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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 July to 30 September 2004.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. In August, the Executive Secretary participated in a UNEP meeting on Issue-based Modular Approach to Implementation of Biodiversity-related Conventions. The goal of this project is to develop four issue-based modules for four priority topics chosen jointly between UNEP and the five biodiversity multi-national environmental agreements (CBD, CITES, CMS, Ramsar and World Heritage Convention). The development of issue-based modules on cross-cutting topics would allow the structuring and grouping of available information while fostering synergy and harmonization of the implementation requirements on specific common topics in all the relevant conventions.
4. In response to COP decision VII/26, the CBD Secretariat organized in August the second meeting of the liaison group of biodiversity-related conventions which took place in Geneva, Switzerland. The objective of the liaison group is to enhance cooperation and promote the coherent implementation of the conventions. The liaison group will report to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
5. The Executive Secretary represented the CBD at the First Intergovernmental Plenary Session of the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) which was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 30 August – 3 September 2004. The meeting was sponsored by the World Bank, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO and the WHO. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the scope and structure of the assessment, agree to a governance structure, approve the principles and procedures and agree to a process for developing outreach and communications and capacity-building strategies. At the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD, 2002) the World Bank announced the launching of an international consultative process on a proposed international assessment of the role of agricultural science and technology in reducing hunger, improving rural livelihoods and stimulating economic growth over the coming decades.
6. In response to COP decision VII/2 on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, and with the financial support from the Government of the Netherlands, and in close collaboration with the secretariats of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the CBD organized a regional workshop for Africa on synergy among the Rio conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the programmes of work on dry and sub-humid lands and agricultural biodiversity. The workshop was held in Gaborone, Botswana, from 13-17 September 2004. The purpose of the workshop was to enhance interactions and experience-sharing among national experts and to develop models of potential pilot initiatives on synergistic implementation of the CBD programmes of work on dry and sub-humid lands and agrobiodiversity taking into account the provisions of the Rio conventions and other -biodiversity conventions.

7. During the third quarter of 2004, seven countries acceded/ratified the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, bringing the total number of Parties to 108. The new Parties are: Algeria, Dominica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Portugal, Rwanda, Solomon Islands and Togo.
8. The Secretariat is in direct contact with the Governments of Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Spain and Thailand regarding the organization of major open-ended meetings in these countries in 2005/2006. Discussions are also underway with the Government of Brazil in respect of preparations for COP-8 and COP/MOP-3.
9. The Secretariat participated in a discussion meeting and associated workshop held at the Royal Society on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target. This meeting took place in London, United Kingdom, from 19-22 July 2004. The results of the workshop are available at www.twentyten.net. Participants to the workshop agreed to continue to provide scientific input to the Convention's work on indicators. Research papers on a number of indicators adopted in decision VII/30 will be published in the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society in early 2005.
10. The Secretariat continues to participate in the work of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) through contributions to and review of various chapters of the assessment and preparation of the synthesis report on biodiversity. In respect of the latter, the Secretariat was represented at the meeting of the MA Biodiversity Synthesis Team which was held in Mexico from June 30 – July 2, 2004.
11. The Secretariat liaised with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) concerning the possible incorporation of selected indicators adopted in decision VII/30 into the framework for monitoring progress towards the 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals.
12. In July, the CBD Secretariat and BioNet-INTERNATIONAL signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to promote and facilitate taxonomic capacity building and related technical and scientific cooperation and technology development and transfer needed to overcome the taxonomic impediment to the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention.
13. As part of its cooperation with other relevant international organizations, the Secretariat invited the Head of IUCN's Programme on Protected Areas to visit the CBD offices in August to enhance collaboration and discuss the possibility of establishing a strategy to facilitate the implementation of COP decision VII/28 on protected areas.
14. The Secretariat was represented at the Forum of Cultures 2004 which was held in Barcelona, Spain. The Secretariat representative delivered an opening statement on "Tourism in a Living World" at the session dedicated to Tourism, Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development which was organized from 14-16 July. The Secretariat participated in several panel sessions and interacted with representatives of other agencies and the private sector on issues of relevance to the Secretariat's work on sustainable tourism.
15. The Secretariat held discussions with representatives of the DIVERSITAS programme including the Executive Director, Scientific Committee Vice-Chair, on future contributions by DIVERSITAS scientists in the area of valuation of biodiversity and associated economic issues as well as relevant areas of work of the Convention.
16. The Secretariat initiated a meeting with the Director of the UNEP Global Environment Monitoring System (GEMS) Water Programme to discuss inland water quality as an indicator towards the 2010 biodiversity target.
17. The Secretariat participated in, and prepared a background document for, the 111th Session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union on the agenda item of "The Role of Parliaments in Preserving Biodiversity". This meeting took place in Geneva, Switzerland from 28 September – 1 October 2004.

18. Together with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Secretariat participated in a teleconference with the Chairman/CEO of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) concerning the proposed GEF Resource Allocation Framework, and subsequently was represented in a GEF workshop on this matter held in Paris, France from 27-28 July 2004.

19. The Secretariat contributed to the development of the draft Ten-year Plan of Implementation for the proposed Global Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), and, with the assistance of the UNFCCC secretariat, provided inputs to the GEO special session on Governance which took place in Brussels, Belgium from 27-28 September 2004.

20. The CBD actively participated in a number of important meetings during the third quarter of 2004, namely: International Society for Ecological Economics 2004 (11-14 July, Montreal, Canada); Mid-term Workshops of the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) (20-24 July, Wageningen, the Netherlands); Roundtable on "Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management" organized by the International Oceans institute (28-29 July, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada); Symposium "Biotechnology and Biodiversity: Understanding the Potential Benefits and Risks of Genetic Engineering" (31 July, New York, USA); Fourth Meeting of Experts on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of the South East Pacific (25-27 August, Guayaquil, Ecuador); Eighth Meeting of the Environmental Management Group (EMG) (1 September, Nairobi, Kenya) followed by the Second Session of the High Level Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity Building (2-4 September, Nairobi, Kenya); Special EUROSOIL Symposium and Workshop: "Putting Soils Higher on the International Agenda: New Mechanism in Support of Sustainable Land Management" (9 September, Freiburg, Germany); United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change World Heritage Marine Policy Workshop (9-10 September, Paris, France); WIPO Information Meeting on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources (15 Sept., Geneva, Switzerland); UNESCO-organized International Donors' Conference in Support of the Cultural and Natural Heritage of the Congo (16-17 September, Paris, France); FAO/UNECE Workshop on Illegal Logging and Trade of Illegally-derived Forest Products in the UNECE Region (16-17 September, Geneva, Switzerland); Second Annual Meeting of the Programme for Biosafety Systems (20-24 September, Washington, D.C., USA), Workshop on Harmonization of National Reporting to Biodiversity-related Treaties (22-23 September, Haasrode, Belgium), Eighth International Symposium on the Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms (26-30 September, Montpellier, France); GEF Seminar on Resource Allocation Framework (27-28 Sept., Paris, France); International Ecoagriculture Conference and Practitioners' Fair and High Level Policy Forum (27 Sept. – 1 October, Nairobi, Kenya), Inter-Agency Support Group Meeting to promote and support the mandate of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues within the United Nations (30 Sept. – 1 Oct., New, USA).

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

21. During this period, there were 32 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were four vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, five professional staff members were regularized on posts funded from other sources.

22. There were 23 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and three vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, five staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

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

B. Financial Arrangements

24. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 September 2004, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,741,394 for 2004 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$6,672,489. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2004 and prior years amount to US\$1,678,320. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

25. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 September 2004, the total amount pledged for 2004 amounts to US\$944,076. The total collected for 2004 as at 30 September 2004 was US\$512,400. Total unpaid pledges for 2004 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$616,140. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

26. Pledges totalling US\$228,420 have so far been made as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**) in 2004. As at 30 September 2004, US\$213,378 has been paid. Total unpaid pledges for 2004 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$65,026. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

27. As at 30 September 2004, one Party has contributed to the newly established Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$28,500 have been made and received. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

PREPARATIONS FOR THE TENTH MEETING OF SBSTTA

28. In consultation with the Bureau of SBSTTA, the Secretariat prepared the draft agendas for SBSTTA 10 and 11 and the annotated agenda for SBSTTA 10.

