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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report is prepared in keeping with 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 lists, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditures. 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. 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 October to 31 December 2003.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. The ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-9) was held in Montreal, Canada, from 10-14 November 2003. The two main themes discussed at the meeting were protected areas and technology transfer and cooperation. The meeting adopted several recommendations including proposed elements for programmes of work on the above-mentioned thematic areas as well as a finalized proposal for a programme of work on mountain biodiversity. These will be forwarded to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP-7) to be held from 9-20 February 2004, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. SBSTTA-9 was preceded by a one-day meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) of the Clearing-house Mechanism of the CBD.

4. The second meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing took place in Montreal, from 1-5 December 2003. Prominent on the meeting's agenda were discussions on the establishment of an international regime to promote and safeguard the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources. The meeting also reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the Bonn Guidelines, as well as a number of issues related to further putting into operation the provisions of the Convention related to access and benefit-sharing.

5. The third meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity was held from 8-12 December 2003, also in Montreal. Progress was made on developing *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, which is one of the main objectives of Article 8(j). The meeting also recommended the Draft Voluntary Guidelines for the Conduct of Cultural, Environmental, and Social Impact Assessments regarding Developments proposed to take place on, or which are likely to impact on, Sacred Sites and on Lands and Waters Traditionally Occupied or Used by Indigenous and Local Communities, for endorsement at COP-7.

6. Consultations with senior Malaysian Government officials were held in October in respect of the organizational, financial, and administrative as well as security matters related to the COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 meetings.

7. During October, the Government of Thailand ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity, raising the number of Parties to the Convention to 188. Moreover, during the last quarter of 2003, sixteen countries acceded/ratified the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, bringing the total number of Parties to 79. These are: Brazil, Cyprus, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Ireland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Jordan, Lithuania, Madagascar, Poland, Senegal, Slovakia, Turkey, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

8. On 15 November 2003, the Bureau of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-6) met in Montreal at the offices of the CBD Secretariat. This meeting was followed by a joint meeting of the COP-6 Bureau and the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP). Both meetings mainly focused on preparations for COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 meetings.
9. The Secretariat organized informal consultations on the proposed biennium budget for 2005-2006 in Geneva, Switzerland on 21 November 2003.
10. The Government of the Netherlands has generously offered a grant to the CBD Secretariat to support the implementation of approved activities under the Convention over the period 2003-2006. These activities include strengthening cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions and organizations, capacity building and regional cooperation as well as communication and public awareness. An Agreement to this effect was signed in October between the Government of the Netherlands and the CBD Secretariat.
11. The CBD actively participated in a number of important meetings during the fourth quarter of 2003, namely: the twenty-second session of the GEF Council (19-21 November 2003, Washington, D.C., USA), on the margins of which the Executive Secretaries of the CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC met informally to discuss on-going and future activities; the second inter-agency consultative meeting on the implementation of UNEP Governing Council Resolution 22/16 on environment and cultural diversity (20-21 November 2003, Nairobi, Kenya)
12. A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed between the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International (CABI) and the CBD Secretariat which establishes a framework for collaboration between the two organizations to facilitate availing CABI resources and services of relevance to the work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
13. During the fourth quarter of 2003, the CBD Secretariat organized a number of meetings, namely: an Expert meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (5-7 October 2003, Kerry County, Ireland); the fourth meeting of the Consultative Working Group of Experts on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (27-29 October 2003, Paris, France); a meeting between the SCBD and Permanent Representatives of Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) to the United Nations (29 October 2003, New York); an International Workshop on Protected Forest Areas (6-8 November 2003, Montreal, Canada); the first meeting of the *Ad hoc* technical expert group on the implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity (24-27 November 2003, Montpellier, France); and finally, a workshop on "The Clearing House Mechanism: exchange of experiences on its implementation at national level and developing scientific and technical cooperation", organized by the National Focal Points to the CBD of Burkina Faso and Belgium, in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat and the Belgian Directorate-General for Development Cooperation (16-18 December 2003, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso).
14. The Secretariat participated in several international meetings including: the Joint International Forum on Biodiversity Information: Building Capacity in Asia and Oceania (4-10 October 2003, Tsukuba, Japan); the seventh meeting of the Governing Board (GB7) of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) (6-8 October 2003, Tsukuba, Japan); the international symposium on "Indigenous Peoples' Contributions to Understanding Global Environmental Change" (15 October 2003, Ste Anne de Bellevue, Canada); the 2003 Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community (16-18 October 2003, Montreal, Canada); the UNEP-GEF sub-regional workshop for Asia on the Development of a Regulatory Regime and Administrative Systems for National Biosafety Frameworks (19-22 October 2003, Shiraz, Iran); the European Commission Clearing-house Mechanism (EC CHM) Toolkit Workshop (23-24 October 2003, Copenhagen, Denmark); the international workshop on "Agricultural Biodiversity and Sustainable Development" (23-25 October 2003, Nairobi, Kenya); the workshop on "Assessing Biodiversity and Sharing the Benefits: Lessons from Implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity (29-31 October 2003, University of California at Davis, USA); the sixth meeting of the Scientific Advisory Council of the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (7-8 November 2003, Montreal, Canada); the third meeting of the Board of the Equator Initiative (8 November 2003, Montreal, Canada); the planning meeting of the World Database on protected Areas Consortium (8-

9 November 2003, Montreal, Canada); the fifth Steering Committee meeting of the Global Biodiversity Forum (GBF) (9 November 2003, Montreal, Canada); the Equator Prize 2004 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (11, 13 and 16-17 November 2003, Montreal, Canada); the planning workshop for Establishing a Technical Cooperation Network for Taxonomic Capacity Building in the countries of Meso/Central America (17-19 November 2003, Guatemala); the planning meeting on the development of a UNEP Module for the Assessment of the Coastal and Marine Environment (19-21 November 2003, Nairobi, Kenya); the annual advanced American Law Institute-American Bar Association course on International Environmental Law, followed by a panel discussion on international biosafety issues (20-21 November 2003, Washington, D.C., USA); the fourteenth meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (20-25 November 2003, Panama City, Panama); the fourteenth session of the OECD working group on the harmonization of regulatory oversight in biotechnology (24-26 November 2003, Paris, France); the Environmental Management Group (EMG) teleconference on Capacity Building and the Role of the EMG (21 November 2003); the UNEP-GEF sub-regional workshop for Latin America on the Development of a Regulatory Regime and Administrative Systems for National Biosafety Frameworks (25-28 November 2003, Santiago, Chile); the second international partners meeting on the Community of Practice on Ecosystem Approaches to Human Health (28 November 2003, Ottawa, Canada); a "course" on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety within the context of a continuing education seminar on current stakes in international trade in the key sectors of agriculture, the environment and health organized by the *Institut des Hautes Études Internationales* of Laval University (1-3 December 2003, Quebec City, Canada); the symposium on the future of staff unions and associations in the United Nations Common System (1-3 December 2003, New York, USA); the international meeting on Sustainable Use and Conservation of Biological Diversity: a Challenge for Society (1-4 December 2003, Berlin, Germany); the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP-9), including the nineteenth sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB-19) (1-12 December 2003, Milan, Italy); the meeting of the sub-group on Research, Development and Extension of Agricultural Biotechnology of the seventh APEC workshop on Agricultural Biotechnology (2-6 December 2003, Beijing, China); the UNEP-GEF sub-regional workshop for Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia on the Development of a Regulatory Regime and Administrative Systems for National Biosafety Frameworks (9-12 December 2003, Antalya, Turkey); the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (18 December 2003, via teleconference); the meeting for the Identification of Issues on Biodiversity for Cooperation and Interchange among South American Countries (15-17 December 2003, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil); and the meeting of the BioNET-INTERNATIONAL Fund Supervisory Board (18 December 2003, Bern, Switzerland).

15. Two professional posts were filled during the fourth quarter of 2003

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

16. During this period, there were 33 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were 3 vacant posts, for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

17. There were 25 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, one vacant post, for which recruitment is in progress, and 5 staff members regularized on posts funded from other sources.

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

B. Financial Arrangements

19. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2003, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,257,328 for 2003 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust**

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Fund), the total contributions received amounted to US\$7,148,732. Additionally US\$1,174,981 has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund in 2003. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for prior years amount to US\$629,449. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

20. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2003, the total amount pledged for 2003 amounts to US\$1,941,173. The total collected for 2003 as at 31 December 2003 was US\$1,542,049 and an additional \$257,291 has been collected in 2003 for prior years. Total unpaid pledges for 2003 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$602,494. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

21. Pledges totalling US\$1,206,279 have so far been made as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**) in 2003, of which US\$932,156 has already been paid. Total unpaid pledges for 2003 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$324,107. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

22. As at 31 December 2003, contributions totalling US\$62,240 have so far been paid to the General Trust Fund to support Developing Countries on Biosafety Issues (**BF Trust Fund**), as voluntary contributions to for the use of the roster of experts on Biosafety in 2003. Details of the BF Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

DECISION VI/2 BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS

23. In decision VI/2, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to (i) strengthen collaboration with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands on the implementation of the River Basin Initiative and the third joint work plan, and (ii) implement paragraph 5 of Decision V/2 i.e., review the programme of work and include in its review advice on the further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work. In paragraph 4 (b) of recommendation VIII/2, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a schedule of short, medium, and long-term outcome-oriented targets for the activities and deadlines for implementation of the programme of work.

24. In response to this COP decision and SBSTTA recommendation the following activities were carried out:

(a) Collaboration with the Ramsar Convention

25. Members of the Secretariat held a meeting with a representative of the Bureau of the Ramsar Convention in the margins of SBSTTA9 and at the Secretariat on 17 November 2003. Discussions centred on how to further strengthen the already good collaboration between the two Conventions. It was agreed that a progress report on the implementation of the Joint Programme of Work, during the inter-sessional period, would be submitted to COP7. The Secretariat and Bureau of the Ramsar Convention also jointly hosted a side event at SBSTTA9 on the theme of 2003 as International Year of Freshwater. The two Conventions are also collaborating on the development of targets, and subsequent indicators, for their programmes of work.

26. The Secretariat held a meeting with a representative of the Bureau of the Ramsar Convention and the Global Environment Centre, in the margins of SBSTTA9, regarding progress and status of the River Basin Initiative. The Global Environment Centre hosts the River Basin Initiative and maintains the website at http://www.riverbasin.org/ev_en.php. It was noted that there was a need to secure funding for the

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second phase as a matter of priority. A side event on the River Basin Initiative will also be jointly arranged by the Secretariat, the Bureau of the Ramsar Convention and the Global Environment Centre at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

(b) Review of the implementation of work

27. The Executive Secretary has prepared reports to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress on the review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work and the implementation of the programme of work during the inter-sessional period (UNEP/CBD/COP/12 and UNEP/CBD/COP/7/12/Add.1).

28. In accordance with a proposal on "Integration of outcome oriented targets into the programmes of work of the Convention, taking into account the 2010 biodiversity target, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and relevant WSSD targets" contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14, the Executive Secretary submitted to SBSTTA-9 documents entitled "Outcome oriented targets and deadlines for the implementation of the revised programme of work on inland water biological diversity" (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14/Add.1) and "Outcome oriented targets for the implementation of the revised programme of work on inland water biological diversity" (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14/INF.29). On the basis of these documents and proposals from the participants SBSTTA adopted recommendation IX/13 requesting the Executive Secretary to further refine the proposals including, *inter alia*, incorporating the suggestions of Parties during SBSTTA9, and present these to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Secretary has accordingly prepared a revised set of draft goals and targets for the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.4).

DECISION VI/3 MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

29. In decision VI/3, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to (i) continue facilitating the implementation of the specific work plan on coral bleaching and the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs; (ii) continue developing the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs; and (iii) strengthen collaboration with the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans. In recommendation VIII/3, SBSTTA requested that the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity should be further refined by *inter alia* considering the setting of clear targets for the implementation of activities, taking into account the plan of implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the Strategic Plan of the Convention.

30. In response to this COP decision and SBSTTA recommendation the following activities were carried out:

(a) Review and further elaboration of the programme of work

31. Draft outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14/Add.2) were discussed at SBSTTA-9. The resulting recommendation IX/13 requested the Executive Secretary to revise these targets on the basis of the comments made by Parties at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA, or provided to the Executive Secretary no later than 21 November 2003. The targets have been revised following the guidance provided by SBSTTA, and are available for the consideration by the Conference of the Parties in document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.5.

32. In response to recommendation VIII/3.A, the Secretariat has completed its preparation of an elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity. This elaborated programme of work, which incorporates the outcomes of SBSTTA-8 (recommendation VIII/3) and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, is available for the consideration by the Conference of the Parties in document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/12/Add.2. In addition, the Executive Secretary prepared in collaboration with the IUCN Global Marine Programme an information document on the management of risks to biodiversity of

seamounts and cold water coral communities beyond national jurisdiction, in the context of recommendation VIII/3.

(b) Integrated marine and coastal area management

33. The Secretariat participated in the Planning Meeting on the Development of a UNEP Module for the Assessment of the Coastal and Marine Environment, which took place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 19 to 21 November 2003. The meeting examined how UNEP can contribute to the planned Global Marine Assessment (GMA) and discussed how the assessment should be structured in order to meet specific user needs, such as those of the CBD. The GMA can potentially assist the CBD in measuring progress made towards the 2010 target in the marine environment. The Secretariat also continues to closely collaborate with the authors of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) marine chapter in addressing the Convention's assessment needs.

34. The Secretariat continues to collaborate with the Coastal Zone Management Centre of the Netherlands (RIKZ) in preparing guidance for improved incorporation of biodiversity objectives into integrated marine and coastal area management. The most recent initiative in this regard was a web-based discussion organized by RIKZ on the specific topics of the ecosystem approach, indicators, restoration and rehabilitation, and incentives. The outcomes will contribute to a document on biodiversity and IMCAM to be presented to COP 7.

(c) Marine and coastal living resources

35. The Secretariat collaborated with the International Coral Reef Initiative in preparing an information document for SBSTTA 9 on the topic of achieving sustainable management of tropical marine ecosystems: The action statement from the second International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium (ITMEMS 2) and its relevance to the Convention on Biological Diversity (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/23). The Action Statement of ITMEMS 2 provides a valuable example on how the draft Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity can be applied to the specific case of tropical marine ecosystem management.

(d) Marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs)

36. The work of the CBD Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (MCPA AHTEG), and the resulting SBSTTA recommendation VIII/3 were presented at the Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands, which took place in Paris, France from 12 to 14 November 2003. Because the meeting coincided with SBSTTA 9, the Secretariat was unable to participate. However, Dan Laffoley, a member of the MCPA AHTEG, gave the presentation on CBD work on MCPAs.

