

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eighth Meeting of the Parties</b> <i>Dunedin, New Zealand, 19 - 23 May 2025</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Draft Scale of Contributions 2026 - 2028</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secretariat</b></p>
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### SUMMARY

In response to a request from the Seventh Meeting of the Parties (MoP7), three versions of a scale of contributions are presented. These have been developed in accordance with the principles agreed to by Parties and following criteria in Resolution 7.5 Appendix B. The formula used to calculate Parties' contributions has been updated with the latest available United Nations (UN) and World Bank values.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Parties consider the options presented and agree on a scale of contributions to be paid by Parties in 2026 - 2028.

## 1. BACKGROUND

The Seventh Meeting of the Parties (MoP7) asked the Secretariat to prepare a draft Agreement Budget and draft Scale of Contributions with at least three different options, namely, 0% nominal growth, 0% real growth and better than 0% real growth ([MoP7 Report](#), paragraph 7.10.8). The Secretariat has accordingly prepared three scale of contributions scenarios for the consideration of the Meeting of the Parties, aligned with the three budget scenarios put forward in **MoP8 Doc 19**.

At the Third Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MoP3), a set of principles were agreed for calculating the contributions of Parties to the Agreement (para 7.10.2, [MoP3 Report](#)). The formula to be used to calculate Parties' contributions was set out in [Resolution 3.6](#).

The Fourth Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MoP4) agreed to continue using this formula to determine Parties' contributions for the 2013 - 2015 triennium. Subsequently, the Fifth Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MoP5) agreed to amend the scale of contributions formula to delete paragraph 4 concerning the application of the scale of contributions formula, for the 2019 - 2021 triennium and thereafter ([Resolution 5.6 Appendix B](#)). Parties agreed that

this would ensure consideration at MoP6 of a scale of contributions in line with Article VII (2)(a) of the Agreement. The formula was adopted as [Resolution 6.6 Appendix B](#) at MoP6.

In July 2020, Parties agreed to a proposal (put forward in Circular **ACAP-ANCP 2020-06**) for an intersessional consultation and decision-making process by correspondence to adopt by mid-May 2021 a one-year budget (2021 - 2022) and scale of contributions, together with other essential decisions. However, it was not possible to reach consensus on a Budget and scale of contributions for 2021 - 2022. As a result, the 2021 - 2022 budget and scale of contributions were simply a carryover of the 2020 - 2021 figures (in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 2(b), of the Agreement). This meant that the scale of contributions for financial year 2021 - 2022 was identical to that for financial year 2020 - 2021.

An updated version of the formula for the scale of contributions was adopted by MoP7 as [Resolution 7.5 Appendix B](#). While the formula itself remained the same as previously, the most recent international indexes/indicators (UN, GNI, GNIpp) were used. An updated version of the same formula, referring to latest dates for relevant data, is attached as **ANNEX 1** (with updates highlighted).

MoP7 decided that the total scale of contributions for each year of the 2023 - 2025 triennium would be that applied in the 2020 - 2021 financial year (and repeated in the 2021 - 2022 financial year). There have been no increases in the total Party contributions since the 2021 financial year.

## **2. PROPOSED SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2026 - 2028**

### **2.1. Values used in calculating the scale of contributions for 2026 - 2028**

[United Nations Resolution A/RES/79/249](#) on the 'Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations' (adopted on 24 December 2024 and issued on 31 December 2024), is the latest resolution on this issue. Values from this resolution have been used in the calculation of the UN Scale of Assessment (UN%).

Data from the World Bank (last updated 15 April 2025, downloaded 9 May 2025) have been used to determine the Gross National Income ([GNI%](#)), and the Gross National Income per capita ([GNIpc%](#)). Data in the formula for GNI% and GNIpc% are expressed in international dollars using purchasing power parity (PPP) rates. GNI PPP provides values for gross national income expressed in current international dollars converted by the purchasing power parity (PPP) conversion factor. Gross national income (GNI) is the sum of value added by all resident producers plus any product taxes (less subsidies) not included in the valuation of output plus net receipts of primary income (compensation of employees and property income) from abroad. The PPP conversion factor is a spatial price deflator and currency converter that eliminates the effects of the differences in price levels between countries. GNIpc (PPP) provides per capita values for gross national income expressed in current international dollars converted by the purchasing power parity (PPP) conversion factor.

### **2.2. Calculation of the scale of contributions for 2026 - 2028**

In the calculation of Equation 1 (related to the UN scale of assessments for ACAP Parties), three ACAP Parties, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay, have UN scale of assessments below

0.15%. While at the time of calculating the 2023 - 2025 scale of contributions Peru's UN scale of assessment had risen to greater than 0.15%, Peru has now returned to a UN scale of assessment of below 0.15%. Accordingly, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay's ACAP scale of contributions is assessed based on Equation 1 only. Since calculation of Equation 2 showed that no Party contributed more than 20% of the proposed contributions for 2026 - 2028, it was not necessary to apply Equation 3.

