

*The Secretary General*

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The Hague, 17 June 2026

Dear Mr Ambassador,

Following the approval of the Budget for Financial Year 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027 (FY 72) by the Council of Diplomatic Representatives (CDR) at its meeting of 19 May 2026, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Budget as approved.

I refer to Overview I for your State’s contribution for FY 2026-2027, which amounts to:

**€ 9.437,07**

Following CDR’s decision to adopt a differentiated pricing model, providing for a 5% reduction in the assessed contributions of Member States contributing 33 units (Category 3 Member States) and a corresponding adjustment to the assessed contributions of Member States contributing from 0.5 to 6 units (Category 1 Member States) through an equal increase in the applicable price per unit, and noting that Estonia falls within Category 1, its assessed contribution has been adjusted as follows:

| Unit(s) | Contribution in € to Budget for FY 2026-2027 |   |
|---------|--|---|
|         | HCCH-adapted UPU system                      | Total Contribution with Differentiated Pricing Model Adjustment (- 5% for 33-unit MS) |
| 1       | € 8.778,70                                   | € 9.437,07  |

The **attached invoice** provides the total amount of your State’s contribution for FY 2026-2027.

Pursuant to Article 9(1) of the 2016 Regulations on Financial Matters and Budgetary Practices, “[a]ssessed Contributions from Member States are due in full at the beginning of each Financial Year [i.e., on 1 July], and are required to be paid as soon as possible.” Against this background, I would be grateful if your authorities could make every effort to ensure the timely payment of your State’s contribution, in order to support the effective operation of the Permanent Bureau in the period ahead. Your continued cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

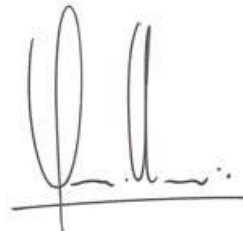
Furthermore, pursuant to Article 11(1) of the same Regulations, “the Secretary General shall regularly inform the Council of Diplomatic Representatives of the status of payments of contributions.” I have provided such an update to CDR at its meeting of 19 May 2026. As reflected in the attached overview, 18 Member States (20%) still have outstanding contributions for FY 2025-2026, amounting to € 743,375.54 (14% of the total contributions for that FY). When the arrears from previous FYs, amounting to € 123,972.06, are taken into account, the total of outstanding contributions amount to € 867,347.60.

I am pleased to note that Estonia is not among the Member States with outstanding contributions, and I am most grateful for your State’s diligence in this regard. At the same time, the overall level of outstanding contributions remains a matter of concern and may affect the short-term financial stability and operation of the Permanent Bureau. In the absence of sufficient incoming contributions in the coming weeks, recourse to the Revolving Fund may become necessary as of July 2026.

It is recalled that, at its current level, the Revolving Fund covers only approximately two months of the basic operational costs of the Permanent Bureau (incl. salaries, pensions, rent of the PB premises, and certain regular contractual obligations). Member States are therefore encouraged to settle any outstanding contributions at their earliest convenience.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a smaller 'B' and a series of loops and flourishes. The signature is written above a horizontal line.

Dr Christophe Bernasconi

Attachments mentioned