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Draft decision on the 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/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 functions 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 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

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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:

A. 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);
- (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 trust fund's name 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.

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

1. 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;

2. 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 of genetic resources;
- (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;

3. 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;

4. 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;

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

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

6. 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;

7. 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;

8. 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;

9. 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;

10. **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;
 11. **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;
 12. **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;
 13. **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;
 14. **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.
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