ENERGY CHARTER SECRETARIAT

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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence – Revised Budget 2025

By document CC 842, dated 1 July 2025, the Energy Charter Conference (Conference) was invited to approve the the Revised Budget 2025.

As specified in Rule 20(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference concerning the adoption of decisions by correspondence, the Contracting Parties were informed that any delegation not in a position to approve the above decision should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by no later than 21 July 2025.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 21 July 2025, the Conference approved, with immediate effect, the Revised Budget 2025, as attached hereto.

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REVISED BUDGET 2025

INTRODUCTORY NOTE ON THE REVISIONS TO THE BUDGET FOR 2025

1. On 20 November 2023, the Energy Charter Conference ("Conference") approved the Secretariat's budget for the biennium 2024-2025 (see CCDEC2023 14 - BUD). Thereafter, on 24 October 2024, the Conference approved amendments to the budget for 2024-2025 through its decision CCDEC 2024 08 - BUD.

2. This document ("Revised Budget 2025") introduces further revisions to the Secretariat's budget for 2025 to account for the following issues:

   2.1 The notification of the Kingdom of Norway dated 12 November 2024 on the termination of its provisional application of the Energy Charter Treaty ("ECT") and its intention not to become a Contracting Party to the ECT and the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects ("PEEREA") effective as of 10 January 2025[1];

   2.2 The notification of the Kingdom of Denmark dated 4 September 2024 regarding its withdrawal from the ECT effective as of 4 September 2025[2];

   2.3 The implementation of the new United Nations Scale of Assessments, which became available on 24 December 2024 through the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 79/249 and is valid for 2025, 2026 and 2027;

   2.4 Adjustment of the costs of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization ("ILOAT");

   2.5 Adjustment of salaries and allowances in accordance with the 2025 salary scale based on the updated figures provided by the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration effective as of January 2025; and

   2.6 Implementation of the structure of the Secretariat proposed in BC 470 and this Revised Budget 2025.

   2.7 For the purpose of calculating annual contributions for 2025, in the case of withdrawal of a Contracting Party from the ECT pursuant to its Article 47 or in case of written notification of a signatory's intention not to become a Contracting Party to the ECT pursuant to Article 45(3)(a) of the ECT, such Contracting Party or signatory shall pay the annual contribution under Article 37 of ECT pro rata until the end of the month of the effective date of its withdrawal or of its of termination of the provisional application of the ECT pursuant to Article 45(3)(a), as the case may be.

3. In line with Article 7(1) of the Financial Rules, the Secretariat has provided an explanatory note as well as a summary table showing the proposed appropriations apportioned by the major items of the Secretariat's expenditure. All changes to the appropriations are marked in yellow for the convenience of the Contracting Parties.

[1] The Kingdom of Norway's annual contribution amounted to EUR 69 148 in 2024.

[2] The Kingdom of Denmark's annual contribution amounted to EUR 56 317 in 2024.

4. Resources Available in 2025

4.1 The total annual contributions for 2025 will decrease from EUR 1 503 511 to EUR 1 418 861.

4.2 In accordance with Instruction 8(b) of the Implementing Instructions to the Financial Rules ("Implementing Instructions")[3], for 2025, the Secretariat intends to utilise a draw of 10% of the total value of the General Reserve Fund at the end of 31 December 2023 (see CCDEC2024 09 – BUD for the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2023)[4] to allow for flexibility in implementing Budget Part I, as reflected in CCDEC 2024 08 – BUD and this Revised Budget 2025.

5. Grading and Posting

5.1 It is proposed that the Secretary-General's position be vacant, with no appropriations made for this position in 2025. The Deputy Secretary-General covers the position of the Secretary-General in the capacity of Acting Secretary-General. The removal of existing appropriations made for the position of Secretary-General will allow for budgetary savings under item 1 "Salaries and Allowances" compared to the budget approved in CCDEC 2024 08 – BUD. These savings will be utilised to cover the loss of the annual contributions of the Kingdom of Norway and the Kingdom of Denmark, as well as meet other immediate expenses.

