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Budget briefing

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3 funding sources for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention

World Heritage Fund

- **WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

Regular Programme

- **GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Extrabudgetary funds

- **DONORS**

Extrabudgetary funds

(allotment 2020)

US\$ 5.7 million

Depends on donors' interest



Unpredictable source of income

Regular Programme 2020-2021

US\$ 11.3 million



STAFF

28 fixed posts

ACTIVITIES

Including Field Offices

World Heritage Fund: core income

World Heritage Fund

2020-2021

US\$ 5.6 million



Contributions by States Parties to
the World Heritage Convention

as per Art.16.1 & 16.2 of the Convention

World Heritage Fund: additional income

Sub-accounts of the World Heritage Fund

Specific activities
Promotional activities
Evaluation of nominations

Human Capacities
International Assistance



**Voluntary contributions
by States Parties or other donors**

https://whc.unesco.org/en/world-heritage-fund/

World Heritage Fund

The Fund for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of Outstanding Universal Value, called "the World Heritage Fund", was established in 1977 under Article 15 of the World Heritage Convention.


The World Heritage Committee makes decisions on the amount of the budget of the World Heritage Fund as well as on its use. The World Heritage Fund amounts to **5.6 million dollars for the biennium 2020-2021**, plus 0.4 million dollars for Emergency assistance as defined in article 21.2 of the World Heritage Convention.

Financial regulations of the World Heritage Fund

Assessed contributions paid by States Parties

When they ratify the World Heritage Convention, States Parties commit to pay regularly compulsory (Article 16.1) or voluntary (Article 16.2) assessed contributions to the World Heritage Fund.

The corresponding statements of contributions are updated and published every month:

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Statement of assessed compulsory and voluntary contributions as at 31 May 2021

Letters for assessed contributions to the World Heritage Fund for 2021 can be found here →

Document	Date
2021	
Statement of Compulsory and Voluntary Contributions 31 May 2021	2021-05-31
Statement of Compulsory and Voluntary Contributions 30 April 2021	2021-04-30

Sustainability of the World Heritage Fund

Discussions started in 2008 (32 COM) because

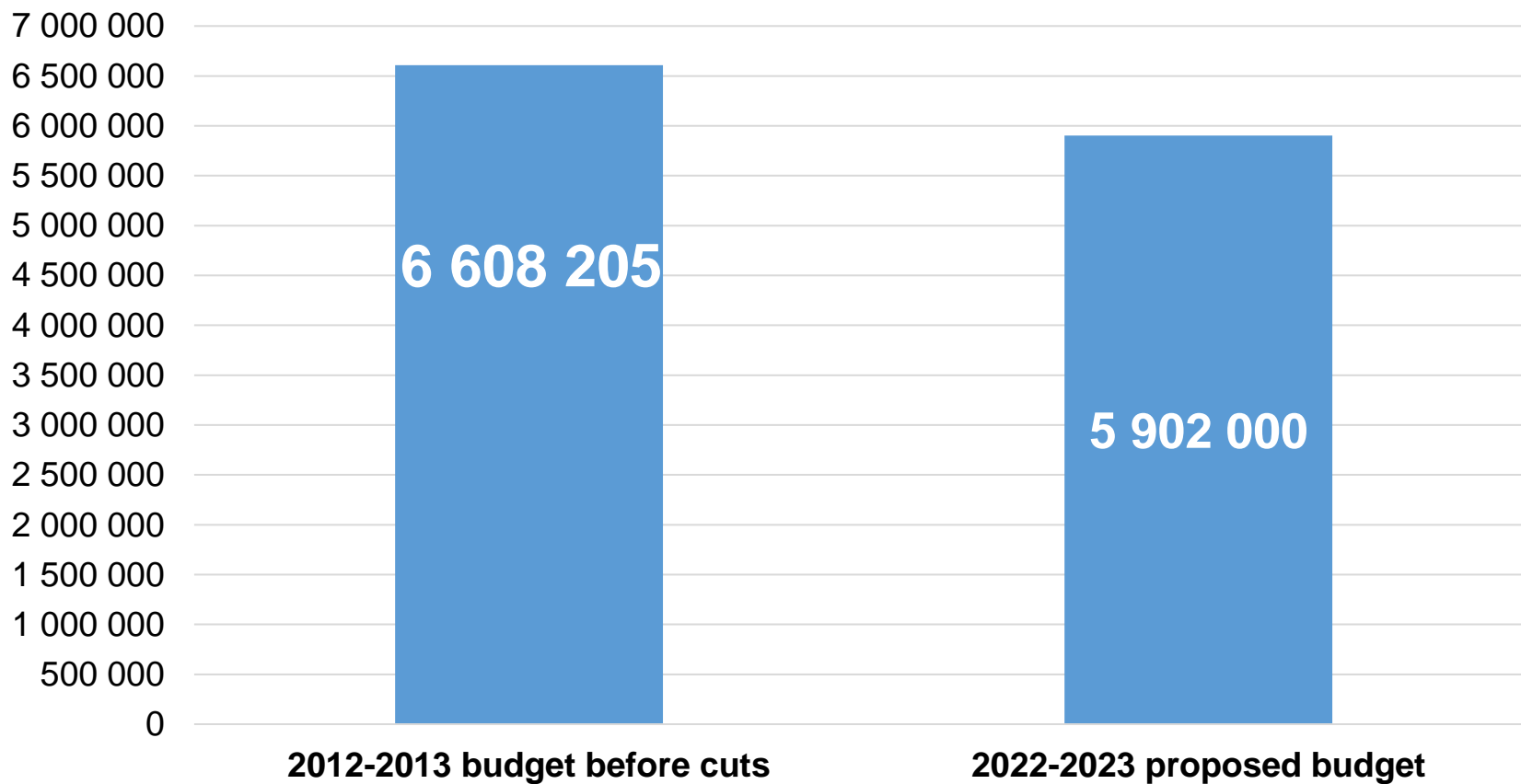
Established limit in the income of World Heritage Fund
(ratifications being almost universal)

Growing demands under the Convention
(number of inscribed sites increases every year)

Focus in 2009 (33 COM): increasing the resources via additional voluntary contributions

Sustainability of the World Heritage Fund

Evolution of the World Heritage Fund budget level – Comparison over 10 years (2012-2022)