29. A number of documents for SBSTTA 10 have been drafted and submitted to the Bureau of SBSTTA for comments.

30. The Host Government Agreement for SBSTTA 10 between the Secretariat and the Government of Thailand has been initiated.

DECISIONS VI/22 AND VII/1: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

31. In decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop an internet portal to facilitate implementation of the work programme;

32. Also in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to continue its active support for and participation in the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

33. Decision VII/1 of the Conference of Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to:

propose, in collaboration with the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity, outcome oriented targets to be integrated into the forest work programme;

continue and further strengthen its work on forest biological diversity including the report on the effects on forest biological diversity of insufficient forest law enforcement as requested in paragraph 19(e) of decision VI/22;

34. In response to these decisions, the following activities were carried out:

(a) Forest web portal

35. For the months of July and August, the Forest Web Portal covered the objectives from the Expanded Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity that relate to Article 8(j). From programme element 1: objective 3, goal 3 (establishing protected forest area networks); objective 3, goal 4 (developing adaptive community-management systems to conserve and sustainably use forest biological diversity); objective 4, goal 4 (developing equitable information systems for *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation of forest genetic diversity); and from programme element 2, objective 1, goal 3 (increasing the understanding of the value of forest biological diversity). Although there have been many hundreds of hits since its inception, the degree of involvement of users in the topical discussions has been exceedingly low. The next topic for posting will be forest protected areas.

(b) Insufficient forest law enforcement

36. The Secretariat is continuing its work towards the finalization of its report on “Effects of insufficient forest law enforcement on forest biological diversity”. The Secretariat participated in, and collected further information at the “Joint UNECE/FAO Workshop on Illegal Logging and Trade of Illegally-derived Forest Products in the UNECE Region” organized by FAO/UNECE in Switzerland in September 2004.

(c) Support in the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests

37. The Secretariat participated in the 13th meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) held in New York on 6 September 2004. As agreed by all CPF members, the Secretariat will submit relevant information for the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangements on forests in order to assist the CPF to compile a document. The review will be carried out at the fifth session of UNFF in May 2005.

38. The Secretariat also participated in the UNFF Ad Hoc Expert Group on Consideration with a View to Recommending the Parameters of a Mandate for Developing a Legal Framework on All Types of Forest, which met from 7-10 September at the UN headquarters in New York.

39. The Secretariat prepared a draft discussion document for trilateral consultation between the CBD, FAO and UNFF, on common priority activities.

(d) Incorporation of outcome-oriented targets into the work programme

40. The Secretariat prepared, for the consideration of AHTEG members, a draft document on the incorporation of outcome-oriented targets into the forest work programme. The document was posted on a restricted web site for comments by the AHTEG and closed on September 30th. After comments are incorporated the document will be posted again for wider review before the second meeting of the AHTEG in July 2005. Funding for an intersessional meeting of the AHTEG to discuss the background document on outcome-oriented targets is being sought. Approximately one third of the total number of AHTEG members responded.

(e) Non-timber forest resources

41. The Secretariat, in collaboration with CIFOR, produced a draft report on “Conservation and use of wildlife-based resources”, that addresses the unsustainable harvesting of bushmeat. The Secretariat provided elements for a draft decision on bushmeat issues in the light of CITES-CBD cooperation to the upcoming CITES COP meeting in October, 2004.

42. By the end of September 2004, the Secretariat had received a total of 18 voluntary reports on the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. All the reports received have been posted on the website of the Convention.

DECISION VII/2: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS

43. In decision VII/2, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to ensure that the parts of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands which relate to other thematic programmes of work of the Convention are taken into account when developing and reviewing these programmes of work.

44. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Parties, to develop targets for the implementation of the programme of work, taking into account relevant ongoing initiatives and following the approach taken in the development of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (decision VI/9, annex, and in line with decision VII/8).

45. Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to further develop mechanisms for facilitating the synergistic implementation of the Rio conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions, especially at the national level. In accordance with the decision, the review of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans under the CBD should be facilitated at the national level to harmonize them with the national action programmes under the UNCCD and the national adaptation plans of action under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

46. Decision VII/31, on the multi-year programme of work of Convention up to 2010, specifies that the programme of work on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands will be under in-depth review at the eighth meeting of the COP and at a preceding meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA).

47. In response to these decisions the following activities were carried out:

1. Progress in the implementation of the programme of work

(a) Activity 2: Areas of particular value and/or under threat

48. The UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), in collaboration with UNCCD and CBD, prepared a project concept for a "Dryland watch", as proposed in document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/30. Dryland watch aims to assess biodiversity and risk in the world's major arid zones, and identify possible global priorities for management intervention. It will include production of a spatial analysis relating pressures to biodiversity values in dry and sub-humid lands. Data relating to unique ecosystems, species diversity and pressures such as land use change will be analysed using a geographic information system; and areas of value under threat identified at a global scale. It is envisaged that information products will be made available widely in paper and digital media.

49. "Dryland watch" has been contacted to provide information for the report on status and trends of biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands, which will contribute to the in-depth review of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity. It will also serve as a baseline for monitoring pressures/risks to dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity over longer periods and thereby contribute information to the indicator on trends in extent of selected biomes, ecosystems, and habitats. The Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC are currently seeking additional funds for the undertaking.

(b) Activity 3: Indicators

50. The ongoing work of the MA, LADA and UNEP-WCMC discuss possible indicators on trends in biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands. This work builds on the provisional framework for goals and

targets (decision VI//30, annex 2) and the general approach for the integration of targets into the programmes of work of the Convention, contained in decision VI//30 (decision VI//30, annex 3).

2. Mechanisms for facilitating the synergistic implementation of the Rio conventions and other biodiversity related conventions

51. The Secretariat prepared a report for the third session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (CRIC 3).

52. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the secretariats of the UNCCD, UNFCCC, WHC, CMS, CITES and the Ramsar Convention, organized a Regional Workshop for Africa on Synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity (Gaborone, Botswana 13 - 17 September 2004). This workshop aimed *inter alia* to develop proposals for the synergistic implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands. The report of the Workshop is presented in document UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.Afr/1/6. Achievements included the identification of mechanisms to improve synergies between the conventions leading to the identification of a number of draft project concepts dealing with implementing synergies for agriculture in drylands.

3. Review of the Programme of Work

53. Participants at the Regional Workshop for Africa on Synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity (Gaborone, Botswana 13 - 17 September 2004) were presented with the Programme of Work and asked to consider any desirable modifications to it in relation to addressing opportunities for synergies between the conventions. In view of the complexity of the subject, participants opted to provide the Executive Secretary with their written comments at a later stage. Those comments will be considered, during the ongoing review of the Programme of Work.

DECISIONS VI/5 AND VII/3: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

54. In decision VII/3, COP requested SBSTTA to consider the report of the AHTEG on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies at its tenth meeting with a view to providing advice to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, also taking into account decision VII/16 on Article 8j.

55. In decision VII/31, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with FAO and IPGRI, to undertake the necessary consultations and bring forward options for consideration by the eighth meeting of the COP for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition.

56. In response to these requests and as part of the implementation of the programme of work, the following activities were undertaken:

(a) The Secretariat conducted the Regional Workshop for Africa on synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity.

(b) A document with draft recommendations of the AHTEG on GURTS, has been prepared for consideration by SBSTTA 10.

(c) The Secretariat contributed to the second round of review of the MA chapters on food and cultivated systems.