5.2 As mentioned in BC 470, the Administration, Implementation, and External Activities Unit is responsible for a wide array of complex and specialised functions, including finance, administration, programme management, treaty law, and energy law and policy, among other areas. The scope and diversity of these responsibilities not only exceed the practical capacity of a single unit but also consolidate distinct and highly specialised workstreams under a single line of supervision. This structure presents challenges regarding operational efficiency, oversight, and effective management. To address these challenges, facilitate a more strategic redistribution of responsibilities, and improve efficiency, oversight, and accountability, the Secretariat proposes that the position of the Head of Administration, Implementation, and External Activities at the A3 grade level be suppressed. The tasks of this position will be distributed between the Head of the Unit for Administration and the Head of the Unit for Implementation and External Activities, who will be posted at the A1 grade level.

5.3 It is proposed to create three positions of Programme Officer, but not make appropriations for these positions in the Secretariat's budget for 2025. The positions will remain unfilled in the immediate term while all the activities of the Implementation and External Activities Unit are consolidated in the job functions

[3] As per Instruction 8(b) of the Implementing Instructions, the Secretary-General may use up to 10% of the total amount of the General Reserve Fund at 31 December of the preceding financial year after submission of the certified accounts by the External Auditors in a financially sustainable manner. The chair of the Budget Committee shall be provided with the justification for the use of that amount. The Secretary-General shall report to the Budget Committee on the use made from the General Reserve Fund, including justification.

[4] The amount of the General Reserve Fund (EUR 2 232 769) is based on its value as of 31 December 2023 for the budget 2025.

of its head. The purpose of creating these three positions is to allow for flexibility in staffing in the future. The budgeting, recruitment and appointment of the Programme Officers will be contingent upon future developments in the Secretariat's budget, Programme of Work, as well as the organisation's strategic and operational priorities.

5.4 The position of General Counsel at the A3 grade level was kept vacant in 2024, and the amounts appropriated for this position were removed (see CCDEC 2024 08 - BUD). However, given the increased need for substantive legal and procedural support in implementing the ECT and the related instruments, including the decision of the Conference on the ECT's modernisation, support for the ratification process of the amendments to the ECT, and the assignment of the Depositary functions of the ECT and the PEEREA to the Secretariat, it is proposed that the position of General Counsel be filled in 2025 at A1 grade level.

5.5 In line with the CCDEC 2024 08 – BUD, given the Secretariat's financial outlook and impending withdrawals of further Contracting Parties, it is prudent financial management for the Secretariat not to enter into long-term commitments, such as a three-year employment contract, pending better visibility of the sustainability of its financial resources. Therefore, all positions are proposed to be temporary except for the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General, whom the Conference appoints.

6. Item 1 – Salaries and Allowances

6.1 It is proposed that the appropriations under the various sub-items be redistributed in line with the new structure of the Secretariat, as outlined in BC 470. The redistribution will not result in an increase in the Secretariat's total budget or the overall expenses under item 1.

7. Item 2 – Benefits and Grants

7.1. After considering the implementation of the budget for 2024, as indicated in BC 455 Rev, and the number of staff employed at the Secretariat in 2025, it is proposed to decrease the appropriations made to sub-items 2.1 “Insurance (incl. bss)” and 2.2 “Terminal Allowances”.

8. Item 6 – Operating Expenditure

8.1 It is proposed that the appropriation of EUR 50 000 under sub-item 6.11 "Other" be reduced to EUR 35 000. It is the Secretariat's view that the amount of EUR 35 000 under this sub-item will be sufficient to meet the expenses associated with the move of the Depository archives.

8.2 It is proposed that the appropriation under sub-item 6.6. "Consultants" be increased to meet any additional expenses that may be incurred for some activities, such as accounting and bookkeeping, to make up for the loss of expertise resulting from the drastic reduction of staff members.

8.3 After considering the implementation of the budget for 2024, as indicated in BC 455 Rev, it is proposed to increase the appropriations made to sub-items 6.4 “Library”

and 6.5 “Publications” while reducing the appropriation under sub-item 6.10 “Financial Services” from EUR 10 000 to EUR 5 000.

