

Agenda Item 8.2.3.2: Basis for calculation of Annual National Contributions

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Note: This item is relevant only in case of AC7 recommendation in favour of retaining the current status of the ASCOBANS Secretariat, as the need to amend the current Financial Regulations will not arise in case of integration of the Secretariat into the projected Agreements Unit of UNEP/CMS

Pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the ASCOBANS Financial Regulations for 1 January 1998 – 31 December 2000, as adopted by MOP 2 (attached as Annex 1 to this document), "the scale of contributions for all Parties shall be revised by the Secretariat on 1 January of each year as necessary", "based on ... the UN scale of assessment as it applies from time to time." However, the scale of contributions of ASCOBANS Member States for the years 1998 and 1999 was calculated on the basis of the UN scale of assessment applicable at the time of adoption of the budget for 1998 – 2000, i.e. the scale of assessment for 1997.¹

The Secretariat calculated contributions for 2000 on the basis of the UN scale applicable for this year, as prescribed by the 1997 Financial Regulations. If the Secretariat is to revert to the mode of calculation employed for the years 1998 and 1999 (i.e. contributions based on the scale of assessment applicable at the time of adoption of the budget for 2001 - 2003), the Financial Regulations need to be amended.

¹ Variations in UN scales of assessment for Parties and Range States for 1997 – 2000 are shown in Annex 2 to this document.