(d) The Secretariat delivered a statement at the Special EUROSIL Symposium and Workshop: "Putting soils higher on the international agenda: New Mechanism in support of sustainable land management", 9 September 2004 in Germany.

(e) A meeting between the Secretariat and a representative from McGill University (Prof. Tim Johns) formulated a strategy for taking this process forward based upon a brief report to SBSTTA 10 keeping in mind the upcoming meeting of the Standing Committee on Nutrition in March, 2005.

DECISION VI/6 AND DECISION VII/3: THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

57. The Conference of the Parties, in its decisions VI/6 and VII/3 encouraged Parties and other Governments to ratify the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The Treaty entered into force on 29th June 2004, and has 59 Parties to date (1-09-04). As requested in decisions VI/6, the Executive Secretary continues to liaise with FAO's Interim Secretariat for the Treaty and will participate in the upcoming meetings of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in November 2004.

DECISION VII/4: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS

58. Decision VII/4, requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and other relevant organisations, to prepare a study of the linkages between conservation and sustainable use of inland water biodiversity and poverty alleviation/sustainable livelihoods, including human health considerations, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting

59. In decision VII/4, the Conference of the Parties adopted the revised programme of work on the biological diversity of inland waters. The decision welcomes and encourages, in particular, the synergy being developed between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention in implementing the programme of work and encourages further activities aiming at avoiding overlaps in the work of both conventions. The decision also requests the Executive Secretary to continue developing and strengthening collaboration with other organisations, institutions and conventions as a way to streamline many of the activities contained in the programme of work, promote synergies and avoid unnecessary duplications.

60. In response to these decisions the following activities were carried out:

61. The Secretariat has contacted relevant technical counterparts at FAO, both at the headquarters and at a regional office, and at the World Fish Center, and established a viable working group of professionals to undertake a collaborative study. A newly recruited staff member at the FAO will take over co-ordinating FAO inputs from October 2004.

(a) Collaboration with the Ramsar Convention

62. The Secretariat attended the mid-term workshops of the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) (Wageningen, The Netherlands, 19-24 July). Progress on four working groups was reviewed: inventory and assessment; Ramsar site designation; water resources (environmental flows, groundwater, and river basin management case studies); and indicators of effectiveness of Convention implementation (this group is developing ecological "outcome-oriented" indicators of wetland status and trends). Good progress was reported from all working groups and the Secretariat was able to make a number of constructive contributions to the process, building upon previous inputs into all of the working group deliberations (by electronic discussion forum). In particular, the Secretariat noted the contribution that Ramsar outcome oriented indicators could make to related indicators for the CBD 2010 target. In addition, the Secretariat suggested that the Ramsar STRP may wish to consider in the longer-term the establishment of outcome oriented targets for wetlands. Various mechanisms for doing this were discussed. There was a strong consensus on the feasibility and logic of doing this.

63. Members of the Ramsar Secretariat have accepted invitations to attend the Ad-hoc Technical Expert Group meeting on indicators (19-22 October 2004) and the Expert Group on Outcome Oriented Targets meeting (25-27 October 2004).

64. Discussion is underway with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and other relevant organizations as to how to implement paragraphs 3 and 14 (c) of decision VII/14. Meanwhile a meeting of the Expert Group on Targets for the Programme of Work on Biological Diversity of Inland Water Ecosystems will informally look at the issues covered in these two paragraphs together with the issues related to targets and indicators.

(b) Other collaborative activities

65. The Secretariat has continued to contribute further to the second phase of the World Water Development Report (under the World Water Assessment Programme), including promoting the need to include a comprehensive section dealing specifically with biodiversity.

66. The Secretariat has accepted an invitation to assist the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) training workshop series, on Series on Biodiversity: Wetlands, biodiversity and water : new tools for the ecosystem management, to be held in Kushiro, Japan, 29 November to 3 December 2004. This includes the drafting of training notes relating to the CBD and its programmes of work, and their implications for the management of wetlands.

67. The Secretariat has made substantial inputs into the second revision of relevant chapters of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, particularly Chapters 8 (Conditions – Freshwater), 23 (Conditions – Inland Water Systems), 7 (Responses – Water) as well as to the summary and conclusions.

Other matters

68. Significant activities relating to the development of outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, and relevant inland water related indicators for targets under the strategic plan, are reported on under Decision VII/30.

69. The Secretariat prepared a background document on Water Quality, as a potential indicator for assessing progress towards the 2010 target. This is reported more fully under Decision VII/30.

DECISION VII/5: MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

70. In annex I to decision VII/3, the Conference of the Parties adopted the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, composed of six programme elements: (i) implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management; (ii) marine and coastal living resources; (iii) marine and coastal protected areas; (iv) mariculture; (v) invasive alien species; and (vi) general. Enabling activities were also included in the elaborated programme of work. The role of the Executive Secretary is to promote and facilitate the implementation of the programme of work. In addition, the Executive Secretary has been requested to undertake a number of specific tasks relating to the programme elements.

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

(a) Implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management

72. The Secretariat's collaboration with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) continues, and included the review of the second drafts of the marine and coastal chapters of the MA.

(b) Marine and coastal living resources

73. The Secretariat participated in three coral reef-related meetings that took place back-to-back in Okinawa, Japan. These were the meeting of the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)

Management Group on 27 and 29 June 2004, the 10th International Coral Reef Symposium, which took place from 28 June to 2 July 2004, and the meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Coordinating and Planning Committee (CPC), which took place from 3 to 4 July 2004.

74. At the International Coral Reef Symposium, the Secretariat gave a presentation on the results of the seventh meeting of the CBD Conference of the Parties, concentrating in particular on marine and coastal protected areas and coral bleaching. The symposium provided an excellent opportunity to make the research community aware of the newly adopted CBD research priorities, and to make connections with the research community to ensure solid scientific input into the CBD process. At the ICRI Coordinating and Planning Committee meeting, the Secretariat gave a presentation on the outcomes of the CBD COP 7 and provided suggestions on how ICRI could assist in the implementation of decision VII/5 as it applies to coral reefs. Of particular interest to the ICRI members were the updated work plan on coral bleaching and the components of the decision related to marine and coastal protected areas.

75. The Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) meeting focused on the content of the upcoming Status of Coral Reefs of the World 2004 Report. This Report will be released in late 2004, and a launching event could be undertaken at SBSTTA 10, following the model of the launching of the 2002 Status of Coral Reefs of the World Report at SBSTTA 8. Undertaking this launching event at SBSTTA would however depend on available funding. In addition, discussions were undertaken on how information on progress made towards the CBD 2010 target would be made available in each of the Status Reports leading up to 2010.

(c) Marine and coastal protected areas

76. The Secretariat participated in the Fourth Meeting of Experts on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in the South East Pacific, which took place in Guayaquil, Ecuador from 25 to 27 August 2004. The purpose of this meeting was to enhance collaboration between the Secretariats of the CBD and Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) in the context of the existing Memorandum of Cooperation, and incorporation of relevant provisions of CBD COP decisions VII/5 and VII/28 into the strategy, guidelines and principles for the establishment of marine and coastal protected areas in the South-East Pacific.

77. The Secretariat participated in the World Heritage Marine Policy Workshop, which was held in Paris, France, from 9 to 10 September 2004. This meeting, on the application of the World Heritage Convention (WHC) in the marine environment, served to promote closer collaboration between the Secretariats of the CBD and the WHC. A preliminary list of joint activities was drafted and will be annexed to the existing Memorandum of Cooperation.

(d) Other matters

78. The Secretariat and the Regional Seas Coordinating Unit continue to work together to develop a document on synergies in implementation of the CBD and Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans. This document, once finalized, will be published by UNEP.

79. The Secretariat has conducted a peer review of the draft document on Integration of Outcome Oriented Targets into the Programme of Work on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity. This document will be finalized for the consideration of SBSTTA 10 following an Expert Meeting in October.

80. The Secretariat participated in a Round Table convened in conjunction with the International Oceans Institute course on Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management. The Round Table considered ocean policies and the role of conventions in oceans management, and was convened in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 28 and 29 July 2004. This activity was undertaken as part of an existing Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD Secretariat and the International Oceans Institute.

DECISION VII/6: ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

81. In recommendation VI/5 the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice decided to initiate a number of pilot assessments in order to advance assessments on current priority issues, and to test a range of methods and modalities for assessments.

82. In decision VII/6, the Conference of the Parties took note of the progress of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the outline for the synthesis report that will be prepared for the Convention on Biological Diversity and encouraged national focal points to participate in the review of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

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

(a) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

84. The Secretariat continued to participate in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment process, including through contributions to chapters and critical reviews of chapters, and as a member of the writing team of the biodiversity synthesis report.

(c) Review of pilot assessments

85. A document on the review of the processes, methodologies and outcomes of the pilot assessments requested by SBSTTA has been drafted (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/5). It includes suggested recommendations on the improvement of assessments in the framework of the Convention.

DECISIONS VI/7-A and VII/7: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

86. In 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. In decision VII/7, COP urged Parties and other Governments that have not done so to contribute case-studies on current experiences in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment procedures that incorporate biodiversity-related issues as well as experiences in applying the guidelines contained in the annex to decision VI/7 A.

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

(a) Further development of guidelines for environmental impact assessment

88. Within the framework of its Letter of Intent with the Secretariat, the Netherlands approved funding for work related to the further development of the guidelines on EIA and SEA adopted in decision VI/7-A. Based on a proposal from the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment the Secretariat has prepared terms of reference for a contract to analyse case studies, extract lessons learned and develop generic guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental-impact-assessment legislation or processes and in strategic impact assessment.

(b) Capacity development in biodiversity and impact assessment

89. As a member of the Steering Committee, the Secretariat has contributed to the guidelines for implementation of the project on “Capacity building in biodiversity and impact assessment in developing countries” (CBBIA), including selection of project components and preparation of proposals.

(c) EIA portal

90. Work has begun on the development of a web portal on EIA/SEA. The work has focused on the identification of suitable case studies. It is envisaged that this work will be continued in early 2005.

DECISION VII/8: MONITORING AND INDICATORS

91. In decision VII/8, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaborating with FAO, the OECD, the European Environment Agency, and other relevant international and regional organizations and initiatives on the further development and consolidation of indicators relevant to the 2010 target.

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

93. The Secretariat and coordinators of the GEF-funded project on Biodiversity Indicators for National Use (BINU) discussed appropriate ways to share the outcomes of this project with other Parties. It was recommended that BINU participants contact their national focal points to discuss the relevance of their work for the work on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target adopted in decision VII/30.

94. In collaboration with UNEP-WCMC and the Netherlands Environmental Agency (RIVM), preparations are under way to report the results of the BINU projects to SBSTTA and to discuss the possibility of a follow-up project. Preparations have commenced for an information document and a side event to be held at SBSTTA-10.

DECISIONS VI/8 AND VII/9: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

95. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism, to facilitate the synergistic collaboration between existing initiatives, including the clearing-house mechanism, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), and regional and sub-regional taxonomic networks in order to develop more accessible information sources for countries on their biodiversity.

96. Decision VII/31 on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, specifies that the programme of work on the GTI will be under in-depth review at the eighth meeting of the COP and at a preceding meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA).

97. In response to these decisions, the following activities were carried out:

(a) Collaboration with existing activities and taxonomic networks

98. Strong linkages continue to be fostered with BioNET-INTERNATIONAL. A Memorandum of Cooperation was established between BioNET-INTERNATIONAL and the CBD Secretariat to support implementation of the programme of work of the GTI and promote and facilitate taxonomic capacity building needed to overcome the taxonomic impediment to implementing the Convention. The Memorandum of Cooperation identifies several areas of collaborative work, including scientific and technical cooperation related to the GTI, the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention, biosafety, transfer of technology and technology cooperation, and the 2010 target to achieve a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss. With regard to capacity building, cooperation and technology transfer, BioNET-INTERNATIONAL is working with the Secretariat to promote innovative approaches such as type-2 partnerships or transfers among relevant actors, involving in particular the private sector and civil-society organizations.

(b) In-depth review of the GTI

99. In preparation for the in-depth review for the GTI, thirty submissions of the thematic reports on the Global Taxonomy Initiative have been received by the CBD Secretariat from Parties. Analysis of thematic reports and information from international organizations, previous National Reports, reports from funding agencies and structured interviews are being used to determine the status and effectiveness in implementation of the programme of work of the GTI.

100. All the reports received have been posted on the website of the Convention and incorporated into the analytic tool developed for these reports. A preliminary synthesis of information contained in these reports, have been prepared for a meeting of the GTI Coordination Mechanisms to be held in October 2004. A further synthesis will be prepared on this basis for the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice due in December 2005, which will review the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative and make some recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2006.

DECISION VII/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

101. In decision VII/10 the Conference of the Parties welcomed the establishment, by the Executive Secretary, of a flexible coordination mechanism for the Strategy, comprising: liaison groups to be convened as necessary according to established procedures; national focal points, as determined by Parties; the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation; and the Secretariat, including the Programme Officer supported by Botanic Gardens Conservation International.

102. Earlier, in Decision VI/9, the Conference of Parties:

- (a) invited relevant international and regional organizations to endorse the strategy and to contribute to its implementation, including to adopt these targets, in order to promote a common effort towards halting the loss of plant diversity;
- (b) emphasized that the targets should be viewed as a flexible framework within which national and/or regional targets may be developed, according to national priorities and capacities, and taking into account differences in plant diversity between countries; and
- (c) invited Parties and Governments to develop national and/or regional targets, and, as appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

103. Furthermore, the sixth meeting of the Conference of Parties in the same decision:

- (d) stressed the potential role of the strategy in contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development;
- (e) emphasized the need for capacity-building, particularly in developing countries, small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, in order to enable them to implement the strategy;
- (f) invited Parties, other Governments, the financial mechanism, and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely support to the implementation of the strategy, especially by developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition; and
- (g) decided to review, at its eighth and tenth meetings, the progress made in reaching the global targets, and provide additional guidance in light of those reviews, including, as necessary, refinement of the targets.

104. In response to these decisions the following activities were carried out:

105. The Secretariat posted a notification for the nomination of national focal points for the strategy, in which Parties were requested to respond by 31 July 2004. To date 29 nominations have been received (Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Estonia, The European Union, Ghana, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad, United Kingdom, Venezuela and Zimbabwe).

106. The Secretariat has worked closely with the Global Invasive Species Programme Secretariat to facilitate a stakeholder consultation on target 10. A leaflet and brochure were developed for this target to enhance public awareness and engagement.

107. In an effort to make the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) more widely available to Parties, the GSPC brochure is now being translated into French while the Russian translation has been completed and circulated. The Spanish translation is in its final stages.

108. The Secretariat was represented at the Fourth European Conference on the Conservation of Wild Plants: A workshop on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in Europe from 17-20th September 2004 in Valencia, Spain, organized by Planta Europa. The meeting reviewed the progress made in achieving the targets of the European Strategy for Plant Conservation, which is the European platform for the implementation of the GSPC, and provided an opportunity to harmonize further the European Strategy targets with those of the GSPC. An Action Plan for the next three years was agreed for plant conservation in Europe in the light of the GSPC (see <http://www.nerium.net/plantaeuropa.htm>)

109. The Secretariat was also represented at the International Ecoagriculture Conference and Practitioners' Fair convened at the World Agroforestry Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, from September 27 to October 1, 2004. (www.ecoagriculturepartners.org <<http://www.ecoagriculturepartners.org/>>).

110. Pursuant to Decision VI/9, the Secretariat in collaboration with Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK and Makerere University (Uganda), has secured limited support to host an African regional course in plant conservation strategies, to be held in Uganda from 8th – 26th November 2004. The Secretariat notified the African CBD focal points as well as other African Regional networks involved in plant conservation and sustainable use. Twenty participants have been selected to attend the course and the Secretariat, in collaboration with key partners, has prepared relevant course materials and identified key resource persons from the region as well as relevant international organisations who are members of the global partnership for plant conservation. The course may be used as a model for other regions.

111. The Secretariat has been actively involved in the development of the Eastern Africa network for traditional medicine and medicinal plants, funded by IDRC Canada as a contribution to the regional implementation of targets 12 and 13 as well as providing technical input to various other regional projects that contribute to the development of the relevant targets.

DECISION VII/11: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

112. In decision VII/11, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the relevant international and regional organizations, to:

- (a) Undertake an analysis of the range of existing tools and approaches, that are consistent with the Convention's ecosystem approach, but operate on different levels and belong to a variety of sectors/communities, and are applied in programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in order to learn from their experiences and build upon their approaches, and identify any gaps in the coverage of such tools;
- (b) Where needed, facilitate development of new tools and techniques to enable the implementation of the ecosystem approach, and in collaboration with appropriate regional and international organization develop tools specific to each sector and biome;
- (c) Continue collection of case-studies at national, sub-regional, regional and international level on the implementation of the ecosystem approach, and develop, in cooperation with the clearing-house mechanism, a database of case-studies, searchable by biome/ecoregion and sector;
- (d) Make the above widely available to Parties through the development of a web-based "sourcebook" for the ecosystem approach, accessible through the clearing-house mechanism. This sourcebook should be non-prescriptive and allow adaptation to differing regional, national and local needs. It should be prepared in a language that is brief, non-technical and simple, ensuring its accessibility to practitioners working to implement the ecosystem approach on the ground. A supporting summary explanation of the ecosystem approach will also be prepared. It should be developed in collaboration with other relevant organizations,

peer-reviewed and field tested as appropriate, and made available through the clearing-house mechanism, in hard copy and on CD-Rom, and periodically revised;

113. The Executive Secretary was also requested to collaborate with the Coordinator and Head of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in order to further integrate the concepts of the ecosystem approach and sustainable forest management.

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

115. In collaboration with the Government of the UK, the creation of the sourcebook continues. The work during this period included the compilation of a list of tools and approaches; biomes and themes; and issues, which would serve as entry points into the searchable database. A prototype questionnaire for case studies has also been created. In addition, a preliminary version of the database has been developed.

DECISIONS VI/23 AND VII/13: ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES

116. In decision VI/23¹, the Conference of the Parties adopted the guiding principles for the prevention, introduction and mitigation of the impacts of invasive alien species and requested the Executive Secretary to carry out specific activities with the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP);

117. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in its recommendation VI/5 paragraph 6 (d), recommended that the CBD initiate assessments on the impacts of invasive alien species;

118. To enhance the ability of the Clearing-house Mechanism, the Conference of the Parties called on Parties, countries and relevant organizations to contribute to the creation and maintenance of the global information network in particular to enable international expertise sharing, provide information to assist countries to perform effective risk analysis and provide information on potential pathway of alien invasive species (decision VI/23 paragraph 25 (a, b and c));

119. In decision VII/13, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary together with the Global Invasive Species Programme and its participating organizations, and with relevant organizations to address the priorities for practical actions identified in the decisions of the Conference of the Parties; and

120. The Conference of the Parties also further noted that specific gaps in the international regulatory frameworks persist and requested the SBSTTA to establish an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks at global and regional levels (decision VII/13 paragraph 9).

121. In response to these decisions and SBSTTA recommendations, the following activities were carried out:

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

Scientific assessments

122. The key elements relating to the impact on inland water ecosystems, which were identified in an expert consultation (Washington, 14 - 15 July 2003), were expanded through a web-based discussion forum. The report prepared from the discussion forum has been peer-reviewed and was also submitted for

¹ One representative entered a formal objection during the process leading to the adoption of this decision and underlined that he did not believe that the Conference of the Parties could legitimately adopt a motion or a text with a formal objection in place. A few representatives expressed reservations regarding the procedure leading to the adoption of this decision (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, paragraphs. 294-324)

a wider peer-review process through a notification to CBD national focal points. A revised document, incorporating the results of this review, is being drafted for the information of SBSTTA 10.

Information Sharing

123. In collaboration with the GISP, the CBD activated a restricted website to gather existing information from GISP partners and other organizations on elements of decision VI/23 on alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species. Information obtained from this electronic forum is being synthesized by the CBD Secretariat in collaboration with the GISP and disseminated to Parties and the wider community through the CHM. In addition, the GISP has developed a Global Interactive Map which links to the invasive alien species pages of the CBD website and provides support to the Global Invasive Species Information Network.

Priority actions on invasive alien species

124. The Global Invasive Species Programme developed concept papers on several priority actions as requested by the Conference of the Parties. The concept papers include the following elements: (i) capacity building; (ii) implementation of target 10 of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation; (iii) support to the Global Taxonomy Initiative; (iv) research and assessment; (v) development of a joint work programme between the CBD Secretariat, GISP and other relevant international agreements and organisations; (vi) development of a financial mechanism for the management of invasive alien species; (vii) support to the development of the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN); (viii) support for the Global Initiative on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA); and (ix) incorporation of IAS issues into the thematic programmes of the CBD. The GISP is in the process of identifying financial support from Parties and funding agencies to enable the implementation of these activities.

(b) The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting

125. The Government of New Zealand offered to fund an AHTEG meeting to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks at global and regional levels. Preparations for the meeting are underway between the Secretariat and the New Zealand national focal point. A host country agreement has been finalized.

DECISION VII/15: BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

126. In decision VII/15 the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to develop advice or guidance for promoting synergy among activities to address climate change at the national, regional and international level where appropriate, including activities to combat desertification and land degradation, and activities for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

127. In response to this decision, the Secretariat drafted document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/16 on the proposed terms of reference of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group to further develop adaptation and biodiversity issues and to develop practical draft guidance on the implementation of climate change mitigations and adaptation activities, for consideration by SBSTTA. The Government of Finland informally reiterated their support to fund an AHTEG meeting should SBSTTA decide to establish it. Collection of case studies pursuant to para. 20 of the decision is still ongoing. The Secretariat also met with a representative from UNFCCC Secretariat to exchange views on preparation of the work of the AHTEG.

DECISIONS VI/20 AND VII/26: COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS

128. In decision VI/20 the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA and the Executive Secretary to:

(a) 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) with a view to maximizing synergies between these processes;

(b) 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; and

(c) 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;

129. In decision VII/26, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in close collaboration with relevant conventions, organizations and bodies, to examine options for a flexible framework in order to enhance implementation through improved cooperation.

130. In response to these decisions, the following activities were carried out by the Secretariat:

(a) Collaboration with UNFCCC and UNCCD

131. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the secretariats of UNCCD, UNFCCC and the GEF, organized a Regional Workshop for Africa on Synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity.

(b) Preparation of the International Conference on Biodiversity (ICB)

132. A representative of the Secretariat met with representatives of the Government of France (16-17 September) to further discussions on the preparation for the International Conference on Biodiversity: Science and Governance to be held in Paris, France, at UNESCO from 24 to 28 January 2005. Major achievements included directing the focus of the conference more towards the CBD, including a greater focus on targets and indicators.

(c) Collaboration with the Ramsar Convention

133. The Secretariat attended the mid-term workshops of the Ramsar Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP). Progress on six working groups was reviewed. Good progress was reported from all working groups and the Secretariat was able to make a number of constructive contributions to the process, building upon previous inputs into all of the working group deliberations (by electronic discussion forum). In particular, the Secretariat noted the contribution that Ramsar outcome oriented indicators could make to related indicators for the CBD 2010 target. In addition, the Secretariat suggested that the Ramsar STRP may wish to consider in the longer-term the establishment of outcome oriented targets for wetlands. Various mechanisms for doing this were discussed. There was a strong consensus on the feasibility and logic of doing this.

134. Members of the Ramsar Secretariat have accepted invitations to attend the Ad-hoc Technical Expert Group meeting on indicators (19-22 October 2004) and the Expert Group on Outcome Oriented Targets meeting (25-27 October 2004).

(d) Collaboration with the World Heritage Convention

135. A representative of the Secretariat delivered a keynote presentation at the International Donors' conference in support of the Cultural and Natural Heritage of the Congo (DRC) which took place on 16 & 17 September 2004, at UNESCO, Paris.

DECISION VII/27: MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

136. In decision VII/27 the Conference of Parties adopted the programme of work on mountain biological diversity and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake supporting activities geared to facilitating its implementation.

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

138. The Secretariat liaised with ICIMOD, IHD, the Sustainable Mountain Partnership and DIVERSITAS on the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity.

139. The Secretariat provided inputs to the questionnaire on the CUSCO Plan of Action of the Mountain Partnership and actively participated in the E-Consultation.

140. The Secretariat reviewed the revised chapter on mountain systems of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and provided comments /suggestions.

141. The Secretariat published a paper on mountain biological diversity and the Programme of Work on Mountain Biological Diversity in the journal of CAPARTHIAN Environment.

DECISION VII/28: PROTECTED AREAS

142. In decision VII/28 the Conference of Parties adopted the programme of work on protected areas and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake supporting activities aimed at facilitating its implementation. In the decision, COP established an *ad hoc* open-ended working group on protected areas to support and review implementation of the programme of work and requested the Executive Secretary to make arrangements to hold one meeting before COP- 8.

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

Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas

144. The Secretariat sent a draft Host Government Agreement (HGA) to the Government of Italy (for the first meeting of the ad hoc working group on protected areas from 18-22 April 2005) and to the Government of Guatemala (for the second meeting from 28 November to 2 December 2005) for consideration and signature.

145. Consultations were held with the COP bureau members regarding the organization and draft provisional agenda of the first meeting of the ad hoc working group on protected areas. The draft provisional agenda was finalised.

146. The Secretariat prepared a baseline paper on “Coverage of Protected Areas –Indicator” for an e-consultation and participated in the discussions.

147. The Secretariat extensively consulted experts from GEF, WB, IUCN-WCPA, academic and research institutions for developing outlines and contents of the background documents for the first meeting of the ad hoc working group on protected areas.

148. The Secretariat participated in the fourth meeting of Experts on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in the South East Pacific and provided inputs concerning the priority themes of the programme of work on protected areas and coastal and marine protected areas (see further under decision VII/5 above).

149. The Secretariat reviewed the second draft chapter 5 (biodiversity) in volume 3 of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and provided comments /suggestions.

150. The Secretariat participated in a meeting with the head of the protected area programme of IUCN and held detailed discussions on the ways and means for collaboration with IUCN-WCPA for

implementation of the programme of work on protected areas including marine and coastal protected areas. An annex to the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat and IUCN on implementation of decisions VII/5 (Marine and Coastal biological diversity) and VII/28 on protected areas is being developed.

151. Work is underway to prepare a draft format for a thematic report on protected areas as requested in paragraph 30 of decision VII/28 as well as Activity 4.3.8 of the programme of work on protected areas. The draft format will be presented for consideration at the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas.

DECISION VII/30: STRATEGIC PLAN: FUTURE EVALUATION OF PROGRESS

152. In decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties adopted a framework to enhance the evaluation of achievements and progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan. The framework includes (i) focal areas, (ii) goals and sub-targets to facilitate coherence among the programmes of work, and to provide a flexible framework for national targets and (iii) indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level.

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

(a) Indicators

154. The Secretariat continued preparation of an AHTEG meeting on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target, scheduled for 19-22 October 2004. More than 100 experts participated in the review of draft documents on each of the eight indicators adopted for immediate testing and use. Based on the comments received, these documents have been revised and finalised as information documents for the AHTEG meeting. Summary information from these documents, which might feed into the Global Biodiversity Outlook, has been extracted into a single document. The agenda and annotated agenda for the meeting have been prepared and the selection of participations has been approved by the SBSTTA Bureau.

(b) Outcome-oriented targets

155. The Secretariat has continued preparations for an expert meeting on outcome-oriented targets, scheduled for 25-27 October 2004. The agenda and annotated agenda for the meeting and background documents on the integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programmes of work on inland water biodiversity and marine and coastal biodiversity have been prepared and the selection of participants has been approved by the SBSTTA Bureau.

156. Both background documents were reviewed using an electronic discussion forum for a two month period from mid-July 2004. Comments received during this process were incorporated into revised drafts ready for the expert group meeting.

(c) Preparation of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

157. The Executive Secretary held discussions with UNEP-DEWA on the preparation of the Second Global Biodiversity Outlook. UNEP agreed to contribute to the work on the GBO-2.

158. An outline of the GBO-2 will be considered by the AHTEG meeting on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target (Montreal, 19-22 October 2004). The AHTEG will also recommend ways in which reporting on these indicators will be done through the GBO.

159. As requested in decision VII/30, the Executive Secretary has distributed a notification to all Parties to solicit information concerning national reviews undertaken by Parties of national implementation, with a view to identifying ways to support the review by Parties. This is also a follow up to the requirement contained in decision V/20. Parties were requested to submit relevant information by January 15, 2005.

160. In keeping with decision VII/30, the Executive Secretary is exploring ways to support developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the development, revision and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. One of the ways in this regard is to seek views from a donors' meeting held in conjunction with the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas scheduled in April 2005. Discussion is underway to include this item in the agenda of this meeting.

DECISION VII/31: THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2010

Island Biodiversity

161. The Secretariat concluded the preparatory work for the organization of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, which will take place in the Canary Islands in December 2004. In particular, the Secretariat completed the documentation for the meeting which is now available in the CBD website.

162. The Secretariat continues to participate in the meetings of the Inter Agency Task Force on Mauritius 2005 through conference calls, which are coordinated by the SIDS Unit in UN DESA, New York.

163. In response to paragraph 8 of decision VII/31, the Secretariat is currently developing a web portal for island biodiversity issues aimed at facilitating the input from the widest possible range of Parties, countries, and relevant organizations, stakeholders and indigenous and local communities, particularly from small island developing States.

DECISION VII/32: MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

164. In response to paragraph 2 (a) of decision VII/32 requesting the Executive Secretary to work closely with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Millennium Project of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and others to find ways to more effectively communicate the importance of biodiversity in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and to identify and communicate the relationship between biodiversity and human development targets at all levels; the Secretariat will consult with the CEPA Informal Advisory Committee on the most appropriate approaches for responding effectively to this request. In particular, this request will be on the agenda of the CEPA Informal Advisory Committee scheduled to meet back-to-back with the 10th meeting of SBSTTA to be held in Bangkok on 12 February 2004.

165. During the reporting period under consideration and in response to paragraph 5 of decision VII/32, the revision of the format for the third national report incorporated specific questions soliciting from the Parties, to report on actions taken in the implementation of the Convention that could contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The format and the guidelines were finalised and disseminated to the Parties in July 2004 with a request to the Parties to submit their completed 3rd national reports no later than May 2005. The analysis of the information contained in the third national reports will commence thereafter and will provide, among others, specific reviews of the linkages between the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals at the national level.

166. In addition, in response to paragraph 6 of decision VII/32 requesting the Executive Secretary to publish the full results of the study on "The programme of work of the Convention and the Millennium Development Goals", internal discussions within the Secretariat revealed that the document to be published requires extensive revisions. In view of the need to focus attention to the development of

substantive inputs for the hosting of the AHTEG meeting on the 2010 Indicators as well as SBSTTA-10, it was felt that the revision of the document would only commence towards the end of the first quarter of 2005. Publication of the document will then follow thereafter. These efforts will involve consultations and liaison with UNDP as they provided inputs in the drafting of the document to be published.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

DECISION VI/13 AND DECISION VII/12 ON SUSTAINABLE USE AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE

167. In response to decision VII/12, the Secretariat continues to compile information on success stories, best practices and lessons learned in the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines, which will be submitted for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eleventh meeting (SBSTTA-11). These should include information and experiences on how sustainable use of biodiversity can contribute to the achievement of the target of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010. By notification 2004-072, the Secretariat also invited Parties, Governments, other relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders to provide information on the above no later than 31 March 2005.

168. Pursuant to decision VII/12, the Secretariat has organized an electronic forum in order to gather further comments and proposals on issues pertaining to use of terms for sustainable use, adaptive management, monitoring and indicators. In this regard, the Secretariat issued Notification 2004-072 inviting interested experts to comment and formulate proposals. Comments received will be compiled by the Secretariat and integrated in a revised document for consideration at SBSTTA-11. The restricted website as well as instructions on how to participate in the forum are available at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/subd-forum.asp>.

169. In response to paragraph 5 of the same decision, the Secretariat is presently working on the organization of four technical expert workshops on ecosystem services assessment, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources. Subject to availability of funds, the Secretariat has tentatively scheduled a series of meetings to be held as follows:

- (i) 12-14 April 2005, Central and Eastern European Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use;
- (ii) 13-15 September 2005, Latin American Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use;
- (iii) 8-20 October 2005, African Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use;
- (iv) 22-24 November 2005, Asia and the Pacific Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use.

170. The technical experts workshops are primarily designed to identify and address constraints in the implementation of sustainable use practices at the regional level. In this regard they will also: (i) provide training to government officials and practitioners on the above issues and ways and means to facilitate the implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity; (ii) facilitate and promote exchanges of experiences among government officials and practitioners through the review of regional case studies; and (iii) make recommendations on future work to be undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity on the sustainable use of biological diversity.

DECISION VI/14 AND DECISION VII/14 ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

171. In response to decision VII/14, the Secretariat has informed relevant organizations to take the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development into account in undertaking their activities. To this end, the guidelines were forwarded to financing agencies, regional development banks and developers. In addition, the Secretariat was invited to deliver an opening statement and make a presentation in one of the working sessions at the dialogue on “Tourism, Cultural Diversity, and Sustainable Tourism”, which was organized within the Forum on Cultures Barcelona 2004, a three month summer event and venue for a series of symposia covering several issues pertaining to modern society and world cultures. The three-day segment on sustainable tourism was articulated in four sessions extensively analyzing the relationships between tourism, cultural diversity, and sustainable development.

172. In accordance with decision VII/14, the Secretariat has initiated work to develop a user’s manual that would facilitate the implementation of the CBD guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism adopted at COP-7.

173. The Secretariat continued to assist and collaborate with international organizations and Parties in the implementation of the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development. In order to assess the adaptability of the guidelines, test their effectiveness and identify constraints to their implementation, the Secretariat is also gathering and analyzing the case-studies on the implementation of the guidelines.

DECISION VI/10 AND DECISION VII/16 ON ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

174. In response to decision VII/16 E, the Secretariat has identified consultants and initiated the hiring process to complete phase one of the composite report and to carry out the work on phase two and on the Arctic region. In addition, the Secretariat has already started researching examples of codes of ethics and conduct governing research and is also working on a draft version of the above-mentioned ethical code of conduct.

175. In response to decision VII/16 H the Secretariat is in the initial phase of reviewing relevant material regarding *sui generis* systems.

176. In decision VII/16 E on Article 8(j) and related provisions, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary *inter alia* to create an advisory group/steering committee in which indigenous and local communities will be represented to assist in the completion of the composite report and undertake a peer review of the revised version, in consultation with indigenous peoples and local community organizations that have participated in the work on the Convention. In response to this decision, the Executive Secretary issued notification 2004-053, inviting Parties and Governments to nominate experts, including experts from indigenous and local communities, for the advisory group/steering committee as soon as possible but no later than 31 August 2004. The Secretariat is finalising the selection of the members of the advisory group/steering committee based on nominations received. The selection of experts will be based on expertise, taking into account gender balance, equitable geographical distribution and the nature of the mandate of the group. The Secretariat expects to have the selection process completed by early October 2004.

177. The Secretariat has initiated work to organize a workshop on cultural, environmental and social impact assessments aimed at further strengthening the understanding of the link between environment and cultural diversity, based on the “Akwé Kon Guidelines” to be held in the first half of 2005, at a venue to be determined and subject to the availability of funds. In particular, the Secretariat has contacted relevant agencies to inquire about their interest in becoming active partners by providing financial and technical support to this initiative. The workshop would bring together approximately 40 experts, including a geographically balanced representation of indigenous and local communities. The report of the workshop

would be submitted to the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8 (j), to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, as well as other bodies as appropriate.

178. The Secretariat participated in a telephone conference with other members of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE) Task Force on Indigenous women, moderated by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. As a result of the meeting, it was agreed to identify mandates vis-à-vis our organizations that will facilitate the integration and strengthening of indigenous women's role with short and medium/long term objectives.

DECISION VI/11 AND DECISION VII/17 ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

179. A notification was sent to Parties and Governments regarding funding for the meeting of a group of legal and technical experts on liability and redress in the context of paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Convention in accordance with decision VII/17. No response has been received from Parties and Governments to date.

180. Work continued on updating documentation prepared pursuant to decision VI/11, paragraph 2.

DECISION VI/15 AND DECISION VII/18 ON INCENTIVE MEASURES

181. The Secretariat continued the gathering and analysis of information for the preparation of documents as requested by decision VII/18, and prepared pertinent documentation for the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

182. The Secretariat participated in the Eighth Biennial Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics, held in Montreal on 11 – 14 July 2004, with a view to disseminate information on the economic aspects and work of the Convention and to promote and enhance cooperation with the academic community on economic issues. The Secretariat was represented through an information booth and also gave a presentation on the economic aspects and programme of work of the Convention.

DECISION VI/24 AND DECISION VII/19 ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING AS RELATED TO GENETIC RESOURCES

183. In preparation for the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, pre-session documents are being prepared.

184. In light of the few submissions received as of 15 September 2004, a reminder of the notifications sent out after COP VII was sent out to CBD National Focal Points, all relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and indigenous and local community representatives and relevant stakeholders and posted on the CBD website, inviting them to urgently provide views and information to contribute to preparatory work for the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing and for the dissemination of information in accordance with decision VII/19 on access and benefit-sharing.

185. The review of COP decisions on ABS was carried out in order to proceed to their consolidation and to suggest the retirement of elements of these decisions.

186. The database on access and benefit-sharing measures and the database on capacity-building for access and benefit-sharing have been updated.

DECISION VI/27B AND DECISION VII/33 ON OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

187. The Secretariat continued to review COP decisions with a view to making proposals regarding their retirement or consolidation pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision VII/33.

188. The Secretariat prepared and transmitted to Parties Notification 2004-042 seeking views regarding options for setting priorities during COP meetings pursuant to the decision. Responses have been received from Australia, The Bahamas and Jordan.

189. The Secretariat is continuing to review the administrative arrangements between UNEP and the SCBD with a view to proposing changes for the consideration of the Executive Director UNEP.

DECISION VII/29: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

190. The Secretariat continued the gathering and analysis of pertinent information, and embarked on the preparation of draft documentation as requested by decision VII/29, for consideration by the expert group on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation. Based on nominations by Parties and relevant international organizations, this expert group will be established in November 2004.

191. The Secretariat participated in the UNFCCC workshop on innovative options for financing the development and transfer of technologies, held in Montreal on 27 – 29 September 2004, with a view to exploring whether the experiences gained on financing technology transfer in the climate change area could bear useful insights for the identification of mechanisms for financial support of capacity development, technology transfer and scientific, technical and technological cooperation, as requested by decision VII/29.