9. Item 7 – Capital Expenditure

9.1 After considering the implementation of the budget for 2024, as indicated in BC 455 Rev, it is proposed that appropriations made to sub-items 7.1 “Furniture” and 7.3 “Others” be increased to account for the depreciation of assets in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (“IPSAS”).

10. Item 8 – Miscellaneous

10.1 It is proposed that EUR 70 000 be appropriated under sub-item 8.2 "ILOAT costs" to cover expenses related to the ILOAT procedures and to discharge the Secretariat's liability arising from an unanticipated adverse decision of the ILOAT announced in 2025. In accordance with Instruction 8(b) of the Implementing Instructions, the Secretariat intends to utilise 2% of the General Reserve Fund to meet the expenses under sub-item 8.2.

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BUDGET PART I – SOURCES OF FINANCING 2025

The available resources to finance the budget of the Secretariat for 2025 consist of

A. Income of the year:

- national contributions: EUR 1 418 861[5]
- voluntary contributions: EUR 0
- subsidies, gifts, legacies or miscellaneous income: EUR 0

B. Use of reserves:

- General Reserve Fund[6]: For 2025, the Secretariat drew 8% of the total value of the General Reserve Fund at the end of 31 December 2023 (see CCDEC2024 09 – BUD for the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2023) in line with CCDEC 2024 08 – BUD. The Secretariat intends to draw an additional 2% in accordance with Instruction 8(b) of the Implementing Instructions to meet its expenses under sub-item 8.2 "ILOAT Costs" concerning the discharge of its liability from an unanticipated adverse decision of the ILOAT announced in 2025.

Table 1
Budget Part I - Sources of Financing

All figures in Euros

Budget Part I	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
Income of the year			
Annual Contributions	*2 212 946*	*1 503 511*	*1 418 861*
Subtotal income of the year	*2 212 946*	*1 503 511*	*1 418 861*
Use of reserves			
General Reserve Fund – Draw 8+2%	*0*	*170 000*	*223 277*
Total Budget Part I	***2 212 946***	***1 673 511***	***1 642 138***

[5] For the purpose of calculating annual contributions for 2025, in the case of withdrawal of a Contracting Party from the ECT pursuant to its Article 47 or in case of written notification of a signatory's intention not to become a Contracting Party to the ECT pursuant to Article 45(3)(a) of the ECT, such Contracting Party or signatory shall pay the annual contribution under Article 37 of ECT pro rata until the end of the month of the effective date of its withdrawal or of its of termination of the provisional application of the ECT pursuant to Article 45(3)(a), as the case may be.

[6] The amount of the General Reserve Fund (EUR 2 232 769) is based on its value as of 31 December 2023 for the budget 2025.

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BUDGET PART I – ESTIMATED USE OF RESOURCES 2025

The Secretariat plans to use the available resources in 2025 to finance the following items in Budget Part I:

Table 2
Budget Part I – Estimated use of resources

All figures in Euros

Budget Items	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
1 Salaries and Allowances	*968 848*	*783 835*	*728 078*
2 Benefits and Grants	*358 522*	*325 848*	*210 560*
3 Removals, Travel and Missions	*100 000*	*50 000*	*50 000*
4 Meetings and Events	*211 500*	*56 500*	*56 500*
5 Representation	*2 000*	*2 000*	*2 000*
6 Operating Expenditure	*419 500*	*439 500*	*479 500*
7 Capital Expenditure	*30 000*	*15 000*	*45 500*
8 Miscellaneous	*122 575*	*828*	*70 000*
Total Budget Part I	***2 212 946***	***1 673 511***	***1 642 138***

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BUDGET PART I – GRADING AND POSTING 2025

Table 3
Budget Part I - Grading

Grading		*2024*	*2025*[7]	*2025 revised*
A6	*Secretary General*	*1*	*1*	*1*[8]
A5	*Deputy Secretary General*	*1*	*1*	*1*
A1	*General Counsel*	*1*	*0*	*1*[9]
A3	*Heads of Unit*	*1*	*1*	*0*[10]
A1	*Heads of Unit*	*0*	*0*	*2*
Subtotal A-Grades		***4***	***3***	***5***
B3	***Officials***	*5*	*5*	*5*[11]
Subtotal B-Grades		***5***	***5***	***5***
Total Positions		***9***	***8***	***10***

Table 4
Budget Part I – Posting

Posting	*E/T*[12]	*2025 revised*
Secretary General's Office		***1***
A6 *Secretary General (vacant)*	*E*	*0*[13]
A1 *General Counsel*	*T*	*1*
Deputy Secretary General's Office		***5***
A5 *Deputy Secretary General*	*E*	***1***

[7] The Secretariat will ensure that the staff employed under the existing structure receive all amounts due to them under the applicable Staff Regulations and Rules.

