special trust fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(e) SCL - General trust fund for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, its subsidiary bodies and the Convention secretariat, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

¹ Pending the adoption of decisions by the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions during their meetings to be held from 29 April to 10 May 2019.

(f) SVL - Special trust fund for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, its subsidiary bodies and the Convention secretariat, which is extended up to 31 December 2021.

D. 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

(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, which is extended up to 31 December 2020;

(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 African region, which is extended up to 31 December 2020.

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

(a) CAR – Trust fund for the core budget of the Carpathian Convention, which is extended up to 31 December 2020;

(b) CAP - Trust fund for the core budget of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians and related protocols, which is extended up to 31 December 2020.

F. 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, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(b) AWL - General trust fund for the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(c) BTL - General trust fund for the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats, which is extended up to 31 December 2022;

(d) QFL – General trust fund for voluntary contributions in respect of the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats, which is extended up to 31 December 2022;

(e) SMU - Trust fund to support the activities of the secretariat of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks, which is extended up to 31 December 2021.

G. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Amended Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean

(a) EAL – Regional seas trust fund for the Eastern African region, which is extended up to 31 December 2022;

(b) QAW – Support of the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region, which is extended up to 31 December 2022.

H. Trust funds administered by the regional coordinating unit for the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Region

(a) QNL – Support of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan, which is extended up to 31 December 2023;

(b) PNL – General trust fund for the protection, management and development of the coastal and marine environment and the resources of the Northwest Pacific region, which is extended up to 31 December 2023.

I. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Seas

(a) ESL – Regional trust fund for the implementation of the Action Plan for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of East Asian Seas, which is extended up to 31 December 2022;

(b) QEL – Support of the Eastern Asian Seas Action Plan, which is extended up to 31 December 2022.

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

(a) BBL – Trust fund for the core programme budget for the Nagoya Protocol, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(b) BGL – General trust fund for the core programme budget for the Biosafety Protocol, which is extended up to 31 December 2021;

(c) BYL – General trust fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity, which is extended up to 31 December 2021.

K. Trust funds administered by the secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora²

(a) CTL – Trust fund for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which is extended up to 31 December 2022;

(b) QTL – Support of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which is extended up to 31 December 2022.

IV. Update on closure of inactive trust funds

7. Pursuant to decision 3/3 of the Environment Assembly on the management of trust funds and earmarked contributions, the Executive Director has initiated the review and closure of inactive trust funds identified as due for closure. Consequently, UNEP has identified an additional 17 trust funds that could be closed. Appropriate financial reconciliation and the closure process has commenced for the majority of those trust funds. All such trust funds will be closed by the end of 2019 or, in the case of trust funds administered by the secretariats of conventions and protocols, upon the approval of the relevant contracting Parties.

² Pending the adoption of a decision by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its eighteenth meeting, to be held from 23 May to 3 June 2019.