

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Strategic and administrative matters

Financial and administrative matters

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PARTIES

1. This report has been prepared by the Secretariat and includes the following Annexes:
 - Annex 1: Status of the contributions to the Trust Fund as of 31 May 2001;
 - Annex 2: Status of the 2001 contributions to the Trust Fund by regions as of 31 May 2001;
 - Annex 3: Income, expenditures and accumulated fund balances as of 31 December 2000;
 - Annex 4: Flow and use of the Trust Fund resources for 2000-2002.
2. Annex 1 shows the status of contributions to the Trust Fund as of 31 May 2001. Unpaid contributions totalled CHF 5,691,689.61, of which CHF 821,754.60 were due for 2000 and prior years.
3. Annex 2 shows the status of 2001 contributions to the Trust Fund by regions.
4. Annex 3 provides the information on accumulated Trust Fund balances.
5. Annex 4 provides an overview of the projected income to and expenditures from the Trust Fund in the biennium 2001-2002. CHF 6.51 million in contributions had been received by the end of December 2000, out of which CHF 0.69 million was due for the years 1992-99. The total paid contributions for 2000 stood at CHF 5.82, that is 92 per cent of the contributions due for that year. Assuming that for 2001-2002 contributions will be maintained at a payment rate of 80 per cent, which is the average received in the past three years, it is projected that there will be a shortfall of the Trust Fund resources in the year 2002. The Secretariat strongly appeals to the Parties to settle their unpaid contributions for the previous years as a matter of urgency, and to pay their contributions for the current year as early as possible to guarantee the financial liquidity of the Trust Fund.