[8] It is proposed to keep the Secretary-General's position "vacant" in 2025 and use the associated budgetary appropriations to cover the withdrawal of the Kingdom of Norway (effective as of 10 January 2025) and the Kingdom of Denmark (effective 4 September 2025). The Deputy Secretary-General covers the position in the capacity of "Acting Secretary General."

[9] In 2024, the position of the General Counsel at the A3 grade level was kept vacant. However, given the increased need for substantive legal and procedural support in implementing the ECT and the related instruments, including the decision of the Conference on the ECT's modernisation, support for the ratification process of the amendments to the ECT, and the assignment of the Depositary functions of the ECT and the PEEREA to the Secretariat, it is proposed that the position of General Counsel be filled in 2025 at A1 grade level.

[10] The position of Head of Administration, Implementation, and External Activities at the A3 grade level is suppressed. The tasks of this position will be distributed between the Head of Unit for Administration and the Head of Unit for Implementation and External Activities, who will be hired at the A1 grade level.

[11] Three of the five positions at the B3 grade level will be kept vacant.

[12] Establishment table (E) or Temporary Officials (T) positions.

[13] See footnote 8 above.

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Posting	E/T[12]	2025 revised
A1 *Head of Unit for Implementation and External Activities*	*T*	***1***
B3 *Programme Officer 1 (vacant)*	*T*	*0*[14]
B3 *Programme Officer 1 (vacant)*	*T*	*0*
B3 *Programme Officer 1 (vacant)*	*T*	*0*
A1 *Head of Unit for Administration*	*T*	***1***
B3 *Finance Officer*	*T*	*1*
B3 *Administrative Officer*	*T*	*1*
Total Positions[15]	***6***	***6***
Establishment table Officials	***2***	***1***
Temporary Officials	***4***	***5***