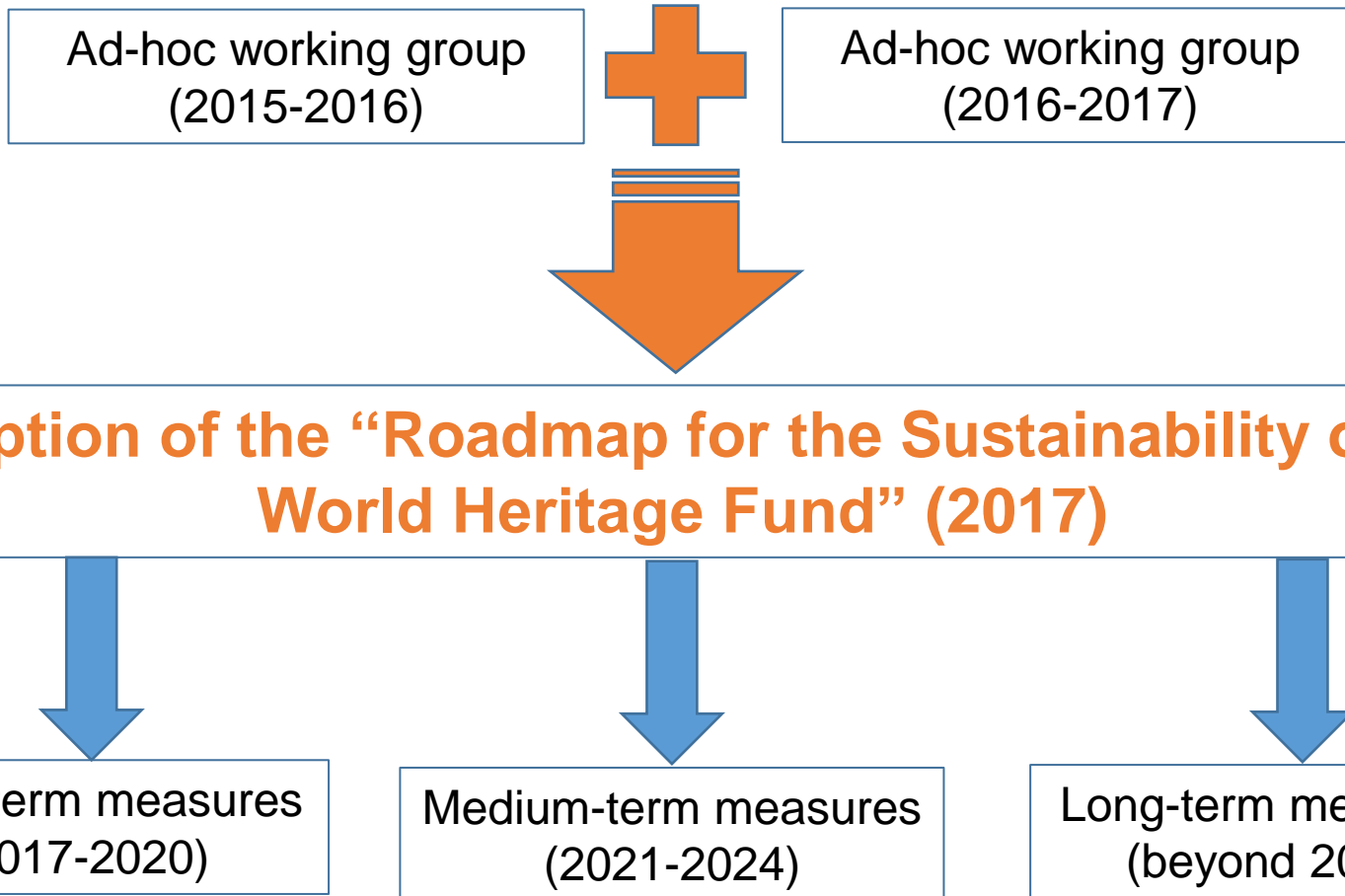


Sustainability of the World Heritage Fund

Resolution 19 GA 8 (2013)

- ✓ **Option 1:** Increasing the standard percentage used in the calculation of the contributions to the World Heritage Fund **from 1% to 2%**,
- ✓ **Option 3.1:** Increasing the contributions by a flat rate of **US\$3,300 per property inscribed**,
- ✓ **Option 3.2:** Increasing the contributions by an **additional 4%** of the current assessed contribution **per property inscribed**,
- ✓ **Option 3.3:** Increasing the contributions by an **additional amount per property inscribed**, according to a **percentage increasing** with the number of properties inscribed,
- ✓ **Option 3.4:** Increasing the contributions by an **additional amount per property inscribed**, according to a **percentage decreasing** with the number of properties inscribed,
- ✓ **Option 4:** Increasing the contributions on the basis of the **number of tourists arrivals** at World Heritage Sites,
- ✓ **Option 5:** Contributing **per activity**;

Sustainability of the World Heritage Fund



Sustainability of the World Heritage Fund

2017

Comparative Mapping Study of Forms and Models for use of Advisory Services by International Instruments and Programmes

Ad-hoc working group (2017-2018)

(1) Increase the resources of the Fund, and
(2) Optimize the use of its resources.

*IOS:
« nomination
process
heavy and
costly »*

Discuss the effectiveness of the Global Strategy for a balanced and representative World Heritage List

2019

✓ Sub-account on the evaluation of nominations
✓ Reform of the nomination process

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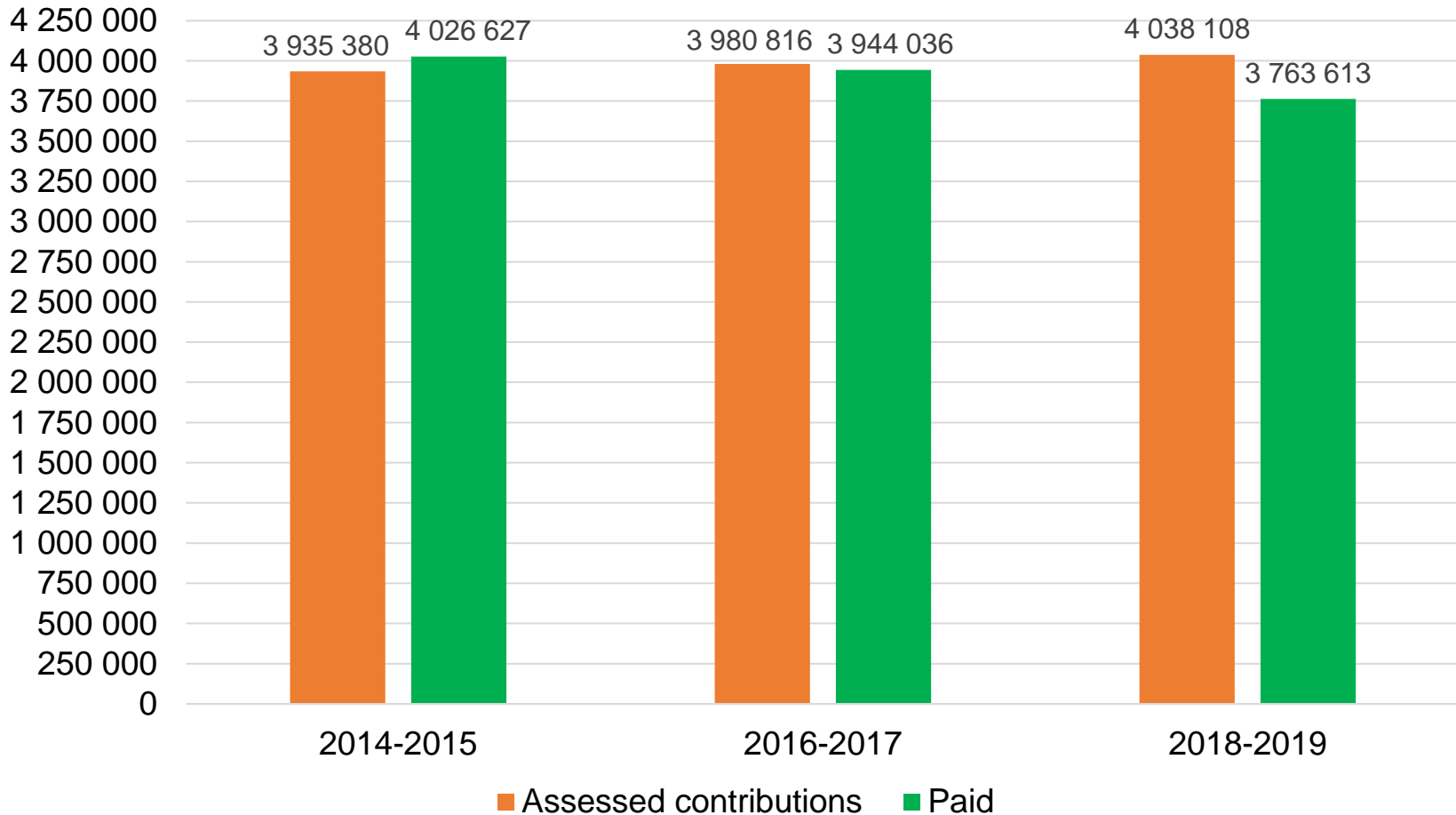
Mr Ernesto Ottone R.
Assistant Director-General for Culture

