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the increased participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Dr's Obasi, Topfer and myself wrote to governments alerting them to this situation, but with limited response to date. At present just a few countries, including those that support the costs of a Technical Support Unit of a working group, provide the majority of the financial resources. If IPCC is to continue to serve the needs of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol additional governments will have to contribute to the IPCC Trust Fund, and those that who routinely contribute will have to increase their contributions. The financial task group is examining alternate sources of funding, e.g. foundations, but this search for funds just adds an additional and unnecessary burden on those who contribute to the work of the IPCC, which is largely a volunteer organization. I appeal to each government representative at this meeting to discuss this serious situation with the relevant agency in your government to help resolve this situation.