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2013 CORE UNIT COSTS FOR UNDP, UNIDO AND THE WORLD BANK

## **Background**

- 1. The allocation of administrative costs for UNDP, UNIDO, and the World Bank was changed in November 1998 (decision 26/41) from a flat rate of 13 per cent applied to all projects to a graduated scale. The costs were changed again in December 2002 to a lower scale that included a core unit grant of US \$1.5 million per agency (decision 38/68). Annual increases have occurred for most agencies since the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting. Decision 41/94(d) requested the Secretariat to conduct an annual review of the current administrative costs regime. Decision 56/41 extended the operation of decision 38/68 and its administrative costs regime to apply to the 2009-2011 triennium. At its 67<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee decided to apply a new administrative cost regime for the 2012-2014 triennium to UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank, consisting of annual core unit funding for which an annual increase of up to 0.7 per cent could be considered subject to annual review, and to apply the following agency fees on the basis of funding per agency:
  - An agency fee of 7 per cent for projects with a project cost above US \$250,000, as well as institutional strengthening projects and project preparation;
  - An agency fee of 9 per cent for projects with a project cost at or below US \$250,000;
  - An agency fee no greater than 6.5 per cent, to be determined on a case-by-case basis for projects in the production sector (decision 67/15(b)).
- 2. This document assesses the core unit costs requests and administrative cost requirements from the three agencies and concludes with the recommendations of the Fund Secretariat.
- 3. In line with decision 56/41, the Executive Committee approved the requests for core unit funding for 2012: US \$1,984,561 for UNDP, US \$1,984,561 for UNIDO, and US \$1,724,644 for the World Bank (decision 65/18(b)).
- 4. The implementing agencies have provided actual core and administrative budget data for 2011, estimated costs for 2012, and proposed costs for 2013 as well as the other information required by decision 56/41. Budget data for the 2009 and 2010 budgets and actual costs were based on information provided in the previous years' report to the Executive Committee (documents UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/62/17 and Corr.1 and 65/20). The implementing agencies have continued to provide data on the actual costs covering the core unit and other support activities in an agreed format corresponding to the data that had been submitted to the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 5. Included in the analysis is an assessment of the extent to which resources available for total administrative costs in 2012 could cover expected 2013 costs.

#### **UNDP**

6. Table 1 presents the core unit budget and other information on administrative costs provided by UNDP.

Table 1

THE CORE UNIT BUDGET DATA AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE YEARS 2008-2013 FOR UNDP (US \$)

Cost items	200	08	200	09	20	10	20	11	20	12	2013
	Budget (US \$)	Actual (US \$)	Budget (US \$)	Estimated (US \$)	Proposed (US \$)						
Core unit personnel and contractual staff	1,379,606	1,549,729	1,420,994	1,490,937	1,947,108	1,756,568	1,884,735	1,912,090	2,066,543	2,069,453	2,231,536
Travel	250,352	248,300	257,863	265,119	273,751	283,323	292,293	276,818	312,364	290,659	305,192
Space (rent and common costs)	100,000	93,724	100,000	89,096	100,000	86,059	100,000	103,991	109,191	109,191	114,650
Equipment supplies and other costs (computers, supplies, etc)	30,000	28,755	30,000	15,541	30,000	23,176	30,000	28,285	30,000	30,000	30,000
Contractual services (firms)	10,000	0	10,000	10,150	10,000	17,520	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	30,000
Reimbursement of central services for core unit staff	200,000	240,000	200,000	375,000	350,000	214,667	250,000	389,935	250,000	350,000	350,000
Adjustment*	-166,428	-356,978	-161,221	-388,257	-797,494	-467,949	-611,262	-740,353	-808,537	-889,741	-1,062,926
Total core unit cost	1,803,530	1,803,531	1,857,636	1,857,586	1,913,365	1,913,365	1,970,766	1,970,766	1,984,561	1,984,561	1,998,453
Reimbursement of country offices and national execution	600,000	788,011	600,000	2,171,980	1,050,000	1,240,298	1,500,000	1,961,063	1,500,000	1,925,000	1,925,000
Executing agency support cost (internal)	50,000	28,073	50,000	15,747	50,000	11,496	30,000	27,975	20,000	30,000	30,000
Financial intermediaries	200,000	96,529	200,000	159,372	100,000	0	100,000	67,142	100,000	75,000	100,000
Cost recovery	200,000	240,000	200,000	375,000	350,000	214,667	250,000	389,935	250,000	350,000	350,000
Adjustment*	166,428	356,978	161,221	388,257	797,494	467,949	611,262	740,353	808,537	889,741	1,062,926
Total administrative support costs	3,019,958	3,313,122	3,068,857	4,967,941	4,260,859	3,847,775	4,462,029	5,157,233	4,663,098	5,254,302	5,466,379
Supervisory costs incurred by MPU	25,000	23,450	50,000	41,050	75,000	45,250	75,000	49,250	75,000	50,000	75,000
Grand total administrative support costs	3,044,958	3,336,572	3,118,857	5,008,991	4,335,859	3,893,025	4,537,029	5,206,483	4,738,098	5,304,302	5,541,379