Part I

Report on the World Heritage Fund for 2018-2019

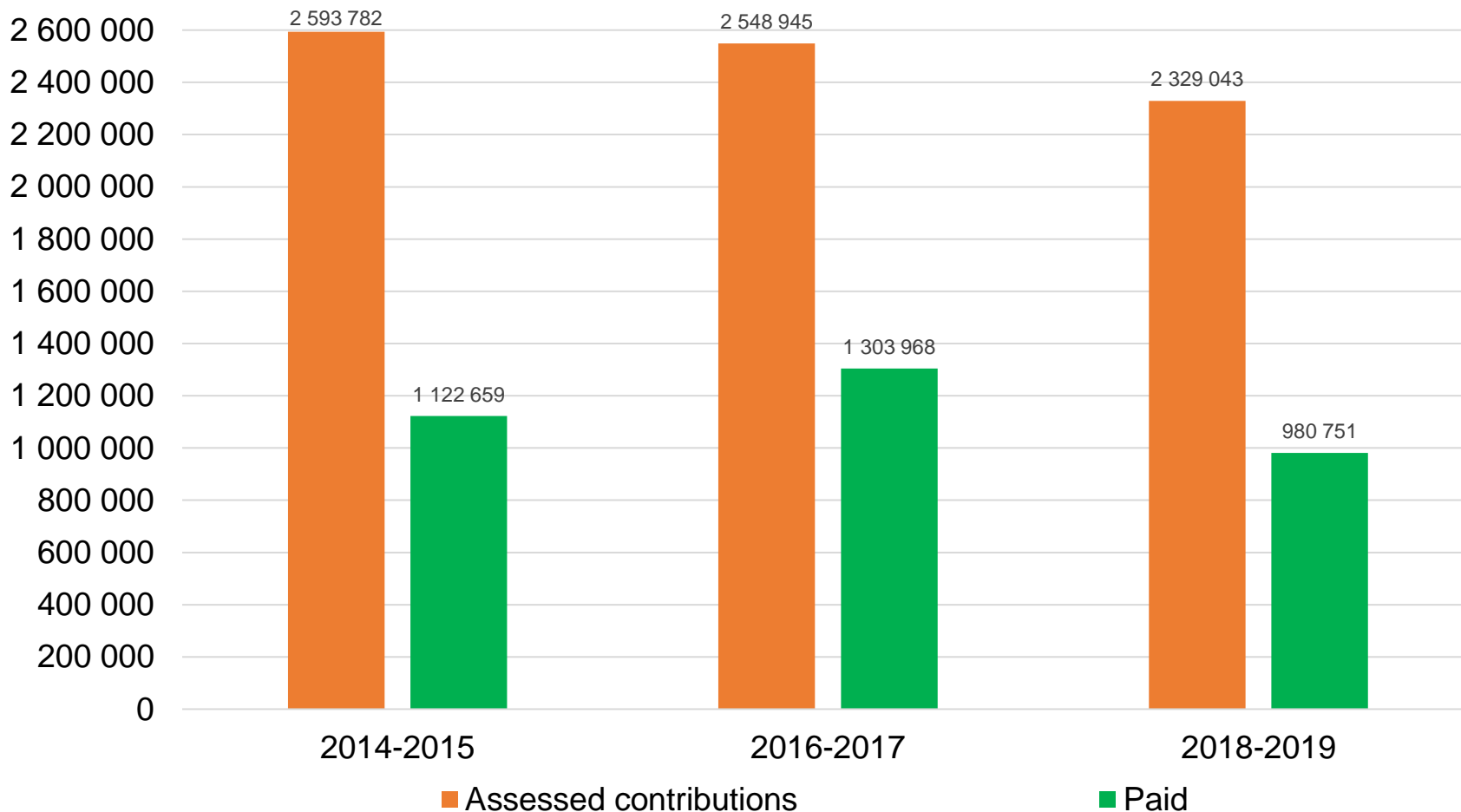
→ Annexes I and II

Compulsory contributions – Article 16.1 of the 1972 Convention (2014-2019)

