



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2019/036

Geneva, 5 July 2019

CONCERNING:

### EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

#### Call for supplementary financial support

1. Parties were made aware through Notification to the Parties No. 2019/033 of 12 June 2019, that the dates and venue of the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18) have had to be changed.
2. The Standing Committee has been informed by the Secretary-General that whilst funds can be mobilized from the Trust Fund reserve in the short term to cover the basic additional costs which will result from the change of venue, there will be a need to raise additional funds from the Parties to the Convention to replenish the reserve.
3. The principle actions that require supplementary funding support are as follows:
  - Conference facility, furniture and electrical equipment: room dividers, electrical connections for laptops, together with basic Wi-Fi for access to documents at high speed and average speed for other internet services for the number of devices normally used in a CoP.
  - Security: both UN and private security, including scanners for the entrance to the meeting facility.
  - Voting system: Secure electronic voting hardware and software including fixed microphones for both Committee rooms.
  - Audio-visual equipment: screens and projectors, cameras for big screens, display and information noticeboards, microphones and sound systems for breakout rooms.
  - Miscellaneous: hospitality (e.g. water dispensers), office equipment, computer installations and a contingency reserve.
4. The Secretariat kindly requests the Parties to explore the possibility of providing a contribution in order to cover these extraordinary costs that are being incurred due to the exceptional circumstances prevailing in relation to CoP18.
5. The Secretariat thanks the Parties in advance for their support.