Monthly basic salary scale applicable from 1 January 2025

EUR		STEPS											Value of first step	Increment by step of	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		1 year	2 years
GRADES	C1	3,274.11	3,372.29	3,470.47	3,568.65	3,666.83	3,765.01	3863.19	3,961.37	4,059.55	4,157.73	4,255.91	98.18	98.18	98.18
	C2	3,459.00	3,562.78	3,666.56	3,770.34	3,874.12	3,977.90	4,081.68	4,185.46	4,289.24	4,393.02	4,496.80	103.78	103.78	103.78
	C3	3,616.52	3,724.99	3,833.46	3,941.93	4,050.40	4,158.87	4,267.34	4,375.81	4,484.28	4,592.75	4,701.22	108.47	108.47	108.47
	C4	3,842.03	3,957.23	4,072.43	4,187.63	4,302.83	4,418.03	4,533.23	4,648.43	4,763.63	4,878.83	4,994.03	115.20	115.20	115.20
	C5	4,100.76	4,223.79	4,346.82	4,469.85	4,592.88	4,715.91	4,838.94	4,961.97	5,085.00	5,208.03	5,331.06	123.03	123.03	123.03
	C6	4,487.99	4,622.66	4,757.33	4,892.00	5,026.67	5,161.34	5,296.01	5,430.68	5,565.35	5,700.02	5,834.69	134.67	134.67	134.67
	B1	3,412.99	3,525.61	3,638.23	3,750.85	3,863.47	3,976.09	4,088.71	4,201.33	4,313.95	4,426.57	4,539.19	112.62	112.62	112.62
	B2	3,711.45	3,833.95	3,956.45	4,078.95	4,201.45	4,323.95	4,446.45	4,568.95	4,691.45	4,813.95	4,936.45	122.50	122.50	122.50
	B3	4,121.91	4,257.92	4,393.93	4,529.94	4,665.95	4,801.96	4,937.97	5,073.98	5,209.99	5,346.00	5,482.01	136.01	136.01	136.01
	B4	4,641.01	4,794.17	4,947.33	5,100.49	5,253.65	5,406.81	5,559.97	5,713.13	5,866.29	6,019.45	6,172.61	153.16	153.16	153.16
	B5	5,252.49	5,425.83	5,599.17	5,772.51	5,945.85	6,119.19	6,292.53	6,465.87	6,639.21	6,812.55	6,985.89	173.34	173.34	173.34
	B6	6,001.72	6,199.78	6,397.84	6,595.90	6,793.96	6,992.02	7,190.08	7,388.14	7,586.20	7,784.26	7,982.32	198.06	198.06	198.06
	A1	5,131.50	5,285.89	5,440.28	5,594.67	5,749.06	5,903.45	6,135.04	6,366.63	6,598.22	6,829.81	7,061.40	154.39	154.39	231.59
	A2	6,557.70	6,733.70	6,909.70	7,085.70	7,261.70	7,437.70	7,701.74	7,965.78	8,229.82	8,493.86	8,757.90	176.00	176.00	264.04
	A3	8,091.28	8,319.09	8,546.90	8,774.71	9,002.52	9,230.33	9,572.06	9,913.79	10,255.52	10,597.25	10,938.98	227.81	227.81	341.73
	A4	9,402.67	9,647.42	9,892.17	10,136.92	10,381.67	10,626.42	10,993.55	11,360.68	11,727.81	12,094.94	12,462.07	244.75	244.75	367.13
	A5	10,889.40	11,194.17	11,498.94	11,803.71	12,108.48	12,413.25	12,870.33	13,327.41	13,784.49	14,241.57	14,698.65	304.77	304.77	457.08
	A6	12,869.53	13,225.56	13,581.59	13,937.62	14,471.62	15,005.62	15,539.62	16,073.62				356.03	356.03	534.00
	A7	14,087.17	14,558.99	15,030.81	15,502.63	16,210.32	16,918.01						471.82	471.82	707.69

* *The advancement from one step to the next one is as follows :*
Grades A6 to A7 : each year from step 1 to 5, two years for the higher steps
Grades A1 to A5 : each year from step 1 to 7, two years for the higher steps
Grades B and C : each year from step 1 to 8, two years for the higher steps

\+ *When a grade is suffixed with a +, the basic salary is increased by 5% (only applicable to the Secretary General)*

Other elements of remuneration	
Dependant Allowance	*368.17*
Household Allowance	*6%*
Expat. All. w/o household	*14%*
Expat. All. w. household	*18%*

[14] It is proposed that the three positions of Programme Officer are not provisioned in the annual budget and remain unfilled in the immediate term, while all activities of the Implementation and External Activities Unit are consolidated into the job functions of its head. The budgeting, recruitment and appointment of Programme Officers will be contingent upon future developments in the Secretariat's budget as well as strategic and operational priorities.

[15] In line with Amended Budget 2024-2025 (CCDEC 2024 16 – GEN), given the Secretariat's financial situation and impending withdrawals of further Contracting Parties, it is prudent financial management for the Secretariat not to enter into long-term commitments (such as a three-year employment contract) pending better visibility of the sustainability of its financial resources. Therefore, all positions are proposed to be temporary except for the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General, who the Conference appoints.

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BUDGET PART 1 – DETAILED ESTIMATED USE OF RESOURCES 2025

1 Salaries and Allowances

All figures in Euros

Salaries and Allowances	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
1.1 Salaries	***756 031***	***638 087***	***568 000***
1.1.1 Established Officials	*520 413*	*380 386*	*250 000*
1.1.2 Temporary Officials	*235 618*	*257 701*	*318 000*
1.2 Allowances	***212 818***	***145 748***	***160 078***
1.2.1 Established Officials	*144 415*	*109 506*	*80 078*
1.2.2 Temporary Officials	*38 403*	*36 242*	*80 000*
1.2.3 Secondments	*30 000*	*0*	
1.2.4 Internships	*0*	*0*	
1.2.5 Fellowships	*0*	*0*	
Subtotal Salaries and Allowances	***968 848***	***783 835***	***728 078***