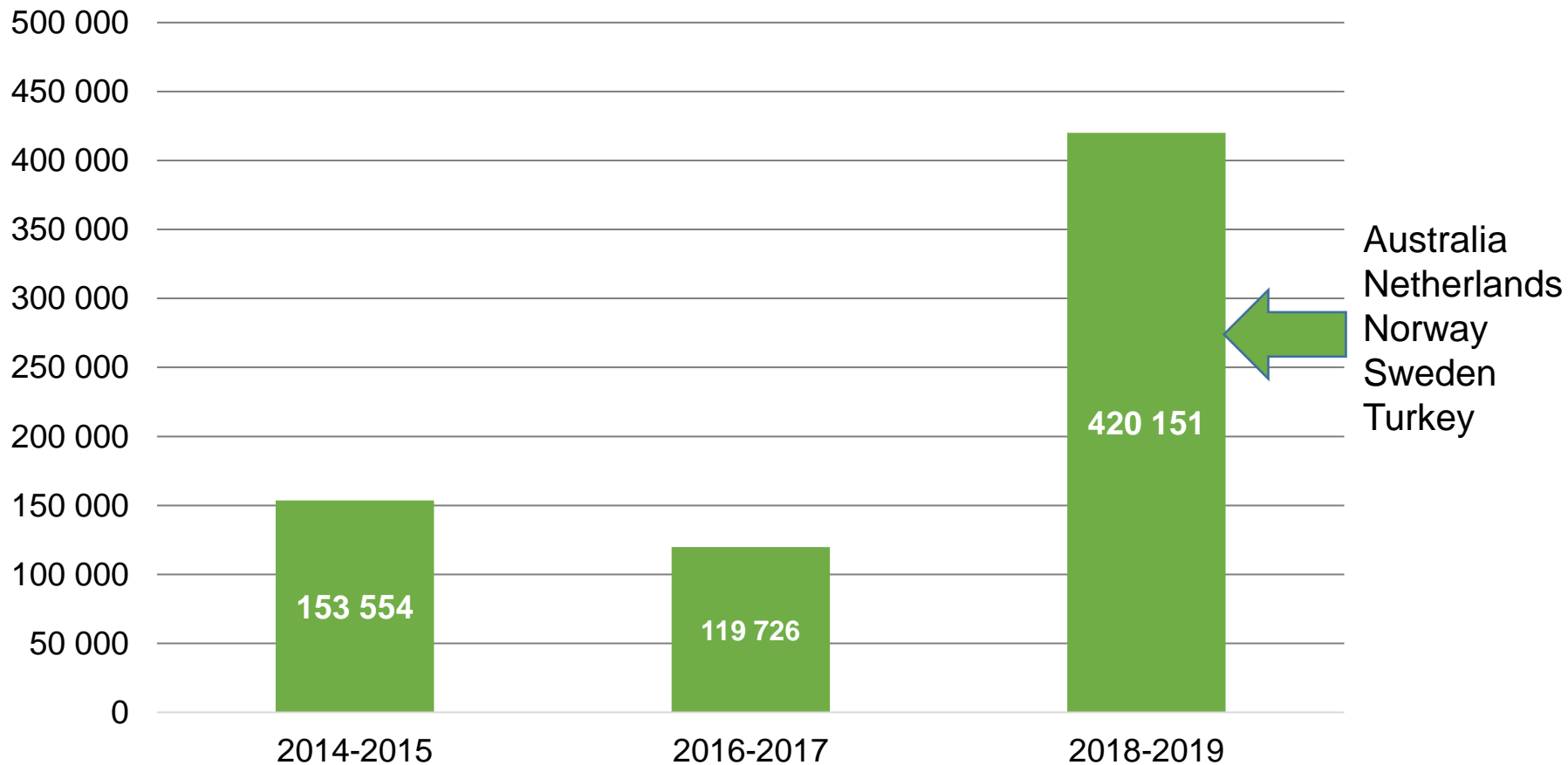


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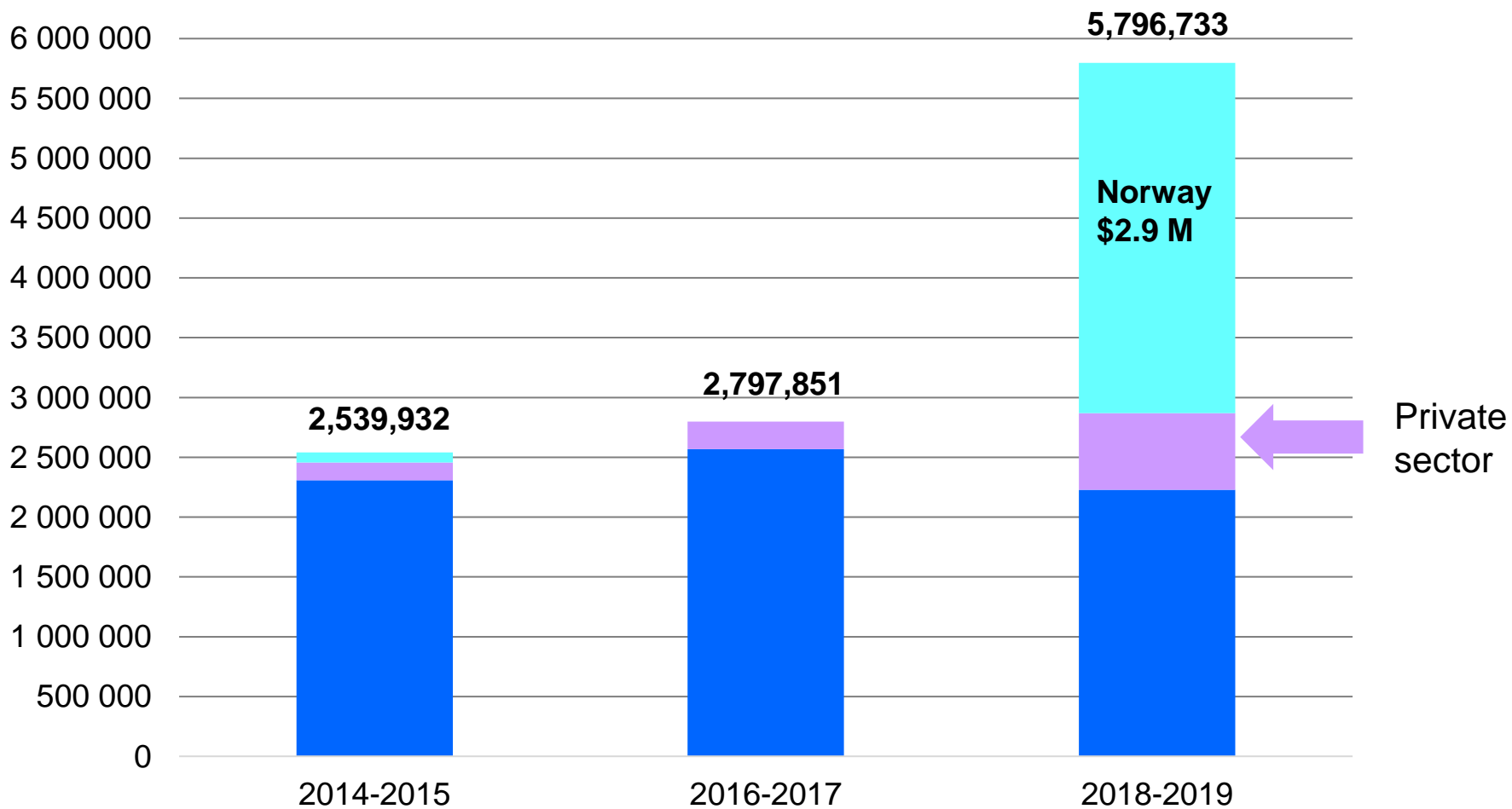
Voluntary contributions – Article 16.2 of the 1972 Convention (2014-2019)



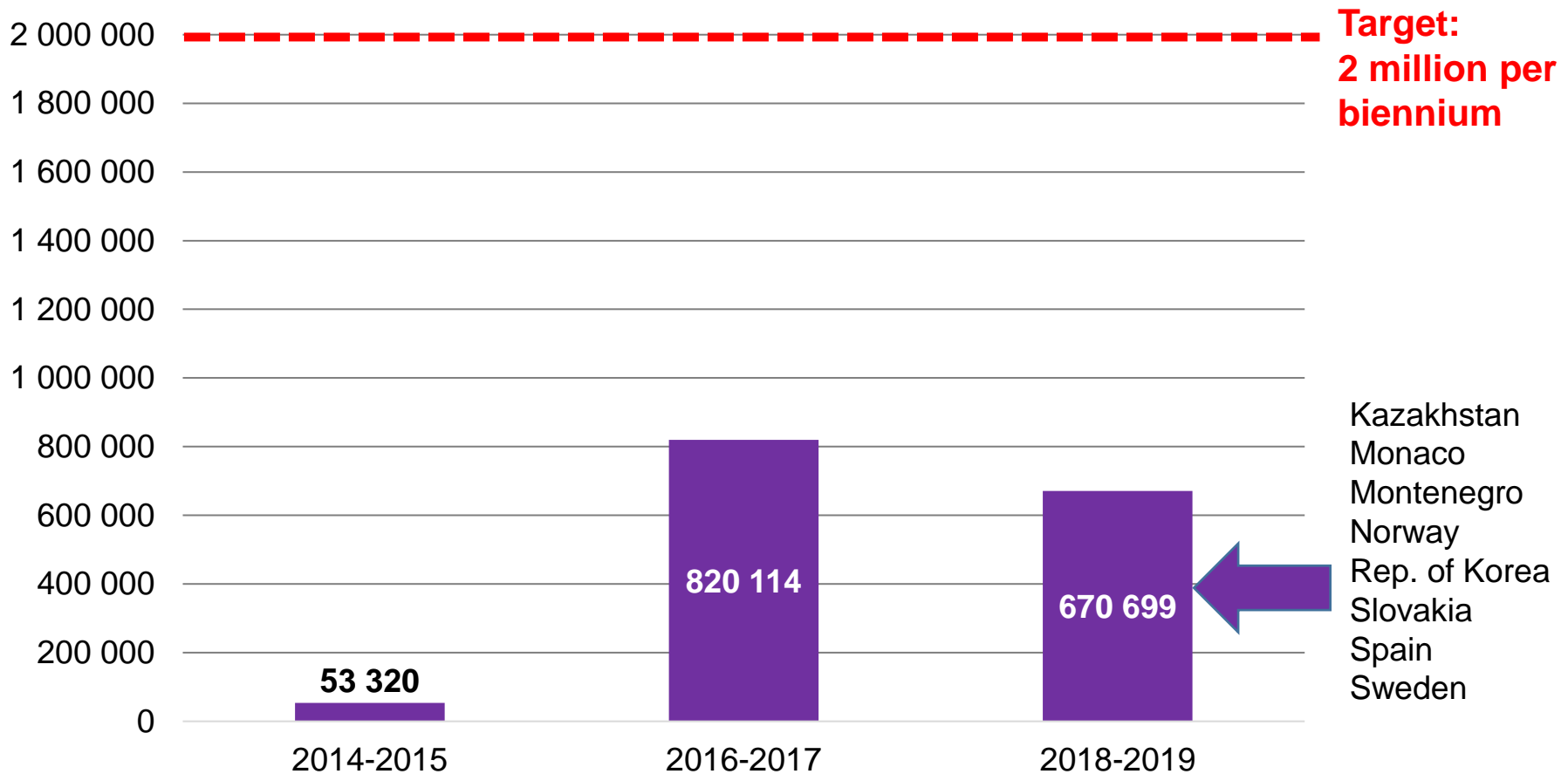
Unrestricted supplementary voluntary contributions (2014-2019)