The three scale of contributions scenarios prepared by the Secretariat are as follows:

#### 2.2.1. Scenario 1: zero nominal growth

This scenario is based on a total amount of contributions equal to that of financial year 2021. The total amount for annual contributions from Parties of AUD 795,047 is the same as the one adopted for the previous triennium. However, the contributions of individual Parties show slight changes associated with updated GNI World Bank figures used for the calculations (**Table 1**).

#### 2.2.2. Scenario 2: zero real growth

This scenario was developed by applying an inflation factor of 16.5% to estimate the 2026 budget, calculated by using an average annual inflation rate of 4.5% between 2021 and 2023, and 1.5% per year in 2024 and 2025. An inflation rate of 1.5% per year was then applied to estimate costs in 2027 and 2028 (**Table 2**).

#### 2.2.3. Scenario 3: better than zero real growth

This scenario proposes a calculation of the total scale of contributions for 2026 using a 37% increase (higher than the inflation rate from 2021 to 2025) to create a budget that enables funding activities/expenditure not covered in the previous two scenarios. An inflation rate of 1.5% per year was then applied to estimate costs in 2027 and 2028 (**Table 3**).

This paper should be read in conjunction with **MoP8 Doc 19**, which proposes draft budget scenarios for 2026 - 2028.

**Table 1. Scenario 1 (zero nominal growth) of Scale of Contributions by ACAP Parties for 2026 - 2028 (in Australian dollars)**

Party	UN Scale of Contributions <sup>(1)</sup>	UN Scale as ACAP %	GNI% (PPP) 2023 <sup>(2)</sup>	GNIpc (PPP) 2023 <sup>(2)</sup>	2025 Contributions	2026 Contributions	2027 Contributions	2028 Contributions
Argentina	0.490	0.03150	1,341,603,252,330	29,460	44,430	<b>49,259</b>	<b>49,259</b>	<b>49,259</b>
Australia	2.040	0.13116	1,798,514,656,893	67,460	87,244	<b>88,262</b>	<b>88,262</b>	<b>88,262</b>
Brazil	1.411	0.09072	4,321,585,160,962	20,470	93,429	<b>99,202</b>	<b>99,202</b>	<b>99,202</b>
Chile	0.374	0.02405	612,033,779,067	31,130	36,779	<b>36,550</b>	<b>36,550</b>	<b>36,550</b>
Ecuador	0.065	0.00418			3,468	<b>3,322</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>3,322</b>
France	3.858	0.24804	4,033,621,501,290	59,070	130,664	<b>124,444</b>	<b>124,444</b>	<b>124,444</b>
New Zealand	0.302	0.01942	270,236,398,995	51,740	50,425	<b>46,420</b>	<b>46,420</b>	<b>46,420</b>
Norway	0.653	0.04198	582,951,741,146	105,610	78,437	<b>95,353</b>	<b>95,353</b>	<b>95,353</b>
Peru	0.145	0.00932			21,684	<b>7,412</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>7,412</b>
South Africa	0.251	0.01614	947,428,110,017	14,990	33,477	<b>30,119</b>	<b>30,119</b>	<b>30,119</b>
Spain	1.895	0.12183	2,552,395,301,100	52,790	86,676	<b>91,029</b>	<b>91,029</b>	<b>91,029</b>
United Kingdom	3.991	0.25659	3,880,623,809,398	56,780	124,190	<b>119,684</b>	<b>119,684</b>	<b>119,684</b>
Uruguay	0.079	0.00508			4,143	<b>4,038</b>	<b>4,038</b>	<b>4,038</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15.554</b>	<b>1.00000</b>	<b>20,340,993,711,198</b>	<b>489,500</b>	<b>795,046</b>	<b>795,047</b>	<b>795,047</b>	<b>795,047</b>

ΣGNI%ACAP	20,340,993,711,198
ΣGNIpc%ACAP	489,500.00
Σ%Contribution	0.0185804
1-Σ%Contribution	0.9814196

ACAP Budget 2025	795,046	MoP7
ACAP Budget 2026	<b>795,046</b>	<b>+0% scenario</b>
ACAP Budget 2027	<b>795,046</b>	<b>+0% scenario</b>
ACAP Budget 2028	<b>795,046</b>	<b>+0% scenario</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> United Nations Resolution A/RES/79/249. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (issued on 31 December 2024)

<sup>(2)</sup> World Bank, World Development Indicators <http://wdi.worldbank.org/tables>, last updated date: 15 April 2025, downloaded: 9 May 2025.