(e) Alien species and genotypes

37. The Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the IUCN Environmental Law Centre and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), produced an information document for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties entitled "The proposed ballast water convention and its relevance to the Convention on Biological Diversity." The document describes the development and major provisions of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments (the Draft Ballast Water Convention).

DECISION VI/4: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS

38. In decision VI/4, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to *inter alia* prepare a proposal for the development of a mechanism to coordinate activities on the inter-linkages between biodiversity, desertification/land degradation and climate change. SBSTTA recommended that the proposal for the further refinement of the programme of work, including the list of expected outcomes, and timeframes, potential actors, and indicators of progress in the implementation, be adopted by the

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Conference of the Parties (Recommendation VIII/4). In response to this COP decision and SBSTTA recommendation the following activities were carried out:

(a) Review of the implementation of the programme of work

(i) Assessment of status and trends (Activity 1 of the programme of work):

39. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and the Global Land Degradation Assessment (LADA) of FAO are preparing information documents containing proposals/progress reports on how, through their ongoing assessment processes, they would address the assessment needs of the programme of work on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as requested by SBSTTA. The Secretariat held a teleconference with FAO/LADA on the matter, following up on the draft "stock take paper", which the Secretariat had reviewed earlier in the year. Specific proposals on ways to connect the two assessments (MA and FAO/LADA) and of making operational this connection in the context of the CBD programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands were developed.

(ii) Areas of particular value and/or under threat (Activity 2 of the programme of work)

40. UNEP-WCMC continued work on an "alternative hotspot map" and a first proposal will be presented to COP 7, in the form of an information document. It is based on biodiversity parameters and identification of areas which are of particular value and/or under threat, taking into consideration livelihood needs and the threat posed through degradation and desertification. The Secretariat, in several interactions, commented on earlier concepts of the proposal.

41. A side-event organised by the UNDP-Drylands Development Centre (DDC) during SBSTTA 9 focused on the introduction of the Global Drylands Imperative and the associated Challenge paper series. The participants of the event identified the assessment and evaluation of existing "hot spots" in dry and sub-humid lands and the further identification of priority areas for (conservation) action amongst the key topics for a Challenge paper. The Secretariat co-organized the event and served as a resource person on the discussion panel.

(iii) Indicators (Activity 3 of the programme of work)

42. No specific action took place during the reporting period.

(iv) Knowledge on processes that affect biodiversity (Activity 4 of the programme of work):

43. The UNDP DDC facilitated a side event during SBSTTA 9 on the Global Drylands Imperative's (GDI) "Challenge Papers" series, which, in future, should be prepared for CBD COP meetings. It is planned that during COP 7, a larger side event be held, potentially including the launch of a first biodiversity relevant paper. The participants of the side event brainstormed a number of priority issues that should be addressed by the series. An in-depth review and discussion of "hot spot" and "alternative hotspot" areas in dry and sub-humid lands ecosystems was suggested as this could further inform the discussions on protected areas at COP 7, in particular. The Secretariat co-organized the event and served as a resource person on the discussion panel. The Secretariat also reviewed the subsequent documentation of the event.

44. The Secretariat participated in the "Open meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community", which took place from 16 to 18 October in Montreal. A number of working sessions addressed issues of particular relevance to dry and sub-humid lands (e.g. on drought preparedness, early warning, vulnerability to climate change, institutional aspects of poverty, environment and development). A working contact was initiated with Prof. Colleen Vogel, chairman of the International Human Dimension Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP), to examine if the research activities of the IHDP could contribute to addressing activity 4 of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands. IHDP's work might be especially relevant with respect to assessing the impacts of

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climate change on biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands, thereby complementing the report on the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change with practical case-studies.

(v) Benefits derived from biological diversity (Activity 5 of the programme of work)

45. No actions have been initiated under this activity.

(vi) Best management practices (Activity 6 of the programme of work)

46. The Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Intergovernmental Authority of Development (IGAD) sub-regions organised, with the assistance of the UNCCD Secretariat, a workshop on best practices in agroforestry management, including on synergies between the Rio Conventions. The meeting took place 2 to 4 December 2003 in Palapye, Botswana. The CBD Secretariat assisted in preparatory aspects of the meeting and prepared a presentation on the joint work programme (JWP) between the UNCCD and CBD for the workshop. The workshop report being finalised. The outcome of the meeting will feed into the preparation of the workshop documentation for the sub-regional "practicing synergy initiative" scheduled for 10 to 14 May 2004.

47. A number of case-studies on best practices in the implementation and application of the ecosystem approach and individual principles thereof (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/4 and CBD webpage on case-studies) came from countries with dry and sub-humid ecosystem types (e.g. Mozambique - The Zambezi River Basin - "dialogue for building a common vision"; South Africa - Working for water - a South African way of keeping alien invasives from undermining ecosystem processes; Mozambique - The Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park - "managing ecosystems at a broader scale - and building regional partnerships"; Zimbabwe - Chivi District, south-eastern Zimbabwe - "long-term natural resources management objectives are constrained by the short-term needs of the people "; Egypt - The Gulf of Aqaba, Egypt - "determining sustainable use limits to tourism"). The Secretariat solicited, edited and summarized the case studies, which have been included on the CBD webpage under the Ecosystem Approach.

(vii) Measures for conservation and sustainable use - promotion of responsible resource management - support for sustainable livelihoods (Activities 7 to 9 of the programme of work):

48. The CBD led initiative on "practicing synergies" was further discussed with the Secretariat of the UNCCD, and other collaborating partners. The focal point from Botswana, who represented the African region during the two AHTEG meetings on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, and on the Joint Work Programme expressed an interest in hosting a first sub-regional workshop. Such a sub-regional experience exchange has been tentatively scheduled to take place from 10 to 14 May 2004.

49. The Director of the UNDP DDC, Mr. Phillip Dobie, visited the Secretariat on 23 October 2003 to discuss in more detail how the MOC between the two institutions, which was signed in August 2003, could be expedited.

50. The Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO) - which implemented a UNEP/GEF project "Promoting best-practices for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity of global significance in arid and semi-arid zones", agreed to consider integrating the programme of work explicitly in a second phase of the project. The Secretariat provided inputs through review of earlier proposals and several teleconferences.

51. The Secretariat attended a presentation of Mr. Ravishanka of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in India at Mc Gill University Geography Department entitled "Harnessing Biodiversity and Cultural Diversity for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries" on 3 October 2003.

(b) Joint work programme with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification:

52. An information package on the CBD was compiled and sent to Prof. D. Mouat, Chairman of the Group of Experts of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) to the UNCCD. Follow-up correspondence with a number of other relevant UNCCD contacts was undertaken, including with a range of programme officers at the UNCCD Secretariat.

53. A proposal was submitted, which would allow the placement at the SCBD of a "Sauve" fellow of the Environment Department of McGill University to carry out a four-month project on issues relevant to the implementation of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands.

DECISION VI/5 AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

54. In decision VI/5, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Undertake, in collaboration with other institutions, the necessary steps for the full implementation of the programme of work as contained in Table 1 of the annex to the decision and to report, as presented in Table 2:
 - A preliminary assessment of status and trends of agricultural biodiversity, in collaboration with FAO and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, to be submitted for consideration by SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
 - An analysis of lessons learned from case-studies, in collaboration with FAO, WTO, Parties and other relevant organizations, to be submitted for consideration by SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including on the following issues: cost-effective practices and technologies, partnerships and forums, and mainstreaming; and
 - Preparation of recommendations on capacity-building and policy for consideration by SBSTTA in time for consideration by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- (ii) Prepare a draft format for the thematic report on agro-biodiversity and report to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- (iii) Study further the impacts of trade liberalization on agro-biodiversity in collaboration with UNEP, FAO, WTO and other relevant organizations.

55. In the same decision, the COP, *inter alia*:

- (i) Established an ad hoc technical expert group on the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on smallholder farmers, indigenous and local communities and farmer's rights. The ad hoc technical expert group was requested to report to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and to SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 21).
- (ii) Invited the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other relevant organizations to examine, in the context of their work, the specific intellectual property implications of genetic use restriction technologies, particularly with respect to indigenous and local communities.

56. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, through the GTZ and in collaboration with FAO, the UNCCD and CBD Secretariats, IPGRI, CILSS and a number of GTZ country partners, organized a sub-regional workshop on agricultural biological diversity in West Africa, which took place from 15 to 19 December in Bamako, Mali. The Secretariat provided information materials on the CBD and a presentation, focusing especially on the ecosystem approach, the programme of work on agro biodiversity and biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, as well as synergies, the joint work programme between UNCCD and CBD and the 2010 target. Ms. Sally Bunning of FAO gave the presentation on behalf of the Secretariat. The meeting report will be made available in early 2004.

57. The final report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs), was tabled during SBSTTA 9 to be taken note of (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/ 6). Recommendations pertaining to the report are included in document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4, *inter alia*, to request SBSTTA to consider the report of the AHTEG at SBSTTA 10 with a view to providing advice to COP 8.

58. FAO submitted a report on "potential impacts of GURTs on agricultural biodiversity and agricultural production systems", as requested to COP 7 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/31).

59. The document "*State of the world's traditional knowledge on biodiversity (Article 8(j)): A study on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities*" (annex I of decision VI/10), which includes, *inter alia*, information related to traditional knowledge and agricultural biological diversity was prepared. A summary of the final report was submitted to the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/4). The full report consists of a global (composite) report (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/INF/1), based on regional reports (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/INF/3-10).

60. In response to paragraph 17 of decision VI/5, the Executive Secretary prepared two information documents to COP 7: (i) a study entitled "Domestic Support Measures and their Incentive Effects for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity" (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/14), and (ii) a study entitled "The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Agricultural Biological Diversity - A Synthesis of Assessment Methodologies (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/15).

61. A draft format for a thematic report on agricultural biodiversity had been finalized and incorporated as a part of the draft guidelines for the third national reports, as required by paragraph 4 of decision VI/5.

DECISION VI/6 THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

62. In its decision VI/6, the Conference of the Parties appealed to Parties and other Governments to give priority consideration to the signature and ratification of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

63. Discussions on a Memorandum of Understanding with FAO, including an annex on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture have continued. The annex has been agreed and is due to be signed by the two organizations.

DECISION VI/7: IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING, INDICATORS AND ASSESSMENT

Impact assessment

64. In paragraph 3 of decision VI/7 A, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to, *inter alia*, prepare, in collaboration with relevant organizations, in particular the International Association for Impact Assessment, proposals for further development and refinement of guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental-impact-assessment legislation or processes and in strategic impact assessment.

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65. In response to this decision the following activities were carried out:

(i) Further development of guidelines for environmental impact assessment

66. The Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/18), which identifies key areas requiring specific attention for the further development of the guidelines. This note is based on two submissions by Parties and the evaluation of additional case studies from twenty countries. SBSTTA, at its ninth meeting, recommended that COP takes note of this report and decides to follow up on decision VI/7 A at one of its future meetings.

67. At the margins of SBSTTA, the Secretariat held discussions with the delegation of the Netherlands regarding a draft biodiversity assessment framework. Such a framework could provide an important tool for putting the objectives of the CBD and the approaches developed under the Convention into practice and to provide a basis for collaboration with the private sector.

68. The Secretariat has initiated discussions with Concordia University regarding possible collaboration on the further development of the guidelines, including the possible integration of the Draft guidelines for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments proposed to take place on, or which are likely to impact on, sacred sites and on lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by indigenous and local communities developed under Article 8(j) and the Guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental impact assessment legislation or procedures and in strategic impact assessment developed in response to Article 14.

69. The Secretariat also discussed the further development of the guidelines with the CMS Secretariat.

(ii) Capacity development in biodiversity and impact assessment

70. The project of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) on capacity building in biodiversity and impact assessment in developing countries has recruited a Technical Project Manager and continues to develop criteria for the selection of participating countries. The Secretariat has provided information about relevant activities and possible linkages in selected countries. Morocco, which hosted the 23rd Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment, has expressed interest in participating in this project.

(b) National-level monitoring programmes and indicators

71. In decision VI/7 B, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to *inter alia* invite Parties to respond to a questionnaire on indicators and convene a technical expert meeting to further develop the three annexes on ongoing work on indicators on the following issues:

- Principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators;
- A set of standard questions for developing national-level indicators; and
- A list of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach.

72. The Executive Secretary has prepared a note containing these three annexes for consideration by SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/10). The report of the expert meeting on indicators of biological diversity including indicators for rapid assessment of inland water ecosystems, which was held from 10 to 12 February 2003 in Montreal was also made available (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/7). SBSTTA recommended that COP welcomes the report of the expert group and agrees that the framework for the development of national-level indicators provides useful guidance. SBSTTA further recommended that COP requests the Executive Secretary to assist Parties in access to relevant information and in the developing of coherent systems for data gathering and reporting.

73. During SBSTTA-9, the Executive Secretary opened a side event on the project on Biodiversity Indicators in National Use (BINU). The side event, which was organized jointly by the UNEP-World Conservation and Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the National Institute for Public Health and Environment in the Netherlands (RIVM), provided information on the application of the framework

developed by the expert group on indicators of biological diversity. Further information on the project and its participants is available through the project's central website (<http://sea.unep-wcmc.org/collaborations/BINU/index.cfm>) and the links it provides to the websites of the national project components.

(c) Scientific Assessments

74. In decision VI/7 C, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to *inter alia* facilitate development and implementation of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and of the development and implementation of the assessment of the status of the world's protected areas.

75. The Executive Secretary organized, in collaboration with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and the United Nations University (UNU), a workshop on the application of the MA assessment methods and tools to the issues of relevance to the CBD. This half-day workshop was held just prior to SBSTTA, on 9 November 2003, to permit interested delegates to participate. It provided an overview of the assessment and its outputs and urged Parties to contribute in the reviews of MA reports to ensure that aspects relevant to the CBD are fully taken into account.

76. The MA also prepared a progress report on Ecosystems and Human Well-being: A Framework for Assessment (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/20), which was made available to SBSTTA-9. SBSTTA welcomed this report.

77. The Secretariat also continues to closely collaborate with the authors of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) in addressing the Convention's assessment needs. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and the Global Land Degradation Assessment (LADA) of FAO are preparing documents containing proposals/progress reports on ways to address the assessment needs of the programme of work on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands.

78. Following a liaison group meeting, which the Executive Secretary had convened in collaboration UNEP-WCMC and IUCN after the World Parks Congress, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/6 containing a recommendation on the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) for consideration of SBSTTA at its ninth meeting. SBSTTA adopted recommendation IX/4, which recommended that COP invites UNEP-WCMC and the new WDPA consortium of international organizations to further develop the WDPA and urges Parties, other governments and relevant organizations to provide up-to-date information for the WDPA.

79. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations prepared a progress report on the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/37), which was made available to SBSTTA. SBSTTA welcomed this report.

80. In collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme and other partners, pilot assessments on the impact of invasive alien species on island ecosystems and on the socio-economic impact of invasive alien species in inland water ecosystems have been completed.

DECISION VI/8 GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

81. In decision VI/8, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to *inter alia*:

- (i) Initiate regional meetings of scientists, managers and policy makers to prioritize the most urgent global taxonomic needs;
- (ii) Coordinate activities of the GTI with existing initiatives such as the GBIF and the CHM; and
- (iii) Complete the guide to the Global Taxonomy Initiative.

82. In response to this decision the following activities were carried out:

(a) Regional and global meetings.

83. The report of the first Global Taxonomy Initiative workshop in Asia was considered at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA as an information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/17).

84. The Secretariat participated in a regional planning workshop for establishing a technical cooperation network for taxonomic capacity building in the countries of Meso/Central America, held in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from 17 to 18 November, 2003. The MesoameriNET workshop formulated a detailed proposal for the establishment of a Technical Co-operation Network for taxonomic capacity building in Central America; developed a shared vision for pooling, sharing and optimizing regional expertise and strengthening capacity building in taxonomy, as well as collaboration and networking among and between member countries and their relevant institutions. The workshop also developed a strategic plan for sub-regional taxonomic capacity building that meets the needs of national sustainable development programmes; and national and regional biodiversity strategies and action plans, including the drafting of a programme of work to meet the identified taxonomic capacity needs of regional and national development and biodiversity management plans and ways to support the implementation of the CBD,

(b) Co-ordination with existing activities:

85. A side event was organized in the margins of the ninth meeting of SBSTTA, in partnership with GBIF, UNESCO and BioNET-INTERNATIONAL to promote the implementation of the Programme of Work for the GTI at the country and regional levels.

86. The second meeting of the Coordination Mechanism was also held during SBSTTA9. Members of the Coordination Mechanism produced draft recommendations that were presented to the meeting. SBSTTA adopted the recommendation IX/3 on the GTI contained in the document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4, which will be considered by the Conference of Parties at its seventh meeting.

87. The Secretariat also prepared a report on progress in the implementation of the programme of work of the Global Taxonomy Initiative. The document was presented at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA as an information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/16).

(c) The GTI Guide

88. The draft of the GTI guide (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/30) was submitted to the ninth meeting of SBSTTA and to the Coordination Mechanism at its second meeting. It will be considered as an information document at the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties.

(d) New staff

The Secretariat recruited a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative and Invasive Alien Species.

DECISION VI/9 GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

90. In Decision VI/9, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to:

- (iii) Take the targets into consideration in its periodic reviews of the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work; and
- (iv) Develop ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the Strategy, and for monitoring and assessing progress; and to report to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

91. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to implement the further work required to develop and implement the Strategy giving due consideration to the need to:

- (v) Clarify the scope of activities, develop sub-targets or milestones for each target and, develop baseline data and indicators to monitor progress towards achieving the targets;
- (vi) Develop regional components of the Strategy; and
- (vii) Establish, if appropriate, a flexible coordination mechanism.

92. In response to this decision the following activities were carried out:

93. The Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Botanic Gardens Conservation International, organized an expert meeting held in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland (5 to 7 October 2003), to review progress in the stakeholder consultations. Among the new stakeholder reports were those prepared by FAO on targets 6 and 12 and of CITES on target 11. The expert meeting proposed the establishment of the Global Partnership on Plant Conservation. It also recommended the designation of national focal points for the Strategy and proposed a coordination mechanism. The key elements of the meeting were presented to SBSTTA as document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14/Add.2. The full report was available as an information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/24).

94. In reviewing these documents, SBSTTA, in its recommendation IX/14, recommended that COP decide that the targets of the Strategy be integrated into the programmes of work of the Convention and that Parties be invited to nominate focal points for the Strategy. SBSTTA also welcomed the establishment of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and the coordination mechanism.

95. The Secretariat, in collaboration with Botanic Gardens Conservation International, organized a side event at the margins of SBSTTA-9 to report on national and regional experiences in the implementation of the Strategy and to promote the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation.

96. The Secretariat presented a progress report on the implementation of the Strategy at the CGIAR Annual General Meeting 2003 held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 28 to 31 October and invited CG centres to join the Global Partnership and collaborators to participate in activities undertaken within the framework of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

DECISION VI/12 ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

97. In decision VI/12, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Continue the compilation and dissemination of case studies and lessons learned and report to SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (ii) Carry out the activity specified above in collaboration with relevant organization and bodies, in particular the United Nations Forum on Forests, to convene a meeting of experts to compare the ecosystem approach with sustainable forest management and develop proposals for their integration; and
- (iii) Develop proposals for the refinement of the principles and operational guidance.

98. The Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/8, entitled Ecosystem approach: further elaboration, guidelines for implementation and relationship with sustainable forest management, based on the outcomes of the Expert Meeting held in July 2003. Recommendation IX/6 pertaining to the ecosystem approach is included in document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4.

99. Additionally the Secretariat edited the final report of the Expert Meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/4). Special emphasis was placed on soliciting case-studies which illustrate the various principles of the ecosystem approach, which were identified and submitted by the experts.

All case-studies made available to the Secretariat are posted on the CBD webpage at <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/ecosystem/cs.aspx>.

DECISION VI/20 COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS

100. The Conference of the Parties in decision VI/20, invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue its close working relationships with the Executive Secretary and to extend its cooperation on those relevant areas identified in the decisions of the current meeting under the item on agricultural biological diversity, in particular on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;

101. Further, pursuant to the same decision the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA and the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Continue to cooperate with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), including its Kyoto Protocol, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on relevant issues such as dry and sub-humid lands, agricultural biological diversity, forest biological diversity, marine and coastal biological diversity, especially on coral reefs, and incentive measures and impacts of measures envisaged under the Kyoto Protocol with a view to maximizing synergies between these processes;
- (ii) Carry out further work with the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), especially on issues relating to the national level.
- (iii) Continue cooperation as member of the joint liaison group consisting of the UNFCCC, UNCCD and CBD. The COP also urged the joint liaison group to become fully operational in order to facilitate cooperation between the conventions both at national and international levels;
- (iv) Take the actions elaborated in the third joint work plan (2002-2006) between the CBD and the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar) into full consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas;
- (v) Take the actions elaborated in the joint work plan between the CBD and the CMS, into full consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas; and to compile and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism of the CBD case-studies on migratory species and their habitats, relevant to thematic areas and cross-cutting issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

102. The following activities were carried out by the Secretariat:

- (a) Cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

103. At the margins of SBSTTA-9, the Secretariat further discussed aspects of the draft Memorandum of Cooperation with FAO. FAO has continued to collaborate with the Secretariat, including *inter alia* through progress reports on the Forest Resource Assessment and stakeholder consultations on targets 6 and 12 of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.

(b) Cooperation with the UNFCCC and UNCCD

104. In decisions V/4 (paras. 11 and 16-20), VI/20 (paras. 12 and 13) and VI/22 (para. 9), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to consider the impacts of climate change on biological diversity in cooperation with the secretariats of the Rio Conventions.

Report by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change

105. The expert group produced a report published as CBD Technical Series report No. 10 on "interlinkages between biological diversity and climate change". It was distributed at both the UNFCCC SBSTA and COP in Milan in December 2003. Additional copies will be produced for the seventh meeting of COP.

106. The Secretariat participated during the ninth meeting of SBSTTA in a side event on "mainstreaming climate change and biodiversity" organized by the IUCN Regional Biodiversity Programme. The discussions revolved on needs for more coordinated action on synergies and mainstreaming climate change activities and the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

COP and SBSTTA of UNFCCC

107. The CBD Secretariat participated actively in the proceedings of the UNFCCC SBSTA-19 and COP-9 (Milan, Italy, 1-12 December 2003). Statements on behalf of the Executive Secretary, and by the co-chair of the AHTEG, were presented to the SBSTA. They drew attention to the AHTEG report on biodiversity and climate change and the recent SBSTTA consideration of this issue. SBSTA welcomed the AHTEG report and encouraged UNFCCC Parties to make use of it. Additionally, a written statement by the Executive Secretary was presented to the UNFCCC COP.

108. The Secretariat also participated in the contact group developing the rules of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and made a presentation in a side event on peatlands.

Joint Liaison Group of CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD

109. The Executive Secretary met with the Executive Secretaries of UNFCCC and UNCCD at the margins of the GEF Council on 19 November 2003 in Washington to plan the next meeting of the Joint Liaison Group, which will take place on 30 January 2004 in Bonn, followed by a one-day meeting with the CEO of GEF.

(c) Cooperation with the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar)

110. The Secretariat and the Ramsar Bureau have collaborated on the preparation of a report on the implementation of the Joint Programme of Work, the implementation of the River Basin Initiative and the outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work inland water biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.4).

111. The Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Ramsar Convention set up six working groups, which discuss subjects relevant to the Convention through e-mail and internet-based discussion. Components of the third joint work plan are also being addressed through these working groups. The Secretariat continued to contribute actively in the discussions of a number of working groups.

(d) Cooperation with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

112. The Secretariats of CBD and CMS initiated collaboration on environmental impact assessment, including the further development of the guidelines adopted as part of decision VI/7-B.

(e) Cooperation with UNDP

113. The Secretariat has collaborated with UNDP on an analysis of the linkages and synergies between the Convention and its programmes of work and the Millennium Development Goals.

(f) Cooperation with non-governmental organizations

114. The Secretariat has also strengthened collaboration with a number of non-governmental and international organizations, particularly in the development and future implementation of the proposed programme of work on protected areas. These organizations include *inter alia* BirdLife International, Conservation International, Greenpeace International, The Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Society, the World Wide Fund for Nature, World Resources Institute, IUCN – The World Conservation Union, UNEP-WCMC, UNESCO, United Nations University

DECISION VI/22 FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

115. In decision VI/22 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to *inter alia*:

(a) Initiate, in collaboration with the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), first steps towards the implementation of the expanded work programme;

(b) Organize, in collaboration with UNFF and other partners, an international workshop on protected forest areas;

(c) Develop at least two case-studies from each region on the effects on forest biological diversity of insufficient forest law enforcement; and to

(d) Establish a liaison group on non-timber forest resources.

116. In the same decision the Conference of the Parties also:

(a) Agreed to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to review the implementation of the expanded programme of work;

(b) Invited relevant organizations to collaborate with the Secretariat on issues related to fire prevention and management.

(a) Collaboration with UNFF and other bodies

117. The Secretariat prepared a progress report on the preliminary assessment of the relationship between the IPF/IFF proposals for action of the UNFF and the activities of the expanded programme of work for SBSTTA 9 (UNEP/CB/SBSTTA/9/INF/31). The Secretariat also prepared with inputs from CPF members the report on “Management of forest biodiversity to derive products and services and benefit sharing” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9/Add.1) for consideration at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA.

118. The Secretariat led the preparation of the Secretary General’s Report on Traditional Forest Related Knowledge as an agenda item for the fourth session of UNFF in May 2004. The Secretariat circulated the second draft to CPF members for their inputs during mid-December to the finalization of the document by January 2004. The Secretariat also provided inputs to two background documents prepared by UNFF Secretariat for the Ad Hoc Expert Group meetings on (i) monitoring, assessment and reporting and (ii) on finance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies, held in Geneva from 8 to 17 December 2003.

119. The Secretariat prepared the Working Paper on “International Forest-related Reporting: a Review and Comparative Analysis” as a result of the work of the CPF Task Force on Streamlining Forest-related reporting. The Task Force held its third meeting at FAO in Rome from 20 to 21 November 2003.

(b) Protected forest areas

120. The Executive Secretary, with financial support from the Government of the Netherlands, convened an international workshop on protected forest areas in Montreal, from 6 to 8 November 2003, immediately prior to the ninth meeting of SBSTTA. The Executive Secretary prepared background document UNEP/CBD/IW.PFA/1/2 for the meeting. Thirty eight Government-nominated experts, representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, bodies, convention secretariats and other organisations participated in the workshop. SBSTTA at its ninth meeting considered the recommendations and the report of the workshop (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/39) under the agenda item on protected areas.

(c) Forest law enforcement

121. The Secretariat prepared an information document for COP7 summarizing case studies on the impact of lack of forest law enforcement on forest biodiversity.

(d) Non-timber forest resources

122. The results of the first electronic conference of the liaison group on non-timber forest products were synthesized and submitted to the ninth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9/Add.2). Possibilities for a face-to-face meeting are being considered for COP7. A related document on integration of non-timber forest resources in forest inventorying was prepared by the Secretariat as an information document for the ninth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/14). In recommendation IX/1 SBSTTA welcomed the report and encouraged the Executive Secretary to continue cooperation with relevant organizations on this issue.

(e) Review of implementation of the expanded programme of work

123. With financial support from the Government of France, the Secretariat organized and serviced the first meeting of the ad hoc technical expert group on review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity in Montpellier from 24 to 27 November 2003. The report of the meeting, including steps for future work, is contained in information document for COP7. A pre-session document for COP 7 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.7) containing a proposal for modifying the forest section in the third national report format was also prepared as a result of the work of the AHTEG. By the end of December 2003, a total of 15 voluntary thematic reports on the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity had been received by the Secretariat

(f) Fire prevention and management

124. The Secretariat issued a statement at the International Wildland Fire Summit in Sidney, Australia, held on 8 October 2003 on fire and forest biodiversity issues. The role of the Secretariat as a supporting partner in the Wildland Fire Advisory Group was stressed as one of the outcomes of the Summit. This information is contained in the report of the chair to the 8th meeting of the inter-agency task force on disaster reduction held in Geneva from 5 to 6 November 2003. The Secretariat also produced an information document on biodiversity in fire impact assessments and elements for possible joint activities with FAO, Global Fire Monitoring Centre, and ITTO (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/15). The document was transmitted to these organizations along with a letter further inviting to develop further collaboration as recommended by SBSTTA.

DECISION VI/23 ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES

125. In decision VI/23, the COP adopted the guiding principles for the prevention, introduction and mitigation of impacts of invasive alien species and requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Carry out specific activities with GISP and other relevant organizations including developing a joint programme of work among the Convention on Biological Diversity, the

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Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar), the International Maritime Organization, the International Plant Protection Convention and other relevant bodies;

- (ii) Support the development and dissemination on technical tools and related information;
- (iii) Integrate invasive alien species considerations into thematic work programmes of the Convention and when reporting on the thematic work programmes to report specifically on how the threats and impacts of invasive alien species will be addressed;
- (iv) Explore means to facilitate capacity enhancement for eradication work on alien species on continents and islands; and
- (v) Identify mechanism(s) for providing Parties with access to financial support for rapidly responding to new incursions by alien species in collaboration with GISP, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), FAO and the OECD.