Sub-account for Specific Activities (2014-2019)



Sub-account for Human Capacities (2014-2019)



ANNEX II

**Consolidated Table of allotments and
expenditures for activities financed by the
three funding sources as at 31 December 2019**

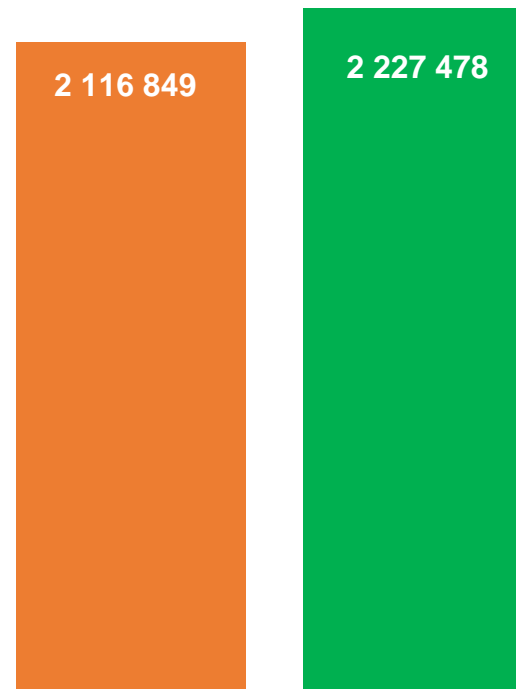
Part II

Report on the World Heritage Fund for 2020-2021

→ *Annexes III, IV and V*

Compulsory contributions – Article 16.1 of the 1972 Convention (2020)

Assessed contributions Paid

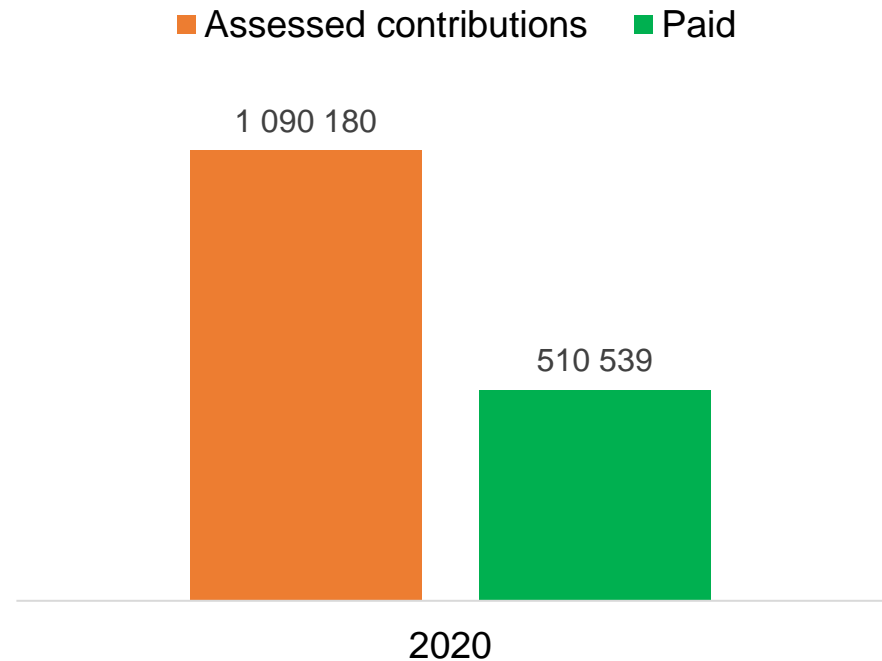


2020

- **Assessed contributions:**
\$2,116,849
- **Paid : \$2,227,478**

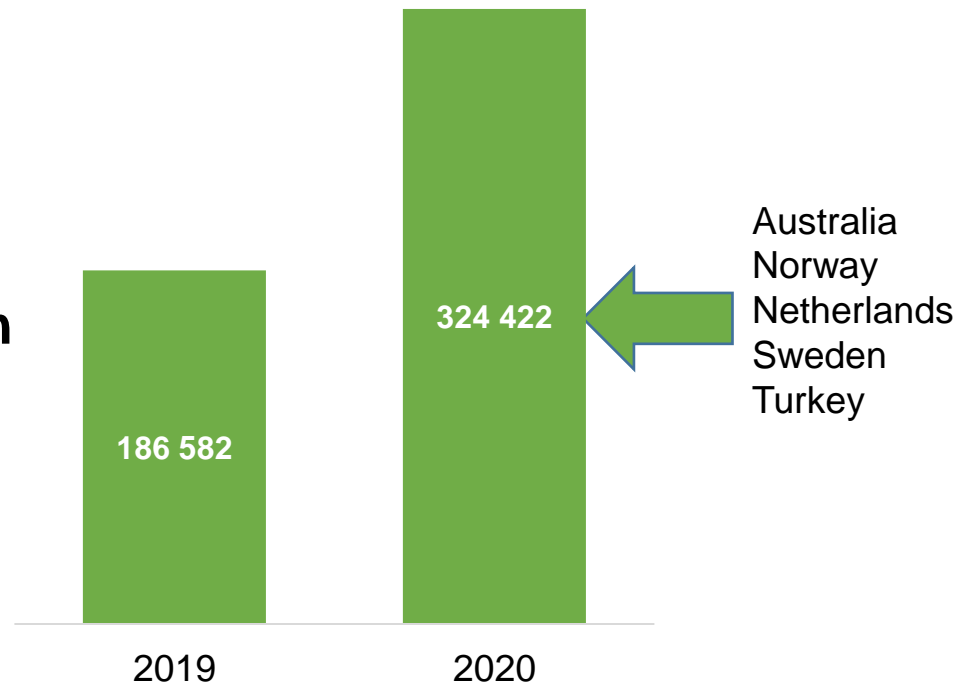
Voluntary contributions – Article 16.2 of the 1972 Convention (2020)

