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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.

2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report, which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 July– 30 September 2007.

II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEETINGS

The Secretariat organized the following meetings:

Twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12), 2-6 July 2007

3. The twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12) was held from 2 to 6 July 2007, at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France. At the opening plenary, Mr. Koïchiro Matsuura, Director General of UNESCO, Mr. Jean-Louis Borloo, the French Minister of State, Minister of the Environment, Sustainable Development and Planning, and Mr. Nicolas Hulot, a prominent French environmentalist and founder of the Fondation Nicolas Hulot, attended and addressed the participants of the meeting. For the first time in its history, SBSTTA discussed new and emerging scientific issues of relevance to its mandate. The meeting adopted several recommendations, including the application of the ecosystem approach, implementation of the global strategy for plant conservation, review of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, climate change and biodiversity, and impacts of biofuel production on biodiversity, among others. The report of the meeting will be forwarded to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9) for consideration.

4. The meeting of SBSTTA-12 was preceded by a SBSTTA Bureau meeting, as well as by the First Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions and the three Rio Conventions, with the participation of the respective Executive Secretaries of the relevant Conventions, as well as the chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environmental Facility. The meeting offered an opportunity for the scientific advisory bodies of the Conventions to discuss collaboration, and it was agreed that a second meeting be held during COP-9 in Bonn, in May 2008.

5. For the first time, SBSTTA-12 was preceded by a training course for SBSTTA-12 participants. The training, which took place on 1 July 2007, was organized by the Secretariat, in cooperation with the *Museum d'Histoire Naturelle de Paris* and its other partners of the scientific consortium.

Second Meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2), 9 - 13 July 2007, UNESCO, Paris, France

6. The second meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2) took place on 9-13 July 2007 at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France. The meeting addressed key issues on the implementation of the Convention, including the sources of funding required to achieve its three objectives and the 2010 biodiversity target. The meeting adopted recommendations with regard to the implementation of the Strategic Plan, draft strategy for resource mobilization, status of national reporting and proposals for the GBO-3, and procedures for the admission of organizations to meetings under the Convention, among others.

7. Prior to the meeting, a training workshop on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) for the WGRI-2 participants was held on 8 July 2007. The workshop, which was organized by the Secretariat, in cooperation with UNEP and UNDP, facilitated the exchange of experience among Parties and promoted lessons learned from the experience gained by the two implementing agencies of the Global Environment Facility.

8. The WGRI-2 meeting was also preceded by a COP-8 Bureau meeting on 8 July 2007, which included a dialogue with the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility. In connection to this, a high-level dialogue took place between the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility and the participants on 9 July 2007.

Hand-over ceremony of the Toyota Prius car to the Secretariat, 15 September 2007

9. On 15 September, a hand-over ceremony of the Toyota Prius car generously donated by Toyota Motor Corporation to be used as an official car of the Secretariat, took place at the CBD office, with the participation of representatives from the Toyota Company, the Consulate General of Japan in Montreal, and the Executive Director of UNEP. The Secretariat is now equipped with an official car, which will be used to accommodate the high-level officials from the United Nations and Governments, as well as other dignitaries, who attend bilateral and multilateral meetings organized in Montreal under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS), Montreal, Canada, 19-21 September 2007

10. On 19-21 September, the Secretariat organized an International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing. The objective of the meeting was to enhance Indigenous and Local Community participation in the elaboration and negotiation of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing, by providing views on issues of relevance to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices associated with genetic resources and to the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

11. Prior to the indigenous consultation, and for the first time in the history of the Convention, the Secretariat hosted the annual meeting of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues (IASG) on 17-19 September. At the opening of the meeting, Mr. Johan Scholvinck of the UN DESA, through live video link, delivered a message on behalf of the United Nations Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, and was then followed by a statement from the CBD Executive Secretary. Ms. Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, Chairperson of the UNPFIII and Ms. Elissavett Stamatopoulou, Chief of the Secretariat of the UNPFII also gave short remarks. The meeting looked at how United Nations agencies and mechanisms can better and collectively support indigenous peoples to respond and adapt to the impacts of climate change, and how the international response can benefit from the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples. The Secretariat is honoured to host the event, given

that the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples just a few days prior to the meeting.

Montreal Protocol Partners Award to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 20 September 2007

12. On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity was awarded the Montreal Protocol Partners Award in recognition of its role as member of the Green Customs Initiative (GCI). An active member since 2005, the Secretariat has participated and has been actively involved in several GCI activities, including contributing to the Training Guide for GCI and providing assistance and resource materials in GCI training workshops.

13. The Executive Secretary attended the high-level segment of the nineteenth Meeting of the Parties of the Montreal, Protocol, which took place earlier that week, and delivered a formal statement.

High-Level meeting on climate change on 24 September at the UN in New York, and Media event at the CBD Secretariat

14. At the invitation of the Secretary General, the Executive Secretary attended the High-Level Event to Advance Negotiations on Climate Change, which took place on 24 September in New York in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly. In the margins of the meeting, the Executive Secretary held bilateral meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Somalia, as well as with the Vice Prime Minister of Gabon. A meeting was also held with the new Executive Secretary of UNCCD. The week prior to the high-level meeting, the Executive Secretary, as head of one of the key United Nations environmental conventions, welcomed the media to the Secretariat offices for interviews and discussion on the linkages between biodiversity and climate change.

15. **The Secretariat also organized and serviced other meetings, namely:** the meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC), 7 July 2007, UNESCO, Paris, France; Informal consultation organized by the two co-chairs of the Ad hoc Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing, 7 July 2007, Paris, France; Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA-IAC), 8 July 2007, UNESCO, Paris, France; Side event on the preparation of the Fourth National Report of the CBD, 11 July 2007, Paris, France; Meeting via teleconference of the Inter-agency Biodiversity Day Task Force, 18 July 2007; Hosted the second meeting of the *Ad hoc* Group to summarize gaps in scientific knowledge based on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, 19-20 July 2007, Montreal, Canada; Hosted an informal meeting of the private sectors on issues related to ABS, 26-27 July 2007, Montreal, Canada; Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas, 13-16 August 2007, Cape Town, South Africa; African Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms, 23-25 August 2007 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation, 10-12 September 2007, Geneva, Switzerland; and a Meeting via teleconference with the two ABS Co-Chairs on the preparation of the WGABS-5 meeting, 18 September 2007, Montreal, Canada.

REPRESENTATION

16. During the third quarter of 2007, the Secretariat participated in a number of important meetings of relevance to the work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Details can be seen in Annex I to this report.

MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

MOC with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), 2 July 2007

17. A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), at the margins of the SBSTTA-12. The purpose of the agreement is to establish a framework for cooperation in the area of biological diversity of relevance to agriculture, with a view to promoting synergies between IFAP and the Secretariat.

MOU with IUCN Regional Office in Europe, 11 July 2007

18. At the margins of WGRI-2, an agreement was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and IUCN-The World Conservation Union. The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding is to enhance cooperation and collaboration between the SCBD and the IUCN to support integration of biodiversity in European development cooperation, and in particular the implementation of the Message from Paris, as agreed upon in Article 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 11 June 2007 between Countdown 2010 and the SCBD.

MOC with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 16 July 2007

19. An agreement was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The purpose of the Memorandum of Cooperation is to enhance collaborative work in the area of biosafety.

LOI with University of Victoria in Wellington, New Zealand, 30 July 2007

20. The Centre for Biodiversity and Restoration Ecology of the Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand signed a Letter of Intent with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The agreement aims to promote a strong scientific and technical partnership, in support of the enhanced phase of implementation of the threefold objective of the Convention, and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

21. During the third quarter of 2007, the Executive Secretary met with high level officials and senior representatives from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions, to further promote and enhance cooperation and raise public awareness on the work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

22. Government representatives paid a visit to the Secretariat including: the Minister of State for Environment from Uganda, the Deputy Executive Director of National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) of Uganda, the Ambassador and Deputy Head of the International Affairs Division from the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, Chairman of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee of the United Kingdom (JNCC), the Coordinator of the Adaptation and Impacts Research Division of Environment Canada, a representative of the Consulate General of Japan, and a senior official from the Rwanda Environment Management Authority. A meeting was held with the Brazilian delegation in September in preparation for the ABS meeting. A delegation from the Lao's PDR on a study tour in Canada visited the Secretariat and met with the Executive Secretary and relevant staff members.

23. In September, the Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of several United Nations officials, including: the Executive Director of UNEP, the Director of UNEP-DEPI, the Chief of Interpreters from UNON, the Associate Administrator of UNDP, the FAO Senior Agricultural Officer, a senior representative from UN-Habitat, as well as a member of the Tunza Youth Advisory Council of UNEP. The Executive Secretary also met with a senior staff from UNU-IAS. At the kind invitation of the Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America, the Executive Secretary attended a breakfast meeting at the CEC office in Montreal, with the participation of Nobel Laureate Professor Dr. Mario J. Molina.

24. Representatives from organizations also visited the Secretariat office, including: the Vice President of the International Organizations at Montreal International, the WWF European Forest Policy coordinator, representatives from GTZ, representatives from the Biotechnology Industry Organization, a senior staff from ZERI Foundation to discuss business and biodiversity, a senior official from OECD, as well as from WIPO. Meetings were also held with representatives of the IUCN-WCPA and International NGOs, the World Bank, the Smithsonian Institution and IFC, Conservation International, Global Environment Facility, WWF, and with members of the *Alliance des musées d'histoire naturelle du Canada* (AMHNC).

25. In the margins of SBSTTA-12, the Executive Secretary met with the delegation of Norway to discuss preparations for the upcoming Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity. A meeting was also held with the delegation of Portugal with regard to the preparations for the workshop on criteria and classification of marine areas to take place in Azores, Portugal. The Executive Secretary also held bilateral meeting with the French Minister of State for Environment and Sustainable Development. A meeting was also held with NGOs in the margins of the SBSTTA-12.

26. In the first week of August, the Executive Secretary attended a meeting in Geneva, with the participation of the Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme, as well as Heads of the UNEP-Administered Conventions.

27. During the first couple of weeks of September, the Executive Secretary took part in important meetings as well as held bilateral discussions with senior officials from the Government and different organizations while in Europe. The Executive Secretary attended and delivered an opening statement at the First International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources, held in Interlaken, Switzerland. At the margins of the conference, bilateral meetings were held with a number of people, such as: the Assistant Director General for Sustainable Development at FAO and the Secretary of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources. The Executive Secretary also met with senior officials from the Federal Swiss Government, including the Federal Swiss Councilor and the State Secretary, as well as the Deputy Head of the International Environmental Affairs.

28. The Executive Secretary also went on mission to Geneva where he met with the Director General of IUCN to discuss several issues, including: the preparation of COP-9, the role of CBD in the IUCN World Congress 2008 in Barcelona, Spain, the support of IUCN to the two ABS Co-Chairs, as well as the celebration of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. He also had an opportunity to meet the new Executive Secretary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands to congratulate on his appointment and to discuss collaboration for the planned meeting of Ramsar on Cities, Wetlands and Biodiversity. The Executive Secretary also had meetings with the new Director of the Regional Office of UNEP for Europe, the Director General of UNITAR, the Director of UNEP's Environmental Management Group and the Secretary General of UNCTAD.

29. During the second week of September, the Executive Secretary was in Madrid, Spain to take part in several meetings. He attended the eighth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the three Rio Conventions held on 12 September, with the participation of the Chair of SBSTTA-13, and it was agreed

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to jointly work on: communication and awareness; education in collaboration with UNESCO, a joint newsletter and a joint webpage. Furthermore, it was agreed to hold an informal dinner in Bali at the margins of the UNFCCC COP 13, followed by a formal meeting at the margins of COP 9 in May 2008 in Bonn chaired by CBD.

30. The Executive Secretary participated and delivered a statement at the high level segment of the UNCCD COP-8. At the margins of the meeting, the Executive Secretary met with the new Executive Secretary of UNCCD. Discussions were also held with the Officer-in-charge of UNCCD. The Executive Secretary also had a working lunch with the Minister of Environment of Spain, together with the Chair of UNCCD COP-8 and the two other Executive Secretaries of the Rio Conventions. The Executive Secretary took part in the side event organized by the Minister of Environment of Cape Verde on watershed management and poverty, as well as participated as a member of the ministerial panel on desertification and adaptation to climate change. A meeting was held with the Minister of Burkina Faso and South Africa, and also with the President of the Tuscany region.

31. During the third quarter of 2007, several journalists interviewed the Executive Secretary. In August, the Executive Secretary gave a telephone interview to Worldview, Chicago Public Radio. At the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 in Madrid, the Executive Secretary took part in a press conference with the Minister of Environment of Spain, together with the Executive Secretaries of the two other Rio Conventions. Also, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by the Italian TV Rai International as well as by the Algerian newspaper *El Watan*, and also by the journal *Tierramérica*.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Personnel arrangements

32. During the period July – September 2007 under the Convention, there were 29 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP. There were 5 vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

33. Under the Convention there were 24 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 2 vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 6 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

34. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol there were 2 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There were 2 vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Under the Protocol there was 1 General Service staff member regularized on posts funded by the core budget and 1 vacant post which has been advertised.

35. There were 2 interns working at the Secretariat during the period July – September 2007.

36. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex II Appendix 1, and Annex III respectively).

(b) Financial Arrangements

37. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 September 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,160,677 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$7,962,134 of which \$2,085,899 were 2007

pledges paid in 2006, and \$5,876,235 were pledges paid in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

38. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 September 2007, the total pledged for 2007 amounts to US\$1,280,806 of which \$1,156,329 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$415,061. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

39. As at 30 September 2007, pledges totalling US\$710,407 have been made in 2007 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$645,595 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$146,695. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

40. As at 30 September 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,204,807 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$2,112,507, of which US\$822,886 was received in advance of 2007 and US\$1,289,621 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

41. As at 30 September 2007, one Party has pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). To date US\$68,400 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

42. As at 30 September 2007, four Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$147,346 have been received in 2007, of which US\$87,932 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$111,757. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

43. In keeping with Decision VIII/5D of the Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) has been established. Spain has pledged 210,000 Euros and EEC has pledged 25,000 Euros. As at 30 September 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$316,722 for 2007, US\$22,806 has been received in 2007. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS
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VII/4 and VIII/20: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

44. In response to decisions VII/4 and VIII/20, the Executive Secretary has prepared for SBSTTA-13 draft information documents on the status of Ramsar Site designation criteria and progress with the scientific aspects of the programme of work including an analysis of ways and means to improve collaboration with the Ramsar Convention; explored the subject of water allocations in conjunction with the Ramsar Convention and the WWF; and drafted a pre-session document summarizing these aspects

together with a progress report on harmonized reporting provided by the Ramsar Convention and information on the new joint work programme between the CBD and Ramsar Convention (2007-2010).

45. The Secretariat co-organised, with the Ramsar Convention and Wetlands International, a side-event at SBSTTA-12 on water, wetlands, biodiversity and climate change. A member of the Secretariat also attended the World Water Week in Stockholm (12-18 August, 2007) to liaise with partners over joint activities, raise awareness of biodiversity-water issues and co-organise a side event on “working with nature” explaining the critical role of biodiversity in the sustained delivery of services from freshwater ecosystems.

VII/11: Ecosystem Approach

46. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XII/1 (paragraph 2), the Executive Secretary has written to the organisations concerned, identifying ways and means to co-ordinate the required actions, updated the source book through adding links to tools developed by other agencies, drafted appropriate text for inclusion in his report to the UN General Assembly and informed the Commission on Sustainable development of the relevant outcomes of recommendation XII/1.

VII/26 and VIII/16: Cooperation with other Organizations, Initiatives and Conventions

47. In response to decisions VII/26 and VIII/16, the following activities were carried out:
- a) As a follow-up to a recommendation of the fifth meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (14 September 2006), the Executive Secretary convened the First Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions (Paris, France, 1 July 2007). The meeting aimed to strengthen collaboration between convention processes at the scientific level. The report of the meeting is accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-01/official/csab-01-03-en.doc>; and
 - b) The Executive Secretary organized a side event (Paris, 2 July 2007) to share and discuss the outcomes of the First Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions with delegates at SBSTTA-12.

VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity

48. In response to decision VII/27, the following activities were carried out:
- a) The Secretariat continued compilation of information on examples of successful collaboration between mountain dwellers and communities living in areas adjacent mountains to illustrate the upland-lowland contract; and
 - b) The Secretariat continued compilation of case-studies and best practices on linking mountain biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

VII/28 and VIII/24: Protected Areas

49. In response to decisions VII/28 and VIII/24, the Secretariat:

- a) Convened from 13 to 16 August 2007, Cape Town, South Africa a sub-regional workshop for the Anglophone countries of Africa to review and strengthen capacity for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). This workshop was organized with the financial support of the European Commission, the WWF and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) of the IUCN-World Conservation Union, Conservation International, BirdLife International and the UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). The workshop was attended by Government nominated experts from Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, and representatives of nine indigenous and local communities and three non-governmental organizations from South Africa;
- b) Convened Central Asia and Caucasus sub-regional workshop at the Isle of Vilm from 19-23 August 2007 in collaboration with WWF and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN). The workshop was attended by Government nominated experts from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Moldavia, Russian Federation, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan;
- c) Held discussions with the Governments of Canada, Gabon, Germany, as well as the GTZ, TNC, and the World Conservation Society (WCS) regarding organization of sub-regional implementation and capacity-building workshop Franco-phone Africa;
- d) Initiated preparation of documents for the second meeting of the Working Group on protected areas to be held in Italy in February 2008, including first drafts of pre-session documents, themes for side events, identification of potential keynote speakers etc.;
- e) Interacted with the Global Coordinator of the UNDP/GEF project on supporting country actions for the implementation of CBD programme of work on protected areas, to provide comments on proposals received; and
- f) Initiated preparations for developing a document on economic and social benefits of protected areas for policy makers, to be released during the Working Group meeting, identified the themes and potential contributors.

VIII/2: Biological Diversity of Dry and Sub-Humid Lands

50. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XII/6, a side event on 'defining dry and sub-humid lands' was held on 5 September, 2007 in Madrid, Spain during the COP of the UNCCD. The need for a common definition of dry and sub-humid lands was also included in the statement delivered by the Executive Secretary on the occasion of the high level segment of the UNCCD COP on 13 September, 2007. In response to the same recommendation, bilateral meetings were held with FAO, the Land Degradation Assessment for Dryland Areas (LADA) and the UNCCD Secretariat to identify options to meet this request.

VIII/3: Global Taxonomy Initiative

51. In response to decision VIII/3, the following activities were carried out:

- a) A draft text and layout of the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) Brochure has been created. The draft text has been sent to the GTI Coordination Mechanism for comments and to the OMG division of the Secretariat for approval.

- b) A letter of endorsement was sent to Mr. Frank Bisby of Species 2000, where the SCBD gives its full support for funding of the completion of the Catalogue of Life's checklist of known species, which will take place in the next four years.

52. In response to the request contained in paragraph 5(a) of the same decision, the following activities were carried out:

- a) The analysis of taxonomic projects or projects with taxonomic components funded by the GEF was completed by the GEF Secretariat and received by the SCBD;
- b) The Secretariat completed its analysis of taxonomy projects and funding sources using national reports; and
- c) The report entitled "Global Taxonomy Initiative: Analysis of Funded GTI-related projects" was drafted and has been sent for external peer-review with members of the GTI Coordination Mechanism and others. All comments received to date have been added to the draft.

53. In preparation for the drafting of the COP-9 pre-session document, a reminder was sent to members of the Coordination Mechanism (CM) who were requested to submit lists of outcome-oriented deliverables as soon as possible. It was agreed at the seventh CM meeting, which members were taking the lead on particular issues for the deliverables.

VIII/7 and VIII/14: National Reporting and Global Biodiversity

54. In response to decisions VIII/7 and VIII/14, the Secretariat participated in the Second Global Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Consultation for GEO-4 (Nairobi 24-26 September 2007) and held, at the margins of this meeting, discussions with UNEP staff on further options and opportunities to strengthen linkages between the GEO and GBO processes.

55. Through notification 2007-093 dated 20 July 2007, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, in accordance with Recommendation 2/4 of WGRI-2, to comment on the proposed scope and format, work plan, communication strategy and financial plan for the development of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. Plans for the preparation of GBO-3 were also discussed at the first meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.

VIII/10: Operations of the Convention

56. In accordance with SBSTTA recommendation XII/8, the Executive Secretary invited, through notification 2007-081 dated 9 July 2007, views from Parties on the procedure for identifying emerging issues. A draft document for SBSTTA-13 is being prepared.

VIII/15: Framework for Monitoring Implementation of the Achievement of the 2010 Target and Integration of Targets into the Thematic Programmes of Work

57. In response to decision VIII/15, the following activities were carried out:

58. The Secretariat supported the launch, at the margins of WG-RI-2 (Paris, 12 July 2007), of a GEF-project supporting the development of the indicators contained in the 2010 framework, the 2010

Biodiversity Indicators Partnership project. A press release on this event was also issued jointly with the GEF Secretariat and UNEP.

59. The Secretariat participated in the meeting of Steering Committee of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership project (Paris, 9 July 2007) and the first meeting of the partnership itself (Cambridge, UK, 11-12 September 2007).

60. The Secretariat started to plan, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC and the European Commission, a one-day workshop to exchange experience on setting biodiversity-related targets and the use of indicators, to be held on 16 February 2008 in Rome.

VIII/19: Forest Biological Diversity

61. In response to the decision VIII/19, the following activities were carried out:

62. The results of the fourth Ad-hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) meeting on the review of the programme of work on forest biological diversity (27 May to 1 June 2007) were incorporated into the draft pre-session and information documents for the thirteenth meeting of the SBSTTA. In addition, comments for the revision of the draft in-depth review of the programme of work on forest biological diversity were sought and obtained from the following members of the comprehensive partnership for forests: UNFF, FAO, CIFOR, ITTO, IUFRO, and UNEP.

63. An information document on this subject has been compiled, and circulated for peer-review to the Task Force on Forests and Genetically Modified Trees of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). Comments have been received and included in the draft information document. Furthermore, cooperation on the Platform for Science and Technology of IUFRO was further strengthened, and comments were provided to the establishment of the first expert panel on adaptation of forest ecosystems to climate change.

VIII/21: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Deep Seabed Genetic Resources Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction

64. In response to decision VIII/21, a revised draft report on “the options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats” was prepared incorporating comments and suggestions provided by the Secretariat as well as the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. The report is being further refined for the peer-review.

65. Based on the information provided by the above-mentioned revised draft report, a draft version of the a pre-session document, “Marine and coastal biodiversity: Options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats, and ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/4)” for SBSTTA 13 was prepared, and circulated and made available on the Secretariat website at <http://www.cbd.int/sbstta-13/review.shtml>, for peer-review by Parties, and relevant organizations and experts.

VIII/23: Agricultural Biological Diversity

66. In response to decision VII/23, the following activities were carried out:

- a) The Secretariat updated data contained in the draft compilation of national and thematic reports submitted by Parties; and
- b) Drafted the SBSTTA-13 pre-session document “in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity”, by reviewing and synthesizing information and data contained in:
 - the draft compilation of national and thematic reports submitted by Parties;
 - FAO reports on the status and trends of plants and animal genetic resources;
 - FAO document on “International contribution to the implementation of the programme of work”; and
 - FAO and IPGRI reports on the three related cross-cutting initiatives namely: International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators, International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity, and Cross-cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition.

67. In addition, the Secretariat continued to draft an outreach booklet on “Biodiversity and Agriculture”, the official theme for the 2008 International Day for Biodiversity celebrations.

VIII/24: Protected Areas (Marine and coastal)

68. In response decision VIII/24, the following activities were carried out:

- a) A revised draft synthesis report on the best available scientific studies on priority areas for biodiversity conservation in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction was prepared, circulated for peer-review by relevant experts and UN organizations, including the participants to the Expert Workshop as mentioned below, and is being further refined for peer-review by Parties;
- b) The organization of the Expert Workshop on Ecological Criteria and Biogeographic Classification Systems for Marine Areas in Need of Protection has been finalized. The Workshop will be held from 2 to 4 October, in Azores, Portugal, through the financial support from the Government of Portugal. Meeting documents, including 2 official documents, 3 information documents and 17 other documents, were prepared by the Secretariat or provided by the workshop participants and relevant partners, circulated and made available on the website (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=EWSEBM-01>). A revised notification (SCBD/STTM/JL/ac/ 57414) was sent on 14 September informing the Parties of the final list of participants to the workshop. Sharing of views, through email communication, among workshop participants on the items under consideration has been undertaken, and the results are being compiled by the Secretariat for submission to the workshop. Logistics arrangements, including visa and travel arrangements, for the workshop participants are being finalized in collaboration with the hosting government;
- c) An interactive map (IMAP) of High Seas Marine Protected Areas (HSMPAs) and key habitat distribution and a revised report was prepared and submitted to the above-mentioned expert workshop for their review; and
- d) The Secretariat, a lead coordinator for the ‘Working Group on Marine Biodiversity and Network of Marine Protected Areas’ of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coast and Islands, provided inputs to the development of the work programme of the Working Group, in particular regarding the preparation toward the organization of the Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, April 7-11, 2008 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

VIII/27: Invasive Alien Species

69. In response to decision VIII/27, the following activities were carried out:

- a) A side event was organized on 2 July by the Global Invasive Species Programme, in collaboration with the Secretariat, during the twelfth meeting of the SBSTTA. It was intended to encourage governments and other stakeholders to provide their inputs to the preparation of the in-depth review on invasive alien species (IAS) at COP-9;
- b) The Secretariat continued consultations with OIE, WTO and FAO and drafting of the document for SBSTTA 13;
- c) The Secretariat continued drafting the in-depth review on invasive alien species and met with Stas Burgiel on 19 September of TNC/GISP regarding submissions from partners and general progress;
- d) The IAS portal was further updated and links were created with the Island Biodiversity portal; and
- e) The page on IAS in the Island Biodiversity portal was created and more partners addressing IAS on islands were added.

VIII/28: Impact Assessment: Voluntary Guidelines on Biodiversity-Inclusive Impact Assessment

70. In response to decision VIII/28, the following activities were carried out:

71. The Secretariat contributed to the preparation of a manual for impact assessment practitioners and reviewers in South Asia titled “Best practice guidance for biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment”. The manual was prepared by IUCN-Asia and the Wildlife Institute of India with support from the project on “Capacity Building in Biodiversity and Impact Assessment” implemented the International Association for Impact Assessment.

72. The Secretariat is in discussion with the COHAB Initiative Secretariat regarding a possible satellite workshop on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Biodiversity, which is planned to be held in Galway, Ireland on Friday 29th February 2008. Based on the evaluation of Ireland’s experience in applying the EU directive on SEA, the workshop aims to highlight the importance of biodiversity to areas such as health, economic development, disaster risk reduction, food production etc., and demonstrate how this can be addressed holistically through SEA.

VIII/30: Biodiversity and Climate Change

73. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XII/6, the following activities were carried out:

- a) Notifications requesting additional information on the implementation of climate change impact and response activities within the programmes of work on agricultural and forest biodiversity were circulated to Parties. Responses were received from two Parties. Following this, an information note on agricultural biodiversity was drafted and shared with colleagues at the FAO;

- b) The Joint Liaison Group (JLG) which convened on 12 September, 2007, developed proposals on activities for the Secretariats. These activities will be submitted to SBSTTA 13 as a component of the JLG report; and
- c) A notification requesting views from Parties was circulated. Responses were received from two Parties.

74. In support of enhanced cooperation on adaptation and mitigation, as noted in the preamble to decision VIII/30, the Secretariat responded to a request for submissions on the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change titled 'Examples of Measures, Methodologies and Tools to Increase the Economic Resilience of, and Reduce Reliance on, Vulnerable Sectors'. The representative of the Secretariat also participated in the Conference on "Global Initiative on Forests and Climate" of the Australian government, in Sydney, 23-25 July 2007.

75. Also in response to the preamble to decision VIII/30, a poster on adaptation, indigenous and local communities and Small Island Developing States was presented during the UNFCCC 'Adaptation Planning and Practices Workshop' held 10 – 12 September, 2007 in Rome, Italy.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

VII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism

76. The Secretariat took part in the United Nations Foundation (UNF) meeting in Washington, 21 September 2007, as a member of a high-level consultative group to review, evaluate, and comment the baseline of international criteria for sustainable tourism. UNEP, the Rainforest Alliance and the World Conservation Union have partnered with UNF in this initiative to undertake a project to identify a set of global sustainable tourism criteria as a way of facilitating a common platform for all actors working in this field.

77. Following Decision VII/14 paragraph 8 and Decision VIII, paragraph 6(a) and 13, a Notification was sent to National Focal Points with regards to the upcoming "Indigenous communities, tourism and biodiversity workshop series: new information and web-based technologies" (SCBD/SEL/OH/JS/CR/59168 - 2007-100). In preparation for the first workshop of the series, an invitation was sent to National Focal Points from the Arctic Region (Canada, Finland, Iceland, Mongolia, Norway, Sweden, Russian Federation, United States) in order to select up to four national representatives. Funding was made available to Mongolia and Russian Federation representatives and for Canadian Indigenous representatives to travel to the meeting. The Arctic workshop will take place 19-22 November 2007 at Duchesnay Tourist Station, near Quebec City.

78. In an effort to enhance the outreach of the Secretariat, work was advanced on the new Biodiversity and Tourism Portal in preparation for the workshop series.

79. To further enhance outreach, the Secretariat also distributed, to all CBD focal points and tourism experts associated with the Secretariat, the User's Manual on the CBD guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development.

VIII/5: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

80. During this period, the Secretariat carried out preparations for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 8 to 12 October 2007.

This also included the funding of 22 indigenous and local community representatives through the Convention's voluntary fund for ILCs. The documentation for the Working Group was finalized and made available on the CBD website more than three months before the meeting as requested by the Parties.

81. Also during this period, the Secretariat hosted the annual United Nations Inter-Agency Support Group meeting on Indigenous Issues with the theme of Climate Change and Indigenous peoples and sixteen agencies participated.

82. Furthermore the Secretariat facilitated an International Indigenous and Local Community Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit Sharing and an International Regime, in Montreal 19-21 September and funded twenty indigenous and local community representatives to participate. The results of this meeting were made available through a report to both the 5th meetings of the Working Group on ABS and 8(j) and made a substantive contribution to the ABS dialogue.

VIII/4: Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing

83. During this period, the Secretariat carried out substantive and logistical preparations for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 8 to 12 October 2007.

- The documentation for the Working Group was finalized and made available on the CBD website

84. In addition, the Secretariat participated in the eleventh session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, from 5 to 11 July in Geneva, Switzerland.

85. During the WIPO meeting the Secretariat organized a side event with the co-chairs of the Working Group on ABS on developments under the framework of the Convention related to access and benefit-sharing, traditional knowledge and technology transfer and cooperation at COP 8, highlighting in particular developments related to the negotiations of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing.

86. The Secretariat also participated in a dinner organized by the Quakers on 10 July 2007 with the co-chairs of the Working Group on ABS and delegates from Geneva missions involved in discussions related to the CBD in the WTO TRIPs Council and the WIPO IGC to discuss the negotiations of the international regime on ABS.

87. A consultation on ABS was organized by the Secretariat in the margins of the Working Group on Implementation (WGRI), in Paris, on 7 July providing the opportunity for delegates attending the WGRI meeting in Paris to meet with the co-chairs to discuss the negotiation of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing.

88. The Secretariat also took part in a regional capacity-development workshop for the countries of the COMIFAC organized under the framework of the Dutch-GTZ ABS Capacity Development Initiative, held from 3 to 7 September 2007 in Douala, Cameroon, and made presentations regarding ABS developments under the Convention process and preparations for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on ABS.

89. A Notification was sent out to Parties, Governments, indigenous and local communities, and stakeholders inviting the nominations of representatives for the sixth meeting of the Working Group on ABS to be held from 21 to 25 January 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland.

VIII/10: Operations of the Convention

90. During this period, the Legal Section provided support on substantive, procedural and administrative issues for the preparation and execution of the three October meetings to be held in Montreal, Canada: Fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WGABS-5), Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-5) and Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol.

