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## AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS

### Resolution 1.3

#### Scale of Contributions for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

Adopted by the first session of the Meeting of the Parties (Hobart, 10-12 November 2004)

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*Recalling* Article VIII(11)(b) of the Agreement requiring that the first session of the Meeting of Parties determine a Scale of Contributions for the Agreement;

*Recalling* that Article VII(2)(a) of the Agreement requires decisions relating to any scale of contributions to be adopted by the Meeting of the Parties by consensus, having regard to the differing resources of the differing parties;

*Noting* that models to determine contributions of the Parties that are sustainable in the longer term may not be initially workable with a small number of Parties; and

*Noting* that there are currently only six Parties to the Agreement;

*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels*

*Agrees:*

1. that the Scale of Contributions of Parties shall be fully related to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), with no Party contributing more than 22% of the total annual budget, subject to Paragraphs 2 and 3 below. In order to encourage developing countries to join the Agreement, the second session of the Meeting of the Parties will give consideration to amending the Scale of Contributions outlined in paragraph 1 to a combination of 50% GDP based and 50% GDP per capita based, with no Party contributing more than 22% of the total annual budget;
2. that the Scale of Contributions outlined in Paragraph 1 above shall apply from the 2007 financial year onwards;
3. that in the financial years 2005 and 2006 the core budget shall be based on fixed annual payments from the Parties as follows:

	<i>US Dollars</i>
Australia	\$50,000
Ecuador	\$2,000
New Zealand	\$38,000
Republic of South Africa	\$20,000
Spain	\$25,000
United Kingdom	<u>\$65,000</u>
TOTAL ANNUAL CORE BUDGET	\$200,000

In accordance with Regulation 5 of the Financial Arrangements, contributions shall be paid within 90 days of the end of the first Meeting of the Parties (10 February 2005), or at such time as a fund for the Agreement is established if this takes longer than 90 days;

4. that any Party subsequently ratifying the Agreement before the next session of the Meeting of the Parties shall contribute a fixed annual amount for each of the years of 2005 and 2006 that they are a Party, in accordance with the scale outlined below:

UN percentage contribution based on GDP	Annual payment (US\$)
Less than or equal to 0.25 %	\$2,000
Greater than 0.25 but less than or equal to 5.0 %	\$20,000
Greater than 5.0 %	\$50,000

In relation to the above table, contributions based on GDP shall be based on UN Resolution A/58/11 (June 2003). The Scale of Contributions outlined in paragraph 1 above shall apply from the 2007 financial year onwards.

In accordance with Regulation 5 of the Financial Arrangements, a new Party to the agreement shall be liable to pay a contribution pro rated in proportion to the time lapsed within the financial year in question.

5. that any Party may make voluntary contributions to supplement the budget at any time; and
6. that this resolution will enter into effect within 30 days of the closing of the first Meeting of Parties (12 December 2004) unless a Party/Parties submit an objection in writing to the interim Secretariat within this period.