

5th MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO ASCOBANS
Egmond aan Zee, the Netherlands, 18 - 22 September 2006

Resolution No. 2a

Management of Expenditures between 2003 and 2006

Mindful of the report from the United Nations' Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), Internal Audit Division, dated 24 August 2006, which found a lack of clarity in the roles and responsibility for the administration of budgetary preparations and management contributed to a sizeable overspend against provision in the triennium 2004 – 2006;

Noting that the level and quality of the financial and administrative support provided by UNEP/UNON does not live up to the standards previously agreed on;

Conscious of the need that in the future new administrative arrangements should improve the administrative performance;

Regretting that the draft budget for the years 2007 – 2009 was not received well in advance of the Meeting of the Parties;

The Meeting of the Parties:

Discharges and Approves the expenditures for the years 2003 and 2004 (Annexes 5 and 6 of Resolution 2c);

Agrees that the expenditures for the years 2005 and 2006 should be discharged and approved by the 6th Meeting of the Parties (MoP6);

Approves the utilization of the operational reserve to cover the shortfall incurred in 2004-2006;