\*The cost of the core unit is higher than the allowed subtotal of US \$1,803,530 in 2008; US \$1,857,636 in 2009; US \$1,913,365 in 2010, US \$1,970,766 in 2011; and US \$1,984,561 in 2012. An adjustment line and a negative adjustment were therefore introduced to arrive at the required ceiling. A corresponding positive adjustment is also provided to ensure that the total costs incurred for administrative costs also reflect the amount exceeded by the agency.

# Core unit costs

7. UNDP is requesting a 2013 core unit budget of US \$1,998,453, despite the fact that it expects the costs of its core unit to exceed this amount by US \$1,062,926 (indicated as "Adjustments" in Table 1, above). UNDP has normally exceeded its budget allocation for its core unit and recouped those costs from support costs earned through implementing Multilateral Fund projects. The level by which it exceeded its costs during the last three years has ranged from US \$388,257 in 2009 to US \$740,353 in 2011 and an estimated US \$889,741 in 2012. UNDP subsidizes its core unit function more than any other implementing agency.

- 8. Seventy-three per cent of UNDP's proposed core unit budget is for staff. Reimbursement of central services represents the next largest cost item amounting to 11 per cent, followed by 10 per cent for travel and 4 per cent for space rental. The agency's request of US \$1,998,453 for 2013 represents a 0.7 per cent increase in the budget approved in 2012 which is allowed by decision 67/15 for the current triennium.
- 9. The proposed budget for staff is an 8 per cent increase over the 2012 budget and a 7.8 per cent increase over the estimated costs for 2012. UNDP's staff component is the largest of the three agencies' core unit budgets and has the largest increase. UNDP indicated that it had expanded its staff in prior years to accommodate the implementation oversight requirements for HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) implementation.
- 10. The proposed travel cost budget is a 2 per cent decrease from the 2012 budget and a 5 per cent increase from the estimated costs for 2012. Space rent is budgeted at a 5 per cent increase over the budget and the estimated costs for 2012. Reimbursement of central services increased by 40 per cent from the 2012 budget, but reflects the estimated costs for 2012.
- 11. As of the end of 2011, UNDP was implementing 179 projects, compared to 189 projects in 2010. On a project basis, UNDP's 2012 estimated core unit costs were US \$17,103 per project based on the number of on-going projects at the end of 2011.

#### Total administrative costs

- 12. Total administrative costs were US \$3.3 million in 2008, US \$5 million in 2009, US \$3.9 million in 2010, US \$5.2 million in 2011, and US \$5.3 million in 2012. The non-core unit cost components are paid as a percentage of delivery. UNDP expects overall 2013 administrative costs to be higher than 2012 and to amount to US \$5.5 million.
- 13. The expected resources available to UNDP for administrative costs include both the core unit costs and the agency fees released on the basis of a disbursement against a project cost plus any balance of income for administrative costs not previously used. Table 2 presents this information for the years 2002 to 2012. The table assumes that approved funds are disbursed, therefore there may be a time lag before UNDP has access to all of the approved funds.