(a) Collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP)

126. Paragraph 6 (d) of SBSTTA recommendation VI/5, decided to initiate pilot assessments on the impacts of invasive alien species. In response to this, the Secretariat has commissioned the Global Invasive Species Programme to co-ordinate and develop an assessment of the socio-economic and biological impacts of invasive alien species (IAS) on inland water ecosystems and on island ecosystems.

127. The assessment of ecological and socio-economic impacts of invasive species on island ecosystems was considered as an information document at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/33).

128. The key elements relating to the impact on inland water ecosystems, which were identified in an expert consultation (Washington, 14 - 15 July 2003), are being expanded through a web-based discussion forum. A draft information document was released for review and the final document is under preparation. The report will also support decision VI/23 of the Conference of Parties (COP) that urged research and assessments on the causes and consequences, as well as the prevention and management, of IAS.

129. In the margins of SBSTTA and in a subsequent teleconference, the Secretariat discussed ongoing and possible future joint activities with the GISP and agreed on some terms of reference for future joint activities

**DECISION VI/28 MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2010**

130. The Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) of the Conference of the Parties in recommendation 1 (b) (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5), "recognizing that the Convention on biological diversity is the key instrument for the integration of biodiversity-related issues into the Millennium Development Agenda," requested the Executive Secretary to: prepare a report on the relevance of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for the programmes of work under the Convention and to explore and articulate in each programme of work of the Convention the links between biodiversity and the Millennium Development Goals in order to identify and highlight the ways that biodiversity conservation and sustainable use can facilitate their achievement; and, identify modalities to ensure that the achievement of the MDGs is consistent with the objectives of the Convention.. SBSTTA9 also made recommendations concerning the linkages between the CBD 2010 target and the MDGs (ref. IX/13).

131. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with UNDP, has undertaken an analysis of the linkages and synergies between the Convention and its programmes of work and the Millennium Development Goals. A general review of the subject has been prepared for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.1) and the results of an in-depth analysis for each specific programme of work and cross cutting issue has also been prepared as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/Inf. 23).

DECISION VI/30 PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

132. In decision VI/30, the COP welcomed the proposals put forward by the Executive Secretary on preparations for COP-7 and provided specific guidance for the preparation of the protected areas theme.

133. In response to this decision the following activities were carried out:

(a) Mountain Biological Diversity

134. The ninth meeting of SBSTTA considered document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/12 containing a proposed programme of work on mountain biological diversity, together with the report of the AHTEG on mountain biological diversity and adopted recommendation IX/12. The Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/14 to facilitate the work of the COP at its seventh meeting under agenda item 23 on mountain biological diversity.

(b) Protected Areas

135. The ninth meeting of SBSTTA considered documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/5/Rev.1; UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/6 and addenda 1-3 as well as a number of information documents prepared by the Executive Secretary, including the main outcomes of the World Parks Congress, on protected areas. SBSTTA adopted recommendation IX/4, which contains programme elements, goals and targets of a proposed programme of work on protected areas and requested the Executive Secretary to incorporate the submissions made by Parties at its ninth meeting into the activities in proposed programme of work to be forwarded to the seventh meeting of the COP. In following the guidance provided by SBSTTA, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/15 to facilitate the work of the COP at its seventh meeting under agenda item 24 on protected areas.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

DECISION VI/10 ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

136. In response to decision VI/10 of the Conference of the Parties, relating to the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, the Working Group on Article 8(j) held its third meeting, in Montreal from 8 to 12 December 2003. The Working Group reviewed progress in the priority tasks of the work programme and their integration into the thematic programmes. It also considered the report on the first phase of the composite report, as well as recommendations on guidelines for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments proposed to take place on, or which are likely to impact on, sacred sites and on lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by indigenous and local communities.

137. The Working Group also considered further work *inter alia* on: (i) participatory mechanisms for indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Convention; (ii) the report of a technical expert group on the roles and responsibilities of a thematic focal point within the clearing house mechanism of the Convention and on the further development of communications networks for use by indigenous and local communities; and (iii) on the assessment of the effectiveness of strategies to protect traditional knowledge, innovations and practices based on a combination of appropriate approaches.

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138. The Report adopted at the third meeting of the ad hoc open-ended inter sessional working group on article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity contains a series of recommendations that attempt to ensure further advancement of the implementation of the work programme on Article 8(j). The Report will be considered by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and has been distributed to Parties and other relevant organizations as document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/7. It has also been made available on the CBD web-site.

139. In addition, consistent with decision VI/10, paragraph 1, the Executive Secretary examined, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the implication of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on the issues under Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The results of this examination have been made available to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/18).

140. Finally, the Secretariat continued to cooperate with other organizations and with indigenous and local communities to draw attention to the work being done under the CBD with regard to traditional knowledge.

DECISION VI/13 SUSTAINABLE USE AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE

141. The (draft) Addis Ababa principles and guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity and related recommendations, contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9 were considered by SBSTTA-9. SBSTTA endorsed the Principles and Guidelines, as annexed to its recommendation IX/7, and recommended that the Conference of the Parties adopt them.

142. The Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation IX/7 on the draft Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity and on future work to be undertaken on this issue.

DECISION VI/14 BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

143. In collaboration with the Government of Germany, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity organized a luncheon meeting with permanent representatives of Small Island Developing States at the United Nations in New York, on 29 October 2003. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen possible synergies between the Convention and the SIDS international community, and was a potential step forward in the increased involvement of the Convention in the sustainable development of islands.

144. In view of the upcoming international meeting in Mauritius in August 2004 for the review of the Barbados Programme of Action, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity informed SIDS representatives of the potential role that the Convention on Biological Diversity can play to support and advance the sustainable development of island states. In particular, the CBD guidelines on biodiversity and tourism development represent a practical example of an important instrument to promote sustainable development of SIDS.

145. The Secretariat also highlighted the fact that, as part of discussions on the programme of its programme of work up to 2010, the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting will consider the preparation of a programme of work on island biodiversity, a matter of direct interest to SIDS.

DECISION VI/15 - INCENTIVE MEASURES

146. The ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, was held in Montreal from 10-14 November 2003. SBSTTA considered incentive measures and the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives that were submitted by the second workshop on incentive measures further to a request of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties contained in decision VI/15. SBSTTA subsequently adopted recommendation IX/9 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

147. Other activities of the Secretariat in the period under review consisted mainly of finalizing documentation for the upcoming seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. *Inter alia*, further to the request of the Conference of the Parties to further study the impact of trade liberalization on agricultural biodiversity (decision VI/5, paragraph 17), the Secretariat finalized a second study entitled "The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Agricultural Biological Diversity - A Synthesis of Assessment Methodologies" in light of the comments received from the peer review process, for submission to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

148. Paragraph 6 of decision VI/15 requested the Executive Secretary to continue compiling and disseminating the information on incentive measures submitted by Parties and organizations through the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention and other means. In addition to the preparation of a synthesis report for consideration by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat undertook a major revision of the webpages on incentive measures of the CBD website and developed an electronic database for the case studies and related information submitted by Parties, governments and organizations. With financial support from the Government of the Netherlands, the Secretariat started to prepare a CD-ROM containing an offline version of the revised webpages as well as a brochure on incentive measures, for release at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DECISION VI/24 – ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES

149. As mandated by the Conference of the Parties in decision VI/24, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing was held from 1 to 5 December 2003. The Working Group adopted recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting on the following issues:

- Experience gained from the use of the Bonn Guidelines;
- Use of terms, definitions and/or glossary, as appropriate;
- Other approaches, as set out in decision VI/24B;
- International regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing;
- Measures, to support compliance with prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms on which access was granted, in Contracting Parties with users of such resources under their jurisdiction;
- Capacity-building for access and benefit-sharing.

150. Work was carried out by the Secretariat to finalise the databases on access and benefit-sharing measures and on capacity-building projects related to access and benefit-sharing. Research was carried out to identify existing access and benefit-sharing measures in Contracting Parties and reference to these was included in the database on access and benefit-sharing measures.

151. The Secretariat participated in a workshop organized by the University of California, Davis, on "Assessing genetic resources and sharing the benefits: Lessons from implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity", held from 29 to 31 October 2003.

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**DECISION VI/30: PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND COOPERATION**

152. In the period under review, activities of the Secretariat consisted mainly of servicing substantive meetings addressing technology transfer and technology cooperation and in finalizing related preparations for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

153. The ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in its deliberations on technology transfer and technology cooperation adopted recommendation IX/5 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

154. The third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity took up the issue of technology transfer and technology cooperation as it relates to the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and subsequently adopted recommendation III/8 for consideration by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

BIOSAFETY

**DECISION VI/1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CARTAGENA
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

The Biosafety Protocol

155. After the entry into force of the Protocol on 11 September 2003, preparations for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP/1) continued to gather momentum. Following the guidance provided by the Bureau of the ICCP at its meeting held in Montreal on 28-29 August 2003, the Secretariat finalized the pre-sessional and other information documents for COP-MOP/1 and made them available to all Governments and relevant organizations, including posting them on the website of the Secretariat.

156. With regard to the on-going development and implementation of the pilot phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), a number of activities were undertaken to continue its improvement and promote and/or facilitate greater participation of Governments especially with regard to provision of information to the BCH. In this regard, in response to a number of requests to assist Governments in making information available to the BCH off-line, and also to provide assistance to developers who are creating their own national biosafety databases, the Secretariat developed and distributed to all Governments a preliminary version of a "simple National Biosafety Clearing-House Application (nBCH)". This software tool has been designed to facilitate off-line BCH data entry, to facilitate data transfer to the central portal of the BCH, and to provide a reference tool for systems developers.

157. Furthermore, in an effort to facilitate sharing of views and expertise on issues of relevance to the Biosafety Protocol, and in particular to assist people in the use of the BCH, electronic discussion forums were launched on the BCH in December 2003. Registration and participation in the forums is freely available to all users, including governmental and non-governmental organisations, policy makers and the

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general public. Finally, the translation of the BCH website (including the common formats, metadata and controlled vocabulary) in the six official languages of the UN continued to proceed and is now near completion.

158. A joint meeting of the Bureaux of COP 6 and ICCP took place on 15 November 2003 in Montreal to continue the consideration of a number of issues related to the preparation and organization of the first meeting of COP-MOP. The minutes of this meeting were made available to all Governments and are also available on the website of the Secretariat. A further joint meeting of the two Bureaux will take place on 22 February 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to finalize details of the organization and conduct of the first COP-MOP.

159. The pace of ratification/accession of the Protocol continued to gather momentum. As of 31 December 2003, 79 Parties to the CBD had acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website of the Secretariat and is updated each time the Secretariat is notified by the Depositary of a new deposit of instrument of ratification/accession.

160. The Secretariat also continued to be actively involved in a number of outreach and capacity-building activities aimed at promoting/assisting the implementation of the Protocol, including participations in a number of sub-regional workshops organized under the UNEP-GEF projects on Development/Implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks

161. In the area of capacity building for promoting and facilitating the effective implementation of the Protocol, recommendations 2/9B and 3/4 of the ICCP requested the Executive Secretary to make available annually, as part of the quarterly report of the Secretariat, a summary report on the status and use of the roster of experts on biosafety established by decision EM-1/3 of the COP, and the voluntary fund for the use of the roster whose pilot phase was established by decision VI/1 of the COP. The summary report is provided in the annex below.

Use of the Roster

162. There have been no requests made to the Secretariat to facilitate contacts between governments and experts in the roster in 2003, and no expert assignments have been reported to the Secretariat during 2003. In future, the report will provide details on expert assignments and results of contacts between Parties and experts, as specified in the Interim Guidelines for the Roster of Experts on Biosafety.

The Voluntary Fund

163. The voluntary fund for the roster of experts on biosafety was established in April 2002 by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (decision VI/1). As of the end of 2003, there was one contribution to the fund of US\$ 62,240.00 made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. There have not yet been any requests for use of the fund. In future, the report will provide details on the use of the fund as specified in the Interim Guidelines for the Pilot Phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster of Experts on Biosafety.

Annex

Report on the Roster of Experts on Biosafety for Year 2003

Roster Statistics

164. At the end of 2003, there were 483 experts in the roster, nominated by 65 governments, broken down as follows:

Regional Breakdown:

Region	# Governments Making Nominations	# Experts Nominated
Africa	16	139
Asia and the Pacific	17	128
Central and Eastern Europe	8	56
Latin America and the Caribbean	13	60
Western Europe and Others	11	100

Gender Breakdown:

Gender	# Experts
Female	89
Male	292
Not yet specified	102

Sectoral Breakdown:

Area of Expertise*	# Experts
Legislation and Regulation	141
Risk Assessment and Risk Management	343
Social and Economic Sciences	92
Institutional Development	139
Teaching and Training	102
Public Awareness and Participation	106
Data Management and Information Sharing	42
Research and Development	67

* It should be noted that many experts have indicated multiple areas of expertise

IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTREACH**DECISION VI/16 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

165. The document on the progress report on the mechanisms of implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17) has been prepared and released in the six United Nations official languages.
166. The document on additional financial resources (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/18) has been prepared and released in the six United Nations official languages.
167. The Secretariat responded to requests concerning funding/information from:
- Russia: Funding possibilities for activities related to the Convention
 - Mexico: Funding for non-governmental organization
 - Rwanda: Environmental rights
 - United Kingdom: Participation to CBD meetings
 - Swaziland: Community-based action
 - Nigeria: Field data on shark exploitation and export
 - Bangladesh: Partnership assistance
 - Cameroon: Organizational support
 - Togo: Funding for field research
 - Ethiopia: Funding for research on the bird "Muke"
168. The Secretariat continued to maintain the Interactive Info-Bulletin on Financing for Biological Diversity.
169. The Secretariat received invitation and attended the meeting "Identification of issues on biodiversity for the cooperation and interchange among South American Countries" to be held on 15-17 December 2003 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
170. The Secretariat continued its effort to compile "Biodiversity-related projects 2003" and "Guide to sources of international assistance for biological diversity.
171. The funding guide section has been prepared for the Guide to the Global Taxonomy Initiative.

DECISION VI/17 FINANCIAL MECHANISM UNDER THE CONVENTION

172. The Secretariat released the document "Compilation of previous guidance to the financial mechanism" (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/1) in six United Nations official languages.
173. After consultation with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, the Secretariat finalized the document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.5 (Arrangements for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism), and released this document in six United Nations official languages.
174. The Global Environment Facility Secretariat report to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties was received in English in middle December 2003, and made available as

UNEP/CBD/COP/7/9 in English. The GEF Secretariat also promised to make the document available in French and Spanish.