91. In response to paragraph 33 of decision VIII/10, dealing with the use of CBD tools such as principles and guidelines by other international organizations and institutions, the Secretariat compiled a number of submissions in preparation for its report. The submissions are meant to provide information on measures taken as well as constraints encountered regarding the use of specific guidelines and principles.

92. In order to foster increased transparency, improve information sharing and management and facilitate the use and follow up of CBD partnership agreements, the Secretariat prepared a compilation of the active partnership agreements for easy on line access to be presented on the CBD web site.

VIII/12: Transfer of Technology and Technology Cooperation

93. In the period under review, the Secretariat finalized the preparations for, and serviced, the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation. The group convened from 10-12 September 2007, in Geneva. The meeting was co-hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-DTIE) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), with financial support provided by the Government of Spain. Chaired by Mr. Peter Schei from Norway, the expert group reviewed existing activities and initiatives to promote technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation under the Convention, and, as requested by decision VIII/12 of the Conference of the Parties, developed a draft strategy for the practical implementation of the programme of work on technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation. The draft strategy suggests practical activities grouped under the following headings: (i) conceptualizing and defining technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation; (ii) enabling environment on the receiving end; (iii) enabling environment on the providing end; (iv) facilitating mechanisms; (v) the role of champions and the possible establishment of a 'Biodiversity Technology Initiative'; and (vi) funding mechanisms.

BIOSAFETY

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BS-II/9 and BS-III/11: Risk Assessment and Risk Management

94. The first in a series of regional workshops on capacity building and exchange of experience on risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms as requested in paragraph 2 of decision BS-II/9 and in paragraph 10 of decision BS-III/11 for the Africa Region took place in Addis

Ababa, Ethiopia, from 23 to 25 August 2007. The workshop was made possible following the generous financial contribution by the Government of the Netherlands and the offer of logistics support by the African Union (AU) Commission. The workshop brought together 56 participants from 25 African countries and 16 organizations including research scientists, regulators and decision-makers involved in risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms and representatives from the Dutch Government.

95. The workshop offered the participants the opportunity:

- To learn about risk assessment and risk management in the context of the Biosafety Protocol and to review the general concepts, principles and methodologies;
- To exchange practical experiences and lessons learned in conducting/reviewing risk assessments and implementing risk management measures in Africa
- To review existing guidance materials on risk assessment and risk management and consider the need for further guidance
- To review the format and key elements of risks assessment reports/dossiers and summaries for living modified organisms
- To identify tools and mechanisms for promoting cooperation and networking between experts and agencies involved in risk assessments and risk management at the regional level, including the exchange of information, expertise, training materials and risk assessment tools.

96. The following substantive topics were covered during the workshop:

- Introduction to risk management and risk management of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- Risk management concepts, general principles and methodologies: An ecological approach
- National and Regional experiences and lessons learned in conducting and/or reviewing risk assessments
- The nature, scope and applicability of existing guidance material for risk assessment and risk management of LMOs
- Outcomes of Canada-Norway Expert workshop on risk assessment for future applications of modern biotechnology, held 4-6 June 2007
- Key elements of, and considerations in preparing and presenting, risk assessment dossiers
- Common formants for risk assessment summaries submitted to Biosafety Clearing House in accordance with paragraph 3 (c) of Article 20 of the Protocol
- Regional approaches and sharing of information and expertise on risk assessment and risk management

97. The main outputs of the workshop included a revised version of the common format for the summary of risk assessments and recommendations for collaborating at the regional, sub regional and national levels on risk assessment and risk management issues. The Secretariat, in collaboration with interested partners, is finalizing arrangements to organize three more workshops for Asia Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe.

BS-II/2 and BS-III/2: Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)

98. At its third meeting, COP-MOP adopted decision BS-III/2, which includes additional guidance to enhance the implementation of the multi-year programme of work for the BCH.

99. As part of the implementation of the multi-year programme of work in the development and operation of the BCH, and in response to a number of recommendations made by the Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC), the BCH activities during the current quarter focused on elements 1, 3 and 4 of the Multi-year programme of work:

- Structure and function of the central portal: improving the ease of reporting and access to information in response to identified needs of users
- Sharing information on and experience with LMOs: making a broader range of biosafety information accessible to users of the BCH
- Capacity-building and non-Internet accessibility: ensuring that countries have the necessary capabilities to access the Internet-based central Portal and in a timely manner are able to access information through the BCH.

100. The following set of actions, the improvement of the user interface friendliness and the quality control of the data exchanged, was initiated with the purpose of fully revamping the functionality of the BCH.

User friendliness:

- The BCH *layout* was changed to conform to the new CBD website with similar navigation tools optimized to allow better identification of the main sections of the site.
- All common contents between the BCH and the CPB website were unified and consolidated in order to avoid duplications and to facilitate the browsing as well as the updating of these pages.
- All the main search interfaces – representing the “core” of the BCH – have been merged as much as possible in order to facilitate the access to cross-referenced data as well as to broaden the user capacity of retrieving information from the BCH. The new version presents about 40 main links and 10 search interfaces as against 85 main links and 22 search interfaces that previously existed.
- Optional advanced search functionalities have been integrated in each main search interface in order to reduce the time for each query without compromising the ease of use.
- Grouping options have been enhanced in all search interfaces in order to allow queries for all main geographically or politically grouped countries.

Data Quality control:

- A revised LMO registry, including all existing OECD Unique Identifiers (UID) has been consolidated and offered to users in order to optimize the management of information available on the BCH. The previous mechanism for registering new LMO allowed users to register multiple copies for the same records. This generated some confusion in identifying the exact LMO that was used in the different countries. The current version offers a complete list of the existing LMO-UIDs while still allowing authorized users to register new LMO. The publication of the new records now requires final validation by SCBD.
- The documentation available in the Biosafety Information Resource Centre (BIRC) has been divided into two databases: one for the purely scientific articles published in international scientific journals (maintained by the ICGEB) and the other offering access to “grey” literature (e.g. reports and case studies; journals and newsletters; teaching materials such as manuals, toolkits and presentations).

101. The UNEP-GEF Biosafety Project has been very instrumental in the significant increase of “grey” BIRC records (from 242 to over 700).

102. The Secretariat also provided technical assistance to the UNEP-GEF Project on “Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) of the Cartagena Protocol”, during two regional workshops directed at BCH National Focal Points in Panama (for all Latin American region) and in Slovenia (for the CEE and EU countries). Further assistance was also provided for the UNEP-GEF Project national training programmes.

BS-I/7, BS-11/1 and BS-III/1: Compliance

103. The draft provisional agenda and annotations for the fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee, which is scheduled to take place from 21 to 23 November 2007, have been prepared. The agenda is being finalized taking into account comments received from the Chairman of the Committee

BS I/8, BS-II/11 and BS-III/12: Liability and Redress

104. The fourth meeting of the Open Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts takes place in Montreal from 22 to 26 October 2007. Preparations for the meeting are well underway. The working document which is a synthesis of proposed operational texts on the elements identified previously has been prepared and posted on the Secretariat’s website. All information documents are ready and have been circulated to participants. Pre-registration of participants is taking place. Visa and funding letters are being issued for eligible government nominees.

BS-II/6, BS-III/8 and BS-III/10: Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms

105. Pursuant to paragraph 11 of decision BS-III/10, the Secretariat is currently collecting submissions from Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations regarding (i) their experiences in the use of sampling and detection techniques and (ii) the need for and modalities of developing acceptable criteria for harmonizing the sampling and detection techniques of LMOs.

BS-II/6, BS-III/6: Cooperation with Other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives

106. The Secretariat, together with other members of the Green Customs Initiative, received an award on 20 September 2007 in Montreal, in recognition of its active participation in the Initiative. The award was received during the ceremony organized as part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of the Montreal Protocol.

107. The Green Customs Initiative aims at strengthening the capacities of customs officers to detect and act on illegal trade in environmentally-sensitive commodities covered by the relevant international agreements and assist them in combating the illegal trade in those commodities. By participating in this Initiative, the Secretariat hopes to assist Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in the implementation of the requirements of Article 18 on handling, transport, packaging and identification of LMOs moving across borders, as well as Article 25 on illegal transboundary movements of LMOs.

108. The Secretariat has also contributed resource materials to the Green Customs Initiative training workshops organized in August 2007 for Indian Ocean Islands in Mauritius and for West Africa in Dakar, Senegal.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol

109. As of 30th September 2007, with the recent ratifications of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Korea in the last quarter, 143 Parties to the CBD have acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website: <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/default.aspx>

OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

VIII/6: Communication, Education and Public Awareness

110. The Programme of work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) was advanced in this quarter as a result of actions related to the Short list of Priority Activities from Annex II of Decision VIII/6 as follows.

111. A meeting of the CEPA Informal Advisory Committee was held at UNESCO, Paris on 8 July 2008. The committee reviewed the outcomes of its online dialogue held in June to review and develop an Agenda for Action for Implementation of the Short list of Priority Activities and review progress made in supporting implementation of the short-list of priority activities.

112. In support of Priority Activity 8 on the International Day for Biological Diversity, and as a result of the generous funding of the Government of Norway, the Secretariat compiled and published a report summarizing activities held around the world by the Parties, the Secretariat, partner organizations, and others in celebration of the International Day. Information kits prepared on the IBD theme of biodiversity and climate change continued to be distributed at major meetings of the Convention and other relevant fora.

113. Notification of the theme of the IBD in 2008 on Biodiversity and Agriculture was provided to Parties. In preparation of activities and awareness materials for IBD 2008 the first meeting of the Inter-agency Task Force was held on 18 July 2008 to gain views and comment on the structure and content of a booklet on the relationship between biodiversity and agriculture that will form the centrepiece of the toolkit being prepared for dissemination among Parties and other partner organizations and will form the basis for related messaging products. As a result work has commenced on their preparation.

114. In July 2007, preparations were initiated for communication and public awareness activities related to COP-9, including meetings in Bonn with representatives of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and the City of Bonn and media information services staff of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Work has also been carried out with the secretariats of the UNFCCC and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification on the preparation of a joint calendar of the Rio Conventions for 2008.

115. The Secretariat continued to prepare and disseminate information related to biodiversity and the objectives of the Convention through media releases, communiqués, messages, daily news bulletins and through its website.

VIII/17: Private-Sector Engagement

116. In September, the Secretariat participated in a workshop held at the São Paulo Stock Exchange (BOVESPA) to inform the development of a benchmarking tool allowing the banking industry to better

understand biodiversity risks within the food and beverages sector. The biodiversity benchmark is being developed as part of the UNEP Finance Initiative / Fauna and Flora International 'Natural Value Initiative' and follows from a previous benchmarking tool developed for mining, oil & gas, and utilities.

117. The Secretariat reviewed a number of publications, including on the business case for biodiversity for the financial services sector and on markets for ecosystem services.

118. On the occasion of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation (10-12 September, Geneva, Switzerland), the Secretariat released an issue of its business newsletter on technology transfer. This included contributions from the Co-Chair of the CBD Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, governments, UN agencies, business and others.

119. In order to assist in the development of its business newsletter, *Business.2010*, the Secretariat finalized the composition of an informal advisory committee, with members based in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, Germany, India, Japan, Lebanon, South Africa, Switzerland, USA.

120. As part of its outreach to academia, the Secretariat provided, in September, an overview of business and biodiversity to the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC) eco-consultant programme. The Secretariat also co-authored a paper on the business case for biodiversity for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (3-8 August, Philadelphia, USA).

121. The Secretariat was actively involved in the preparation of a number of business and biodiversity events organized in the run-up to COP-9. This includes the Portuguese Presidency of the EU Council and European Commission High Level Conference on Business & Biodiversity (12-13 November, Lisbon, Portugal).

IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

122. The main focus of work on Implementation and Technical Support this quarter has been on the final preparation for, convening of and follow-up to the second meeting of the ad hoc open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2). The Working Group addressed a number of issues in follow up to various decisions of the Conference of the Parties, which are addressed in more detail in subsequent sub-sections of this report. Further information on WGRI-2 and follow-up action by the Secretariat is available at www.cbd.int/wgri-2. Relevant notifications for requests for inputs from Parties are also listed on that site.

123. At WGRI-2, recommendations were made on the following issues (also listed at <https://www.cbd.int/recommendations/default.shtml?m=WGRI-02>):

- Review of implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan
- Revision of the Strategic Plan beyond 2010
- Preparation of a Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of CBD Implementation
- Preparation of a message on biodiversity and financing for development
- Preparation of a four-year (2010-2014) framework for programme priorities related to utilization of GEF resources for biodiversity
- Preparation of the Fourth National Reports
- Preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook
- Review and retirement of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties
- Admission of bodies and agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental

124. The final report of WGRI_2 is available at: www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/wgri/wgri-02/official/wgri-02-cop-09-04-en.doc.

125. In addition to the official meeting a number of parallel events were held, including:

- a) the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing House Mechanism,
- b) the training workshop for national focal points on planning, updating, and mainstreaming NBSAPs,
- c) the poster session on national implementation of NBSAPs and the 2010 Biodiversity Target, and
- d) twelve side events, including a dialogue session with the CEO / Chairman of GEF on the opening day of WGRI-2 which was attended by more than 100 delegates.

Further information on these events is available via www.cbd.int/wgri-2. This includes a compendium providing a summary of side events (www.cbd.int/doc/side-events/wgri-02/wgri-02-compendium-en.pdf).

VIII/8: Implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan

126. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to conduct an in-depth review of the implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan (Decision VIII/8). In recommendation WGRI-2/1, the Working Group prepared a draft decision for consideration of COP-9{UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2 paragraphs (a)-(p) of the summary} that takes note of the status of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan and includes consolidated guidance for Parties in developing, implementing and revising their national and, where appropriate, regional, biodiversity strategies and action plans or equivalent instruments. Furthermore, priority areas for capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology, as well as mechanisms for the implementation of the Convention and inputs to the process of revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010, also are included in the draft decision.

127. A new information portal on NBSAPS is under development to provide easier access to COP guidance and related tools developed by partners, as well as the information on the status of implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan compiled by the Secretariat in preparation for WGRI-2.

128. The Working Group highlighted the need for regional and sub-regional meetings, in line with decision VIII/8 (6) to discuss national experience in implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors, including consideration of obstacles and ways and means for overcoming the obstacles.

129. During WGRI-2, the United Kingdom indicated it would contribute funds to enable the first sub-regional NBSAP capacity-building workshop to be held for southern and eastern Africa, and the secretariat is undertaking consultations with South Africa regarding its role as potential host of the meeting. Additional funds have been contributed from Norway, and the secretariat is discussing possible contributions from other donors. The secretariat is currently involved in discussions with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the German Academy for Nature Conservation, COMIFAC, Singapore National Parks, the ASEAN Biodiversity Centre, and other potential donors and host countries with a view to organize capacity-building workshops for the Pacific region, Europe, Central Africa, Asia and Latin America. The remaining sub-regions will also be addressed in due course with a view to holding all workshops in 2008

130. In collaboration with UNDP and UNEP, the Secretariat held a training session on NBSAP preparation, updating, and mainstreaming on the margins of WGRI-2 at the Museum of Natural History, on Sunday, 8 July 2007. Some 60 National Focal Points, Implementing Agencies, NGOs and Secretariat

staff participated in the workshop. Further information, including links to the presentations made is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/wgri-02/training-session.shtml>.

131. The series of modules produced jointly by UNEP-GEF, SCBD, and UNU are available for review at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/guidance-tools/training-modules.shtml>. Additional modules under preparation concern Engagement with the Private Sector and Access and Benefit Sharing.

132. Also on the margins of WGRI-2, a poster session was held on the theme of "implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and their contribution to the 2010 Biodiversity Target". The posters were prepared using an on-line generation tool provided courtesy of GTZ. The 18 posters presented can be viewed at: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/wgri-02/poster-session.shtml>. The Secretariat plans to hold a similar event at COP-9 and all Parties will be encouraged to prepare and submit posters for this event. Guidelines for the preparation of posters are available at the aforementioned web page.

VIII/10: Operations of the Convention

133. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested WGRI-2 to develop guidance for the future review and retirement of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties (Decision VIII/10 paragraph 35). In recommendation WGRI-2/5A, the Working Group prepared a draft decision for COP-9 on this matter.

134. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested WGRI-2 to consider procedures for admission of bodies and agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental (Decision VIII/10 paragraph 30). In recommendation WGRI-2/5A, the Working Group prepared a draft decision for COP-9 containing steps for admitting qualified bodies and agencies, whether Governmental or Non-Governmental, as observers to meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies.

VIII/11: Scientific and Technical Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism

135. The first part of the quarter was devoted to servicing WGRI-2 and the meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM-IAC) which was held on Saturday 7 July 2007 in Paris, France. Twenty-four participants attended the meeting. The morning included presentations from the Secretariat, the Parties, and some partner organizations, whereas the afternoon was reserved for in-depth discussions and matters related to the Informal Advisory Committee. During the discussions, Parties and partners reiterated their commitment to further develop various aspects of the Clearing-House Mechanism. The Secretariat indicated its intention to focus its efforts on the following services to address Parties' needs:

- a) a knowledge base to provide relevant reference information;
- b) collaboration tools to share ideas and experience in an informal and user-friendly way;
- c) a planning and reporting facility to complement NBSAPs and national reports;
- d) the network of national information and websites to disseminate information.

136. Full details of the discussions and recommendations are available in the report of the meeting (document UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2007/1/4).

137. During this quarter, emphasis was put on the on-going enhancement of the website. Several sections of the website were improved, including:

- a) some sections on major groups: Business, Universities and Children and Youth;
- b) the web pages of major meetings: SBSTTA-12, WGRI-2, WGABS-5 and WG8j-5;

- c) the section on country profiles;
- d) the section on library and publications;
- e) a Google-powered custom search.

138. Progress was made on the on-going translation of the website, with a current focus on the French language given the availability of some in-house resources. Resources were also allocated to initiate the translation of the website into Spanish.

139. The following activities took place in support of various programme areas:

- a) an on-line database on scientific assessments was developed;
- b) progress was made in the development of a prototype mechanism to search several partner databases on technology transfer;
- c) steps were taken in the design of a portal on the 2010 biodiversity target;
- d) the National Report Analyzer was upgraded and configured to support the analysis of the First Regular Report on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

140. On the administrative side, interviews were held for the recruitment of a Computer Information Systems Officer (P-3) for the Clearing-House Mechanism, and in the context of the management review, brainstorming discussions took place on how to strengthen the Clearing-House Mechanism within the Secretariat.

VIII/13: Review of Implementation of Financial Resources and Financial Mechanism

141. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to conduct an in-depth review of the availability of financial resources at COP-9, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft strategy for resource mobilization (Decision VIII/13). Accordingly, the Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/4. In recommendation WGRI-2/2, the Working Group recommended that COP-9 adopt a strategy for resource mobilization and requested the Executive Secretary to seek views and further suggestions from Parties, other Governments, regional economic integration groups, partner organizations, donors and observers on a strategy for resource mobilization, and compile the information received and to undertake informal consultations on the development of the strategy for resource mobilization in conjunction with the Convention's inter-sessional meetings. Accordingly, by Notification SCBD/ITS/YX/57985, Parties have been invited to submit views, by 15 October 2007.

142. The first informal consultations will be held at the Secretariat's offices in Montreal on 13 October 2007 on the margins of the ABS-5. A background note has been prepared and is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=ICFIN-01>

143. Also in recommendation WGRI-2/2 (paragraph 3), the Working Group recommended that COP-9 mandate its President to transmit a message on biodiversity and financing for development to the International Conference on Financing for Development, and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake informal consultations with Parties to prepare a draft of the message for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat communicated the WGRI-2 recommendation for a message on biodiversity and financing for development to the Financing for Development Office (FfDO) of the United Nations

144. The Secretariat facilitated three side events on financing: (i) OECD Statistics on aid to biodiversity; (ii) UNEP workshop on payment for ecosystem services; and (iii) RedLAC event on environmental funds.

145. Information and logistic support has been provided to the independent experienced evaluator for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. A detailed work plan, including the scope, methodologies, source of information, interview schedules, was ready to implement.

146. Germany and Africa Development Bank confirmed their articles for the special issue of GINCANA on biodiversity and finance.

VIII/14: National Reporting

147. A side event was organized during the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation (July 9-13, Paris, France) to help countries prepare the fourth national report and make national assessments of progress towards the 2010 Target. At the side event, SCBD made a presentation on the fourth national report guidelines and UNDP/UNEP introduced a joint programme under development to fund the national assessments of progress towards the 2010 Target and the preparation of the fourth national report. Australia and Canada were invited to introduce their experience respectively in reviewing implementation of national biodiversity strategy and action plan and in monitoring and reporting on the status and trends of biodiversity. This side event was well received by participants who recommended that a similar side event should be organized in connection with major meetings under the Convention.

148. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided that Parties shall submit their fourth national reports by 30 March 2009 (Decision VIII/14 paragraph 4). In its recommendations WGRI-2/1 (paragraph 10) and WGRI-2/4 (preamble), the importance of meeting this deadline was emphasized. Guidelines for the preparation of the Fourth National Reports have been prepared in accordance with decision VIII/14. A new information portal on National Reports is being developed.

149. A number of notifications were prepared and dispatched to follow up with relevant recommendations from the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation. One notification was sent to solicit comments and suggestions on the scope and format, work plan, communication strategy and financial plan for the development of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (WGRI Recommendation 2/4). Another notification was sent to raise funds for the preparation and production of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. One more notification was sent to solicit inputs from Parties to the revision of the Strategic Plan beyond 2010.

150. A draft reference manual on the guidelines for the fourth national report was circulated for internal review and will be revised and posted for peer review in October

151. The Secretariat, working with UNDP, UNEP and other partners, is facilitating the finalization of a proposal for a medium-sized project to fund the preparation of the fourth national report as well as national assessments of progress towards the 2010 Target. It is expected that this proposal could be sent to the GEF Secretariat next month for approval. A draft notification has been prepared and will be sent to Parties once this project is approved.

152. A few country profiles were received and put on the website of the Convention.

153. Inputs were provided to the work coordinated by UNEP and UNEP WCMC on harmonization of national reporting and on development of on-line reporting facilities for a few selected conventions. Inputs were also provided to the documentation for the meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of biodiversity-related conventions related to harmonization of national reporting among them.

154. Another side event on the fourth national report is being planned for the upcoming meetings on ABS and Article 8(j) in October.

155. As of this month 132 3rd National Reports have been received: Eighty-two Biodiversity Profiles have been approved by Parties of which 77 are already online

156. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary develop proposals on the scope and format of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) and the organization of preparatory work (Decision VIII/14 paragraph 18(a)). In recommendation WGRI-2/4, the Working Group took note of documents UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/6 and UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/13 and requested the Executive Secretary to revise the proposed scope and format, work plan, communication strategy and financial plan for the development of GBO-3, taking into account views expressed at the second meeting of WGRI-2 including those summarized in the annex to the recommendation, as well as comments provided by national focal points, the Informal Advisory Committee for Communication, Education and Public Awareness and other relevant organizations and specialists (see Notification SCBD/ITS/LC/59513), and to submit a revised proposal for the consideration of COP-9.

157. The Working Group also recommended that COP-9, request the Global Environment Facility, urge Parties, and invite other Governments and donors, to make timely financial contributions for the preparation and production of GBO-3.

VIII/15: Monitoring Implementation of the 2010 Target

158. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider at COP-9 the process for revising and updating the Strategic Plan with a view to adopting a revised Strategic Plan at COP-10 (Decision VIII/15 (2)). In recommendation WGRI-2/1 (paragraph 2), the Working Group requested the Executive Secretary, to invite Parties to submit views on the revision of the Strategic Plan beyond 2010, and to prepare a report for COP-9, taking into account also the views expressed by Parties at WGRI-2. Accordingly, by Notification SCBD/ITS/LC/59514, Parties have been invited to submit views, by 31 October 2007. Background information is provided in UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/6.

VIII/18: Further Guidance to the Financial Mechanism

159. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Parties, to explore opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility (Decision VIII/18 (paragraph 6)). Accordingly, the secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/5 for WGRI-2.

160. In recommendation WGRI-2/3, the Working Group recommended that COP-9 adopts a four-year (2010-2014) framework for programme priorities related to utilization of GEF resources for biodiversity, coinciding with the fifth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund. The Working Group further: invited Parties and Governments, relevant organizations and the GEF to submit to the Secretariat of the Convention, by 1 December 2007, their views on elements for the four-year (2010-2014) framework for programme priorities, as well as ways and means to enhance the process of formulating and consolidating guidance to the financial mechanism Accordingly Notification SCBD/ITS/YX/59256 was issued.

161. The Working Group also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, for the consideration of COP-9, elements for the four-year (2010-2014) framework for programme priorities, as well as recommendations to the process of formulating and consolidating guidance, and to organize a dialogue session among the Parties, with participation of the Chief Executive Officer of the GEF, in Bonn on 17 May 2008, prior to COP-9. The necessary preparatory work has been initiated.

162. A notification was circulated to invite comments on the GEF Evaluation Office's Draft Terms of Reference for the Mid-Term Review of Resource Allocation Framework. A letter concerning CBD perspectives in this regard was sent to the GEF Evaluation Office.

163. The Secretariat attended the Executive GEFOP meeting was held on Wednesday, 1 August 2007, which reviewed the inter-sessional work program including two biodiversity projects.

164. Project proposals received from GEF were:

Bangladesh: Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change through Coastal Afforestation
Bhutan: Reduce climate change-induced risks and vulnerabilities from glacial lake outbursts in the Punakha-Wangdi and Chamkhar Valleys
Botswana: Strategic Partnerships to Improve the Financial and Operational Sustainability of Protected Areas
Brazil: Biodiversity Conservation to Contribute to the Development of Rio Grande do Sul State, Brazil
Brazil: Brazil Sustainable Cerrado Initiative
Brazil: Catalyzing the contribution of Indigenous Lands to the conservation of Brazil's forest ecosystems
Brazil: Espirito Santo Biodiversity and Watershed Conservation and Restoration Project
Chile: Building a comprehensive National Protected Area System for Chile: a financial and operational framework
Chile: Catalyzing the contribution of Indigenous Lands to the conservation of Brazil's forest ecosystems
China: Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems - Additional GEF4 Support to Umbrella Program, Phase 2
China: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Headwaters of the Huaihe River Basin
China: An IEM Approach to the Conservation of Biodiversity in Dryland Ecosystems
China: Integrated Ecosystem and Water Resources Management in the Baiyangdian Basin
China: Priority Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Development to Implement the China Biodiversity Partnership and Framework for Action
China: Shaanxi-Qinling Mountains Integrated Ecosystem Development Project (Subproject of the Umbrella Program: PRC-GEF Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems)
Dominican Republic: Mitigating the Threats of Invasive Alien Species in the Insular Caribbean
Ecuador: Management of Chimborazo's Natural Resources
Eritrea: Integrating Climate Change Risks into Community Based Livestock Management in the Northwestern Lowlands of Eritrea
Global: Sustainable Forest Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Production Landscapes
Global: Carbon Measurement, Monitoring and Management
Global: Energy Efficiency in Buildings Program Toolbox
Global: Global Initiative for Sustainable Urban Mobility/Bus Rapid Transit and Non-motorized Transport Global Initiative
Global: Global Lighting: Phase out inefficient lighting
Global: Malaria Decision Analysis Support Tool (MDAST): Evaluating Health, Social and Environmental Impacts and Policy Tradeoffs
Global: Overcoming Barriers to Carbon and Biodiversity Financing for Peatland Forests and other wetlands/ peatlands
Global: Potential and Procedures for Soil Organic Carbon Restoration including Development of a Standardized Protocol for Measuring Carbon Benefits in GEF and Other Projects (Carbon Benefits Project, CBP)
Global: Sustainable Forest and Land Management in Humid Tropic Eco-regions
India: Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management Partnership Program
Indonesia: FSP ADB Citarum Watershed Management and Biodiversity Conservation
Iran: Rehabilitation of forest landscapes and degraded land with particular attention to saline soils and areas prone to wind erosion

Macedonia: Strengthening the Ecological, Institutional and Financial sustainability of Macedonia's Protected Area system

Mongolia: Forest Landscapes Development and Conservation

Mozambique: Payment for ecosystem services to support forest conservation and sustainable livelihoods

Paraguay: Improving the conservation of biodiversity in Atlantic Forest of Eastern Paraguay

Peru: Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation through the National Protected Areas Program

Regional: Development of a transfrontier conservation area linking forest reserves & protected areas in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana

Regional: Development of innovative bamboo technologies to combat land degradation in China and Vietnam

Regional: GEF Pacific Alliance for Sustainability

Regional: Identifying and Applying Best Management Options to Sustain Land, Forests and Livelihoods in Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Freed Areas in Sub-Saharan Africa

Regional: Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the Amazon River Basin considering climate variability and change

Regional: Integrated Sustainable Land Management in the MENA Region – MENARID

Regional: Open Africa North South Tourism Corridor (OANSTC)

Regional: Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in South-East Asia

Regional: Sustainable Bio-energy for Africa

Regional: Sustainable Forest Management in the Transboundary Gran Chaco Americano Ecosystem

Regional: Sustainable Forest Management in the Transboundary Mara River Basin (Kenya, Tanzania)

Regional: Sustainable management and combat of deforestation in Central American pine forests

Regional: Transboundary Conservation of the Greater Virunga Landscape

Russian Federation: Building the capacity of the Russian Federation to implement the Stockholm Convention on POPs and develop a National Implementation Plan

Russian Federation: Strengthening Protected Area System of the Komi Republic to Conserve Virgin Forest Biodiversity in the Pechora River Headwaters Region

Tanzania: Extending the Coastal Forest Protected Area Subsystem

Thailand: Support to alignment of NBSAP with CBD obligations and to development of CHM

Tuvalu: National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan, First and Third National Reports to the COP and CHM

Ukraine: Strengthening Governance and Financial Sustainability of the National Protected Area System

Yemen: Yemen Geothermal Development Project

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 - MEETINGS
Meetings in 2007

MEETINGS - JULY - SEPTEMBER 2007

DATES	MEETING / ACTIVITY
1 July 2007	Meeting with NGOs attending SBSTTA 12 - Paris, France
2 July 2007	Signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), in the margins of the SBSTTA-12 meeting - Paris, France
3-12 July 2007	Participation at the Eleventh session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, as well as carry out a side event on recent developments under the CBD on issues of relevance to WIPO, with the collaboration of the co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing – Geneva, Switzerland
4 July 2007	Meeting with Norway delegation at SBSTTA to discuss preparations for the Trondheim Conference in October 2007, in the margins of SBSTTA-12 - Paris, France
5 July 2007	Meeting with the French Minister of State for Environment and Sustainable Development and Planning, in the margins of the SBSTTA-12 meeting - Paris, France
	Meeting with the Portuguese delegation to consider preparations for the workshop on criteria and classification of marine areas to be held in the Azores in October 2007, in the margins of SBSTTA 12 - Paris, France
7 July 2007	Participate in the meeting of the Board of BioNET International – Paris, France
8 July 2007	Participate in the Steering Committee meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership Project - Paris, France
10 July 2007	Participate in an informal dinner organized by the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva and the Quaker International Affairs Programme in Ottawa on the subject of “Negotiations on an international regime on access and benefit-sharing at the CBD” and present an overview of the negotiations of the international regime on ABS under the framework of the Convention, on behalf of the Executive Secretary. The meeting included the participation of the co-chairs of the Working Group on ABS and of key delegates from the intellectual property and trade communities in Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland

DATES	MEETING / ACTIVITY
10 July 2007	Launch of the project "Supporting Country Action on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Programme of Work on Protected Areas", at a lunchtime side event, in the margins of WGRI-2, at the UNESCO - Paris, France
11 July 2007	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with the World Conservation Union (IUCN) Regional Office for Europe, at the margins of WGRI-2 meeting - Paris, France
15-16 July 2007	Gender brainstorming with IUCN colleagues - Paris, France
16-17 July 2007	Meeting on Mainstreaming Gender Equity and Equality into Access and Benefit sharing of Biodiversity Resources - Paris, France
16-18 July 2007	Technical visit of SCBD and UNON to Bonn on the preparation of MOP-4 and COP-9 - Bonn, Germany
20 July 2007	Participate by teleconference in the Sixth Steering Committee Meeting for UNEP-GEF Projects for 'Development of National Biosafety Projects (NBFs)' and 'Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House' – Geneva, Switzerland
23-25 July 2007	Australian Government High Level meeting on forests and climate change - Sydney, Australia
31 July -3 August 2007	4 th GEF Biennial International Waters Conference – Cape Town, South Africa
6-7 August 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of UNEP and Head of UNEP-administered Convention Secretariats - Geneva, Switzerland
9 August 2007	Visit of Professor Gunter Pauli from the ZERI Foundation to discuss business and biodiversity - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
12-18 August 2007	Attend the World Water Week and organize a seminar on water and biodiversity entitled "Working with Nature" - Stockholm, Sweden
17 August 2007	Meeting with representatives of the IUCN-WCPA and International NGOs on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas as well as the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas - Cape Town, South Africa
20-23 August 2007	Participate in the Central Asia and Caucasus Sub-regional Training Workshop on Protected Areas - Isle of Vilm, Germany
20-22 August 2007	Attend the African Union Experts Meeting on the draft Revised Model Law - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
21 August 2007	Visit of representatives from the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
23 August 2007	Telephone interview with WorldView, Chicago Public Radio
28 August 2007	Presentation to the " <i>comité Environnement et développement durable</i> " de la Conférence régionale des élus de Montréal (CRÉ de Montréal) - Montreal, Canada
28 – 29 August 2007	Visit of representative of GTZ - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada

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31 August – 1 September 2007	Deliver an opening statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary and participate in the International Forum on Soils, Society and Global Change - Reykjavik, Iceland
30 August 2007	Visit of WWF European Forest Policy coordinator and member of the last AHTEG - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
31 August 2007	Participate in the teleconference call for the Leaders of the Working Group on Marine Biodiversity and Networks of Marine Protected Areas
2 September and 3-7 September 2007 (respectively)	Participate in workshop preparations and take part in the Regional ABS Workshop for the COMIFAC, organized in the context of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa - Douala, Cameroon
3 September 2007	Attend a workshop to discuss the “Natural Value Initiative”, a joint project of the UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), FGV and Fauna & Flora International (FFI) - Sao Paulo, Brazil
3 September 2007	Had a bilateral meeting with the Assistant Director General of FAO, in the margins of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
3 September 2007	Met with the Secretary of the CPGRFA, in the margins of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
3-7 September 2007	Attend the UNEP-GEF Latin American Regional Training Workshop on the Biosafety Clearing-House - Panama City, Panama
3-14 September 2007	Participate in the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD, as well as take part in its High-Level Segment - Madrid, Spain
4 September 2007	Deliver an opening statement at the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
4 September 2007	Meeting with the Federal Swiss Councillor and State Secretary covering ABS, in the margins of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
4 September 2007	Met with the Deputy Head of the International Environmental Affairs from the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the margins of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
6 September 2007	Meeting with representatives of IUCN - Gland, Switzerland
6 September 2007	Meeting with the new Executive Secretary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands – Gland, Switzerland
7 September 2007	Meeting with the new Director of the Regional Office of UNEP for Europe – Geneva, Switzerland
7 September 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of UNITAR – Geneva, Switzerland
7 September 2007	Meeting with the Director of UNEP’s Environmental Management Group – Geneva, Switzerland
10 September 2007	Meeting with the Secretary General of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland

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10-12 September 2007	Participate in the UNFCCC workshop on adaptation planning and practices under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change - Rome, Italy
11-12 September 2007	Attend the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership meeting - Cambridge, U.K.
12 September 2007	Participate in the eighth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions - Madrid, Spain
12 September 2007	Met and had a bilateral meeting with the new Executive Secretary of UNCCD, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
12 September 2007	Had a working lunch with the Minister of Environment, together with the Executive Secretaries of the Rio Conventions, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
12 September 2007	Participate in a side event on watershed management and poverty, organized by the Minister of Environment of Cape Verde, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
12 September 2007	Participate as a member of the ministerial panel on desertification and adaptation to climate change, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Had a meeting with the Ministers of Environment of Burkina Faso and South Africa, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Had a meeting with the President of the Tuscany Region, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Took part in a press conference with the Minister of Environment of Spain, together with the Executive Secretaries of the other two Rio Conventions, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Interview by Italian TV Rai International, and by the Algerian newspaper <i>El Watan</i> , in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Meeting to discuss agreement with representatives from ICAO on the provision of medical support to the UNEP offices based in Montreal – ICAO office, Montreal, Canada
15 September 2007	Visit of the Executive Director of UNEP – CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
15 September 2007	Inauguration ceremony of the car donated by Toyota Motors, with the participation of the Executive Director of UNEP, the Consul General of Japan in Montreal, and representatives from Toyota Motors in Ottawa - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
17 September 2007	Attend the high-level segment of the nineteenth Meeting of the Parties of the Montreal Protocol – Montreal, Canada
17-21 September 2007	Attend the UNEP-GEF EU and CEE Regional Training Workshop on the Biosafety Clearing-House – Ljubljana, Slovenia
18 September 2007	Meet with the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme – Montreal, Canada

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18 September 2007	Had a breakfast meeting with the Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America, together with Nobel Laureate Professor Dr. Mario J. Molina – CEC Office, Montreal, Canada
18 September 2007	Had a meeting with the Brazilian delegation for the preparation of the meeting on access and benefit-sharing – Montreal, Canada
18 September 2007	Meet with a senior staff from OECD – Montreal, Canada
18 September 2007	Meet with a senior staff from UNU-IAS – Montreal, Canada
18 September 2007	Meet with Mr. Mohamed El-Sioufi, UN-Habitat – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Visit of the Honourable Mrs. Jessica Eriyo, Minister of State for Environment, Uganda and Dr. Fawula, Deputy Executive Director of National Environment Management Authority, Uganda – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Visit of the Chief of Interpreters, UNON – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Visit of Ambassador Thomas Kolly, Deputy Head of the International Affairs Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Visit of Ms. Caitlin MacLeod, Tunza Youth Advisory Council of UNEP – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Attend a <i>Séminaire Technique Gratuit sur les nouveautés Exchange 2007 et SharePoint 2007</i> - Microsoft Office, Montreal, Canada
20 September 2007	Meet with Dr. Rama Rao, WIPO - Montreal, Canada
20 September 2007	Visit of Ms. Rose Mukankomeje, Rwanda Environment Management Authority - Montreal, Canada
20 September 2007	Visit of Mr. Peter Bridgewater, Chairman, Joint Nature Conservation Committee of the United Kingdom -Montreal, Canada
20 September 2007	Interview by Mr. Stephen Leahy from <i>Tierramérica</i>
20-27 September 2007	Participate in the UNEP BFMS Finance-related training courses specifically tailored for Finance Assistants and those Administrative Assistants who perform finance functions at Headquarters and UNEP and HABITAT offices away from headquarters (OAHs) - Nairobi, Kenya
21 September 2007	Take part as a member of a high-level consultative group to review, evaluate, and comment on the baseline criteria for sustainable tourism, as well as attend a workshop, organized by UNEP (within the Marrakech process) and the UN Foundation, with support from IUCN and the Rainforest Alliance, to finalize the baseline criteria for sustainable tourism, - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
21 September 2007	The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity was awarded at the Twentieth Anniversary Ozone Protection in the Partners Award category, in recognition of its role as a member of the Green Customs Initiative (GCI) in the development and implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer - <i>Palais des Congrès</i> , Montreal, Canada

DATES	MEETING / ACTIVITY
24 September 2007	Take part in the High-Level Event on climate change: “The Future in our Hands: Addressing the Leadership Challenge of Climate Change” - New York, U.S.A.
24-25 September 2007	Meet with members of the <i>l'Alliance des musées d'histoire naturelle du Canada</i> (AMHNC) - Ottawa, Canada
24-26 September 2007	Participate in the Second Global Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Consultation on GEO-4 - Nairobi, Kenya
25 September 2007	Deliver a presentation to the programme ÉCO-Conseil 2007-2008 - Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, Québec, Canada
25-27 September 2007	Attend, with other GLISPA partners, a coordination meeting with representatives from the Government of Italy, 24 September 2007, as well as a strategy meeting to develop a 3-year work plan for the POW on island biodiversity - Rome, Italy
26 September 2007	Visit of Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP - Montreal, Canada
26 September 2007	Meet with Mr. Dave Murphy, Vice President, International Organizations, Montreal International - Montreal, Canada
26 September 2007	Visit of Ms. Linda Collette, Senior Agricultural Officer, FAO - Montreal, Canada
27 September 2007	Visit of representatives from the Water Resources and Environment Agency and the Ministry of Energy and Mines, Government of Lao People’s Democratic Republic - Montreal, Canada
27 September 2007	Meet with representatives from the World Bank, the Smithsonian Institution and IFC - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
28 September 2007	Visit of Mr. Adam Fenech, Adaptation and Impacts Research Division of Environment Canada - Montreal, Canada
28 September 2007	Meet with representatives from Conservation International, GEF and WWF - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
28 September 2007	Participate and make a presentation at a <i>Colloque: Les aires protégées: différentes visions, un même objectif?</i> - Université Laval, Québec, Canada

ANNEX II Status of implementation of the agreed Administrative Arrangements

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 32 regularized Professional staff members and 26 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 8 vacant posts, (5 professional and 3 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 6 professional posts and 6 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).
2. There were 2 Interns working at the Secretariat during the period under review: Mr. Alex Matveev from Russia, working on Forests Biodiversity with STTM; Ms. Robin Campbell from Canada, working on Indigenous Knowledge with SEL.

II Contributions and Funds

3. During the third quarter of 2007, two new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Spain pledged Euros 40,000 for the Implementation of PoW on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the SCBD and UK pledged GBP 35,000 towards the costs of holding the African Regional Workshops on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans.
4. For 2007 a total of US\$1,280,806 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,156,329 or 90% has been collected as at 30 September 2007. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.
5. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2007 is US\$8,160,677. Of this amount, US\$7,448,082 or 91% has been received as at 30 September 2007. A total of US\$514,052 has also been collected in 2007 as advance payments for 2008 and future years. Additionally, US\$851,700 has been pledged and has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2007. US\$1,088,423 has also been collected in 2007 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.
6. As at 30 September 2007 a total of US\$710,407 has been pledged for 2007 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from: Sweden (SEK 200,000); Spain (Euros 175,000); Iceland (US\$ 1,979); Germany (Euros 38,325); Norway (NOK 550,000); UK (GBP 35,000); Denmark (DKK 325,000); Finland (Euros 25,000); Ireland (Euros 50,000); Switzerland (CHF 50,000) and Canada (CAD 40,000).
7. As at 30 September 2007, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2007 amounted to US\$645,595 or 91% of the total pledged for 2007. Additionally, US\$97,033 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$146,695 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2007 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.
8. As at 30 September 2007, a total of seventy (70) countries have paid US\$1,981,571 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 89.9% of pledges for 2007. A total of US\$130,936 has also been collected in 2007 as advance payments for 2008 and future years. Additionally, US\$168,300 has been pledged and has been collected as additional contribution to the BG Trust Fund for 2007. US\$334,121 has also been collected in 2007 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 30 September 2007, one Party has pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, **(BH Trust Fund)**. To date US\$68,400 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

10. As at 30 September 2007, the Governments of Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden have pledged a total of US\$147,346 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, **(BI Trust Fund)**. A total of US\$87,932 or 59.7% has so far been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

11. COP-8 approved a budget of US\$11,012,400 for the BY Trust Fund for 2007. As at 30 September 2007, a total of US\$8,318,021 was spent or committed. This represents 75.5% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-3 approved a budget of US\$2,615,000 for the BG Trust Fund for 2007. As at 30 September 2007 a total of US\$1,085,322 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 41.5% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

13. At present the following eleven posts are funded by UNEP from the programme support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Administrative Officer (P-3); Programme Management Officer Biosafety (P-3); Associate Finance Officer (P-2); Personal Assistant to the ES (P-2); Senior Finance Assistant (G-8); Finance Assistant (G-5); Personnel Assistant (G-7); Conference Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-7) and Administrative Assistant (G-6).

Appendix 1
Staffing Table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

July – September 2007

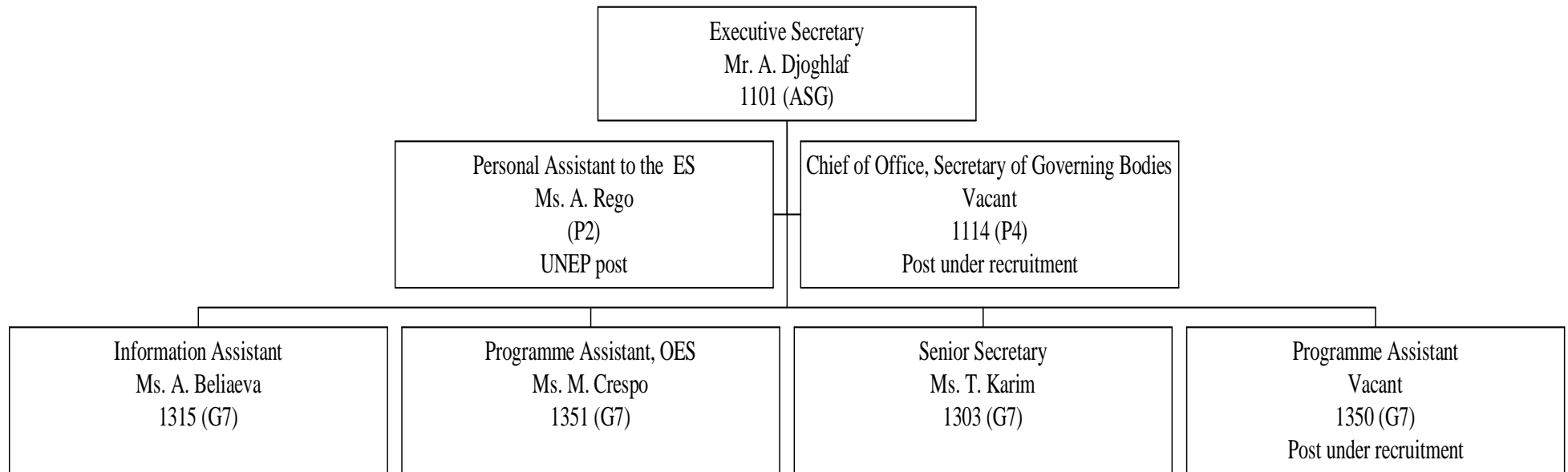
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaf
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
BGL 1101	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Recruitment in progress
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments PO (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. Lyle Glowka
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. T. Christophersen
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Office of the Executive Secretary	Recruitment in progress
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	Programme Officer (OMG)	Mr. N. Bertrand
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	M. M. Khan
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Recruitment in progress
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. Kathryn Garforth
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (OMG)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P4	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (BS)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo
1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Recruitment in progress
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. Jaime Webb
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. Oliver Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Recruitment in progress
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (ITS)	Mr. D. Cooper
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (OMG)	Mr. P. LeBlond
	P3	Programme Management Officer (RMCS)	Mr. Ide Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
	P2	Personal Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. Ulrika Nilsson
1139	L1	Junior Professional Officer - Forests (STTM)	Mr. R. Kohsaka (Japan)
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. T. Karim
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. L. Boutin
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Post Advertised
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain

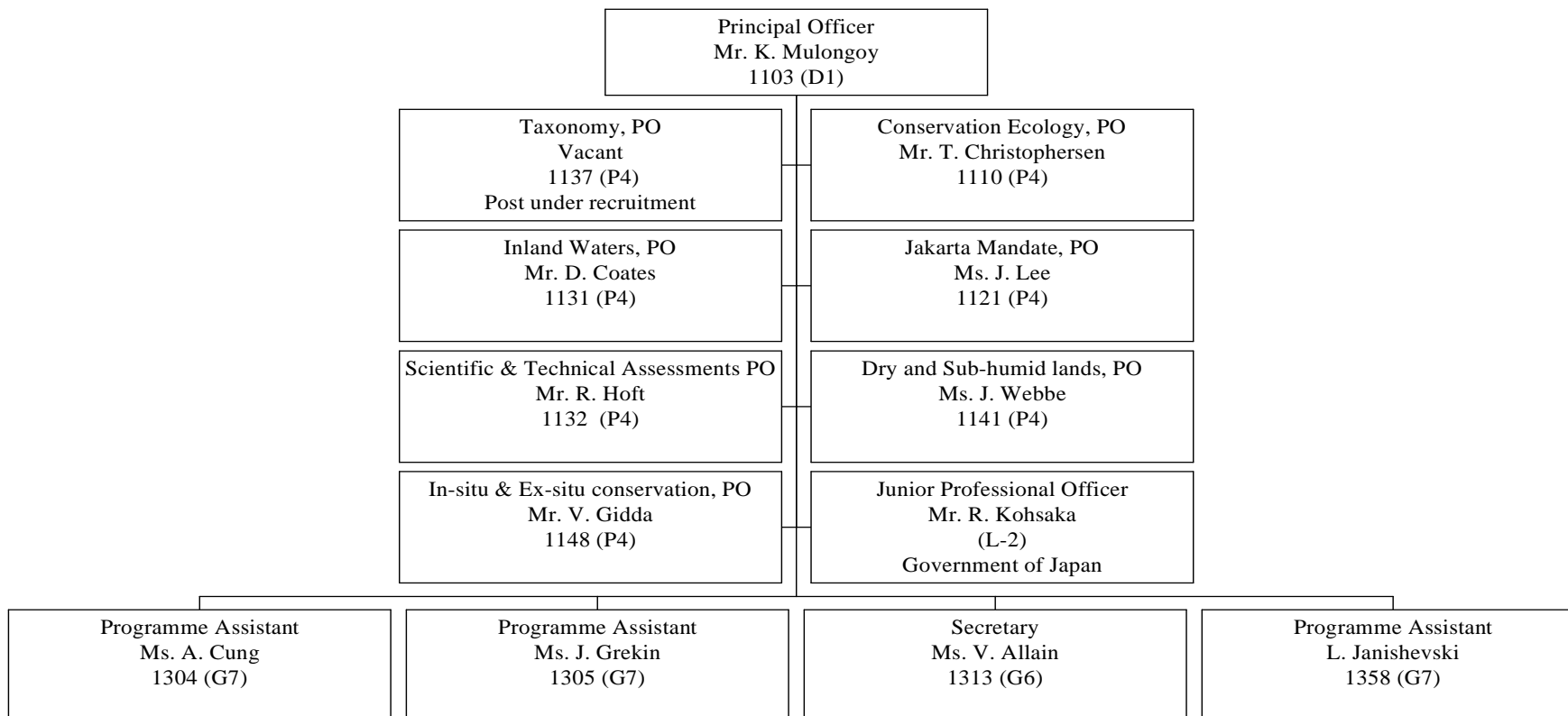
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Ms. N. Annoual
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G7	Programme Assistant (OMG)	Recruitment in progress
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. J. Datinginoo (Post funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Recruitment in progress
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	Ms. F. D’Amico
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G7	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb
1357	G7	Meeting Services Assistant	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1358	G7	Programme Assistant (STTM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)

ANNEX III ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF THE CBD SECRETARIAT

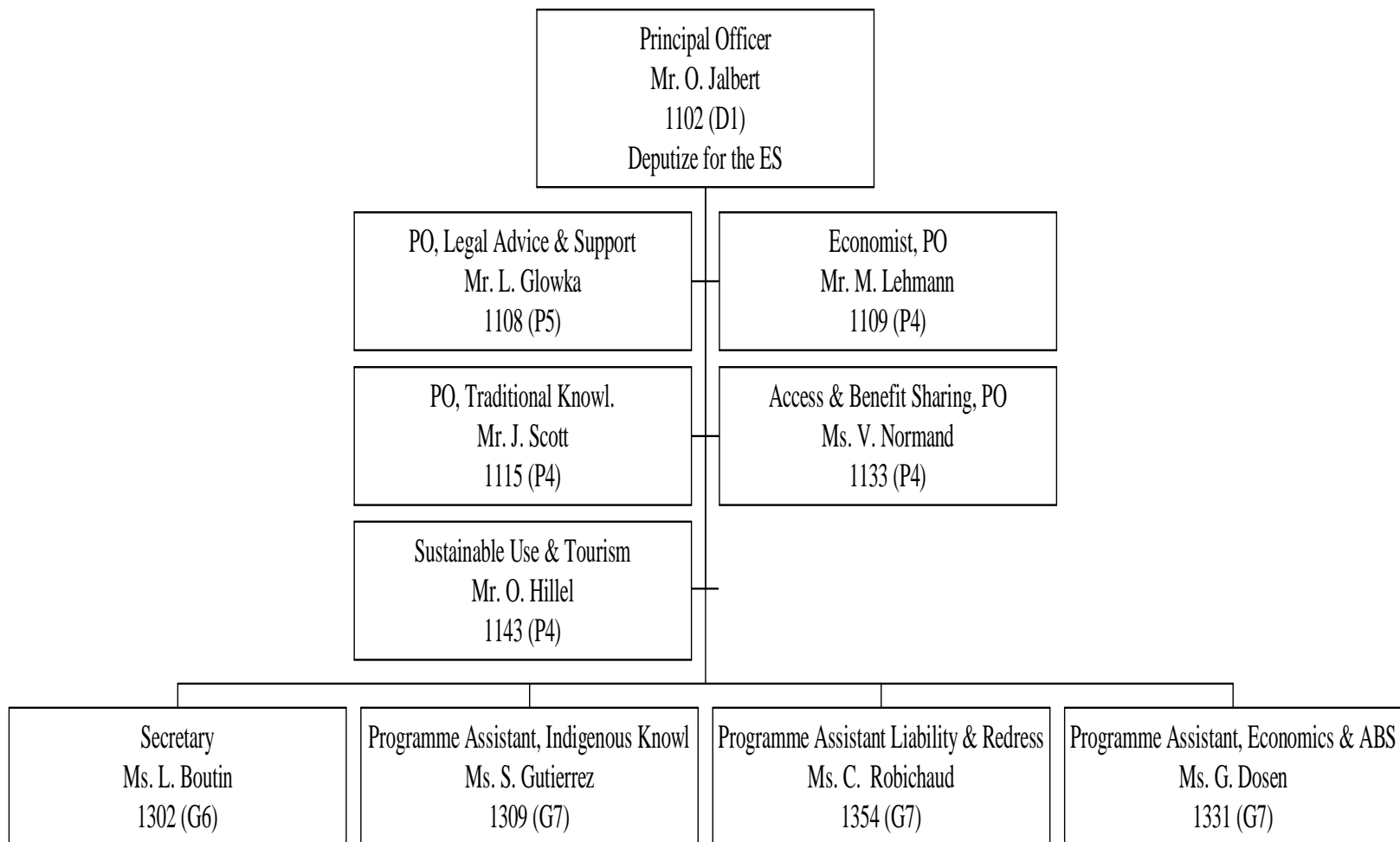
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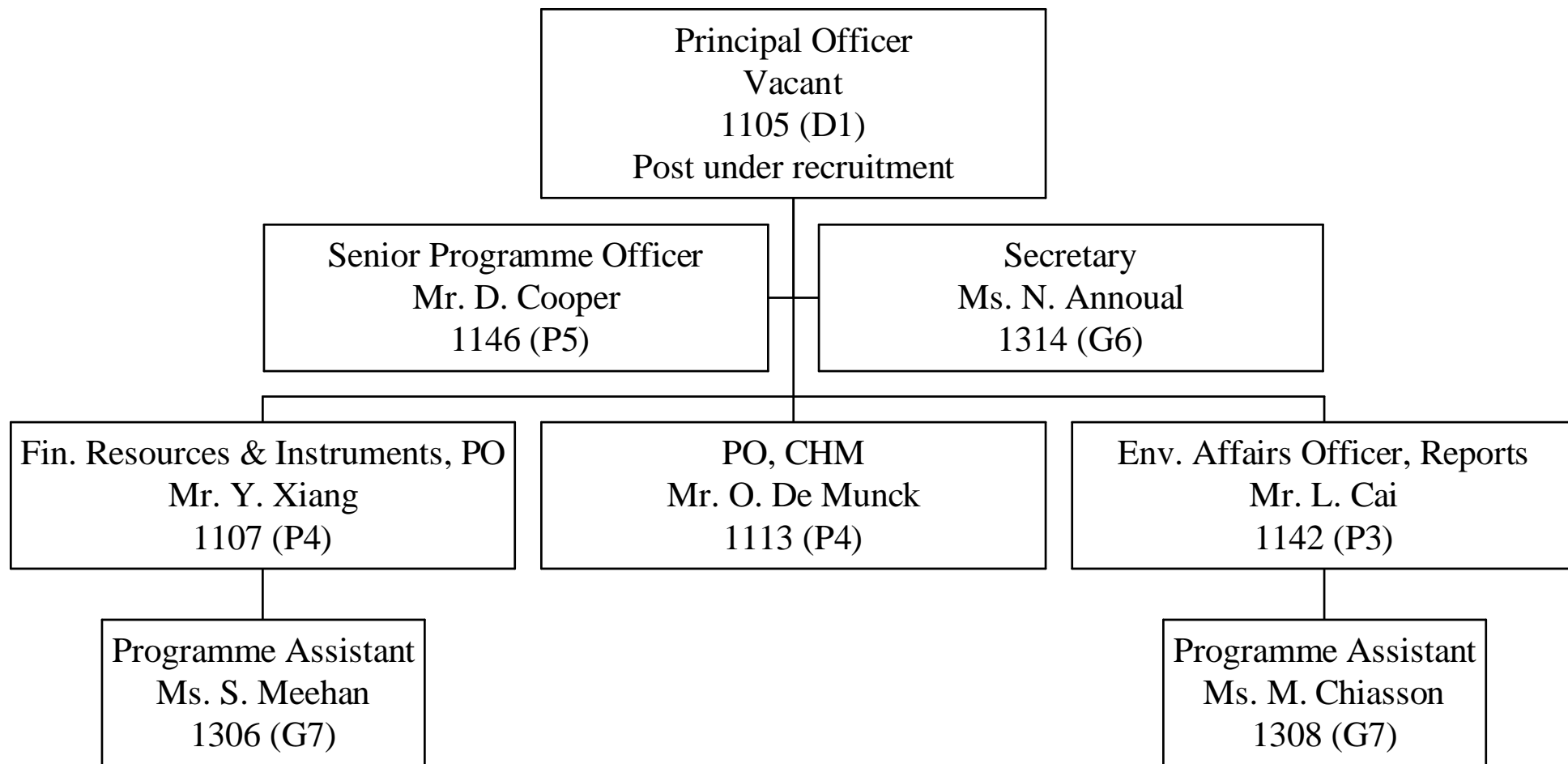
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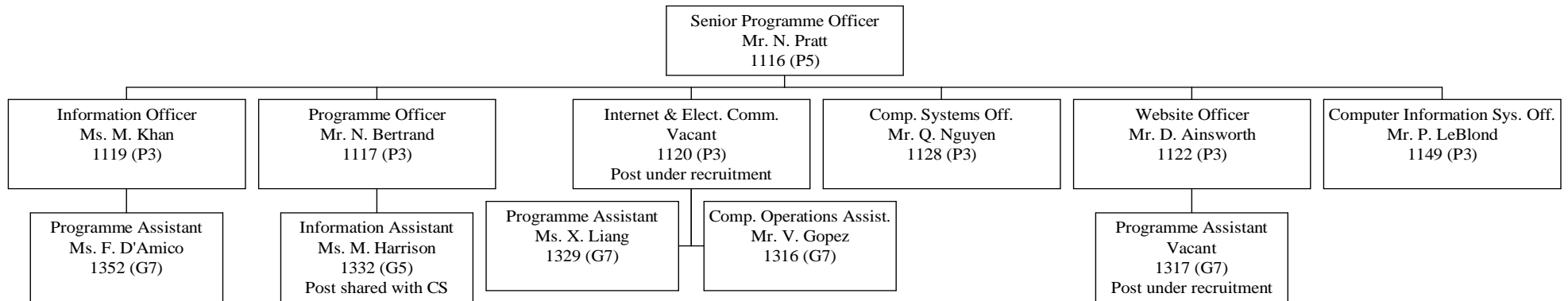
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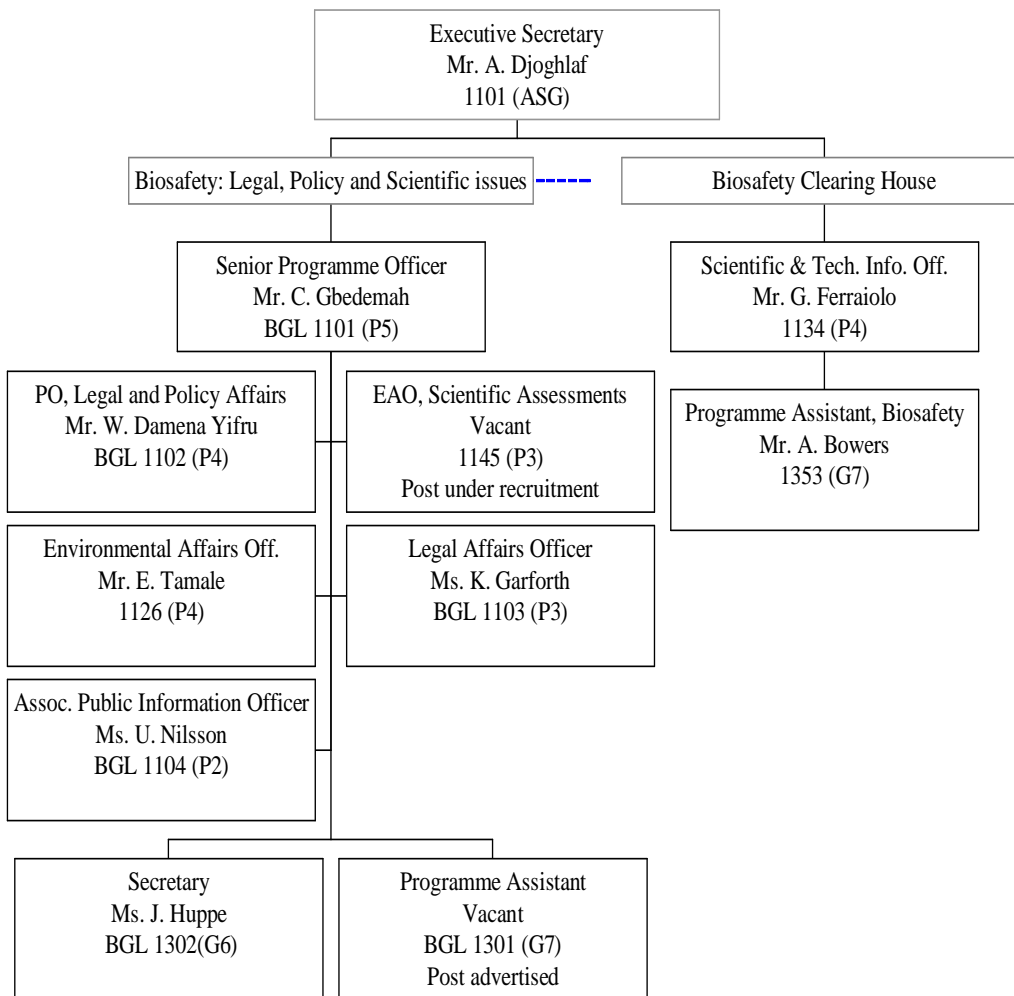
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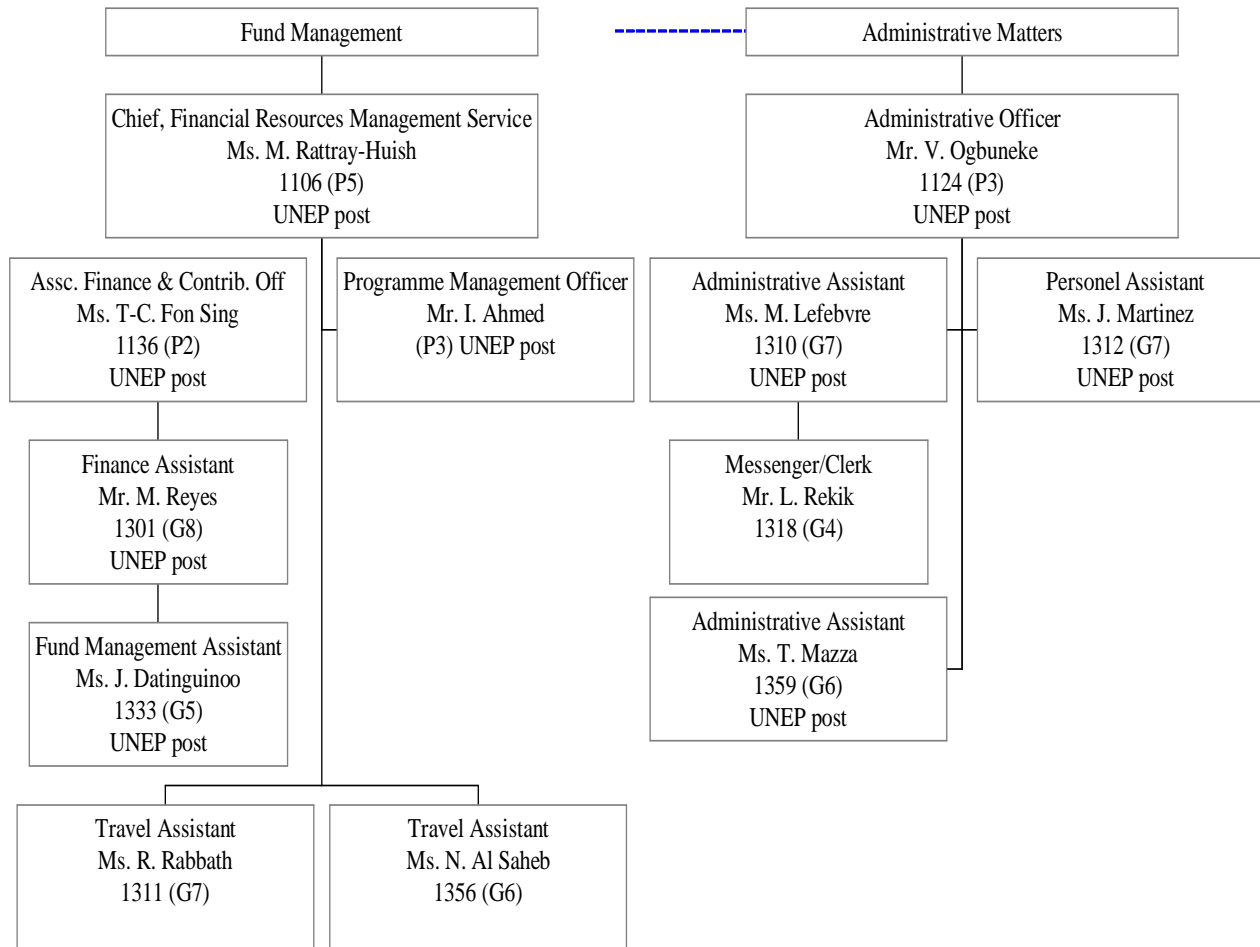
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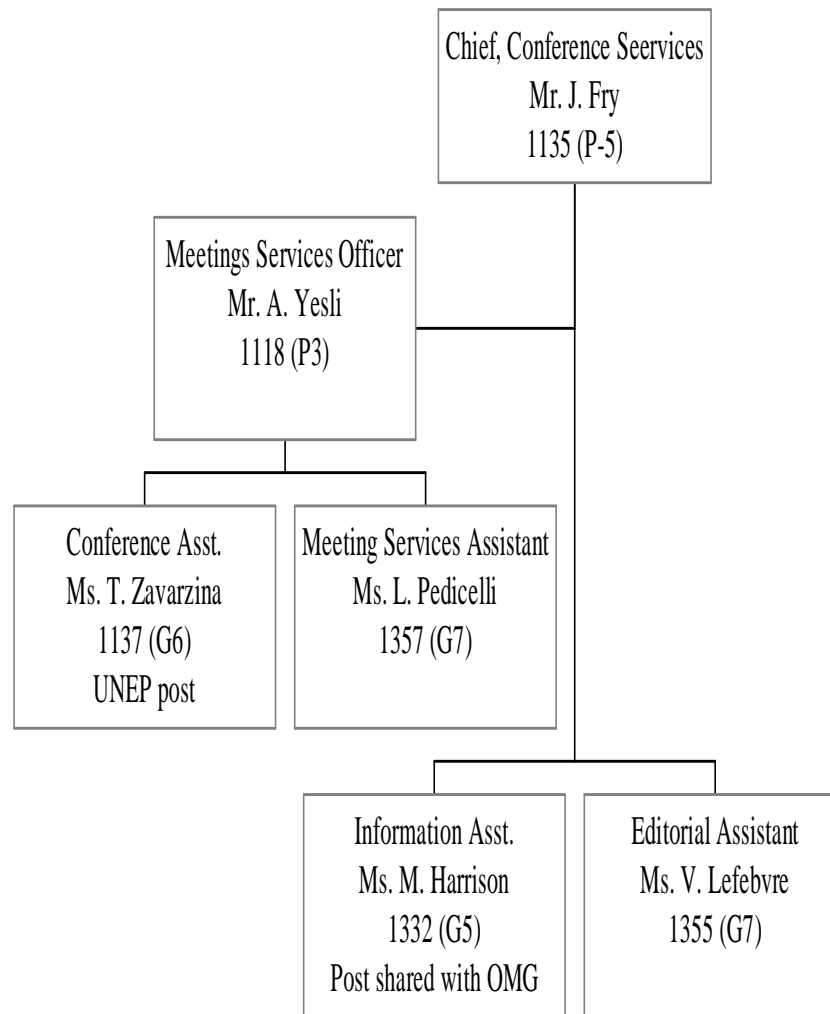
Biosafety Protocol