2 Benefits and Grants

All figures in Euros

Benefits and Grants	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
Insurance (incl. bss)	*121 599*	*109 722*	*55 000*
Terminal Allowances	*236 924*	*216 126*	*155 560*
Promotions	*0*	*0*	
Other	*0*	*0*	
Subtotal Benefits and Grants	***358 522***	***325 848***	***210 560***

3 Removals, Travel and Missions

All figures in Euros

3 Removals, Travel and Missions	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
3.1 Removals	***50 000***	***20 000***	***20 000***
3.2 Missions	***50 000***	***30 000***	***30 000***

3.2.1 Travel Expenses			
3.2.2 Allowances			
3.3 Other travel	***0***	***0***	***0***
3.3.1 Travel Expenses			
3.3.2 Allowances			
Total Removals, Travel and Missions	***100 000***	***50 000***	***50 000***

4 Meetings and Events

All figures in Euros

4 Meetings and Events	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
4.1 Energy Charter Conference	***155 000***	***0***	***0***
4.1.1 Premises	*35 000*		
4.1.2 Catering	*35 000*		
4.1.3 Speakers, Chairs and Vice Chairs	*35 000*	*0*	*0*
4.1.3.1 Travel expenses			
4.1.3.2 Allowances			
4.1.4 Invited Experts	*20 000*	*0*	*0*
4.1.4.1 Travel Expenses			
4.1.4.2 Allowances			
4.1.5 Other	*30 000*	*0*	*0*
4.2 Subsidiary Bodies Meetings	***1 500***	***1 500***	***1 500***
4.2.1 Premises	*0*	*0*	*0*
4.2.2 Catering			
4.2.3 Speakers, Chairs and Vice	*0*	*0*	*0*
4.2.3.1 Travel expenses			
4.2.3.2 Allowances			
4.2.4 Invited Experts	*0*	*0*	*0*
4.2.4.1 Travel Expenses			
4.2.4.2 Allowances			
4.2.5 Other	*1 500*	*1 500*	*1 500*

4.3 Translations and Interpretations	***50 000***	***50 000***	***50 000***
4.4 Other Meetings and Events	***5 000***	***5 000***	***5 000***
4.4.1 Premises			
4.4.2 Catering			
4.4.3 Speakers, chairs and vice-chairs			
4.4.3.1 Travel expenses			
4.4.3.2 Allowances			
4.4.4 Other			
Total Meetings and Events	***211 500***	***56 500***	***56 500***

5 Representation

All figures in Euros

5 Representation	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
5.1 Translations and Interpretations	*0*	*0*	*0*
5.2 Other Meetings and Events	*2 000*	*2 000*	*2 000*
Subtotal Representation	***2 000***	***2 000***	***2 000***

6 Operating Expenditure

All figures in Euros

6 Operating Expenditure	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
6.1 Office Space	***250 000***	***250 000***	***250 000***
6.1.1 Office Space Rental			
6.1.2 Office Space Charges, Taxes			
6.2 Communications	***30 000***	***10 000***	***10 000***
6.2.1 Postage and Courier			
6.2.2 Telephone			
6.2.3 Internet Services			
6.2.4 Other			
6.3 Office Supplies	***5 000***	***5 000***	***5 000***

6.4 Library	***5 000***	***5 000***	***20 000***
6.5 Publications	***5 000***	***5 000***	***20 000***
6.6 Consultants	***80 000***	***70 000***	***100 000***
6.6.1 Consultancy Fees			
6.6.2 Travel Expenses			
6.6.3 Other			
6.7 External Auditors	***22 000***	***22 000***	***22 000***
6.8 Fees to Int. Organisations	***9 000***	***9 000***	***9 000***
6.9 Subscription to Specific Services	***3 500***	***3 500***	***3 500***
6.10 Financial Services	***10 000***	***10 000***	***5 000***
6.11 Other	***0***	***50 000***	***35 000***
Total Operating Expenditure	***419 500***	***439 500***	***479 500***

