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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY FOR THE BIENNIAL 2009-2010

Note by the Executive Secretary

Addendum

PROGRAMME AND SUBPROGRAMME ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES REQUIRED

In document UNEP/CBD/COP/9/27/Add.1, the Executive Secretary outlined the overall resource needs for the Secretariat to undertake the programme of work—for both the Convention and the Biosafety Protocol—for the biennium 2009-2010. That document provides further details on the proposed budgets for the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/27) and for the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/COP-MOP/4/7). For ease of reference for the participants in the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, the present note presents those elements of the programme and subprogramme activities and resource requirements that relate exclusively to the Cartagena Protocol.

(a) *Overall management*

<i>Overview of responsibilities</i>	Overall coordination and management of the programme of work under the Biosafety Protocol; preparation and servicing of the meetings of the COP/MOP and of other subsidiary bodies established under the processes of the Protocol; coordination of support to COP/MOP and COP on relevant matters; external representation; identify and guide development of work on emerging issues within the remit of the programme.
<i>Expected results1</i>	

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1/ See footnote 2 in document UNEP/CBD/COP/9/27/Add.1 for an overview of Heads of Division responsibilities.

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<i>External linkages</i>	Parties and Governments, United Nations bodies, other intergovernmental organizations, bilateral and multilateral funding institutions, GEF and its implementing agencies, relevant NGOs, academic and research institutes, press and media, other conventions secretariats, electronic communications networks, major groups, including the private sector and general public.
<i>Approved posts</i>	P-5- Senior Programme Officer; GS- Secretary (G-6)
<i>Resources from outside the core budget</i>	P-3- Fund Management Officer (UNEP) funded by UNEP.
<i>Resources required</i>	<p>1. Staff costs: 2009: \$1,600,300 2010: \$1,647,800</p> <p>2. MOP Bureau meetings 2009: \$ 50,000 2010: \$60,000</p> <p>3. Consultants/Sub-contracts 2009: \$ 25,000 2010: \$25,000</p> <p>4. Travel on official business: 2009: \$ 60,000 2008: \$60,000</p> <p>5. Biosafety Interim Advisory Committee meetings 2009: \$ 40,000 2010: \$ 40,000</p> <p>6. Liaison group meetings (1/year) 2009: \$35,000 2010 \$ 35,000</p> <p>7. Meeting of the COP-MOP 2009: \$0 2010: \$400,000</p> <p>8. Compliance Committee meetings (2/year) 2009: \$95,000 2010: \$95,000</p> <p>9. AHTEG on Risk Assessment 2009: \$80,000 2010: \$0</p> <p>10. Temporary assistance/overtime 2009: \$20,000 2010: \$ 20,000</p> <p>11. General Operating Expenses 2009: \$248,100 2010: \$254,600</p>

(b) Enabling programme for the Implementation of the Biosafety Protocol

<i>Overview of responsibilities</i>	Promoting and facilitating the effective implementation of the Protocol
<i>Expected results 2/ (for Protocol as a whole)</i>	<p>Means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Servicing of COP-MOP or inter-sessional meetings that would possibly be convened to address matters relating to Article 18; • Contribute to relevant CBD work programmes on related scientific issues such as implementation of Article 8h of the Convention (alien species); • Recommendations on international rules and procedures regarding liability and redress for the COP/MOP; • Preparing documents required for meetings; • Identification and dissemination of relevant information, best practices and lessons learned

2/ Note -- Where relevant, additional, programme of work specific, outcomes and deliverables are highlighted in the sections below. The latter also recall mandates .

	<p>in biosafety capacity-building initiatives i.e. Act as a central contact point (clearinghouse) for existing biosafety capacity-building initiatives, to facilitate information sharing and cooperation at the international and regional levels;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and dissemination of synthesis reports on the progress in implementing the capacity-building Action Plan, on the basis of the submissions by Governments and relevant organizations; • Identification of areas of cooperation between the CBD and the relevant bodies with regard to issues pertinent to the Protocol; • Organisation, subject to availability of funding, of periodic coordination meetings for Governments, relevant organizations and donors involved in biosafety; capacity-building in order to promote collaboration, coordination and synergies between different capacity-building initiatives in order to avoid duplication and inefficient use of limited resources Preparation of progress reports on the implementation of the capacity-building Action Plan, on the basis of the submissions from Governments and relevant organizations; • Analysis and synthesis of the capacity-building needs and priorities of different countries for the effective implementation of the Protocol; • Identification of existing bilateral and multilateral funding and other opportunities for biosafety capacity-building and advise countries accordingly; • Keeping countries abreast of important developments with respect to capacity-building for biosafety; • Implementation of any other requests by the COP-MOP regarding capacity-building; • Contribution to the development and implementation of the CBD and Protocol outreach capacity-building efforts; • Cooperation with other relevant bodies and organizations; • Development of the roster of experts and the Biosafety Clearing-House; • Administration of the roster of biosafety experts according to the interim guidelines; • Roster of experts developed to assist Parties with risk assessment and capacity building for decision-making; • Relevant information to assist Parties in decision-making available on the Biosafety Clearing-House; • Liaising with and seeking inputs from relevant organizations and experts.
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<i>Expected results</i>	<p>1. Procedures and mechanisms to facilitate decision-making by Parties of import <i>Eligible Parties that need to undertake risk assessment, review risk assessment reports; and design or review risk management measures with a view to decision taking on imports of living modified organisms get the necessary support.</i></p> <p>Mandate: Article 10, paragraph 7 of the Protocol.</p> <p>Means: Development of demand-driven procedures and mechanisms to facilitate decision-making; Gathering of information on needs of Parties in risk assessment and risk management compiled</p>
	<p>1. Liability and redress</p> <p>Mandate: Article 27 of the Protocol, COP-MOP decision BS-I/8</p> <p>Means: Facilitating the work of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress as stipulated in its terms of reference through information gathering, preparation of analysis on general issues that are relevant to liability and redress, and compiling of options; Contribution to the Convention's work on liability and redress issues in the context of paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Convention.</p> <p>Deliverables: Identification of elements, which could be included in a liability and redress regime for the Protocol.</p>

	<p>2. Monitoring and Reporting</p> <p><i>Improved implementation of the provisions of the Protocol on the basis of the analyses of submitted reports</i></p> <p>Mandate: Article 33 of the Protocol</p> <p>Means: Compilation and analysis the first regular national reports submitted by Parties on the implementation of the Protocol</p>
	<p>3. Handling, transport, packaging and identification</p> <p>Mandate: Article 18 of the Protocol.</p> <p>Means: Gathering of information and consulting with other relevant international bodies with a view to facilitate COP-MOP's consideration of the need for and modalities of developing standards with regard to identification, handling, packaging and transport practices.</p>
	<p>4. Compliance</p> <p>Mandate: Article 34 of the Protocol, COP-MOP decision BS-I/7.</p> <p>Means: Receiving any submissions relating to compliance from any Party with respect to itself or any Party with respect to another Party; making submissions available to the Party concerned; transmitting submissions to the Compliance Committee along with the response and information that may be received from the Party concerned; Gathering information on the experience of compliance mechanisms under other multilateral environmental agreements and making it available to the Compliance Committee under the Protocol</p>
	<p>5. Cooperation with relevant organizations, arrangements and processes</p> <p><i>Implementation of the Protocol benefits from, and builds on, relevant ongoing processes and takes into account relevant international rules and standards</i></p> <p>Mandate: Paragraph 4(c), Article 29, and other provisions of the Protocol;</p> <p>Paragraph 1(g), annex, decision BS-I/12, decision BS-II/6 and other pertinent decisions.</p> <p>Means: Application or following up of previous application for observer status at relevant bodies and committees (e.g. the SPS/TBT Committees of the WTO)</p>
<i>Approved posts</i>	P-4-Legal and Policy Affairs Officer; P-3 Legal Affairs Officer; G-7 Programme Assistant. (50%)

	<p>6(a). Risk assessment</p> <p><i>Common understanding and effective implementation of risk assessment provisions of the Protocol by Governments, including review and analysis of risk assessments submitted by exporters under Article 15(2).</i></p> <p>Means: Facilitation of implementation of any decision of the COP/MOP regarding clarification of the issues involved in risk assessment; Facilitation of implementation of any decision of the COP/MOP regarding the development of guidance and a framework for a common approach in risk assessment</p>
	<p>6(b). Risk management</p> <p><i>Effective management of LMOs resulting from common understanding and agreement among Governments and relevant bodies and organizations regarding approaches to risk management and priorities for management actions.</i></p> <p>Means: Facilitate implementation of any decision of the COP/MOP regarding Article 16 paragraph 5 ; Cooperation with relevant bodies with regard to scientific aspects of the Protocol (e.g., risk assessment and management), including with IPPC (COP Decision 6/20 paras 31-34) and others (e.g., Codex, OIE, OECD, WTO).</p>

<i>Approved posts:</i>	P-4 Scientific Assessment (shared). P-3 Risk Assessment (shared)
<i>New post requested:</i>	GS – Scientific Issues
	<p>7. Outreach and Capacity-building <i>Consolidation, strengthening and/or development of Capacity building for communication, education and public awareness.</i></p> <p>Mandate: Article 13 of the Convention, decision VI/19 and MOP decision BS-II/13.</p> <p>Means: Promotion of public awareness and education of the Protocol through publications, press releases, the website and other means; development and implementation of the outreach strategy for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; Responding to public requests for information and documents about the Protocol; Strengthening and/or development of capacity of the Parties in CEPA in order to market and promote the mainstreaming of biodiversity and biosafety into the work of other sectors; Further development of professional capacity of educators and communicators; and enhancement of stakeholder participation and community development though communication, education and public awareness.</p> <p>Deliverables: Biodiversity and biosafety awareness materials (press releases, newsletters and brochures).</p>
	<p>8. Mechanisms to promote capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Protocol</p> <p>Mandate: Article 22 and Article 28, paragraph 3 of the Protocol and decisions II/4, III/6 and EM-I/3, paragraph 14, of the Conference of the Parties; COP-MOP decisions BS-I/4, BS-I/5, BS-II/3.</p> <p>Means: (1) Administration of the Coordination Mechanism (including maintenance of the BCH databases and Biosafety Information Resource Centre in the BCH, servicing the Biosafety Capacity-Building Network, administration of the voluntary fund for roster of biosafety experts); (2) supporting Governments and relevant organizations to implement the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Biosfety Protocol and other COP-MOP decisions on capacity-building.</p>
<i>Approved posts:</i>	P-4 Environmental Affairs Officer/Capacity Building (shared) <i>to be transferred 100% to Biosafety;</i> P-2 Information Officer; GS Programme Assistant (G-7) (50%)
	<p>9. Information-sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House</p> <p>Mandate: Article 20 of the Protocol; Decision BS-I/3; Decision BS-II/3</p>

	<p><i>(a). The BCH facilitates the exchange of information on living modified organisms and assists Parties to implement the Protocol.</i></p> <p>Means: Implement the BCH multi-year programme of work, including: manage and improve structure and design of the BCH central portal; design, review and implement common formats for reporting information; continue to develop and expand the Biosafety Information Resource Centre; assist in capacity-building activities for information exchange and knowledge management; support the work of the BCH Informal Advisory Committee; Conduct a second review of the Biosafety Clearing-House, and compare improvements against existing baseline data.</p> <p>Results: Increased amount of information available through the BCH; all Parties able to access information through the BCH in a timely manner; improved ease of reporting and accessing information in the BCH; strategic planning for implementation of BCH; development and implementation of longer-term programme of work.</p>
	<p><i>(b) International cooperation in exchange of biosafety information is fostered</i></p> <p>Means: Collaborate with relevant organizations in the development of relevant information-exchange protocols; facilitate the development of consistent standards in sharing biosafety information; establish memoranda of understanding with relevant organizations.</p> <p>Results: Contributions to the development of consistent standards for sharing biosafety information; increased use of the Biosafety Clearing-House as a source of biosafety information; improved inter-agency cooperation.</p>
	<p><i>(c) Capacity-building for effective participation in the BCH is strengthened</i></p> <p>Means: Collaborate with capacity-building organizations; conduct technical assistance workshops with available resources.</p> <p>Results: All Parties able to access information through the BCH in a timely manner; increased amount of information available through the BCH; BCH information being used to assist in decision-making under the Protocol.</p>
External linkages	Government representatives and national nodes of the Biosafety Clearing-House; international organisations active in information-sharing, including academic, industry and governmental actors
Approved posts	P-4 Programme Officer – Biosafety Clearing House (shared) <i>to be transferred to Biosafety 100%</i> G-7 Programme Assistant, Bioafety Clearing House (shared) <i>to be transferred to Biosafety 100%</i>
New posts requested	G-7 Information Systems Assistant