Table 2

ASSESSMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF INCOME FOR FUTURE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR UNDP (US \$)

UNDP	2002*	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Net support costs plus core unit costs	6,239,121	4,458,093	3,470,821	4,080,191	2,962,502	2,751,613	3,707,126	3,001,726	3,483,484	6,554,637	4,549,080 **
Total administrative cost	3,668,458	2,511,570	3,666,437	3,563,004	2,908,219	3,189,494	3,313,122	4,967,941	3,847,775	5,157,233	5,254,302
Balance per year	2,570,663	1,946,523	-195,616	517,187	54,283	-437,881	394,004	-1,966,215	-364,291	1,397,404	-705,222
Running balance	2,570,663	4,517,186	4,321,570	4,838,758	4,893,041	4,455,160	4,849,164	2,882,949	2,518,658	3,916,062	3,210,840

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes any balance from previous years.

14. The table shows that UNDP could have an accumulated balance of around US \$3.2 million in administrative cost income at the end of 2012 if UNDP receives all of the agency fees for projects submitted to the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting. It should be noted that UNDP only has access to these agency fees when

<sup>\*\*</sup> Including support costs approved in 2012, support costs and core unit costs submitted to the 68th meeting (as of 22 October 2012).

there is accompanying project expenditures, so a balance should be higher than requirements. Nevertheless, the accumulated balance in 2012 would not be sufficient alone to cover UNDP's expected total 2013 administrative costs of US \$5.5 million indicated in Table 1.

#### **UNIDO**

15. Table 3 presents the core unit budget and administrative costs provided by UNIDO. The figures listed as actual for UNIDO are based on a model prepared by UNIDO to estimate the support cost of the Montreal Protocol programme.

Table 3

THE CORE UNIT BUDGET DATA AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE YEARS 2008-2013 FOR UNIDO (US \$)

Cost items	20	08	20	09	20	10	20	11	20	12	2013
	Budget (US \$)	Actual (US \$)	Budget (US \$)	Estimated (US \$)	Proposed						
Core unit personnel and contractual staff	1,406,800	1,451,300	1,651,800	1,490,500	1,434,800	1,319,500	1,372,400	1,390,300	1,584,300	1,435,500	1,440,600
Travel	152,700	129,100	192,400	170,200	134,600	120,600	118,800	139,700	134,900	182,900	188,000
Space (rent and common costs)	81,900	87,600	100,900	84,700	82,100	81,000	79,000	90,600	91,100	84,300	85,100
Equipment supplies and other costs (computers, supplies, etc)	50,900	48,900	64,100	66,800	54,900	39,100	44,000	54,100	47,700	30,500	39,300
Contractual services (firms)	10,300	6,500	10,000	33,700	37,900	1,800	29,500	200	43,200	6,600	39,500
Reimbursement of central services for core unit staff	440,700	468,200	564,100	533,300	412,800	438,200	413,900	510,400	421,600	417,800	394,300
Adjustment*	-339,770	-388,070	-725,664	-521,564	-243,735	-86,835	-86,834	-214,534	-338,239	-173,039	-188,347
Total core unit cost	1,803,530	1,803,530	1,857,636	1,857,636	1,913,365	1,913,365	1,970,766	1,970,766	1,984,561	1,984,561	1,998,453
Reimbursement of country offices and national execution	1,702,100	1,833,400	2,181,000	2,769,800	1,902,400	2,430,400	3,085,600	2,857,600	3,019,300	2,599,200	3,222,600
Executing agency support cost (internal)	2,518,000	2,686,200	2,946,900	2,302,500	3,124,200	2,255,500	2,799,400	2,226,400	3,118,800	2,512,200	2,881,500
Adjustment*	339,770	388,070	725,664	521,564	243,735	86,835	86,834	214,534	338,239	173,039	188,347
Total administrative support costs	6,363,400	6,711,200	7,711,200	7,451,500	7,183,700	6,686,100	7,942,600	7,269,300	8,460,900	7,269,000	8,290,900
Minus project- related costs		-1,754,039		-1,711,810		-1,688,408	-2,081,159	-1,779,869	-2,376,725	-2,376,725	-1,798,425
Net total administrative support costs		4,957,161		5,739,690		4,997,692	5,861,441	5,489,431	6,084,175	6,084,175	5,470,575

\*The cost of the core unit is higher than the allowed subtotal of US \$1,803,530 in 2008; US \$1,857,636 in 2009; US \$1,913,365 in 2010; US \$1,970,766 in 2011; and US \$1,984,561 in 2012. An adjustment line and a negative adjustment were therefore introduced to arrive at the required ceiling. A corresponding positive adjustment is also provided to ensure that the total costs incurred for administrative costs also reflect the amount exceeded by the agency.