7 Capital Expenditure

All figures in Euros

7 Capital Expenditure	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
7.1 Furniture	*0*	*0*	*2500*
7.2 IT Equipment and Software	*30 000*	*15 000*	*15 000*
7.3 Other	*0*	*0*	*28 000*
Subtotal Capital Expenditure	***30 000***	***15 000***	***45 500***

8 Miscellaneous

All figures in Euros

8 Miscellaneous	***2024***	***2025***	***2025 revised***
8.1 Unforeseen Activities	*0*	*0*	*0*
8.2 ILOAT costs	*121 000*	*0*	*70 000*
8.3 Other	*1 575*	*828*	*0*
Subtotal Miscellaneous	***122 575***	***828***	***70 000***

COMMITMENT AUTHORITY UNDER BUDGET PART I

The issuance of employment contracts and their renewals does not require the Secretary-General to be conferred with a "commitment authority" as defined under Article 4 (1) of the Financial Rules. These contracts are issued for an initial duration of:

- maximum 1 year for Temporary Officials, to terminate at the latest the last day of the approved budget (thus, the commitment authority does not apply) and are renewable by further periods of no more than one year;
- 5 years for the Secretary-General with a potential renewal of no more than 5 years, in line with Procedural Rule XII (Rules for Appointment of Secretary-General);
- 4 years for the Deputy Secretary-General with a potential renewal of no more than 4 years, in line with Procedural Rule XIII (Rules for Appointment of Deputy Secretary-General);
- 3 years for all officials under the Establishment Table and are renewed by further periods of 1 (A-Grades) or 2 years (B and C-Grades) in line with Staff Rule 10.1 (duration of appointment) of the Staff Regulations and Rules.

The Staff Regulations and Rules govern the above-mentioned categories of contracts (with some exceptions for the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General).

The conversion of the Secretariat's accounts to IPSAS standards includes:

- **Provisions for post-employment benefits**: When offering an employment contract, the Secretariat shall already plan for the official's departure and potential payments to be made at the end of his/her employment contract (terminal allowance, removal, travel costs). The Secretariat does not consider the costs involved to fall under the rules on commitment authority.

- **Capitalisation and depreciation/amortisation of assets** (4, 6, 9 or 10 years), which can be seen as a multi-annual commitment authority. For example, the purchase of IT equipment during year 1, will lead to the capitalisation of that asset during year 1 and its depreciation during years 1, 2, 3 and 4. The Secretariat considers that the capitalisation/depreciation of assets should not fall under the rules on commitment authority, even though they impact budgets beyond the approved budgets.

In addition to the foregoing contractual obligations, as described in detail in BC 459 (Multi-Annual Commitment Authority – Office Space), it is necessary for the Secretariat to relocate its office to a new premises during 2025, and in that connection, a new multi-annual commitment authority in the amount of EUR 900,000 is being sought for a new nine-year lease agreement to be entered into by the Secretariat, pursuant to Article 11(1) of the Financial Rules.[16]
The Secretariat does not plan to enter into any contractual obligations other than the ones mentioned above in 2025.

[16] Article 11 (1) of the Financial Rules stipulates that: “If it is necessary to undertake commitments to be carried out after the end of the financial year, the Conference may accord the necessary commitment authority.”

ENERGY CHARTER SECRETARIAT

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NORMAL RESOURCES OF THE SECRETARIAT UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE FINANCIAL RULES

The calculation of annual contributions, collected under Article 37(3) of the ECT and Article 5 of the Financial Rules, is based on the new United Nations Scale of Assessments that became available on 24 December 2024 through the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 79/249 and is valid for 2025, 2026 and 2027. The increase in the absolute Euro amount of each individual country's contributions compared to 2024 is due to the new United Nations Scale of Assessments only, in accordance with the Financial Rules and in compliance with the maximum assessment rate of 22 per cent for each country.

For the purpose of calculating annual contributions for 2025, in the case of withdrawal of a Contracting Party from the ECT pursuant to its Article 47 or in case of written notification of a signatory's intention not to become a Contracting Party to the ECT pursuant to Article 45(3)(a) of the ECT, such Contracting Party or signatory shall pay the annual contribution under Article 37 of ECT pro rata until the end of the month of the effective date of its withdrawal or of its of termination of the provisional application of the ECT pursuant to Article 45(3)(a), as the case may be.

