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Agenda item 19d**

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*¹. 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

¹ 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.

Current situation

5. 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.
6. Additionally, the IAI Directorate, in collaboration with the Belmont Forum, organized the *Meeting on the possible implementation of an Inter-American forum* which was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 8 November 2017. Information on the results of the meeting is available in document *Decision XXV/27: Participation in the Belmont Forum Americas Information Days*, no. IAI/COP/26/19b. The IAI Directorate is also making efforts to reach out to the private sector (see document *Decision XXV/31: Reporting to CoP on fundraising activities by the Executive Director*, no. IAI/COP/26/19c).
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 also invites all Parties to meet their expected contributions to the core budget.

Recommendation

9. Conference of the Parties is invited to consider adopting the draft decision contained in the Annex to the present document.

Annex

Draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties

Extra-budgetary contributions

Directed to the Parties

XXVI/xx. The Parties are urged to contribute extra-budgetary financial resources to support the work related to the scientific agenda of the IAI, its capacity building program and other activities not supported through the core budget.