175. The Secretariat also provided a detailed description of its work on financial mechanism and resources in the document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17 (Progress report on the mechanisms for implementation).

176. The Secretariat received notification of documentation availability for the 22nd the GEF Council meeting. It was also notified of the revised version of the Operational Programme on Sustainable Land Management, and the Secretariat reviewed the document in light of the GEF operational programmes on biodiversity. Brazil and Malta expressed interest in participating the UNEP-GEF project on the development of national biosafety framework.

177. The Secretariat provided assistance in elaborating the regional proposal on IABIN.

178. The Secretariat received and reviewed the proposals with respect to national capacity self-assessment submitted through the implementing agencies from the following countries: Turkmenistan, India, Sri Lanka, East Timor, El Salvador, Democratic Republic of Congo, St. Vincent, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Chile, Ukraine, Bolivia.

179. The Secretariat received and reviewed the following PDF proposals for pipeline entry:

China: Drylands ecological conservation and rehabilitation

Regional (Africa): Industrial approach for combating desertification in the Jabal Marra and Lake Chad

Niger: Sustainable co-management of the natural resources of the Air-Tenere complex

Regional (LAC): Mainstreaming of Biodiversity Conservation into Coffee Production and Sales through Private Sector Sourcing Partnerships

Argentina: Sustainable Management of Arid and Semiarid Ecosystems to Combat Desertification in Patagonia

Regional: Facilitation of financing for biodiversity-based business and support of market development activities in the Andean region

Venezuela: Biodiversity Conservation in the productive landscape of the Venezuelan Andes

Tanzania: Marine and coastal environment management project

Bosnia & Herzegovina: Forest and mountain biodiversity

Belarus: Post Chernobyl recovery project

Colombia: strengthening of indigenous people

Kazakhstan: Forest protection and reforestation

Brazil: Sustainable land management project in the semi-arid Sertão

Brazil: Ecosystem restoration of riparian forests Rin São Paulo

Kenya: Agricultural productivity and sustainable land management

Global: Developing Generalizable Method for Adaptive Management and Protection from Climate Change in mangrove and Coral Reef Systems

Namibia: Promoting environmental sustainability through improved land use planning (PESILUP)

180. The Secretariat received and reviewed the following medium-sized project proposals:

Nepal: Urban and environmental improvement

Afghanistan: Biodiversity conservation and environmental improvement

Regional: A programmatic cooperative framework for integrating global environmental concerns into the initiative for sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean

Global: World Bank development marketplace: funding innovative development ideas to benefit the global environment (biodiversity and climate change)

Tanzania: The Development and Management of the Selous-Niassa Wildlife Corridor in Tanzania

Ghana: Sustainable Land Management for Mitigating Land Degradation, Enhancing Agricultural Biodiversity and Reducing Poverty (SLaM) in Ghana

181. The Secretariat attended the GEF Executive Operational Committee meeting on 14 October 2003, and reviewed all the project proposals for inclusion in the November 2003 Council meeting work program. The meeting discussed The biosafety BCH project, balance in the inter-sessional work program, fee issues, co-financing, monitoring and evaluation, project for second national communication, concerns from the Cuban government with respect to a climate change project, executing agency, strategic priorities, and COP guidance. It cleared the following projects for biodiversity and multi focal areas:

Regional (Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Gambia, South Africa, Tanzania, Yemen, Turkey): Enhancing Conservation of the Critical Network of Sites of Wetlands Required by Migratory Waterbirds on the African/Eurasian Flyways.

Chile: Conserving Globally Significant Biodiversity along the Chilean Coast

Madagascar: Third Environment Programme

Republic of Korea: Conservation of Globally Significant Wetlands

Vietnam: Forest Sector Development Project

Global: Add-on for Development of National Biosafety Frameworks Project

Global: Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) of the Cartagena Protocol

Global: Small Grants Programme (Second Operational Phase - Year 6)

Global: Environmental Business Finance Program (EBFP)

Brazil: Rio de Janeiro Integrated Ecosystem Management in Production Landscapes of the North-Northwestern Fluminense

China: Nature Conservation and Flood Control in the Yangtze River Basin

182. The Secretariat provided comments on the GEF document “Relations with Conventions” (GEF/C.22/4). It attended the 22nd meeting of the GEF Council, and the Executive Secretary made a statement outlining the recent developments of the Convention of relevance to the GEF operations. The major outcomes are as follows:

- Requested the GEF Secretariat to hold consultation to find a practical and sustainable solution to participation of Council members in Council meetings;
- Requested the CEO to expand consultations to find a most appropriate coordinator for the monitoring and evaluation unit;
- Welcomed the Council Member of Canada to prepare the terms of reference for the third Overall Performance Study;
- Approved a work program with certain comments;
- Agreed that the proposed GEF business plan FY05-07 be used as a provisional basis for programming of GEF resources;
- Approved the proposed strategic approach to enhancing capacity building, which allow for developing stand-alone capacity building project proposals and for a technical support program;
- Requested the GEF Secretariat to develop options together with associated costs to strengthen the current system of allocating GEF resources;
- Approved that all executing agencies may have direct access to GEF resources for the implementation of GEF projects.

183. The 22nd Council remarked on a number of trends in the work program. The Council welcomed the encouraging trend of a lower fee ratio and requested that efforts be made to maintain this trend.

Concerns raised by Council members are as follows:

- The increasing number of global projects in the work program
- The decreasing trend in cofinancing
- The need to improve the quality and consistency of the summaries
- The project review criteria to be adjusted to ensure that adequate monitoring and evaluation frameworks and indicators were in place
- More accessible information on the GEF project cycle and how to access GEF resources
- Status on projects that had been cancelled or terminated before completion
- More attention to the private sector and local community involvement in the projects
- Better use of the STAP reviews
- Priority given to the concepts of incremental costs and global environmental effectiveness

184. The Secretariat is working with the GEF Secretariat with respect to their participation in the upcoming seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Secretary contributed a preface to a GEF publication on its biodiversity activities in the past ten years.

DECISION VI/18 SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM

Clearing-house Mechanism

185. During the period under review the CHM participated in the following meetings and undertook the following activities:

- co-organized and serviced the meeting: The Clearing-House Mechanism: exchange of experiences on its implementation at national level and developing scientific and technical cooperation, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 16 to 18 December 2003;
- undertook arrangements for an Asia and Pacific regional meeting on the Clearing-House Mechanism, tentatively to be held in Tehran, Iran in January 2004;
- the new Clearing-House Mechanism Toolkit was completed (see: <http://www.biodiv.org/chm/toolkit.asp>);
- developed a web-based mechanism to search decisions made by the Conference of the Parties and recommendations made by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (see: <http://www.biodiv.org/convention/search.aspx>);
- developed a web-based tool to search thematic national reports (see: <http://www.biodiv.org/chm/toolkit.asp>);
- participated in the development of the Pilot Phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House, in response to Article 20(1) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

VI/19 COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

186. During the period under review the Secretariat coordinated all arrangements and information content for the Press Conference to mark the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol, preparation of press kits, content for special page of Web site and liaison with IUCN for Press Conference arrangements in Durban.

187. All aspects of the planning and production of Biosafety Special Edition of CBD News including editing of all articles were successfully completed and the Special Edition was introduced at SBSTTA-9.

188. The final version of the CBD promotional video produced by TVE was completed in time for the meeting of the Advisory Group of CEPA Experts at the end of October 2003.

189. Development of the Web-based education pilot project based on “twinning” three pairs of schools around the world for education exchanges is underway despite delays incurred in the naming of Education experts by the Parties. The project is designed to serve as a model for national focal points.

190. Development of a kids’ Web site on biodiversity issues is underway. With pages reserved for teachers and teaching tools, it is designed to serve as a model for national focal points and other international organizations Secretariat staff are researching relevant links to be published on this site.

191. A second education pilot project, the partnership for school awareness with Roots&Shoots of the Jane Goodall Institute was launched in October 2003.

192. Negotiations with selected schools, Shootfilms and Turbulent Media for the production of the new media “Ecoprint.ca” Web-based documentary on the school outreach programme are being finalized. Production is due to start in early January 2004.

193. Development of dedicated media pages (Press Room) on the CBD Web site designed to offer background, reference material and extensive expertise on biodiversity issues will be completed for COP-

7. The entry into force of the Biosafety Protocol and the Article 8(j) meeting served as the test sites.

194. A Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) side event was organized during SBSTTA-9, including presentations by Dr. Walter Reid of MA and two Sauvé Scholars from McGill University

195. Theme suggestions for International Biodiversity Day 2004 were received from a number of SCBD Staff. Following final selection by ES, the implementation strategy has been approved and will be introduced at COP-7.

196. The CEPA strategy for COP-7, including full programme of side events has been developed and is being implemented. An international media strategy for COP-7 is ready for implementation, and development of the content for the CEPA Portal for the CBD Web site is progressing.

197. A strategy for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of entry into force of the Convention has been approved and will be implemented, starting on 29 December 2003 and continuing throughout the year. Special activities include the production of a review of the CBD's evolution and the prospects for the implementation phase. The anniversary will be referenced in other promotional and educational activities of the Secretariat, including the celebration of International Biological Diversity Day 2004.

198. The Secretariat also continues to respond to many requests for information and to distribute specific information material in the different UN languages

DECISION VI/25 NATIONAL REPORTING

199. By the end of December 2003, a total of 105 second national reports had been received by the Secretariat. In addition, a total of 36 thematic reports on mountain ecosystems, 48 thematic reports on protected areas and 23 thematic reports on transfer of technology and technology cooperation had been received by the Secretariat.

200. An analytic tool called "Thematic Reports Analyzer" was developed by the Secretariat for a statistical analysis of all the thematic reports except for those on access and benefit-sharing. The tool was launched prior to the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (November 11-14, 2003, Montreal, Canada).

201. The draft guidelines for the third national reports have been finalized and will be presented to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties as contained in the document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.2. In preparing the draft guidelines, consideration was given to the specific requirements contained in paragraph 3 (d) of decision VI/25, relevant recommendations from the MYPOW meeting and comments received from some national focal points and some members of the Bureau of COP 6.

202. An analysis of information contained in the second national reports was prepared by the Executive Secretary and will be presented to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in the documents UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.3 and UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/2. In addition, the document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.3 also contains a report on progress in fulfilling other requests from COP 6 decisions related to national reporting.

203. A synthesis of thematic reports on protected areas was prepared for the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice which was held from 11 to 14 November 2003 in Montreal, Canada. The document is contained in UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/9. A

synthesis of thematic reports on transfer of technology and technology cooperation has been prepared and will be presented to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties as contained in the document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/9.

DECISION VI/27 OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

204. In accordance with paragraph 2 (g) of decision VI.27 A, a notification has been sent to those Parties that have not yet submitted to the Secretariat their national biodiversity strategies and action plans that had been completed and/or adopted. In response to this notification, a few more Parties have submitted their NBSAPs.

ANNEX I

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 33 regularized Professional staff members and 25 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 5 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).

II Contributions and Funds

2. During the fourth quarter of 2003, six new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were made. New pledges were received from Finland, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Sweden. The Governments of Finland and Germany pledged funds for printing the report of the Climate Change and Biodiversity AHTEG, Italy pledged funds for the convening of the AHTEG on the Mountain Biodiversity Rome, 1-4 July 2003; Malaysia pledged funds for the COP-7 meeting, Kuala Lumpur, 9-20 February 2004; the Netherlands pledged funds for work on Alien Invasive Species, and Sweden pledge funds for activities of the Cartagena Protocol on biosafety.

3. For 2003 a total of US\$1,941,173 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,542,049 or 79% has been collected as at 31 December 2003. Additionally, \$257,291 was collected in 2003 for pledges made for 2002 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

4. With regard to the General Trust Fund for the Convention (**BY Trust Fund**), as at 31 December 2003 the total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2002 and prior years amounted to US\$629,449. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2003 is US\$7,257,328. Of this amount, US\$7,148,732 or 98% has been received. Additionally, US\$1,170,417 has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund, and US\$290,464 has been collected in 2003 and prior years. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2003 amounts to US\$1089,596. Total unpaid pledges for 2003 and prior years are therefore US\$738,045. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

5. As at 31 December 2003 a total of US\$1,206,279 was pledged for 2003 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum includes pledges from Austria (\$17,120); Canada (\$7,634); Denmark (47,847); Finland (\$76,291); Germany (\$74,550); Ireland (\$43,143); Italy (\$161,685); Japan (\$105,000); Netherlands (\$12,500); New Zealand (\$10,000), Norway (\$61,306), Spain (\$92,599), Sweden (\$136,772); Switzerland (\$78,004) and the United Kingdom (\$281,828).

6. As at 31 December 2003, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2003 amounted to US\$932,156 or 77% of the total pledged for 2003. Additionally, \$47,017 was collected for prior years. A total of US\$324,107 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2003 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

7. As at 31 December 2003, a total of \$62,240 has been paid to the “General Trust Fund (BF) to support developing country Parties on Biosafety Issues”, for supporting developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to pay for the use of the experts selected from the roster of experts on biosafety.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

9. COP-6 approved a budget of US\$9,506,600 for the BY Trust Fund for 2003. As at 31 December 2003, a total of US\$9,626,016 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 101% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

10. At present eight UNEP staff members, the Chief, Fund Management and Administration, the Administrative Officer, the Finance Officer, the Senior Finance Assistant, the Finance Assistant, the Personnel Assistant, the Conference Assistant and the Information Assistant are funded from the programme support funds (PSC).