## Core unit cost

- 16. UNIDO is requesting a 2013 core unit budget of US \$1,998,453, despite the fact that it expects the costs of its core unit to exceed this amount by US \$188,347 (indicated as "Adjustments" in Table 3, above). UNIDO exceeded its 2008 budget by US \$388,070; its 2009 budget by US \$521,564; its 2010 budget by US \$86,835; and its 2011 budget by US \$214,534. It is estimating that it will exceed its 2012 budget by US \$173,039. UNIDO has normally exceeded its budget allocation for its core unit and has confirmed several times that it constitutionally supports its technical cooperation programme, and any costs beyond the core unit costs and agency fees would be subsidized through UNIDO's regular budget.
- 17. Sixty-six per cent of UNIDO's proposed core unit budget is for staff. The central services budget item represents the next largest cost item, amounting to 18 per cent of the budget followed by 9 per cent for travel and 4 per cent for space rental. The agency's request for US \$1,998,453 for 2013 represents a 0.7 per cent increase in the budget approved in 2012 which is allowed by decision 67/15 for the current triennium.
- 18. The proposed budget for staff is a 9 per cent decrease from the 2012 budget and a 0.4 per cent increase over the estimated costs for 2012. UNIDO indicated that it was maintaining the same core unit staff numbers for several years.
- 19. The proposed travel cost budget is a 39 per cent increase over the 2012 budget but a 2.8 per cent increase from the estimated costs for 2012. UNIDO indicated that it had decided to increase its participation in network meetings to more than one staff member and that it planned to attend conferences on new alternatives.
- 20. Space rent is budgeted at a 7 per cent decrease from the 2012 budget but a 0.9 per cent increase over the estimated costs for 2012. Reimbursement of central services decreased from the 2012 budget and 2012 estimated costs by 6.5 and 5.6 per cent, respectively.
- 21. By the end of 2011, UNIDO was implementing 210 projects, representing an increase from the 199 projects it was implementing in 2010. On a project basis, UNIDO's 2012 estimated core unit costs were US \$10,413 per project based on the number of on-going projects at the end of 2011.

### Total administrative costs

22. UNIDO has indicated that some of the costs associated with non-core unit costs are project-related costs. Therefore, UNIDO provides an adjustment to deduct such costs to arrive at a comparable figure with other agencies' administrative costs. Total net administrative costs were US \$5 million in 2008, US \$5.7 million in 2009, US \$5 million in 2010, US \$5.5 million for 2011, an estimated US \$6.1 million in 2012, and a proposed US \$5.5 million for 2013.

Table 4

# ASSESSMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF INCOME FOR FUTURE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR UNIDO (US \$)

UNIDO	2002*	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Net support costs	5,552,199	3,820,903	3,980,726	5,701,127	3,324,433	3,630,268	4,397,644	3,211,434	5,553,437	7,773,768	5,720,498
plus core unit costs											**
Total administrative	3,684,996	4,258,971	3,459,257	4,128,045	3,610,750	5,065,086	4,957,161	5,739,690	4,997,692	5,489,431	6,084,175
cost excluding											
project-related costs											

UNIDO	2002*	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Balance per year	1,867,203	-438,068	521,469	1,573,082	-286,317	-1,434,818	-559,517	-2,528,256	555,745	2,284,337	-363,677
Running balance	1,867,203	1,429,135	1,950,604	3,523,686	3,237,369	1,802,551	1,243,034	-1,285,222	-729,477	1,554,860	1,191,183

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes any balance from previous years.