- **Assessed contributions:
\$1,090,180**
- **Paid: \$510,539**



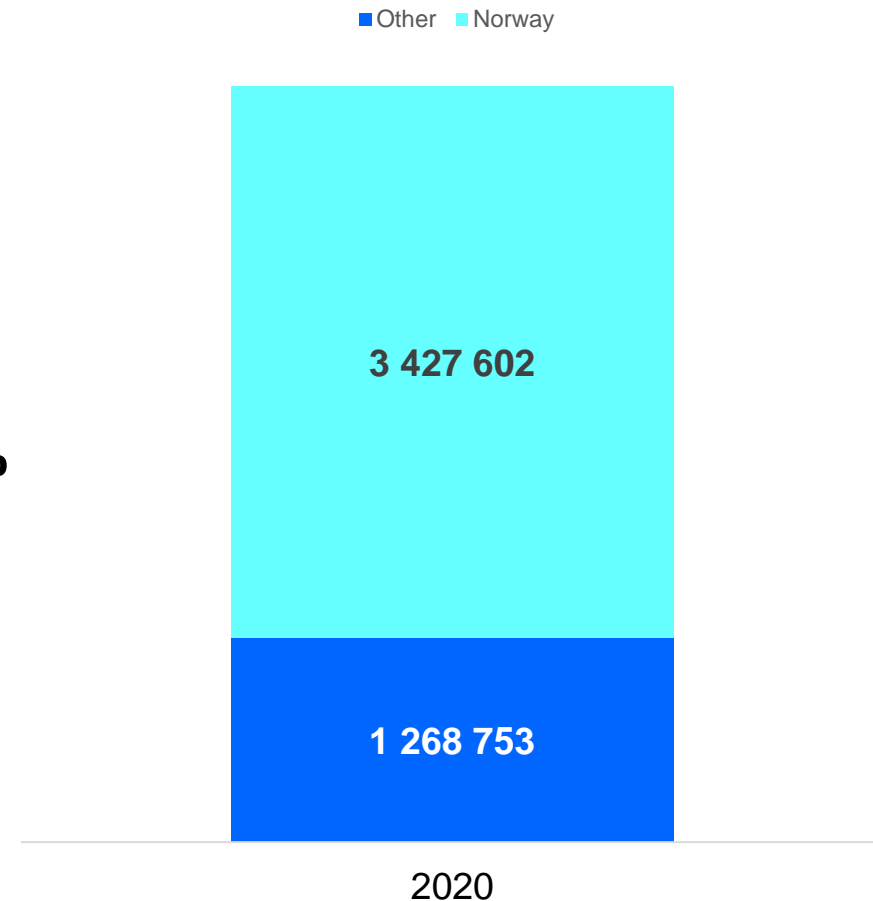
Unrestricted supplementary voluntary contributions (2020)

- **Unrestricted supplementary voluntary contributions (2020):
\$324,422**
- **Increase of nearly 74% between
2019 and 2020**



Sub-account for Specific Activities (2020)

- **Sub-account for Specific Activities: \$4,696,355**
- **Contribution by Norway: 72%**



ANNEX IV

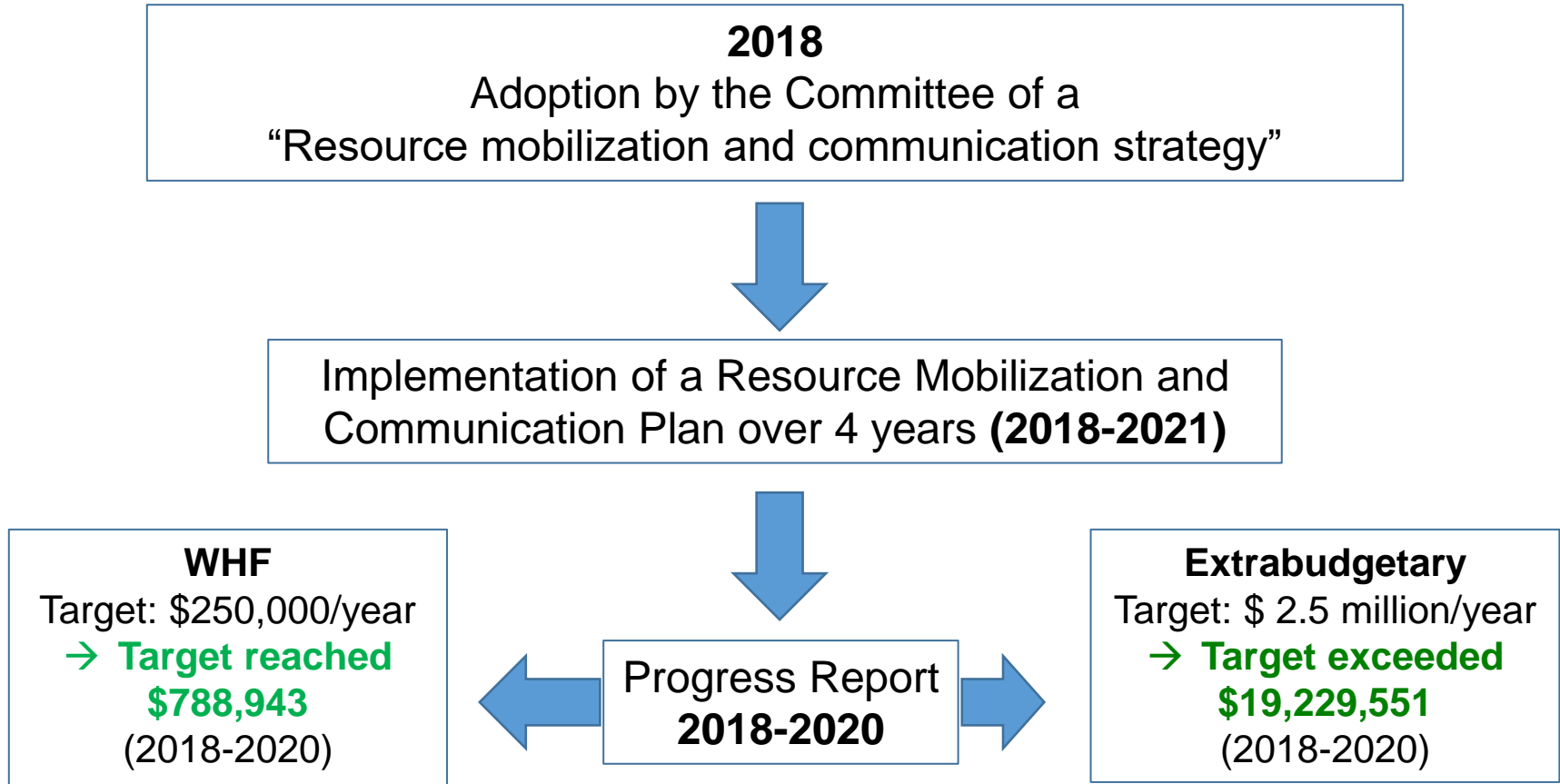
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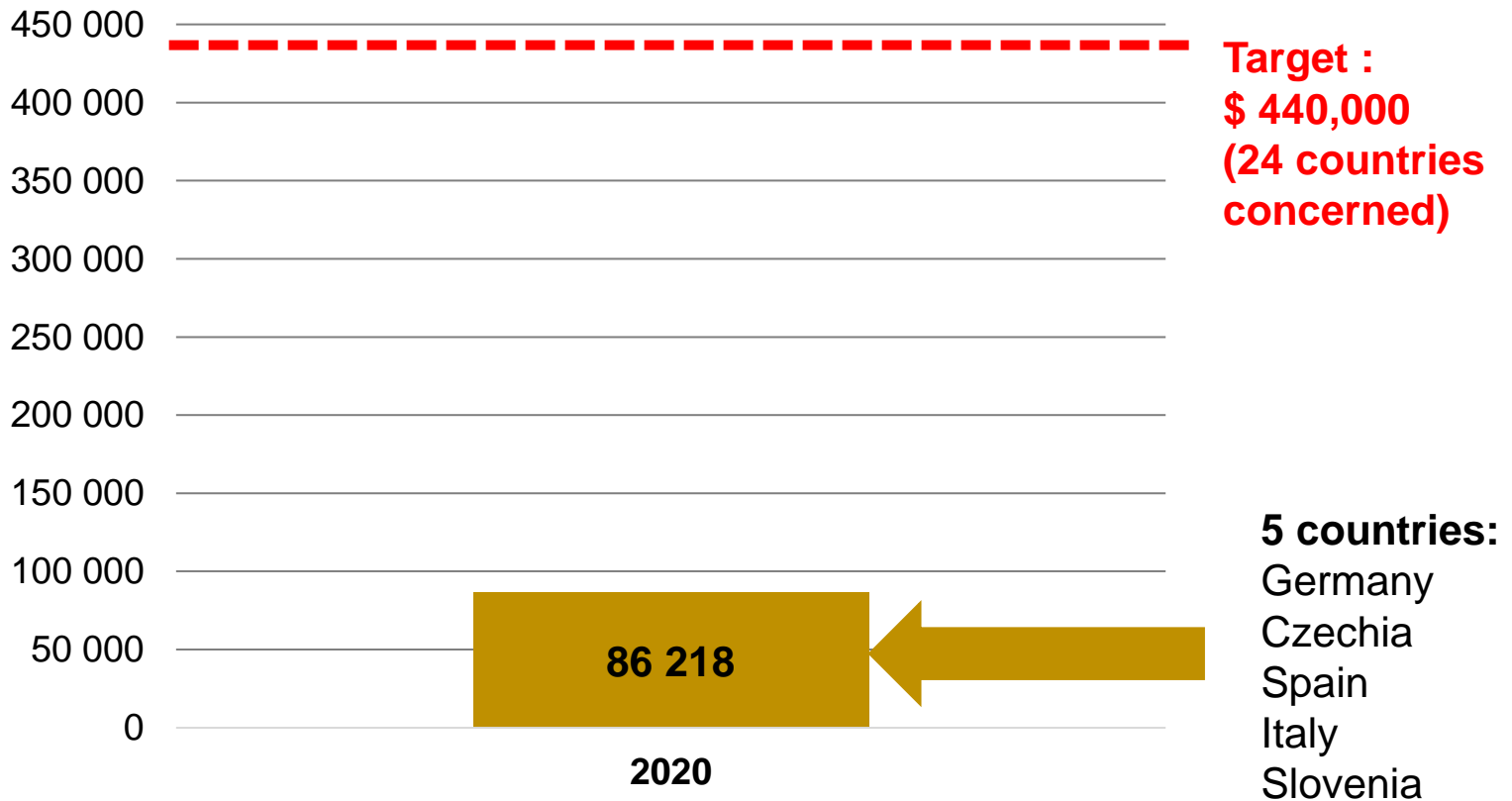
Follow-up to Decision 43 COM 14