**Table 2. Scenario 2 (zero real growth) of Scale of Contributions by ACAP Parties for 2026 - 2028 (in Australian dollars)**

Party	UN Scale of Contributions <sup>(1)</sup>	UN Scale as ACAP %	GNI% (PPP) 2023 <sup>(2)</sup>	GNIpc (PPP) 2023 <sup>(2)</sup>	2025 Contributions	2026 Contributions	2027 Contributions	2028 Contributions
Argentina	0.490	0.03150	1,341,603,252,330	29,460	44,430	<b>57,332</b>	<b>58,192</b>	<b>59,065</b>
Australia	2.040	0.13116	1,798,514,656,893	67,460	87,244	<b>102,825</b>	<b>104,367</b>	<b>105,933</b>
Brazil	1.411	0.09072	4,321,585,160,962	20,470	93,429	<b>115,571</b>	<b>117,304</b>	<b>119,064</b>
Chile	0.374	0.02405	612,033,779,067	31,130	36,779	<b>42,580</b>	<b>43,219</b>	<b>43,867</b>
Ecuador	0.065	0.00418			3,468	<b>3,871</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>3,988</b>
France	3.858	0.24804	4,033,621,501,290	59,070	130,664	<b>144,977</b>	<b>147,152</b>	<b>149,359</b>
New Zealand	0.302	0.01942	270,236,398,995	51,740	50,425	<b>54,080</b>	<b>54,891</b>	<b>55,714</b>
Norway	0.653	0.04198	582,951,741,146	105,610	78,437	<b>111,087</b>	<b>112,753</b>	<b>114,444</b>
Peru	0.145	0.00932			21,684	<b>8,635</b>	<b>8,764</b>	<b>8,896</b>
South Africa	0.251	0.01614	947,428,110,017	14,990	33,477	<b>35,088</b>	<b>35,615</b>	<b>36,149</b>
Spain	1.895	0.12183	2,552,395,301,100	52,790	86,676	<b>106,049</b>	<b>107,639</b>	<b>109,254</b>
United Kingdom	3.991	0.25659	3,880,623,809,398	56,780	124,190	<b>139,432</b>	<b>141,524</b>	<b>143,646</b>
Uruguay	0.079	0.00508			4,143	<b>4,704</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>4,847</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15.554</b>	<b>1.00000</b>	<b>20,340,993,711,198</b>	<b>489,500</b>	<b>795,046</b>	<b>926,230</b>	<b>940,123</b>	<b>954,225</b>

∑GNI%ACAP	20,340,993,711,198
∑GNIpc%ACAP	489,500.00
∑%Contribution	0.0185804
1-∑%Contribution	0.9814196

ACAP Budget 2025	795,046	MoP7
ACAP Budget 2026	<b>926,230</b>	<b>+16.5% scenario</b>
ACAP Budget 2027	<b>940,123</b>	<b>+1.5% scenario</b>
ACAP Budget 2028	<b>954,225</b>	<b>+1.5% scenario</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> United Nations Resolution A/RES/79/249. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (issued on 31 December 2024)

<sup>(2)</sup> World Bank, World Development Indicators <http://wdi.worldbank.org/tables>, last updated date: 15 April 2025, downloaded: 9 May 2025.

**Table 3. Scenario 3 (better than zero real growth) of Scale of Contributions by ACAP Parties for 2026 - 2028 (in Australian dollars)**

Party	UN Scale of Contributions <sup>(1)</sup>	UN Scale as ACAP %	GNI% (PPP) 2023 <sup>(2)</sup>	GNIpc (PPP) 2023 <sup>(2)</sup>	2025 Contributions	2026 Contributions	2027 Contributions	2028 Contributions
Argentina	0.490	0.03150	1,341,603,252,330	29,460	44,430	<b>67,420</b>	<b>68,431</b>	<b>69,458</b>
Australia	2.040	0.13116	1,798,514,656,893	67,460	87,244	<b>120,918</b>	<b>122,732</b>	<b>124,573</b>
Brazil	1.411	0.09072	4,321,585,160,962	20,470	93,429	<b>135,907</b>	<b>137,946</b>	<b>140,015</b>
Chile	0.374	0.02405	612,033,779,067	31,130	36,779	<b>50,073</b>	<b>50,824</b>	<b>51,587</b>
Ecuador	0.065	0.00418			3,468	<b>4,552</b>	<b>4,620</b>	<b>4,689</b>
France	3.858	0.24804	4,033,621,501,290	59,070	130,664	<b>170,488</b>	<b>173,045</b>	<b>175,641</b>
New Zealand	0.302	0.01942	270,236,398,995	51,740	50,425	<b>63,596</b>	<b>64,550</b>	<b>65,518</b>
Norway	0.653	0.04198	582,951,741,146	105,610	78,437	<b>130,634</b>	<b>132,594</b>	<b>134,582</b>
Peru	0.145	0.00932			21,684	<b>10,154</b>	<b>10,306</b>	<b>10,461</b>
South Africa	0.251	0.01614	947,428,110,017	14,990	33,477	<b>41,263</b>	<b>41,882</b>	<b>42,510</b>
Spain	1.895	0.12183	2,552,395,301,100	52,790	86,676	<b>124,709</b>	<b>126,580</b>	<b>128,479</b>
United Kingdom	3.991	0.25659	3,880,623,809,398	56,780	124,190	<b>163,967</b>	<b>166,427</b>	<b>168,923</b>
Uruguay	0.079	0.00508			4,143	<b>5,532</b>	<b>5,615</b>	<b>5,699</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15.554</b>	<b>1.00000</b>	<b>20,340,993,711,198</b>	<b>489,500</b>	<b>795,046</b>	<b>1,089,214</b>	<b>1,105,552</b>	<b>1,122,135</b>