In light of the above, the total annual contributions for 2025 will decrease from EUR 1 503 511 to EUR 1 418 861.

The calculation of annual contributions is based on updated information regarding intended and notified withdrawals available to the Secretariat.

The calculation of the annual contributions needs to be reviewed regularly to adjust to new information.

The updated annual contributions for 2025, as of the date hereof, are as follows:

Country	*2024*	*2025*	*2025 revised*
Afghanistan	*611*	*611*	*548*
Albania	*815*	*815*	*1 096*
Armenia	*713*	*713*	*767*
Austria	*69 149*	*69 148*	*68 626*
Azerbaijan	*3 055*	*3 055*	*3 727*
Belarus	*0*	*0*	*0*
Belgium	*84 323*	*84 322*	*84 741*
Bosnia & Herzegovina	*1 222*	*1 222*	*1 535*
Bulgaria	*5 703*	*5 703*	*7 783*
Croatia	*9 267*	*9 267*	*9 647*
Cyprus	*3 666*	*3 666*	*3 837*

Czech Republic	*34 625*	*34 625*	*37 711*
Denmark	*56 317*	*56 317*	*43 658*
Estonia	*4 481*	*4 481*	*4 933*
Finland	*42 467*	*42 467*	*42 316*
France	*0*	*0*	*0*
Georgia	*815*	*815*	*987*
Germany	*0*	*0*	*0*
Greece	*33 098*	*33 097*	*30 695*
Hungary	*23 219*	*23 219*	*24 447*
Iceland	*3 666*	*3 666*	*3 837*
Ireland	*44 708*	*44 707*	*51 743*
Japan	*487 905*	*330 638*	*312 149*
Jordan	*2 240*	*2 240*	*2 302*
Kazakhstan	*13 545*	*13 545*	*14 361*
Kyrgyzstan	*204*	*204*	*329*
Latvia	*5 092*	*5 092*	*5 481*
Liechtenstein	*1 018*	*1 018*	*987*
Lithuania	*7 842*	*7 842*	*8 880*
Luxembourg	*3 463*	*0*	*0*
Malta	*1 935*	*1 935*	*2 193*
Moldova	*509*	*509*	*658*
Mongolia	*407*	*407*	*439*
Montenegro	*407*	*407*	*439*
Netherlands	*140 233*	*70 116*	*71 147*
North Macedonia	*713*	*713*	*877*
Norway	*69 149*	*69 148*	*5 966*
Poland	*0*	*0*	*0*
Portugal	*35 949*	*5 991*	*5 993*
Romania	*31 774*	*31 774*	*39 246*

Slovak Republic	*15 785*	*15 785*	*16 334*
Slovenia	*6 704*	*0*	*0*
Spain	*217 325*	*72 441*	*69 247*
Sweden	*88 702*	*88 701*	*90 113*
Switzerland	*115 486*	*115 485*	*112 805*
Tajikistan	*306*	*306*	*329*
Türkiye	*86 054*	*86 053*	*75 094*
Turkmenistan	*3 463*	*3 463*	*3 947*
Ukraine	*5 703*	*5 703*	*8 112*
United Kingdom	*445 548*	*148 514*	*145 839*
Uzbekistan	*2 750*	*2 750*	*2 631*
Yemen	*815*	*815*	*329*
Total Contributions	***2 212 946***	***1 503 511***	***1 418 861***

BUDGET PART II – SOURCES OF FINANCING 2025

Budget Part II of the Secretariat is financed by:

- draws from the General Reserve Fund (for specific purposes);
- voluntary contributions and in-kind voluntary contributions;
- subsidies, gifts, participation fees, publication revenues and legacies;
- miscellaneous income.

Table 1
Budget Part II - Sources of financing

All figures in Euros

Budget Part II	**2024**	**2025**
Voluntary Contribution – Islamic Development Bank (USD 25 000)	22 204	remaining 2024
Total Budget Part II	**22 204**	**remaining 2024**

BUDGET PART II - COMMITMENT AUTHORITY

The Secretariat does not plan to enter into any contractual obligation requiring a commitment authority under Budget Part II in 2025.