→ *Annex IX*

Resource Mobilization and Communication Plan (Annex IX)



Cost-sharing model for the evaluation of nominations



Roadmap for the Sustainability of the World Heritage Fund Status of implementation of the short-term measures

2017
Adoption by the Committee of the
“Roadmap for the Sustainability of the World Heritage Fund”



“MarketPlace”
→ 1/3 of projects
funded over 3 years

Implementation of short-term
measures over 3 years (2017-2020)

Doubling of
contributions
→ 5 States parties



Contributions per site
→ \$19,000
over 3 years

Creation of a sub-account for the
evaluation of nominations
→ Income lower than expected

Fund-raising
→ No additional human
resources

Part III

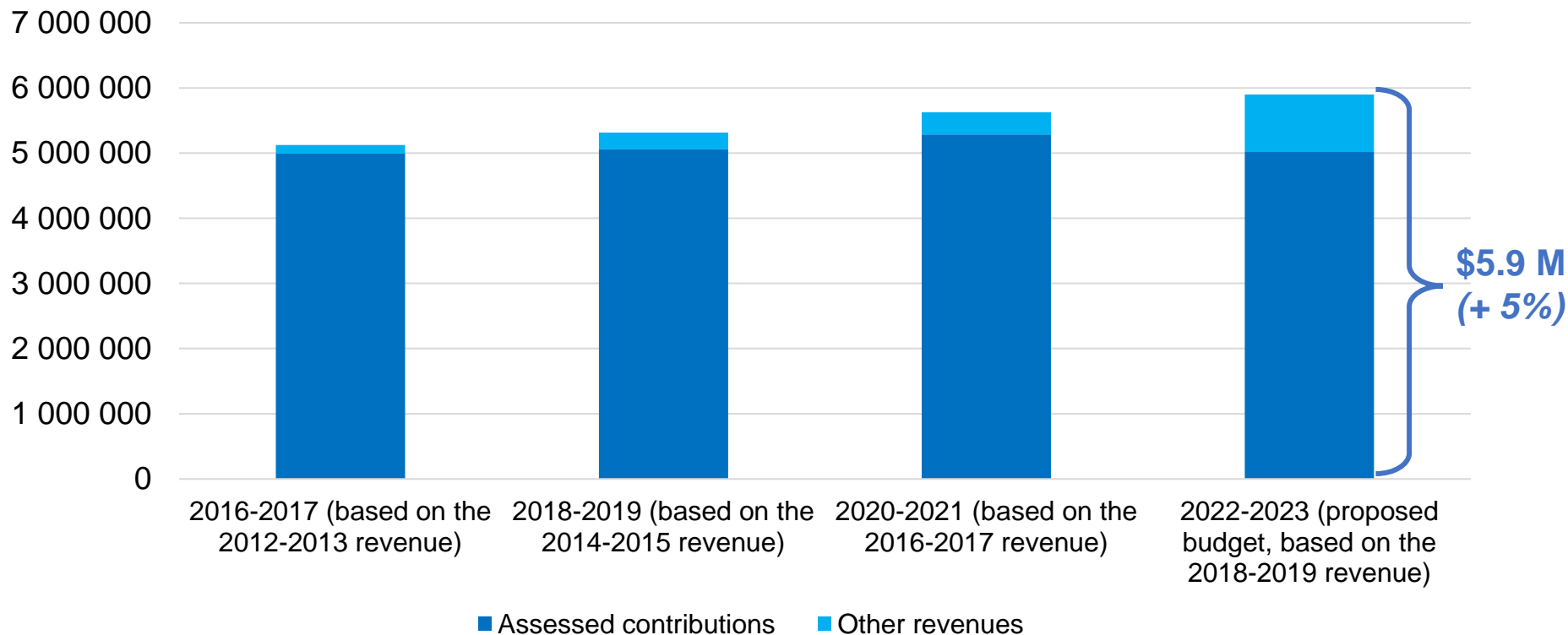
Budget proposal of the World Heritage Fund for the biennium 2022-2023