∑GNI%ACAP	20,340,993,711,198
∑GNIpc%ACAP	489,500.00
∑%Contribution	0.0185804
1-∑%Contribution	0.9814196

ACAP Budget 2025	795,046	MoP7
ACAP Budget 2026	<b>1,089,214</b>	<b>+37.0% scenario</b>
ACAP Budget 2027	<b>1,105,552</b>	<b>+1.5% scenario</b>
ACAP Budget 2028	<b>1,122,135</b>	<b>+1.5% scenario</b>

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**ANNEX 1.**

**RESOLUTION 8.x APPENDIX B**

**Scale of Contributions Formulae**

1. For Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget (currently [Resolution A/RES/79/249, issued on 31 December 2024](#)) is less than or equal to 0.15%, annual contributions shall be calculated on the UN Scale of Assessment.

$$Contribution1 = \frac{UN\%}{\sum UN\% ACAP} * ACAPBudget$$

(Equation 1)

where: UN % is the calculated UN Scale of Assessment for a Party outlined in the United Nations Scale of Assessment for payment of annual contributions to the UN Budget (currently [Resolution 79/249, 31 December 2024](#)).

$\sum UN\% ACAP$  is the sum of the UN Scale of Assessment for all ACAP Parties outlined in UN Resolution [79/249](#); and

$ACAPBudget$  is the annual budget approved by the Meeting of the Parties.

2. For Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget ([Resolution 79/249, 31 December 2024](#)) is greater than 0.15%, annual contributions shall be calculated based on 50% GNI, and 50% GNI per capita, with no party paying more than 20% of the total ACAP Budget. It is calculated using the following equations:

$$Contribution2 = \left[ \sum \left( \frac{GNI\%}{\sum GNI\% ACAP} \cdot 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{GNIpc\%}{\sum GNIpc\% ACAP} \cdot 0.5 \right) \right] \cdot (1 - \sum \% Contribution1) \\ * ACAP Budget$$

(Equation 2)

where: GNI % is the Gross National Income for a Party that has a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%.

$\sum GNI\% ACAP$  is the sum of the Gross National Incomes for all ACAP Parties that have a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%.

GNIpc% is the Gross National Income per capita for a Party that has a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%.

$\sum GNI\% ACAP$  is the sum of the Gross National Incomes per capita for all ACAP Parties that have a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%; and

$\sum \% Contribution1$  is the total assessed contributions for Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget is less than or equal to 0.15%: it is expressed as a percentage of the ACAP budget.

3. If the calculated percentage contribution for one or more parties resulting from Equation 2 exceeds 20%, the contribution for the Party/Parties is set at 20% of the annual budget, and the contribution for the residual Parties recalculated in one or more subsequent iterations of the following formula:

$$Contribution = \left[ \sum \left( \frac{GNI\%}{\sum GNI\% ACAP < 20\%} \cdot 0.5 \right), \left( \frac{GNIpc\%}{\sum GNIpc\% ACAP < 20\%} \cdot 0.5 \right) \right]$$

$$\bullet \left( 1 - [(0.20 \bullet Parties > 20\%) + (\sum \% Contribution1)] \right) \bullet ACAPBudget$$

(Equation 3)

where:  $\sum GNI\% ACAP Parties < 20\%$  is the sum of the Gross National Incomes for all ACAP Parties that have an assessed annual ACAP contribution < 20% in Equation 2.

$\sum GNIpc\% ACAP Parties < 20\%$  is the sum of the Gross National Incomes per capita for all ACAP Parties that have an assessed annual ACAP contribution < 20% in Equation 2.

$Parties > 20\%$  is the number of Parties that have an assessed contribution from Equation 2 or subsequent iterations of this equation that is >20% of the ACAP Budget.