Appendix 1
STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
1 October – 31 December 2003

Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary	Mr. H. Zedan (Regularized)
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert (Regularized)
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy (Regularized)
1104	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. C. Sendashonga (Regularized)
1105	D1	Principal Officer (I&O)	Mr. A. Nogueira (Regularized)
1106	P4	Chief, Fund & Admin. (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish– (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (I&O)	Mr. Y. Xiang (Regularized)
1108	P4	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. D.Ogolla (Regularized)
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann (Regularized)
1110	P4	PO Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. M. Guariguata (Regularized)
1111	P4	PO, Agricultural Biodiversity (STTM)	Vacant (Post funded by FAO)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (I&O)	Mr. M. Silva (Regularized)
1114	P4	Special Assistant to the ES. (EDM)	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (I&O)	Mr. K. Kakuyo (Regularized)
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli (Regularized)
1119	P3	Information Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Post Advertised)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (I&O)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. M. Vierros (Regularized)
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (I&O)	Mr. D. Ainsworth (Regularized)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. N. Patel (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P3	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale (Regularized)
1127	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena (Regularized)
1128	P2	Associate Computer Systems Officer (I&O)	Mr. Q. Nguyen (Regularized)
1130	L2	JPO, (BS)	Ms. C. Matheissen (Regularized) (Post funded by Government of Denmark)
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates (Regularized)

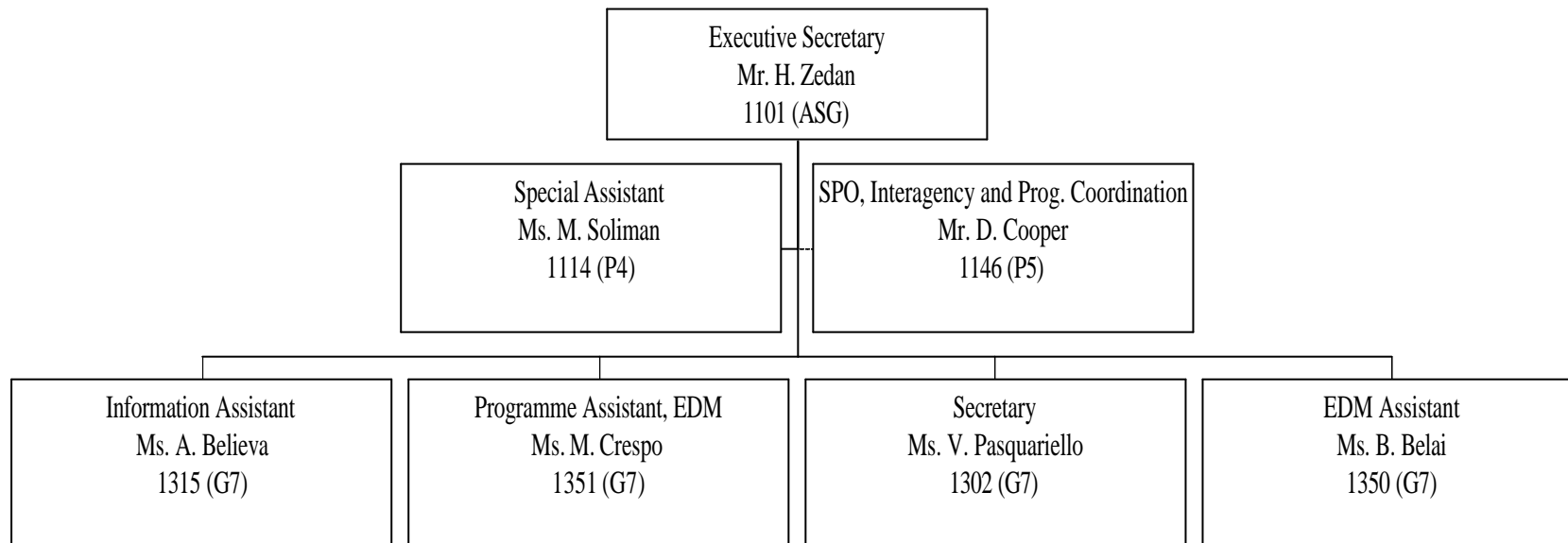
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1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft (Regularized)
1133	P3	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand (Regularized)
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P5	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Ms. L. Rogo (Regularized)
1139	L2	JPO, Forest (STTM)	Ms. C. Morosi (Regularized) (Post funded by Government of Italy)
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. J. Zeidler (Regularized)
1142	P3	PO, Reports (I&O)	Mr. L. Cai (Regularized)
1143	P3	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Ms. P. Deda (Regularized)
1144	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Ms. X. Wang (Regularized)
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Mr. R. Hill (Regularized)
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (EDM)	Mr. D. Cooper (Regularized)
1148	P4	PO, In situ- and ex-situ Conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda (Regularized)
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (I&O)	Mr. P. LeBlond (Regularized)

Post #	Level	Title	GENERAL SERVICE STAFF
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (EDM)	Ms. V. Pasquariello (Regularized) (on secondment from ICAO)
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. F. Velarde (Regularized)
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. I. Anderson (Regularized)
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. S. Penney (Regularized)
1307	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. D. Stepic (Regularized)
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. M. Chiasson (Regularized)
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1310	G6	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. C. Risch (Regularized)

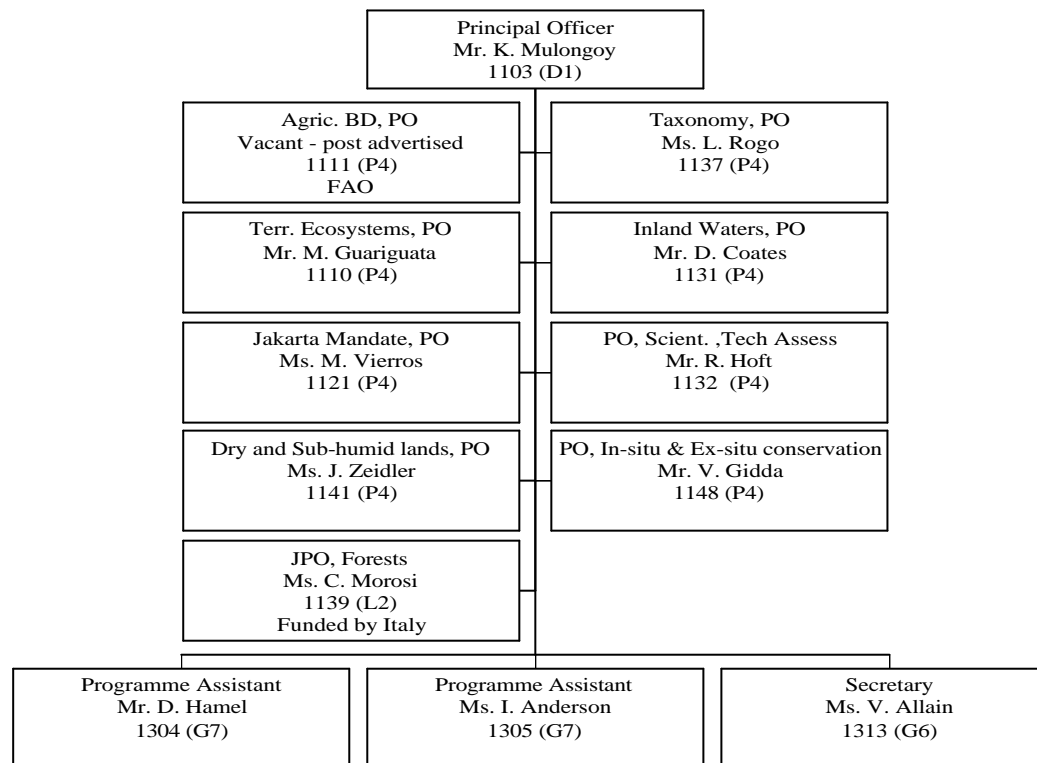
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Regularized)
Post #	Level	Title	GENERAL SERVICE STAFF
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Regularized) (post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (I&O)	Ms. A. Vincent (Regularized)
1315	G7	Information Assistant (EDM)	Ms. A. Beliaeva (Regularized)
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (I&O)	Mr. V. Gopez (Regularized)
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Ms. L. Boutin (Regularized)
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. R. Bellido (Regularized)
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé (Regularized)
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, CHM (I&O)	Mr. H. Perea (Regularized)
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen (Regularized)
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/I&O)	Ms. M. Harrison (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1334	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. L. Ali (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1337	G5	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1350	GS	EDM Assistant – (EDM)	Ms. B. Belai (Regularized)
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (EDM)	Ms. M. Crespo (Regularized)
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (I&O)	Ms. F. D’Amico (Regularized)
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Ocampo (Regularized)
1354	G7	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL)	Ms. R. Rubian (Regularized)
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre (Regularized)
1356	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Regularized)

Annex II

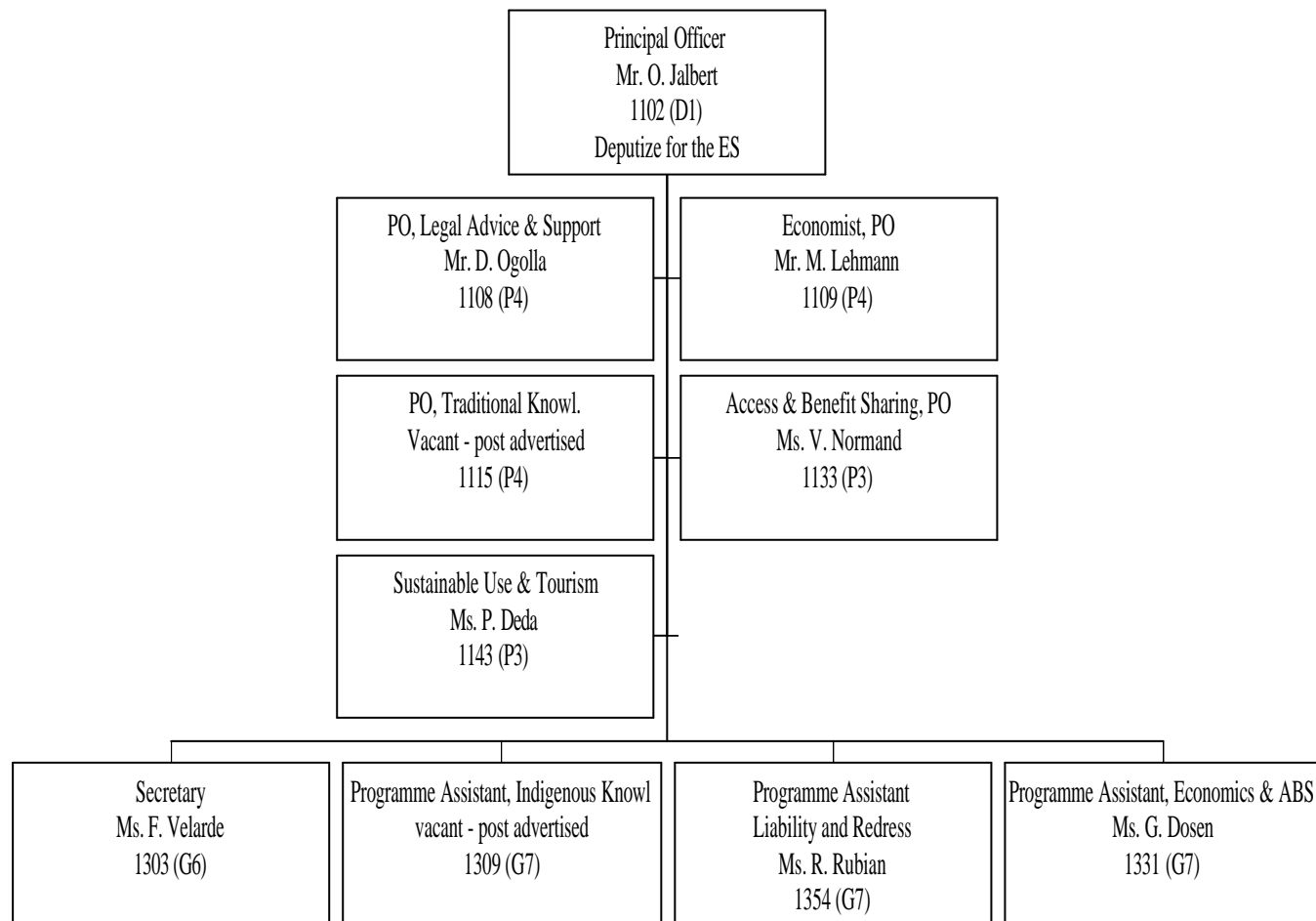
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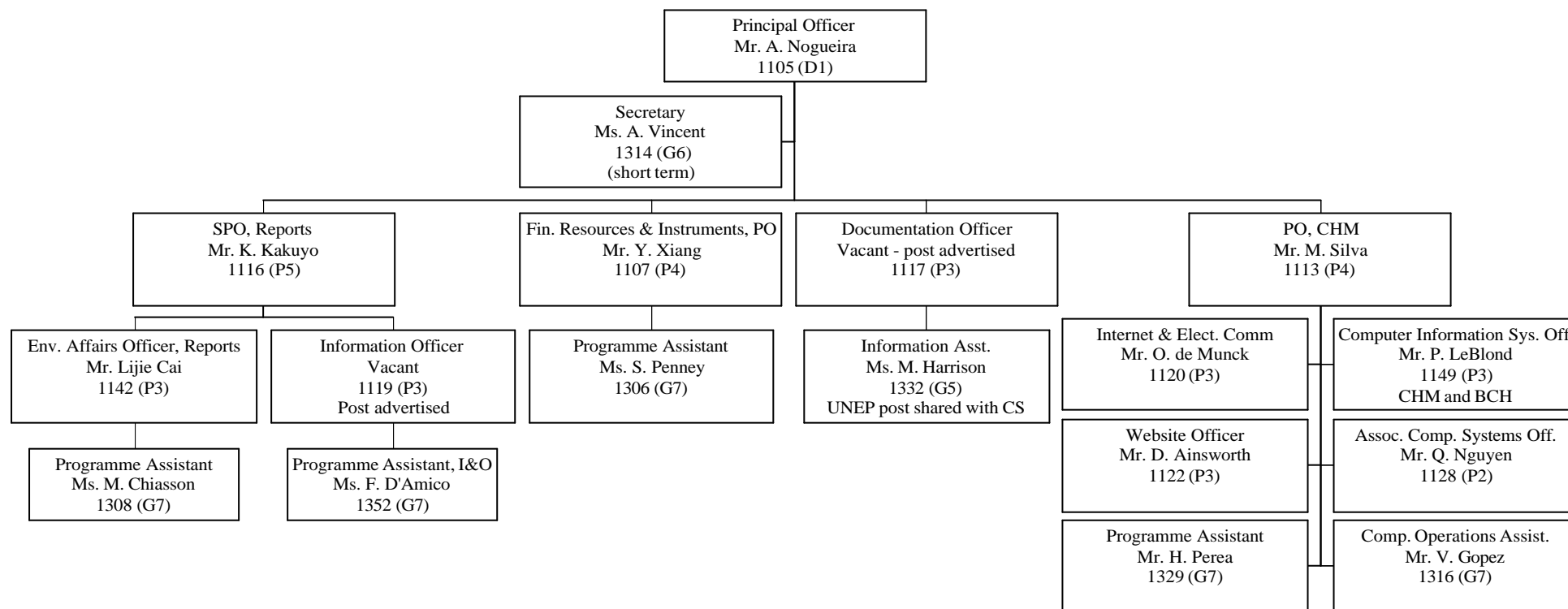
Scientific, Technical & Technological Matters



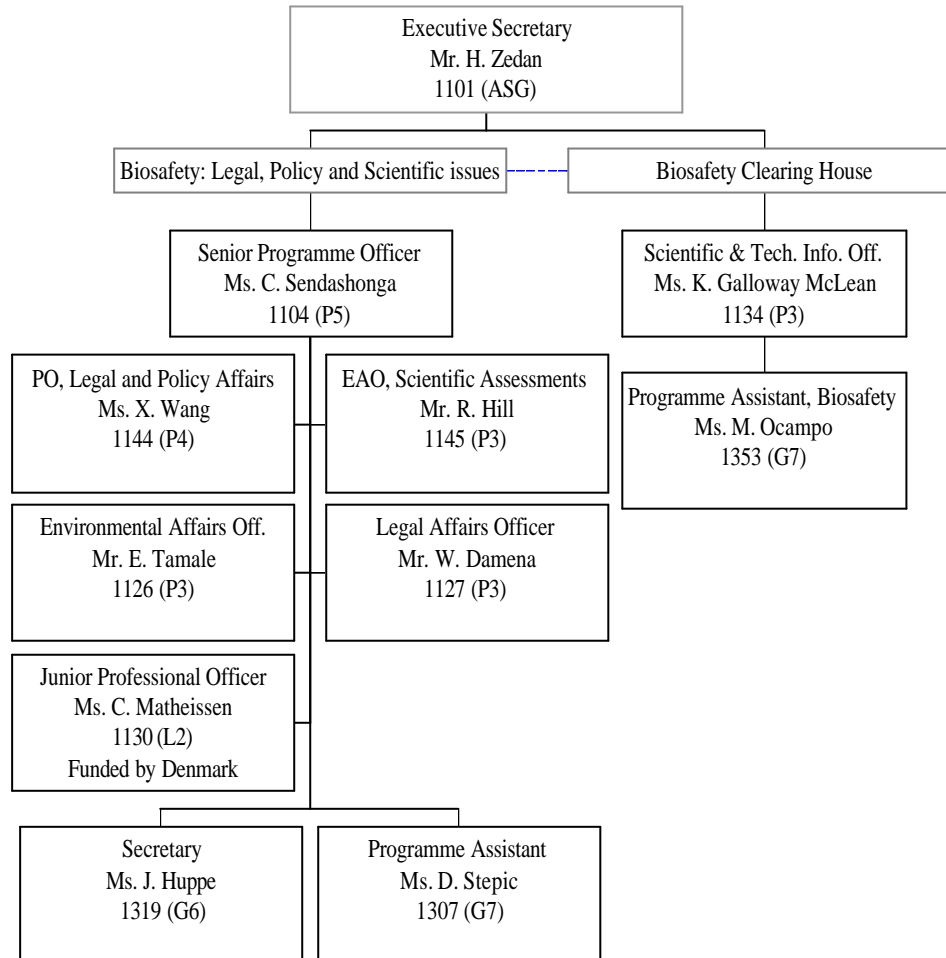
Social, Economic and Legal Matters



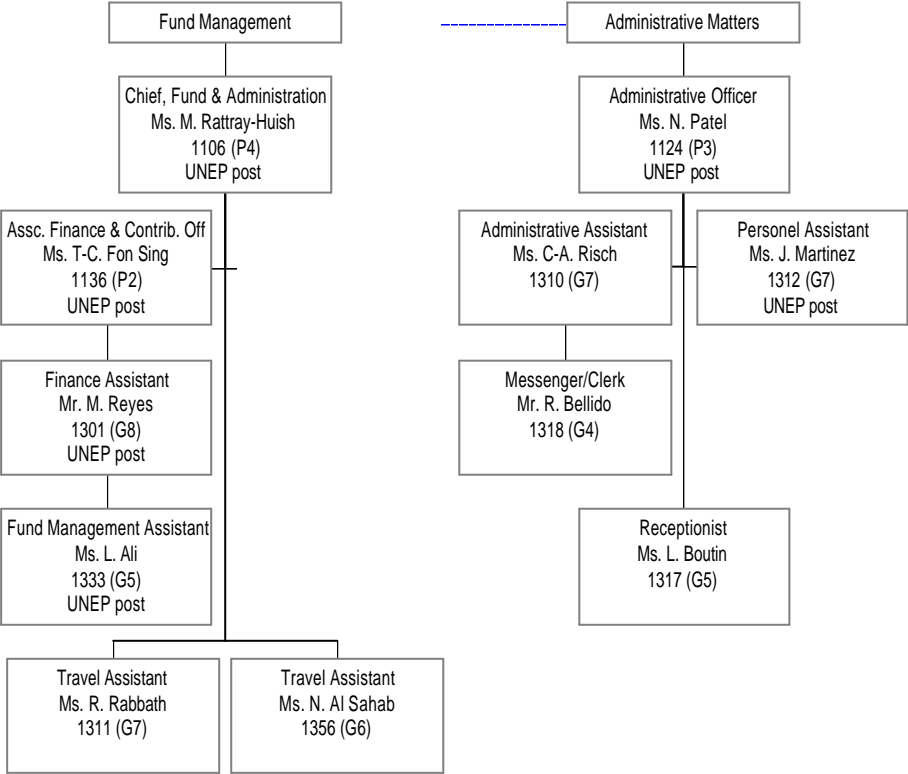
Implementation & Outreach



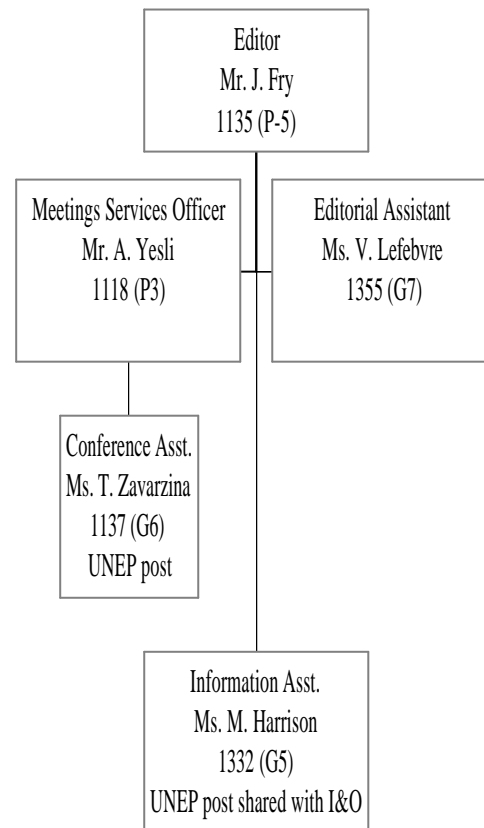
Biosafety Protocol



Resource Management



Conference Services



ANNEX III**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)**

Status of Contribution as at 31 December 2003 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.02	Adjustments	Pledges for 2003		Collections in 2003 for prior years	Collections in 2003 for 2003 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2003 & prior years
Australia			28,386	20/		28,386	0
Belgium			383,964	22/		383,964	0
Canada	40,498			1/	18,906		21,592
Canada			15,924	2/			15,924
Canada			2,222	17/		2,222	0
Denmark	3,415			3/	1,114		2,301
EEC	5,954			4/			5,954
FAO			136,935	19/		136,935	0
Finland			55,025	18/		55,025	0
Finland			12,180	28/		12,180	0
France	25,000			5/			25,000
France			69,767	23/		69,767	0
Germany	20,882			6/			20,882
Germany			10,000	29/		10,000	0
Italy			42,195	25/		42,195	0
Malaysia			507,682	26/		507,682	0
Netherlands	119,896			7/	119,876		20
Netherlands			100,000	8/		100,000	0
Netherlands			383,200	9/			383,200
Netherlands			12,500	27/		12,500	0
COUNTRIES	Unpaid	Adjustments	Pledges for		Collections in	Collections	Unpaid

	Pledges as at 31.12.02		2003		2003 for prior years	in 2003 for 2003 & futures yrs	pledges for 2003 & prior years
Norway	100,000			10/	89,572		10,428
Spain	25,000			11/			25,000
Sweden	17,523			12/	17,523		0
Sweden	42,493			13/	29,206		13,287
Sweden			50,000	21/		50,000	0
Sweden			32,287	24/		32,287	0
UK			80,000	14/		80,000	0
USA	10,000			15/			10,000
USA	50,000			16/			50,000
Total	460,661	0	1,922,267		276,197	1,523,143	583,588

1/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 125,000 for meetings convened under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

2/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 25,000 towards the preparation of the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge

3/Denmark pledge in support for Open-ended Meeting of Experts on Capacity building, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001

4/EEC pledged EUR 30,000 towards the Workshop on Liability & Redress - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Rome, Italy 2-4 December 2002

5/France pledged US\$ 25,000 for the Technical Expert Group Meeting on Article 18.2(b) and (c), Montreal, Canada, 13-15 March 2002

6/Germany pledged for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Access & Benefits Sharing, Bonn, Germany, 22-26 October 2001

7/Netherlands pledged US\$ 119,896 for the Workshop on Forest Biological Diversity, Accra, Ghana 28-30 January 2002

8/Netherlands pledged US\$ 100,000 for the Biosafety Clearing House- Case no. 2002.04.152

9/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2003

10/Norway pledged US\$ 100,000 for the 4th Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Resources, Addis Ababa, 6-8 May 2003

11/Spain pledged US\$ 25,000 for Capacity Building Experts Meeting on the Biosafety Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001

12/Sweden pledged SEK 400,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2001

13/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002

14/UK pledged US\$ 80,000 for the Expert Meeting on Indicators of Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada, 10-12 February 2003

15/USA pledged US\$ 10,000 for GISP meeting on Global Invasive Species

16/USA pledged US\$ 50,000 for the Technical Expert Meeting on Art 18.2(a), Montreal, Canada, 18-20 March 2002

17/Canada pledged Cdn \$3,000 for travel costs of Ms M. Fleming to attend the Traditional Knowledge Meeting in Bolivia, 24-26 February 2003

18/Finland pledge Eur 50,000 for Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate in Helsinki 2003

- 19/FAO pledged US\$ 136,935 for the secondment of a FAO Programme Officer to SCBD in 2003
- 20/Australia pledged A\$ 45,000 towards the preparation of the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge
- 21/Sweden pledged US\$ 50,000 for Ad hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Protected Areas, Tjarno, Sweden, 10-14 June 2003
- 22/Belgium pledged US\$ 383,964 towards the support to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 23/France pledged Eur 60,000 for the Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Implementation of the programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, Montpellier, France, 24-27 November 2003
- 24/Sweden pledged SEK 250,000 towards the activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- 25/Italy pledged US\$ 42,195 for the Adhoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Mountain Biodiversity, Rome, Italy, 1-4 July 2003
- 26/Malaysia pledged US\$ 507,682 for COP-7 Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-20 February 2004
- 27/Netherlands pledged US\$ 12,500 towards Alien Invasive Species
- 28/Finland pledged Eur 10,000 towards the cost of printing report for the Adhoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Climate Change and Biodiversity
- 29/Germany pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the publication of Report for the Adhoc Technical Expert Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity

ANNEX IV

**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 December 2003 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.02	Adjustments	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior years	Collections in 2003 for 2003 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2003 & prior years
Austria			14/ 17,120		17,120	0
Canada			26/ 7,634			7,634
Denmark	13,728		1/	13,728		0
Denmark	40,000		2/			40,000
Denmark			29/ 47,847			47,847
EEC	9,984		3/			9,984
Finland			27/ 76,291			76,291
Germany			4/ 14,088		14,088	0
Germany			15/ 30,118		30,118	0
Germany			28/ 30,344		15,761	14,583
Ireland			12/ 43,143		43,143	0
Italy			21/ 23,805		23,805	0
Italy			22/ 137,880		137,880	0
Japan			9/ 55,000		55,000	0
Japan			10/ 30,000		30,000	0
Japan			17/ 20,000		20,000	0
Netherlands			23/ 12,500		12,500	0
New Zealand			5/ 10,000		10,000	0
Norway	33,289		6/	33,289		(0)
Norway			13/ 61,306		61,306	0
Spain			7/ 33,104		33,104	0
Spain			20/ 59,495		59,495	0
Sweden			11/ 71,619		71,619	0
Sweden			18/ 32,866		32,866	0

Sweden			19/	32,287		32,287	0
Switzerland			24/	39,002		39,002	0
COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.02	Adjustments		Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior years	Collections in 2003 for 2003 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2003 & prior years
Switzerland			25/	39,002		39,002	0
United Kingdom			8/	120,750		120,750	0
United Kingdom			16/	33,310		33,310	0
United Kingdom			30/	127,768			127,768
Total	97,001	0		1,206,279	47,017	932,156	324,107

1/Denmark pledged for travel expenses for Central and Eastern European countries -5th COP 15-26 Nairobi 2000

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

3/EEC pledged Euro 50,000 for the COP-6 and ICCP-3 Meetings in the Hague, the Netherlands on 7-26 May 2002

4/Germany pledged Euros 12,775 for the SBSTTA-8 and the Multi-year Programme of Work Meetings, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 March and 17-20, 2003

5/New Zealand pledged US\$ 10,000 for the SBSTTA-8 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 March 2003

6/Norway pledged NOK 250,000 for the Capacity Building Meeting on Access and Benefits Sharing, Montreal, Canada, 2-4 December 2002

7/Spain pledged Euro 30,000 towards the SBSTTA-8 and the Multi-year Programme of Work meetings in Montreal, Canada, 10-20 March 2003

8/UK pledged GBP 75,000 for the SBSTTA-8 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 March 2003

9/Japan pledged US\$ 55,000 towards the COP-7 meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - 2004

10/Japan pledged US\$ 30,000 towards SBSTTA meetings to facilitate participation of developing country Parties

11/Sweden pledged US\$ 66,414 towards participation of Least Developed Country Parties to meetings of the CBD

12/Ireland pledged Euro 40,000 towards the SBSTTA-9 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 November 2003

13/Norway pledged US\$ 61,306 towards the Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting on Access and Benefit Sharing, Montreal, Canada, 1-5 December 2003

14/Austria pledged Euro 15,000 to facilitate participation of developing Country Parties and of Economies in Transition Country Parties for SBSTTA-9 Meeting

15/Germany pledged Euro 25,550 towards the participation of representatives from Least Developed Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition for SBSTTA-9 Meeting

16/UK pledged GBP 20,000 towards the participation of the Least Developed Country Parties for SBSTTA-9 Meeting

17/Japan pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the SBSTTA-9 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 November 2003

18/Sweden pledged towards Participation Costs

19/Sweden pledged SEK 250,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties for MOP-1 Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 23-27 February 2004

20/Spain pledged Euro 50,000 towards the participation of Indigenous People for the Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting on Access and Benefit Sharing, Montreal, Canada, 1-5 December 2003

21/Italy pledged US\$ 23,805 towards the SBSTTA-9 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 November 2003

22/Italy pledged Euro 120,000 towards the SBSTTA-9, the Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting on Access and Benefit Sharing and on the Article 8(j) Meetings, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 November, 1-5 December and 8-12 December 2003

23/Netherlands pledged US\$ 12,500 towards the participation of Delegates for COP-7 Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-20 February 2004

24/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 towards the support of Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for COP-7

25/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 towards the participants costs to the Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting on Access and Benefit Sharing and on the Article 8(j) Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 1-5 December and 8-12 December 2003

26/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 10,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the Article 8(j) Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 8-12 December 2003

27/Finland pledged EUR 65,000 towards the COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 meetings, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-27 February 2004

28/Germany pledged EUR 25,550 towards the COP-7 Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-20 February 2004

29/Denmark pledged DKK 300,000 towards the COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 meetings, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-27 February 2004

30/UK pledged GBP 75,000 towards the COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 meetings, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-27 February 2004

ANNEX V**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 31 December 2003**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	10	830				10	830	840
Albania	164	277				164	277	441
Algeria	15,393	6,473		15,393	13,368	0	(6,895)	(6,895)
Angola		185	1,799			0	(1,614)	(1,614)
Antigua & Barbuda		185	185			0	0	0
Argentina	224,809	106,252				224,809	106,252	331,061
Armenia	20,329	185		185		20,144	185	20,329
Australia		150,455	150,455		160,256	0	(160,256)	(160,256)
Austria	0	87,573			87,573	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	1,967	370				1,967	370	2,337
Bahamas		1,110	1,110			0	0	0
Bahrain	1,550	1,665		1,550	1,646	0	20	20
Bangladesh	433	925		433	70	0	855	855
Barbados		832	832		886	0	(886)	(886)
Belarus	74,881	1,757		14,257		60,624	1,757	62,381
Belgium	100,658	104,403		100,658	104,403	0	0	0
Belize		92	92		98	0	(98)	(98)
Benin	310	185		310	190	0	(5)	(5)
Bhutan		92	92			0	0	0
Bolivia	638	740		638	740	0	0	0
Bosnia & Herzegovina	47	369		47	369	0	0	0
Countries	Unpaid Pledges	Pledges	Collections in	Collections	Collections	Unpaid	Unpaid	Unpaid

	as at 31/12/02	for 2003	2002 for 2003	in 2003 for prior yrs	During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Pledges for Prior Years	Pledges for 2003	Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
Botswana	0	925			925	0	0	0
Brazil	30,704	221,012		30,704	45,240	(0)	175,772	175,772
Bulgaria	0	1,202			1,202	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	646	185		500		146	185	331
Burundi	398	92				398	92	490
Cambodia	25	185				25	185	210
Cameroon	2,239	832		2,239	4,694	(0)	(3,862)	(3,862)
Canada	0	236,548			236,548	0	0	0
Cape Verde	2,362	92				2,362	92	2,454
Central African Rep.	0	92			92	0	0	0
Chad	2,506	92				2,506	92	2,598
Chile		19,604	26,650		9,802	0	(16,848)	(16,848)
China	0	141,670			141,670	0	0	0
Colombia	2,891	18,587		2,891	18,392	0	195	195
Comoros	2,506	92				2,506	92	2,598
Congo	1,809	92		1,809	44	0	48	48
Congo Dem.Rep	4,512	370				4,512	370	4,882
Cook Islands	179	92				179	92	271
Costa Rica	8,391	1,849		3,920		4,471	1,849	6,320
Cote d'Ivoire	1,631	832		832		799	832	1,631
Croatia		3,606	3,606			0	0	0
Cuba	14,893	2,774				14,893	2,774	17,667
Cyprus	0	3,514			3,514	0	0	0
Czech Republic		18,772	18,772		19,995	0	(19,995)	(19,995)
Denmark	0	69,263			69,263	0	0	0
Djibouti	179	92		179	92	0	0	0
Dominica		92	159			0	(67)	(67)
Dominica Rep.	6,034	2,127				6,034	2,127	8,161
Ecuador	1,824	2,312		1,824	2,312	0	0	0
EEC	0	181,063			184,264	0	(3,201)	(3,201)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
Egypt	0	7,490			7,490	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	1,665			1,665	0	0	0
Equatorial Guinea	2,506	92				2,506	92	2,598
Eritrea	0	92				0	92	92
Estonia	0	925			1,910	0	(985)	(985)
Ethiopia		370	370		394	0	(394)	(394)
Fiji		370	684			0	(314)	(314)
Finland	0	48,271			48,271	0	0	0
France	0	597,935			597,935	0	0	0
Gabon	6,162	1,295				6,162	1,295	7,457
Gambia	179	92		179	186	0	(94)	(94)
Georgia	41,191	462				41,191	462	41,653
Germany	0	903,376			903,376	0	0	0
Ghana	0	462				0	462	462
Greece	1,182	49,843		1,182	49,850	0	(7)	(7)
Grenada	91	92		91	190	0	(98)	(98)
Guatemala		2,497	30			0	2,467	2,467
Guinea		277	277			0	0	0
Guinea-Bissau	2,027	92				2,027	92	2,119
Guyana	1,677	92		1,677	92	0	0	0
Haiti	1,672	185				1,672	185	1,857
Honduras	1,112	462				1,112	462	1,574
Hungary	0	11,097			11,097	0	0	0
Iceland		3,052	3,052		3,250	0	(3,250)	(3,250)
India	100	31,534		100	31,433	0	101	101
Indonesia	0	18,495				0	18,495	18,495
Iran	14,679	25,153		14,679		0	25,153	25,153
Ireland		27,187	27,187			0	0	0
Israel	0	38,377			38,377	0	0	0
Italy	0	468,356			468,356	0	0	0
Jamaica	0	370				0	370	370

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
Japan	0	1,593,350			1,593,350	0	0	0
Jordan	1,074	740		1,074	740	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	54,970	2,589		30,000		24,970	2,589	27,559
Kenya	1,250	740		1,250	720	(0)	20	20
Kiribati	88	92		88	175	(0)	(83)	(83)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.		832	832			0	0	0
Korea, Rep. of	0	171,169				0	171,169	171,169
Kuwait	1,951	13,559		1,951	13,559	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	6,185	92		6,185	92	0	0	0
Lao PDR	91	92		91	92	0	0	0
Latvia	1,550	925		1,550	360	0	565	565
Lebanon	0	1,110				0	1,110	1,110
Lesotho	182	92		182	165	0	(73)	(73)
Liberia	343	92				343	92	435
Libya	13,743	6,196				13,743	6,196	19,939
Liechtenstein	0	555			555	0	0	0
Lithuania		1,572	1,572		1,674	0	(1,674)	(1,674)
Luxembourg	0	7,398			7,398	0	0	0
Macedonia	365	555		365	555	0	0	0
Madagascar		277	11			0	266	266
Malawi	358	185				358	185	543
Malaysia	0	21,731			21,731	0	0	0
Maldives		92	92			0	0	0
Mali	2,362	185				2,362	185	2,547
Malta		1,387	1,387			0	0	0
Marshall Island	0	92			190	0	(98)	(98)
Mauritania	1,337	92				1,337	92	1,429
Mauritius		1,017	1,017		1,083	0	(1,083)	(1,083)
Mexico	12,677	100,426		12,677	73,674	(0)	26,752	26,752

Micronesia, Fed. States		92	92			0	0	0
Moldova, Rep. of	20,161	185		2,590	185	17,571	0	17,571
Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
Monaco	0	370			370	0	0	0
Mongolia	182	92		182	92	0	0	0
Morocco	3,738	4,069				3,738	4,069	7,807
Mozambique	91	92				91	92	183
Myanmar	0	925				0	925	925
Namibia	553	647		553	647	0	0	0
Nauru	2,626	92				2,626	92	2,718
Nepal		370	1,667			0	(1,297)	(1,297)
Netherlands	0	160,719			160,700	0	19	19
New Zealand		22,286	22,286		23,738	0	(23,738)	(23,738)
Nicaragua		92	92		98	0	(98)	(98)
Niger	2,362	92				2,362	92	2,454
Nigeria	11,298	6,288		5,570		5,728	6,288	12,016
Niue	91	92		91	91	0	1	1
Norway		59,738	59,945			0	(207)	(207)
Oman	0	5,641			5,641	0	0	0
Pakistan	0	5,641			5,379	0	262	262
Palau		92	600			0	(508)	(508)
Panama	0	1,665				0	1,665	1,665
Papua New Guinea	638	555		638	555	0	0	0
Paraguay	6,022	1,480				6,022	1,480	7,502
Peru	25,636	10,912				25,636	10,912	36,548
Philippines	447	9,247		447	5,474	0	3,773	3,773
Poland	0	34,955			34,955	0	0	0
Portugal	360	42,723		360		0	42,723	42,723
Qatar		3,144	3,144		3,349	0	(3,349)	(3,349)
Romania	0	5,363			5,363	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	110,968			110,968	0	0	0
Rwanda	1,004	92		1,004	92	(0)	0	(0)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
St.Kitts &Nevis		92	92		98	0	(98)	(98)
St. Lucia	0	185			388	0	(203)	(203)
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,677	92				1,677	92	1,769
Samoa		92	92		98	0	(98)	(98)
San Marino		185	185			0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	179	92				179	92	271
Saudi Arabia	50,578	51,230				50,578	51,230	101,808
Senegal	29	462		29	5,471	0	(5,009)	(5,009)
Seychelles		185	1,285			0	(1,100)	(1,100)
Sierra Leone	2,006	92		2,006	96	0	(4)	(4)
Singapore		36,342	36,342		38,710	0	(38,710)	(38,710)
Slovak		3,976	3,976		4,235	0	(4,235)	(4,235)
Slovenia		7,490	7,490		7,978	0	(7,978)	(7,978)
Solomon Is.	2,027	92				2,027	92	2,119
South Africa		37,729	37,729		40,187	0	(40,187)	(40,187)
Spain	0	232,918			232,918	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	2,148	1,480		2,148	40	0	1,440	1,440
Sudan	4,033	555				4,033	555	4,588
Suriname	1,337	185				1,337	185	1,522
Swaziland	182	185				182	185	367
Sweden	30	94,947		30	196,050	0	(101,103)	(101,103)
Switzerland		117,812	117,812		125,486	0	(125,486)	(125,486)
Syria		7,398	11,148			0	(3,750)	(3,750)
Tajikistan	1,923	92		1,923		0	92	92
Togo	179	92				179	92	271
Tonga	179	92		179	92	0	0	0
Trinidad & Tobago		1,480	7,188			0	(5,708)	(5,708)
Tunisia	0	2,774				0	2,774	2,774

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
Tuvalu	0	92				0	92	92
Turkey	0	40,688			40,688	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	7,527	277				7,527	277	7,804
Uganda		462	871			0	(409)	(409)
Ukraine	17,323	4,901		17,323	4,901	0	0	0
U. K.	0	511,935			511,935	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	409	18,680		409	18,680	0	0	0
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		370	20,103			0	(19,733)	(19,733)
Uruguay	12,429	7,398				12,429	7,398	19,827
Uzbekistan	14,242	1,017		3,272		10,970	1,017	11,987
Vanuatu	20	92		20	94	0	(2)	(2)
Venezuela	22,971	19,235				22,971	19,235	42,206
Viet Nam	0	1,480			2,856	0	(1,376)	(1,376)
Yemen	4,686	555				4,686	555	5,241
Yugoslavia	0	1,849				0	1,849	1,849
Zambia	378	185				378	185	563
Zimbabwe	2,191	740				2,191	740	2,931
Sub Total	919,913	7,257,328	572,402	290,464	6,576,330	629,449	108,596	738,045

Additional Contributions								
Canada		800,000			800,000	0	0	0
USA		175,000			175,000	0	0	0
Quebec		200,000	4,564		195,417	0	19	19
Grand Total	919,913	8,432,328	576,966	290,464	7,746,747	629,449	108,615	738,064

ANNEX VI**GENERAL TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON BIOSAFETY ISSUES (BF)**

Status as at 31 December 2003 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.02		Adjustments	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections in 2003 for 2003 and future years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior yrs
United Kingdom		1/		62,240		62,240	0
Total				62,240	0	62,240	0

1/ UK pledged GBP 40,000 towards the support of the Pilot Phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Biosafety Roster of Experts

ANNEX VII

**LIST OF MEETINGS IN 2003 ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(as at 31 December 2003)**

2003		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
16- 17 January 2003	Scoping Meeting of the Advisory Group for the 2 nd Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook Report	Montreal, Canada
10-12 February 2003	Expert Group on Indicators of Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada
19-21 February 2003	Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies	Montreal, Canada
24-26 February 2003	Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge and the Clearing House Mechanism	Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia
9 March 2003	SBSTTA Bureau Meeting	Montreal, Canada
9 March 2003	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing House Mechanism	Montreal, Canada
10-14 March 2003	Eighth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
15 March 2003	Joint Meeting of the ICCP and COP-6 Bureaux	Montreal, Canada
17-20 March 2003	Open-ended Meeting of the Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010	Montreal, Canada
31 March – 2 April 2003	African Regional Meeting on Capacity Building for the Clearing House Mechanism	Nairobi, Kenya
10-11 April 2003	Biosafety Clearing House Technical Expert Group Meeting	Montreal, Canada
6-8 May 2003	Fourth Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
13-16 May 2003	Workshop of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change	Helsinki, Finland
21-23 May 2003	2010 – the Global Biodiversity Challenge Meeting	London, U.K.
3-5 June 2003	Workshop on Incentive Measures for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Components of Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada

10-14 June 2003	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Group of Experts on Protected Areas	Tjarnö, Sweden
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
1-3 July 2003	Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Mountain Biodiversity	Rome, Italy
7-11 July 2003	Meeting on the further elaboration and Guidelines for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach	Montreal, Canada
12-14 August 2003	Joint Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Meeting on the Clearing House Mechanism and the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network	Cancun, Mexico
28-29 August 2003	Meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
9-11 September 2003	Central and Eastern European Regional Meeting on the Clearing House Mechanism and the European the Clearing House Mechanism	Czech Republic
18 September 2003	Liaison Group meeting on Protected Areas (in conjunction with the World Congress on Protected Areas)	Durban, South Africa
6-8 November 2003	International Workshop on Forest Protected Areas	Montreal, Canada
10-15 November 2003	Ninth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
21 November 2003	Informal Consultations on the proposed 2005 - 2006 budget of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Geneva, Switzerland
1-5 December 2003	Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing	Montreal, Canada
8-12 December 2003	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada