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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE BIENNIUM 1999-2000

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The fourth meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety, held in Montreal from 5 to 13 February 1998, requested the Conference of the Parties to consider ways and means to ensure that sufficient funds will be available to service the additional meetings proposed for 1998. The Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety envisages a two-week session from 17 to 28 August 1998, on the assumption that another session and a following extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in early 1998. The budget of the latter is incorporated in the budget of the Convention for the biennium 1999-2000.

2. To facilitate the conduct of this additional activity during 1998, the following supplementary budget, contained in table 1 below, is proposed. The Conference of the Parties may wish to refer the matter to be considered under item 17.2 of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/4/1) on the budget of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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Table 1

PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 1998 FOR THE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY RELATED TO
THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL

(thousands of united states dollars)

	1998
Fifth Session of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group	
A. Meeting services	480.0
B. Travel of participants	
LDC and SIDS Parties	368.5
Other developing countries and economies in transition	385.0
Subtotal	1,233.5
Programme support costs	160.4
TOTAL	1,393.9