23. The table shows that UNIDO could have an accumulated balance of almost US \$1.2 million in administrative cost income at the end of 2012 if UNIDO receives all of the agency fees for projects submitted to the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting. Although additional agency fee income and core unit costs should be provided in 2013, the accumulated balance in 2012 would not be sufficient alone to cover UNIDO's expected total 2013 administrative costs of US \$5.5 million indicated in Table 3.

#### **World Bank**

24. Table 5 presents the core unit budget and other information on administrative costs provided by the World Bank.

Table 5

THE CORE UNIT BUDGET DATA AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE YEARS 2008-2013 FOR THE WORLD BANK (US \$)

Cost items	20	08	2009		20	10	20	11	2012		2013
	Budget (US \$)	Actual (US \$)	Budget (US \$)	Estimated (US \$)	Proposed						
Core unit personnel and contractual staff	1,014,900	785,257	1,210,267	888,671	1,060,237	787,450	1,100,000	867,586	1,077,014	1,076,840	1,155,000
Travel	255,000	206,818	170,000	328,475	297,000	283,892	348,000	183,893	277,558	214,628	240,000
Space (rent and common costs)	55,000	55,579	63,000	25,520	36,223	22,516	35,000	47,232	39,776	54,384	58,000
Equipment supplies and other costs (computers, supplies, etc)	80,000	60,945	87,000	35,911	74,375	77,797	45,000	52,953	83,733	58,504	62,000
Contractual services (firms)	45,000	7,836	10,000	12,487	112,500	13,452	35,000	47,491	96,163	47,998	50,000
Reimbursement of central services for core unit staff	165,000	138,396	123,080	167,420	121,132	125,654	150,000	123,160	150,400	156,853	160,000
Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total core unit cost	1,614,900	1,254,831	1,663,347	1,458,484	1,701,466	1,310,760	1,713,000	1,322,315	1,724,644	1,609,206	1,725,000
Return of funds		360,069		204,863		-390,706		390,685			
Reimbursement of country offices and national execution	3,264,000	2,312,085	2,300,000	1,420,599	2,300,000	1,959,418	2,000,000	1,725,528	1,866,510	1,747,573	1,765,050
Executing agency support cost (internal)											
Financial intermediaries	1,800,000	1,887,557	2,100,000	810,697	2,100,000	512,371	1,000,000	160,777	435,000	75,000	75,000
Cost recovery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>\*\*</sup> Including support costs approved in 2012, support costs and core unit costs submitted to the 68th meeting (as of 22 October 2012).

Cost items	20	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Budget (US \$)	Actual (US \$)	Budget (US \$)	Estimated (US \$)	Proposed						
Supervisory costs incurred by MPU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand total administrative support costs	6,678,900	5,454,473	6,063,347	3,689,780	6,101,466	3,782,549	4,713,000	3,208,620	4,026,154	3,431,780	3,565,050

Estimated balance to be returned from the 2012 budget is US \$115,438.

#### Core unit costs

- 25. The World Bank requested a 2013 core unit budget of US \$1,725,000. Unlike UNDP and UNIDO, the Bank does not expect its core unit costs to exceed its budget as its core unit budget is not subsidized by revenue from agency fees or the general fund of the Bank.
- 26. Sixty-seven per cent of the Bank's proposed core unit budget is for staff. The travel budget represents the next largest cost item, amounting to 14 per cent of the budget, followed by central services (9 per cent), equipment (4 per cent), and space and contractual services (3 per cent each). The agency's request of US \$1,725,000 for 2013 represents a 0.02 per cent increase in the budget approved in 2012, which is allowed under decision 67/15 for the current triennium.
- 27. The proposed budget for staff is a 7 per cent increase over the 2012 budget and estimated costs for 2012.
- 28. The proposed travel cost budget is a 14 per cent decrease over the 2012 budget but a 12 per cent increase over the estimated costs for 2012. Space rent is budgeted at a 46 per cent increase from that for 2012 and a 7 per cent increase over estimated costs for 2012. Reimbursement of central services increased from that of the 2012 budget by 6 per cent and from the estimated costs for 2012 by 2 per cent. Equipment costs decreased by 26 per cent below that budgeted for 2012 but increased by 6 per cent over estimated costs for 2012.
- 29. By the end of 2011, the World Bank was implementing 43 projects, representing a decrease from the 58 projects it was implementing in 2010. On a project basis, the Bank's 2012 estimated core unit costs were US \$37,423 per project based on the number of on-going projects at the end of 2011.