Resource Management



Conference Services



ANNEX IV
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)
Status of Contribution as at 30 September 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Canada	21,592			1/			21,592
Canada			120,909	9/		120,909	0
EEC	59,065			2/			59,065
EEC	296,443			13/	205,250		91,193
EEC			41,914	17/		41,914	0
Germany	17,159			3/			17,159
IBRD			10,000	12/		10,000	0
Italy	50,000			4/			50,000
Italy			3,000	16/		3,000	0
Spain	25,000			5/			25,000
Spain	323,050			6/	323,050		0
Spain			810,636	11/		810,636	0
Spain	102,912			14/	102,912		0
Spain			54,054	19/			54,054
Sweden	13,287			7/			13,287
Sweden	13,288			8/			13,288
Sweden			144,217	10/		144,217	0
The Nature Conservancy			10,000	18/		10,000	0
UK			70,423	20/			70,423
WWF			15,653	15/		15,653	0
Total	921,796	0	1,280,806		631,212	1,156,329	415,061

- 1/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 125,000 for meetings convened under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- 2/EEC pledged Euros 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006
- 3/Germany pledged Euros 55,000 towards the support of organisation of the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006
- 4/Italy pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006
- 5/Spain pledged US\$ 25,000 for Capacity Building Experts Meeting on the Biosafety Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001
- 6/Spain pledged Euros 250,000 in support of Implementation of Programme of Work on Article 8(j)
- 7/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002
- 8/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006
- 9/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 140,000 towards the Biodiversity and Climate Change Activities
- 10/Sweden pledged SEK 1,000,000 for Various Approved Activities
- 11/Spain pledged Euros 625,000 for Additional Approved Activities
- 12/IBRD pledged US\$ 10,000 to support Tree Planting Activities that offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 13/EEC pledged Euros 225,000 towards Various Approved Activities
- 14/Spain pledged EUR 80,000 for the ABS Group of Technical Experts, Lima, Peru, January 2007
- 15/WWF pledged CHF 20,000 towards the Sub-Regional Anglophone African Workshop on Protected Areas
- 16/Italy pledged US\$ 3,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review and Implementation of the programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, Rome, Italy, 28 May -1 June 2007
- 17/EEC pledged Euros 31,356 towards Various Approved Activities
- 18/The Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the Anglophone African Sub-Regional Workshop on Protected Areas, Cape Town, South Africa, 12-16 August 2007
- 19/Spain pledged EUR 40,000 towards the Implementation of POW on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the CBD
- 20/UK pledged GBP 35,000 towards the costs of holding African Regional Workshops on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

ANNEX V

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF
PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)
Status as at 31 September 2007 (in United States dollars)**

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments		Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Canada			17/	37,736			37,736
Denmark	40,000		1/				40,000
Denmark			11/	31,694		31,694	0
Denmark			13/	27,076			27,076
EC	105,402		6/		72,977		32,425
Finland			12/	20,463		20,463	0
Finland			16/	13,381		13,381	0
Germany			8/	51,100		51,100	0
Iceland			7/	1,979		1,979	0
Ireland			14/	67,250		67,250	0
Norway			9/	91,973		91,973	0
Spain			5/	226,978		226,978	0
Sweden	9,457		2/				9,457
Sweden			4/	28,843		28,843	0
Switzerland	24,056		3/		24,056		0
Switzerland			15/	41,244		41,244	0
UK			10/	70,690		70,690	0
Total	178,915	0		710,407	97,033	645,595	146,695

1/Denmark pledged for the support of participants from Central and Eastern European countries to CBD meetings

2/Sweden pledged SEK 500,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting, Spain in 2006

3/Switzerland pledged CHF 30,000 towards the 5th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing

5/Spain pledged EUR 175,000 towards the participation of Delegates in CBD Meetings

7/Iceland pledged US\$ 1,979 towards the participation of Delegates in CBD Meetings

8/Germany pledged EUR 38,325 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

9/Norway pledged NOK 550,000 for participation in activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

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13/Denmark pledged DKK 150,000 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

14/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the 5th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

ANNEX VI

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
As at 31 September 2007**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	211				0	211	211
Albania	0	527			527	0	0	0
Algeria	0	8,008			16,371	0	(8,363)	(8,363)
Angola		105	2,173			0	(2,068)	(2,068)
Antigua & Barbuda		316	646			0	(330)	(330)
Argentina	379,377	100,736				379,377	100,736	480,113
Armenia	0	211			211	0	0	0
Australia		167,752	167,752		175,177	0	(175,177)	(175,177)
Austria		90,514	90,514			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	527			527	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	1,370			2,800	0	(1,430)	(1,430)
Bahrain		3,161	3,161		3,301	0	(3,301)	(3,301)
Bangladesh	31	816		31	816	0	0	0
Barbados		1,054	1,054		1,100	0	(1,100)	(1,100)
Belarus	38,081	1,897		5,000	1,897	33,081	0	33,081
Belgium	111,577	112,643		111,577		0	112,643	112,643
Belize	0	105				0	105	105
Benin		211	494			0	(283)	(283)
Bhutan		105	105			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Bolivia	1,678	948				1,678	948	2,626
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	316			646	0	(330)	(330)
Botswana		1,264	5,168			0	(3,904)	(3,904)
Brazil	136,643	160,481				136,643	160,481	297,124
Bulgaria	0	1,791			1,791	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	935	211				935	211	1,146
Burundi	791	105				791	105	896
Cambodia		211	431			0	(220)	(220)
Cameroon		843	1,349			0	(506)	(506)
Canada	0	296,411			296,411	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,641	105				3,641	105	3,746
Central African Rep.	6	105				6	105	111
Chad		105	25			0	80	80
Chile		23,498	7,981		15,517	0	0	0
China	0	216,328			216,328	0	0	0
Colombia		16,333	80		16,644	0	(391)	(391)
Comoros	2,899	105				2,899	105	3,004
Congo	18	105				18	105	123
Congo Dem.Rep	5,492	316				5,492	316	5,808
Cook Islands	203	105				203	105	308
Costa Rica	7,164	3,161				7,164	3,161	10,325
Cote d'Ivoire		1,054	7			0	1,047	1,047
Croatia	0	3,899			3,899	0	0	0
Cuba	29,365	4,531				29,365	4,531	33,896
Cyprus	0	4,110			4,110	0	0	0
Czech Republic		19,283	19,283			0	0	0
Denmark		75,657	75,657		78,976	0	(78,976)	(78,976)
Djibouti	301	105				301	105	406
Dominica	234	105				234	105	339

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Dominica Rep.	0	3,688				0	3,688	3,688
Ecuador	1,563	2,002		1,563		0	2,002	2,002
EEC*	0	204,018			203,978	0	40	40
Egypt	24,398	12,645		24,398	12,645	0	0	0
El Salvador	4,473	2,318				4,473	2,318	6,791
Equatorial Guinea	189	211				189	211	400
Eritrea	25	105		25	467	0	(362)	(362)
Estonia		1,264	1,264		1,320	0	(1,320)	(1,320)
Ethiopia	0	421			421	0	0	0
Fiji		421	4,365			0	(3,944)	(3,944)
Finland		56,163	56,163			0	0	0
France		635,392	635,392			0	0	0
Gabon		948	25,327			0	(24,379)	(24,379)
Gambia	104	105				104	105	209
Georgia	22,078	316		20,311		1,767	316	2,083
Germany*	0	912,731			912,731	0	0	0
Ghana	1,768	421				1,768	421	2,189
Greece	55,319	55,847		55,319		0	55,847	55,847
Grenada	0	105				0	105	105
Guatemala		3,161	3,161			0	0	0
Guinea	905	316				905	316	1,221
Guinea-Bissau	2,420	105				2,420	105	2,525
Guyana	104	105		104	215	0	(110)	(110)
Haiti	2,467	316		2,467		0	316	316
Honduras	3,083	527		523		2,560	527	3,087
Hungary*		13,277	13,277			0	0	0
Iceland		3,583	7,282			0	(3,699)	(3,699)
India	20	44,362		20	44,362	0	0	0
Indonesia	13,908	14,963		13,908	30,588	0	(15,625)	(15,625)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Iran	31,921	16,543				31,921	16,543	48,464
Ireland *		36,880	36,880			0	0	0
Israel	0	49,209				0	49,209	49,209
Italy		514,742	514,742			0	0	0
Jamaica		843	843		880	0	(880)	(880)
Japan	0	1,795,354			1,795,354	0	0	0
Jordan	2,236	1,159		1,148		1,088	1,159	2,247
Kazakhstan	2,841	2,634				2,841	2,634	5,475
Kenya		948	0			0	948	948
Kiribati		105	193			0	(88)	(88)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	61	1,054				61	1,054	1,115
Korea, Rep. of	49,148	189,248		49,148	189,248	0	0	0
Kuwait	0	17,070			17,070	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	301	105				301	105	406
Lao PDR	15	105		15	215	0	(110)	(110)
Latvia		1,581	1,581		1,651	0	(1,651)	(1,651)
Lebanon	3,687	2,529				3,687	2,529	6,216
Lesotho		105	216			0	(111)	(111)
Liberia	736	105				736	105	841
Libya	30,394	13,909				30,394	13,909	44,303
Liechtenstein	0	527			527	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,529	2,529		2,641	0	(2,641)	(2,641)
Luxembourg	0	8,114			8,114	0	0	0
Macedonia	626	632				626	632	1,258
Madagascar	32	316		32	677	0	(361)	(361)
Malawi	25	105		25	215	0	(110)	(110)
Malaysia	15	21,390		15	43,712	0	(22,322)	(22,322)
Maldives	0	105			215	0	(110)	(110)
Mali		211	449			0	(238)	(238)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Malta	0	1,475			1,475	0	0	0
Marshall Island	0	105				0	105	105
Mauritania	1,730	105				1,730	105	1,835
Mauritius	0	1,159			1,159	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	198,415			198,415	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States*	0	105				0	105	105
Moldova, Rep. of		105	105			0	0	0
Monaco		316	646			0	(330)	(330)
Mongolia	0	105				0	105	105
Morocco	21,697	4,952		21,697		0	4,952	4,952
Mozambique		105	56		141	0	(92)	(92)
Myanmar	808	816				808	816	1,624
Namibia	0	632				0	632	632
Nauru	3,019	105				3,019	105	3,124
Nepal		421	89			0	332	332
Netherlands	0	178,078			178,078	0	0	0
New Zealand		23,287	23,287		24,318	0	(24,318)	(24,318)
Nicaragua	0	105				0	105	105
Niger	2,755	105				2,755	105	2,860
Nigeria		4,426	9,048			0	(4,622)	(4,622)
Niue	203	105		86		117	105	222
Norway		71,547	71,547			0	0	0
Oman		7,376	7,376		7,703	0	(7,703)	(7,703)
Pakistan		5,795	5		5,741	0	49	49
Palau		105	207			0	(102)	(102)
Panama	2,681	2,002		1,215		1,466	2,002	3,468
Papua New Guinea	0	316				0	316	316
Paraguay	11,518	1,264				11,518	1,264	12,782
Peru	66,877	9,694		16,610		50,267	9,694	59,961

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Philippines	21,532	10,010		8,907		12,625	10,010	22,635
Poland		48,576	48,576			0	0	0
Portugal		49,525	1,026		49,525	0	(1,026)	(1,026)
Qatar		6,744	6,744			0	0	0
Romania	0	6,322			6,322	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	115,909			115,879	0	30	30
Rwanda		105	86			0	19	19
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,070	105				2,070	105	2,175
Samoa	25	105				25	105	130
San Marino	0	316			316	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	572	105				572	105	677
Saudi Arabia	0	75,130			75,130	0	0	0
Senegal		527	3,500			0	(2,973)	(2,973)
Seychelles		211	496			0	(285)	(285)
Sierra Leone	297	105				297	105	402
Singapore*		40,884	40,884		42,694	0	(42,694)	(42,694)
Slovak		5,374	5,374		5,612	0	(5,612)	(5,612)
Slovenia		8,640	8,640		9,023	0	(9,023)	(9,023)
Solomon Is.	2,420	105		2,420	215	0	(110)	(110)
South Africa		30,769	30,769		32,130	0	(32,130)	(32,130)
Spain	0	265,537			265,537	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	0	1,791				0	1,791	1,791
St. Lucia	14	211		14	426	0	(215)	(215)
St.Kitts &Nevis	0	105			215	0	(110)	(110)
Sudan	6,753	816				6,753	816	7,569
Suriname	1,922	105		1,922	1,684	0	(1,579)	(1,579)
Swaziland	0	211				0	211	211
Sweden	104,166	105,161		104,166		0	105,161	105,161
Switzerland		126,130	126,080			0	50	50

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Syria	19	4,004		19	4,004	0	0	0
Tajikistan		105	419		133	0	(447)	(447)
Thailand	0	22,023			22,023	0	0	0
Togo	0	105			197	0	(92)	(92)
Tonga		105	98		107	0	(100)	(100)
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,318			2,318	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	3,372			6,893	0	(3,521)	(3,521)
Turkey	0	39,198			39,198	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	0	527				0	527	527
Tuvalu		105	608			0	(503)	(503)
U. K.	0	645,613			645,613	0	0	0
Uganda		632	1,894			0	(1,262)	(1,262)
Ukraine	26	4,110				26	4,110	4,136
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		632	18,119			0	(17,487)	(17,487)
United Arab Emirates	45	24,762		45	24,692	0	70	70
Uruguay	9,759	5,058		4,749		5,010	5,058	10,068
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,475		1,475		10,484	1,475	11,959
Vanuatu	0	105				0	105	105
Venezuela	23,015	18,019				23,015	18,019	41,034
Viet Nam	4,470	2,213		4,470	4,524	0	(2,311)	(2,311)
Yemen	7,052	632				7,052	632	7,684
Serbia	5,833	2,002				5,833	2,002	7,835
Zambia		211	677		500	0	(966)	(966)
Zimbabwe	1,424	738				1,424	738	2,162
Sub Total	1,301,634	8,160,677	2,085,899	453,423	5,876,235	848,211	198,543	1,046,754

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Additional Contributions								
Canada	635,000	647,700		635,000	647,700	0	0	0
USA	0	0				0	0	0
Quebec	0	204,000			204,000	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,936,634	9,012,377	2,085,899	1,088,423	6,727,935	848,211	198,543	1,046,754

ANNEX VII

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
As at 30 September 2007

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	0	176				0	176	176
Algeria	0	2,658			4,649	0	(1,991)	(1,991)
Antigua and Barbuda	0	105				0	105	105
Armenia	0	70				0	70	70
Austria		30,037	30,037			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	230	177				230	177	407
Bahamas	0	455				0	455	455
Bangladesh	371	220				371	220	591
Barbados		350	350		262	0	(262)	(262)
Belarus	0	629			629	0	0	0
Belgium	57,161	37,380		31,187	37,380	25,974	0	25,974
Belize	0	35				0	35	35
Benin		71	71			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Bolivia	0	315				0	315	315
Botswana		420	420		314	0	(314)	(314)
Brazil	0	53,256				0	53,256	53,256
Bulgaria	0	594			594	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	128	70		128		0	70	70
Cambodia	0	70				0	70	70
Cameroon	510	280				510	280	790

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Cape Verde	25	36				25	36	61
Chad		33				0	33	33
China	77,822	72,998		77,822	72,998	0	0	0
Colombia		5,420	71		5,477	0	(129)	(129)
Congo	21	36				21	36	57
Costa Rica	0	702				0	702	702
Croatia	0	1,294			1,294	0	0	0
Cuba	2,742	1,504				2,742	1,504	4,246
Cyprus	0	1,364			1,364	0	0	0
Czech Republic		6,399	6,399			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	141	106				141	106	247
Denmark	0	25,107				0	25,107	25,107
Djibouti	63	35				63	35	98
Dominica	63	35				63	35	98
Dominican Republic	682	1,254				682	1,254	1,936
Ecuador	559	664		559		0	664	664
Egypt	353	420				353	420	773
El Salvador	0	769			769	0	0	0
Eritrea	48	35				48	35	83
Estonia	0	420			734	0	(314)	(314)
Ethiopia	0	140			245	0	(105)	(105)
European Community	62	54,877				62	54,877	54,939
Fiji	0	140				0	140	140
Finland		18,638	18,638			0	0	0
France		210,855	210,855			0	0	0
Gabon		135				0	135	135
Gambia	63	35				63	35	98
Germany		302,889	302,889			0	0	0
Ghana	255	140				255	140	395

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Greece	33,803	18,533		33,803		0	18,533	18,533
Grenada	63	35				63	35	98
Guatemala	0	1,050			1,838	0	(788)	(788)
Hungary	21	4,406		21	4,406	0	0	0
India	0	14,721			25,727	0	(11,006)	(11,006)
Indonesia	0	4,984			4,984	0	0	0
Iran	10,014	5,490				10,014	5,490	15,504
Ireland		12,239	12,239		9,167	0	(9,167)	(9,167)
Italy		170,817	170,817			0	0	0
Japan	0	482,921			482,921	0	0	0
Jordan	702	385		324		378	385	763
Kenya	0	315				0	315	315
Kiribati		35	35			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	638	350				638	350	988
Kyrgyzstan	27	36				27	36	63
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		220	220			0	0	0
Latvia		525	525		393	0	(393)	(393)
Lesotho		35	98			0	(63)	(63)
Liberia	63	35				63	35	98
Libya	4,960	4,616				4,960	4,616	9,576
Lithuania		839	816		652	0	(629)	(629)
Luxembourg	0	2,693			2,693	0	0	0
Macedonia	235	213				235	213	448
Madagascar		105	110			0	(5)	(5)
Malaysia		7,098	7,083		5,322	0	(5,307)	(5,307)
Maldives	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Mali	128	70		128	62	0	8	8
Malta	0	371				0	371	371
Marshall Islands	63	35				63	35	98

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Mauritania	34	35				34	35	69
Mauritius		385	364			0	21	21
Mexico		65,844	989		114,173	0	(49,318)	(49,318)
Mongolia	0	35				0	35	35
Montenegro	16	36				16	36	52
Mozambique		35	35			0	0	0
Namibia		212	45			0	167	167
Nauru	63	35				63	35	98
Netherlands		59,095	1,961		101,397	0	(44,263)	(44,263)
New Zealand	0	7,801				0	7,801	7,801
Nicaragua	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Niger	63	35				63	35	98
Nigeria		1,469	1,469			0	0	0
Niue	63	35		35		28	35	63
Norway		23,743	3,737			0	20,006	20,006
Oman	0	2,448			4,281	0	(1,833)	(1,833)
Palau	63	35				63	35	98
Panama	1,212	664				1,212	664	1,876
Papua New Guinea	80	107				80	107	187
Paraguay	765	420				765	420	1,185
Peru	5,868	3,217				5,868	3,217	9,085
Philippines	0	3,377				0	3,377	3,377
Poland	0	16,120			16,098	0	22	22
Portugal	0	16,435			16,435	0	0	0
Qatar	0	1,270				0	1,270	1,270
Republic of Moldova	0	35				0	35	35
Romania	0	2,098			2,098	0	0	0
Rwanda		35	35			0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis		35	63			0	(28)	(28)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Saint Lucia		71	142			0	(71)	(71)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	63	35				63	35	98
Samoa	0	35			35	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	3,778				0	3,778	3,778
Senegal	165	175				165	175	340
Serbia	338	681		338	1,207	0	(526)	(526)
Seychelles	20	70				20	70	90
Slovakia		1,783	1,783		1,336	0	(1,336)	(1,336)
Slovenia		2,867	2,867		2,148	0	(2,148)	(2,148)
Solomon Islands	63	35				63	35	98
South Africa	18,623	10,211		18,623	10,211	0	0	0
Spain	0	88,118			88,118	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		594	594			0	0	0
Sudan	232	220				232	220	452
Swaziland	40	72				40	72	112
Sweden		34,898	4,931		29,401	0	566	566
Switzerland		41,856	41,831			0	25	25
Syria	0	1,329				0	1,329	1,329
Tajikistan	63	35				63	35	98
Thailand	5,123	7,487		5,123	7,487	0	0	0
Togo	63	35				63	35	98
Tonga	0	35			35	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	647	769		647	1,345	0	(576)	(576)
Tunisia	0	1,119			1,119	0	0	0
Turkey	0	13,008			13,008	0	0	0
Uganda		210	296			0	(86)	(86)
Ukraine	0	1,364				0	1,364	1,364
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	214,246			214,246	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	383	210		383	185	0	25	25

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Venezuela	10,907	5,979				10,907	5,979	16,886
Viet Nam	0	734				0	734	734
Yemen	138	215				138	215	353
Zambia		70	70		200	0	(200)	(200)
Zimbabwe	10	247				10	247	257
Sub Total	237,120	2,204,807	822,886	169,121	1,289,621	68,000	92,300	160,300
Additional Contributions								
Canada	165,000	168,300		165,000	168,300		0	0
Grand Total	402,120	2,373,107	822,886	334,121	1,457,921	68,000	92,300	160,300

ANNEX VIII

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED
ACTIVITIES OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BH)
Status as at 30 September 2007 (in United States dollars)**

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Canada	4,268			1/	4,268		(0)
EEC	26,350			3/	18,244		8,106
Netherlands			68,400	4/		68,400	0
Switzerland	40,102			2/	40,102		0
Total	70,720	0	68,400		62,614	68,400	8,106

1/Canada pledged CAD 4,969 towards the purchase of a server for the Biosafety Clearing House

2/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 for the 2nd International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations involved in Biosafety Education

and training, 16-18 April 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

3/EEC pledged EUR 20,000 in Support to the Biosafety Clearing House

4/Netherlands pledged towards the Regional Capacity Building Workshops on Risk Assessment and Risk Management

ANNEX IX

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BI)
Status as at 30 September 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
EEC	11,813			1/			11,813
EEC	131,752			5/	91,222		40,530
Finland			10,702	8/		10,702	0
Iceland			1,979	6/		1,979	0
Norway			15,873	4/			15,873
Norway			75,251	7/		75,251	0
Spain	29,586			2/	29,586		0
Spain	99,024			3/	99,024		0
Sweden			43,541	9/			43,541
Total	272,175	0	147,346		219,832	87,932	111,757

1/EEC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

2/Spain pledged EUR 25,000 for Activities leading to COP/MOP3

3/ Spain pledged EUR 75,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Latin America to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

4/Norway pledged NOK 100,000 for the travel of Delegates to the 3rd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 19-23 February 2007

5/EEC pledged EUR 100,000 towards the participation Costs to the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol

6/Iceland pledged US\$ 1,979 towards the Biosafety Liability and Redress Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 19-23 February 2007

7/Norway pledged NOK 450,000 towards the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under

the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 22-26 October 2007

8/Finland pledged EUR 8,000 towards the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol

9/Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 22-26 October 2007

ANNEX X

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF
INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
Status as at 30 September 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06		Adjustments		Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
EEC				1/	32,938		22,806	10,132
Spain				2/	283,784			283,784
Total	0		0		316,722	0	22,806	293,916

1/EEC pledged EUR 25,000

2/Spain pledged EUR 210,000

ANNEX XI

**LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
(As at 30 September 2007)

2006

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
18 - 20 January 2006	Second Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding Biosafety capacity-building activities	Tromso, Norway
20 - 21 January 2006	Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Tromso, Norway
20-21 January 2006	Global meeting to discuss Invasive Species Profile Schema created for GISP and the CBD	Agadir, Morocco
23 - 27 January 2006	Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Granada, Spain
29 January 2006	Informal meeting of Donors on the Budget of the Convention for the 2007-2008 biennium	Geneva, Switzerland
30 January - 3 February 2006	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing	Granada, Spain
6 - 8 February 2006	Second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
20 - 24 February 2006	Second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada
11 - 12 March 2006	Biosafety-Clearing House training workshop for developing countries	Curitiba, Brazil
13 - 17 March 2006	Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Curitiba, Brazil
17 - 18 March 2006	Expert Workshop on Protected Areas	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil

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18 - 19 March 2006	African regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Brainstorming meeting on Avian Flu	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism	Curitiba, Brazil
20 - 31 March 2006	Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Curitiba, Brazil
26 - 29 March 2006	High-Level Ministerial Segment	Curitiba, Brazil
22 May 2006	International Biodiversity Day 2006	Montreal, Canada
24 - 25 July 2006	Brainstorming meeting of SBSTTA Chairs on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body	Paris, France
26 July 2006	Meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)	Paris, France
8-9 September 2006	First Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners	Richmond, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
15 September 2006	First meeting of the Heads of Agency Task Force to Support the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Gland, Switzerland
23-25 October 2006	Liaison Group Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	Dublin, Ireland
6 - 8 November 2006	Brainstorming session on South-South cooperation	Montreal, Canada
20 - 21 November 2006	Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI-CM-07)	Montreal, Canada
20 - 23 November 2006	Regional Synergy Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Biological Diversity of Agro-Systems within Dry and Sub-Humid Lands	Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda
23- 24 November 2006	Meeting of the Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC)	Geneva, Switzerland
11 - 12 December 2006	Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC)	Montreal, Canada
12 - 15 December 2006	African Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use	Nairobi, Kenya
12 - 16 December 2006	Workshop on the Application of the Ecosystem Approach to Protected Areas in Small Islands	Bangkok, Thailand

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
14 - 16 December 2006	Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and Information Exchange (Latin America and the Caribbean Region)	Quito, Ecuador

2007		
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22 - 25 January 2007	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance	Lima, Peru
19 - 23 February 2007	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol	Montreal, Canada
1 - 2 March 2007	Fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Lusaka, Zambia
5 - 7 March 2007	Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
19 - 20 March 2007	Roundtable on the Interlinkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change	Montreal, Canada
26 - 28 March 2007	Mayors' Meeting on the Contribution of Cities to the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Curitiba, Brazil
2 - 4 April 2007	South and West Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on the review of, and Capacity-Building for, the implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Dehradun, India
16 - 18 April 2007	Second International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations Involved in Biosafety Education and Training	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30 April - 3 May 2007	Advisory Group for the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
28 May - 1 June 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	FAO, Rome, Italy
1 July 2007	Capacity-Building Workshop for SBSTTA-12 Participants	Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France

1 July 2007	First Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions	Paris, France
1 July 2007	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Paris, France
2-6 July 2007	Twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12)	Paris, France
7 July 2007	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee	UNESCO, Paris, France
7 July 2007	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA-IAC)	Paris, France
8 July 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Paris, France
8 July 2007	Capacity-building Workshop for National Focal Points (CBW WGRI-2)	Paris, France
9-13 July 2007	Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2)	Paris, France
13-16 August 2007	Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas	Cape Town, South Africa
23-25 August 2007	African Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
10-12 September 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation	Geneva, Switzerland
17 - 19 September 2007	Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues	Montreal, Canada
19-21 September 2007	Indigenous and Local Communities Experts for the International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada