



3rd Meeting of the Standing Committee

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EUROBATS budget 2011 onwards: Level of the ceiling for maximum contributions (Prepared by the Secretariat)

Usually every three years the Member States of the United Nations adopt the “Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations” in a General Assembly Resolution, taking into account a number of factors, the economical strength of a country being one of the most important ones. This well established system ensures that the contributions of countries to any given budget within the United Nations System are equitable to the highest possible extend. This goal is achieved when applied on a global level, for which the UN scale is designed. However, the application of the UN scale on a regional level inevitably results in distortions of countries’ contributions. This is historically the case for EUROBATS.

Similar to previous EUROBATS budget cycles, in the budget period 2007 – 2010 four Parties are covering 74% of the total budget, the remaining 26% being shared by the other 27 Parties. Although Article V, Paragraph 1 allows the adoption of a EUROBATS specific scale of contributions (“[...] *The Parties to the Agreement shall adopt rules of procedure for their meetings and financial rules, including the provisions on the budget and the scale of contributions for the next financial period.[...]*”), it would for many reasons not be advisable to stop using the commonly accepted UN scale as a basis for the calculation of the contributions. The most practicable way to at least reduce the most significant inequities in contributions would be to lower the ceiling for maximum contributions of single Parties being at 20% for EUROBATS right now (adopted in Resolution 4.1 and confirmed in Resolution 5.1). The impacts of a possible reduction of the ceiling to 15% are illustrated on the basis of the 2007 – 2010 contributions in **Annex 1**. The contributions could be further balanced by introducing at the same time a minimum percentage of 0.1% of the total budget for the lowest contributions. The combined impacts are illustrated in **Annex 2**.

The Standing Committee is invited to look into this matter and to discuss the possibility of preparing a recommendation at its next meeting to be presented to the 6th Session of the Meeting of Parties in 2010 as appropriate.

Comparison of Contributions to EUROBATS with 20% and 15% ceilings

Party	UN Scale*	Contributions 2007-10	Contributions 2007-10	Percent	Percent	Incr./Decr.	Incr./Decr.
	2007-10	as adopted at MoP5	with 15% ceiling	MoP5	15% ceil.	with 15% ceil.	average/year
Albania	0,006	173	266	0,02	0,03	93	23
Belgium	1,102	31.713	48.862	3,30	5,09	17.149	4.287
Bulgaria	0,020	576	887	0,06	0,09	311	78
Croatia	0,050	1.439	2.217	0,15	0,23	778	195
Czech Republic	0,281	8.086	12.459	0,84	1,30	4.373	1.093
Denmark	0,739	21.266	32.767	2,22	3,41	11.500	2.875
Estonia	0,016	460	709	0,05	0,07	249	62
Finland	0,564	16.230	25.007	1,69	2,61	8.777	2.194
France	6,301	181.326	143.959	18,89	15,00	-37.367	-9.342
Georgia	0,003	86	133	0,01	0,01	47	12
Germany	8,577	191.945	143.959	20,00	15,00	-47.986	-11.997
Hungary	0,244	7.022	10.819	0,73	1,13	3.797	949
Ireland	0,445	12.806	19.731	1,33	2,06	6.925	1.731
Italy	5,079	146.160	143.959	15,23	15,00	-2.201	-550
Latvia	0,018	518	798	0,05	0,08	280	70
Lithuania	0,031	892	1.375	0,09	0,14	482	121
Luxembourg	0,085	2.446	3.769	0,25	0,39	1.323	331
FYR Macedonia	0,005	144	222	0,01	0,02	78	19
Malta	0,017	489	754	0,05	0,08	265	66
Moldova	0,001	29	44	0,00	0,00	16	4
Monaco	0,003	86	133	0,01	0,01	47	12
Netherlands	1,873	53.900	83.047	5,62	8,65	29.148	7.287
Norway	0,782	22.504	34.673	2,34	3,61	12.169	3.042
Poland	0,501	14.417	22.214	1,50	2,31	7.797	1.949
Portugal	0,527	15.166	23.367	1,58	2,43	8.201	2.050
Romania	0,070	2.014	3.104	0,21	0,32	1.089	272
Slovakia	0,063	1.813	2.793	0,19	0,29	980	245
Slovenia	0,096	2.763	4.257	0,29	0,44	1.494	373
Sweden	1,071	30.821	47.487	3,21	4,95	16.667	4.167
Ukraine	0,045	1.295	1.995	0,13	0,21	700	175
United Kingdom	6,642	191.139	143.959	19,92	15,00	-47.180	-11.795
Total	35,257	959.724	959.724	100,00	100,00		

* Scales based on those of 2007 - 2009. To be reviewed when scales for 2010 - 2012 become available.

Contributions to EUROBATS with 20% and 15% ceilings and 0.1% minimum

Party	UN Scale*	Contributions 2007-10	Contributions 2007-10	Percent	Percent	Incr./Decr.	Incr./Decr.
	2007-10	as adopted at MoP5	15% ceil. + 0.1 % min.	MoP5	15% + 0.1%	15% + 0.1%	average/year
Albania	0,006	173	960	0,02	0,10	787	197
Belgium	1,102	31.713	48.259	3,30	5,03	16.546	4.136
Bulgaria	0,020	576	960	0,06	0,10	384	96
Croatia	0,050	1.439	2.190	0,15	0,23	751	188
Czech Republic	0,281	8.086	12.306	0,84	1,28	4.219	1.055
Denmark	0,739	21.266	32.362	2,22	3,37	11.096	2.774
Estonia	0,016	460	960	0,05	0,10	499	125
Finland	0,564	16.230	24.699	1,69	2,57	8.468	2.117
France	6,301	181.326	143.959	18,89	15,00	-37.367	-9.342
Georgia	0,003	86	960	0,01	0,10	873	218
Germany	8,577	191.945	143.959	20,00	15,00	-47.986	-11.997
Hungary	0,244	7.022	10.685	0,73	1,11	3.664	916
Ireland	0,445	12.806	19.487	1,33	2,03	6.681	1.670
Italy	5,079	146.160	143.959	15,23	15,00	-2.201	-550
Latvia	0,018	518	960	0,05	0,10	442	110
Lithuania	0,031	892	1.358	0,09	0,14	465	116
Luxembourg	0,085	2.446	3.722	0,25	0,39	1.276	319
FYR Macedonia	0,005	144	960	0,01	0,10	816	204
Malta	0,017	489	960	0,05	0,10	471	118
Moldova	0,001	29	960	0,00	0,10	931	233
Monaco	0,003	86	960	0,01	0,10	873	218
Netherlands	1,873	53.900	82.022	5,62	8,55	28.122	7.031
Norway	0,782	22.504	34.245	2,34	3,57	11.741	2.935
Poland	0,501	14.417	21.940	1,50	2,29	7.522	1.881
Portugal	0,527	15.166	23.078	1,58	2,40	7.913	1.978
Romania	0,070	2.014	3.065	0,21	0,32	1.051	263
Slovakia	0,063	1.813	2.759	0,19	0,29	946	236
Slovenia	0,096	2.763	4.204	0,29	0,44	1.441	360
Sweden	1,071	30.821	46.901	3,21	4,89	16.081	4.020
Ukraine	0,045	1.295	1.971	0,13	0,21	676	169
United Kingdom	6,642	191.139	143.959	19,92	15,00	-47.180	-11.795
Total	35,257	959.724	959.724	100,00	100,00		

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