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Agenda item 21d**

**Donors' session and Party contributions**

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

Background

2. The Ad Hoc Group on Financial Issues, at its meeting which was held in La Paz, Bolivia from 21 to 23 March 1994, drafted the *IAI Implementation Committee (IC) White paper on financial issues*<sup>1</sup>. The White paper recommended that:

*The donor session is envisioned as part of the First Conference of the Parties. At a specified donor session, nations which have ratified the Agreement are urged to announce their intended contributions for a 3-year period based on an approved annual budget. The contributing nation should specify the level of funding for each year and a disbursement schedule.*

*The Parties should recognize that the Core funds represent a fraction of the anticipated total program and project funds. Every effort has been made to present a minimal budget which will allow the Institute to function effectively. It is critical to*

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<sup>1</sup> The IAI Implementation Committee was established by the Declaration of Montevideo in 1992. *The Committee was charged with laying the groundwork for the Institute to become operational promptly upon entry into force of the Agreement and would continue to function until the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.* Declaration of Montevideo.

*the success of the Institute that the Core budget is met and sustained. In the spirit of the Agreement and the objectives of the IAI, all Parties are urged to contribute to the Core budget to the fullest extent to which they are capable.*

3. Accordingly, at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the IAI (CoP), Parties are provided with the opportunity to pledge new or to summarize previous contributions to the core budget to support the work of the IAI Directorate. Donor sessions have also evolved to provide Parties and donors with the opportunity to announce extra-budgetary contributions.
4. The IAI Directorate notes that extra-budgetary contributions are crucial to the implementation of the IAI scientific agenda, its capacity building program, and other activities not supported through the core budget.
5. The IAI notes the generosity of the United States of America whose extra-budgetary contributions have made the Collaborative Research Networks Program and other activities possible.

#### Current situation

6. The IAI Directorate is making efforts to diversify its sources of extra-budgetary funding, which, historically, has been generously provided by few or a single Party.
7. Until such diversification of extra-budgetary funding is achieved, the IAI Directorate reminds Parties on the need for equitable and participatory support of the IAI's projects and programs. Dependence on few or a single source of extra-budgetary resources is not sustainable in the long-term.
8. The IAI Directorate invites all Parties to meet their expected contributions to the core budget.
9. The IAI Directorate notes that extra-budgetary contributions are used exclusively for programmatic activities.
10. Parties are invited to consider the provision of extra-budgetary contributions in support of programmatic activities.

#### Recommendation

11. Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of this document.