→ *Annexes VI, VII and VIII*

Budget level 2022-2023

Based on revenues for the 2018-2019 biennium (Decision 28 COM 11)

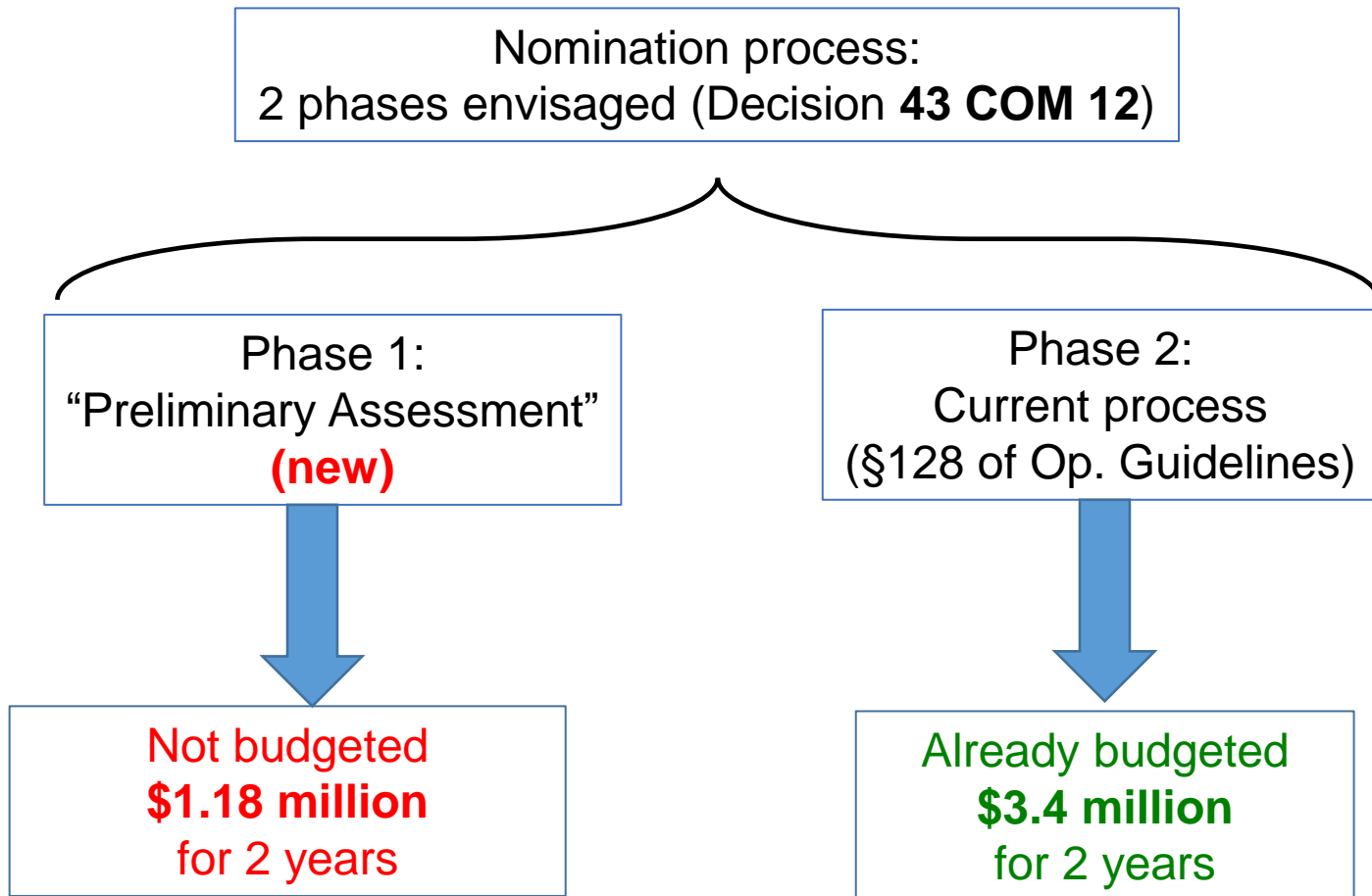
Evolution of the budget of the World Heritage Fund voted by the Committee (2016-2023)



Budget proposal 2022-2023 (*Annex VI*)

- Overall identical to 2020-2021
- **Increase of 5% broken down between:**
 - Retrospective inventory (+ \$10,000)
 - International Assistance (+ \$213,000)
 - Capacity building (+ \$50,560) (*new*)

“Preliminary Assessment” (Annex VII)



“Preliminary Assessment” (*Annex VII*)

Based on the examination of 35 files per year, “Preliminary Assessment” requires:

\$1,181,220 for 2 years
\$590,610/year

Advisory services

\$1,101,120 for 2 years
\$550,560/year

- Desk reviews
- Dialogue with State Parties
- Review by the Panel
- Reporting

Secretariat

\$80,000 for 2 years
\$40,000/year

- Review
- Comments
- Completeness check of files

“Preliminary Assessment” (*Annex VII*)

Requires **full and regular** payment of
the assessed contributions

Article 16.1: \$172,754

Article 16.2: \$72,807

(2018-2019)



Very partial funding for the Preliminary Analysis

“Preliminary Assessment” (*Annex VII*)

Arrears of mandatory contributions
of 180 countries as of 31 December 2019

\$491,503

**Very partial funding for the Preliminary Assessment
and only for the first year**

“Preliminary Assessment” (*Annex VII*)

Scenario 1

Reduce the number of files reviewed per year

Based on: **\$40,760 / file**

Financial projection

Year 1 – 29 files

Year 2 – 21 files

Year 3 – 21 files

Year 4 – 21 files

Year 5 – 21 files

“Preliminary Assessment” (*Annex VII*)

Scenario 2

Use the Sub-account for the evaluation of
Phase 1 nominations

\$182,929 available (31 May 2021)

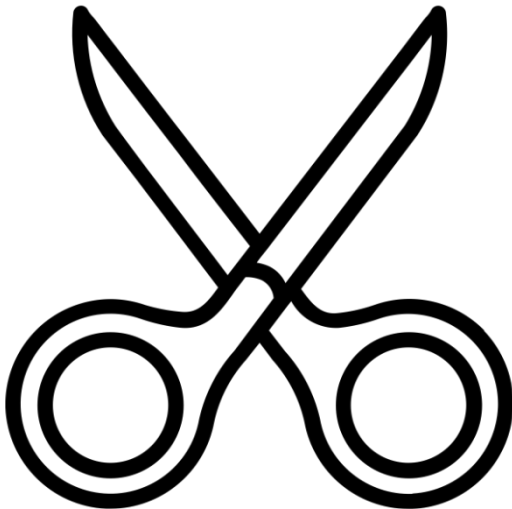
This allows for an examination of maximum 2 files a year

The number of files will depend on the amount of funds
received each year

“Preliminary Assessment” (*Annex VII*)

Scenario 3

Cut budget lines



- Advisory services
- Internationale Assistance
- Sites in Danger
- Reactive monitoring
- Periodic Reporting
- Advisory Missions...

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Questions & Answers