### Total administrative costs

- 30. Total administrative costs have ranged from US \$3.2 million to US \$3.7 million after 2008. Administrative costs are estimated at US \$3.6 million in 2013 representing an 11 per cent decrease in that budgeted for 2012, but an increase of 4 per cent over estimated 2012 costs.
- 31. The expected resources available to the World Bank for administrative costs include both the core unit costs and the agency fees plus any balance of income for administrative costs not previously used. Table 6 presents this information for the years 2003 to 2011.

#### Table 6

# ASSESSMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF INCOME FOR FUTURE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE WORLD BANK (US \$)

World Bank	2003*	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Net support costs plus core unit costs	7,284,915	7,455,510	7,315,360	6,456,098	6,479,388	4,616,907	3,560,106	1,868,548	5,099,184	8,616,947**
Total administrative cost	6,118,162	5,914,544	6,658,371	7,106,215	6,030,398	5,454,473	3,689,780	3,782,549	3,208,620	3,431,780

World Bank	2003*	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Balance per year	1,166,753	1,540,966	656,989	-650,117	448,990	-837,566	-129,674	-1,914,001	1,890,564	5,185,167
Running balance	1,166,753	2,707,719	3,364,709	2,714,592	3,163,582	2,326,016	2,196,342	282,341	2,172,905	7,358,072

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes any balance from previous years.

32. The table shows that the World Bank could have accumulated a balance of US \$7.4 million based on approvals to-date in 2012 and submissions to the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting. However, US \$4.6 million of that amount would come from the HCFC production phase-out management plan (HPPMP) in China if it is approved at the amount requested. Therefore, the running balance could range between US \$2.8 million to US \$7.4 million. Historically, the Bank has not had a sufficient balance of agency fees and core unit cost revenue to fully cover the following year's total administrative costs. The running balance for 2012 is twice the expected 2013 total administrative costs of US \$3,565,050 if the HPPMP in China is approved at the level requested, but it would be below the expected 2013 administrative costs if the HPPMP in China is not approved in 2012.

#### **Observations**

- 33. UNDP and UNIDO indicated that their core unit costs will exceed their requested budgets, thereby requiring the use of income generated from agency fees, or from the agency's general fund in the case of UNIDO, to cover the balance of core unit costs. UNDP's proposed 2013 core unit budget is subsidized by income from agency fees estimated at US \$1,062,926. UNIDO's core unit is subsidized by US \$188,347. The World Bank's core unit is not subsidized and has returned funds since 2008 and estimates that it might return US \$115,438 from its 2012 budget.
- 34. UNIDO plans to expand its travel budget from that of 2012 to allow several staff to attend network meetings and to participate in technical conferences.
- 35. Although the World Bank has returned funds from its core unit budgets since 2008 and has requested the lowest total amounts for core unit costs, its estimated core unit cost per project is US \$37,423 which is much higher than UNDP (US \$17,103) and UNIDO (US \$10,413).
- 36. Additional agency fees will likely be needed to support anticipated overall administrative costs in 2013 for UNDP and UNIDO. The World Bank seems to have sufficient income from agency fees approved and submitted for approval to the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting to meet its overall administrative costs in 2013 and would have over twice its requirements if the HPPMP in China was approved at the level requested in 2012.
- 37. UNDP and UNIDO requested a 0.7 per cent increase for core unit budgets in 2013 over the amounts approved for 2012. The World Bank requested a 0.02 per cent increase. Decision 67/15 allows an increase up to 0.7 per cent during the current triennium.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 38. The Executive Committee may wish to consider:
  - (a) Noting the report on 2013 core unit costs for UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank as presented in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/68/21; and
  - (b) Whether to approve the requested core unit budgets for UNDP for \$1,998,453, UNIDO for \$1,998,453, and the World Bank for US \$1,725,000.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Including support costs approved in 2012, support costs and core unit costs submitted to the 68th meeting (as of 22 October 2012).