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**Inter-American Convention for the  
Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles  
4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties**

*April 23 -24, 2009 San Jose, Costa Rica*

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**CIT-COP4-2009-R3**

**2009 - 2011 Finances**

*Considering* Article XIII of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) regarding financial resources;

*Taking into consideration* that resolution CIT-COP1-2002-R-2 adopted by the First Conference of Parties established the IAC Special Fund;

*Further recalling* the guidelines for financing the activities of the IAC established in Resolution CIT-COPE1-2007-R2 adopted during the First Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties;

*Recognizing* the legal limitations under which the IAC Parties can provide financial contributions;

*Considering* that the total amount of voluntary contribution goals does not cover the budget need, and that additional funding will need to be obtained; and

*Acknowledging* the Fourth Conference of Parties agreed to move the Secretariat *Pro Tempore* to the United States on a temporary basis:

**THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES RESOLVES TO:**

1. Adopt the 2009 budget and approve the indicative 2010 and 2011 budgets included in Annex I.
2. Adopt the invoice found in Annex II to facilitate the Secretariat *Pro Tempore* in receiving voluntary financial contributions from the Parties.
3. Authorize the Secretariat *Pro Tempore* to forward an invoice to each of the Parties for an amount equal to the contribution goal identified in Annex III.
4. Recognize that the Parties agreed to increase their contribution and that countries have different abilities to make financial contributions.



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<b>ANEXO I/ANNEX I</b>			
<b>Presupuesto 2009-11/2009-11 Budget (Amounts expressed in US\$)</b>			
<b>Rubro/Items</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010 Proposed</b>	<b>2011 Proposed</b>
<b>1-Personal/Staff</b>	<b>115,992</b>	<b>112,992</b>	<b>112,992</b>
Secretario <i>Pro Tempore</i> /Secretary <i>Pro Tempore</i> (base salary \$68,480, dental and health insurance, retirement, cost of contracting agency and cost of visa process)	112,992	112,992	112,992
Transitional support	3,000		
<b>2-Otros Servicios Profesionales/Other Professional Services</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>7,000</b>
Traducciones/Translations	7,000	7,000	7,000
<b>3-Comunicaciones/ Communications</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Website	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>4-Viaje/Travel</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>16,300</b>
Travel	10,500	16,300	16,300
<b>6-Apoyo a Reuniones de la CIT/IAC Meeting Support</b>	<b>34,300</b>	<b>60,200</b>	<b>38,000</b>
Comité Científico/Scientific committee	34,300	34,300	
Comité Consultivo/Consultative committee		25,900	
<b>COP5</b>			38,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>169,792</b>	<b>198,492</b>	<b>176,292</b>
<b>8- Costo Administración/Overhead Costs National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (10%)</b>	<b>16,797</b>	<b>19,849</b>	<b>17,629</b>
<b>TOTAL (US\$)</b>	<b>186,589</b>	<b>236,271</b>	<b>193,921</b>



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**ANNEX II**

**Invoice for Financial Contribution**

In accordance with:

1. The financial rules (CIT-COPE1-2007-R2) adopted October 2007 by the Parties of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) in Lima, Peru;
2. The US\$2,000 suggested minimum financial contribution established during the first Conference of Parties in San José, Costa Rica;
3. The 2009 budget adopted in San José, Costa Rica and the indicative budget for 2010; as well as;
4. The table of contribution goals developed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties in San José, Costa Rica;

The IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* hereby presents this invoice to the Government of [insert Party].

**INVOICE**

<b>Party/Country</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Suggested Contribution (\$US)</b>	<b>Date</b>
	2009	[from Annex III]	

**FINANCIAL HISTORY**

[insert Party]'s history of financial contributions to the IAC is included below for your reference.

<b>Party/Country</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Suggested Contribution</b>	<b>Amount Contributed</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
	2007			
	2008			

**FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS**

In accordance with the indicative budget for 2010 presented in San José, Costa Rica the Secretariat *pro Tempore* suggests the Government of [insert Party] plan for and include in your 2010 budget, a financial contribution for the IAC totaling [US\$XXXX].



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**ANNEX III**

<b>IAC Contributions Goals for 2009</b>	
<b>Member County</b>	<b>Contribution Goal<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Belize</b>	\$3,500
<b>Brazil</b>	\$7,056
<b>Costa Rica</b>	\$2,000
<b>Ecuador</b>	\$2,000
<b>Guatemala</b>	\$2,000
<b>Honduras</b>	\$2,000
<b>Mexico</b>	\$15,000
<b>Netherlands Antilles</b>	\$5,000
<b>Panama</b>	\$2,000
<b>Peru</b>	\$2,000
<b>United States</b>	\$65,000
<b>Uruguay</b>	\$2,928
<b>Venezuela</b>	\$3,653
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$114,137</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Noting the Convention does not provide for mandatory contributions, the amounts presented here are suggested contributions and do not imply a legal obligation. COP4 has established a working group to address legal issues that have made it difficult for some Parties to contribute to the IAC Special Fund.