192. The Secretariat also attended a special meeting of the UNFCCC Expert Group on Technology Transfer, which was held back-to-back to the aforementioned workshop, on 29 – 30 September 2004. The Secretariat briefed the meeting on the Convention's provisions and programme of work on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation, with a view to initiating an exploration of potential cooperation and synergy between the UNFCCC and CBD expert groups on technology transfer.

BIOSAFETY

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

The Biosafety Protocol

193. During the reporting period, the Secretariat has focused, on a priority basis, on the preparations of the following meetings which will take place in the remaining months of this calendar year: the meeting of the Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol which will meet from 18-20 October 2004 in Montreal; the Workshop on capacity building and exchange of information and experiences as related to the implementation of Article 18.2 of the Protocol which will be held from 1-3 November 2004 in Bonn, Germany; and the meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee for the BCH (BCH-IAC) which will take place from 9-10 November 2004 in Montreal. The Secretariat issued notifications requesting nominations for the first two of these meetings and completed the selection of participants. With regard to the BCH-IAC, the Executive Secretary selected 15 members (3 from each UN regional group) to serve on the Committee based on the recognized expertise of these individuals in areas and issues of relevance to the work under the BCH. A number of observers from relevant

organizations, especially those with whom the Secretariat has partnership arrangements related to the BCH, have also been invited to the BCH-IAC on an ad hoc basis.

194. The Secretariat also continued the collaboration with the Government of Switzerland in organizing the coordination meeting for representatives of academic institutions actively involved in education and training in biosafety, which will take place from 4-6 October 2004 in Geneva.

195. Funding for the organization of the meeting of the Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress is being provided by the Government of the United Kingdom and by the European Union. Funding for the Workshop on capacity building for Article 18.2 of the Protocol is being provided by the Government of Germany, the Government of Canada and the European Union

196. Following the launching of the fully operational phase of the BCH (<http://bch.biodiv.org>) in accordance with decision BS-I/3 and in order to make preparations for the review of the BCH to be undertaken at the second meeting of COP-MOP with a view to developing a longer term programme of work for the BCH, the Secretariat issued a notification seeking views of BCH users through a questionnaire developed for this purpose. The survey ran from 16 August 2004 to 17 September 2004 and more than 80 responses were received by the Secretariat during this period. The Secretariat is currently analysing the results of the survey, which will be made available to the meeting of the BCH-IAC and ultimately to the second meeting of COP-MOP together with the elements for the longer-term programme of work for the BCH on the basis of the experience and lessons learnt thus far.

197. Among the many facilities that the new operational phase of the BCH offers to users, it should be noted that it is now possible for users to subscribe to the BCH Current Awareness Service in order to receive regular updates summarizing new information that has been added to the BCH, sent directly to users via e-mail or to a specified fax number. The categories of information to be included in the summaries, and the frequency of their delivery are individually customisable for each user. In addition, countries may now submit their own national (or regional) news to the BCH to ensure that it is circulated widely to all users including through the BCH Current Awareness Service.

198. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also attended a number of meetings organized by organizations whose work is of relevance to the implementation of the biosafety programme of work, especially with regard to capacity building activities and also in the area of scientific assessments as related to LMOs.

199. As of 30 September 2004, 108 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.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTREACH

DECISION VII/21: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

200. The Secretariat advised the regional director of UNEP regional office for Asia and the Pacific on obligations of the Parties to the Convention, including contributions, reporting requirements etc.

201. The Interactive Info-bulletin on Financing for Biological Diversity was expanded to include a section on Financing for Thematic Areas and Cross-Cutting Issues. Data entry has also been increased.

202. The Secretariat responded to requests concerning funding/information from the following countries:

Argentina: Funding for completing the CBD questionnaire on the Global Taxonomy Initiative

Bangladesh: Participatory biodiversity documentation and conservation

Burundi: Good hives for raising healthy honeybees at Uvira

Chile: Conservation and biotechnology in Chile

Ghana: Request for education sponsorship

Guinea Bissau: Request for funding for the production of the third national report

India: Project proposal from the Centre for Rural Development

India: Buddha outcast social society

Jordan: Request for funding for the third national report

Nepal: Request for funding to study abroad

Peru: Request for collaboration and funding

Rwanda: Request for scholarship

Sri Lanka: Biodiversity conservation centre

Togo: Request for funding for the third national report

R.D. Congo: Glissement des populations faisant pression autour du Mont Tshiabirimu

203. The Secretariat received a positive response from the Inter-American Development Bank with respect to implementation of the decisions from the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

204. The Secretariat attended the UNFCCC workshop on innovative options for financing the development and transfer of technologies in Montreal from 27-29 September 2004. Further discussions were held between the two secretariats to exchange views and information on financing for respective conventions.

205. The European Centre for Nature Conservation informed the Secretariat of its third meeting of the European Task Force on Banking, Business and Biodiversity in London at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development on September 28th. The Secretariat received the revised action plan on financing biodiversity adopted by the Madrid Conference from the Joint secretariat (UNEP- Council of Europe) for the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLEDS).

206. The Secretariat furthered its work on funding indicators through an Internet discussion. A discussion document was prepared for that purpose, including information on bilateral assistance as well as commitments to the financial mechanism of the Convention. The draft background document on the eight 2010 indicators was prepared for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators.

207. The Secretariat examined the funding provisions of decision VII/19 (Access and benefit-sharing as related to genetic resources), in particular the Action Plan on Capacity-Building for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing, and concluded that more attention and efforts were needed in order to start the implementation of decision VII/19.

208. The sections on Articles 20, 21 and 39 of the CBD Handbook have been updated in order to incorporate new decisions adopted by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

209. The Secretariat has started preparation of the first draft of the directory of funding sources. Entries already included GEF, the World Bank, International Finance Corporation and United Nations Development Programme.

210 The first draft concerning retirement of decisions V/11 and VI/16 was prepared.

**DECISION VII/20: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM
DECISION VII/22: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRD REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM**

211. The GEF and CBD Secretariats held a teleconference on 29 July 2004 to discuss how to implement decision VII/20 (further guidance to the financial mechanism), in particular with respect to the provisions on biosafety. The CBD Secretariat initiated discussions with the GEF on the implementation of COP guidance on the third national reports. The GEF Secretariat organized the 7th GEF familiarization seminar in November 2004 in Washington, DC.

212. The CBD and GEF Secretariats worked together to develop a joint letter with a view to facilitating implementation of paragraph 21(b) of decision VII/20 by specifying steps and procedures as well as format to be followed by appropriate governments in seeking funding for biosafety activities from the Facility. The joint letter was sent out to Parties and responses have already been received.

213. The GEF Secretariat provided information concerning its updated GEF pipeline and comments from Council members regarding performance based allocation framework. The CBD Secretariat had internal discussions on the proposed performance based allocation framework, and developed its positions on the proposed framework.

214. The Secretariat received an invitation to the GEF Council Meeting, 17-19 November 2004 in Washington, DC.

215. The Secretariat was invited to attend a teleconference with the GEF Secretariat and the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to discuss issues dealing with a performance-based system for allocating GEF resources. It also attended the Seminar on Performance Based Allocation Framework for GEF Resources from 27-28 September 2004 in Paris, France.

216. The Secretariat participated in the GEFOP teleconference on August 2, 2004 in order to prepare the July 2004 Work Programme for consideration by the GEF Council. The meeting cleared nine biodiversity projects in the amount of US\$67 million.

217. The Secretariat received and reviewed the following enabling activity proposals:
Benin: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)
Bosnia and Herzegovina: Biodiversity enabling activities: Preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, National Reports and establishment of a National Clearing House Mechanism

- Botswana: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)
- Madagascar: Assessment of Capacity-building Needs for Biodiversity and Establishment of a national Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)
- Nepal: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)
- Papua New Guinea: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)
- Solomon Island: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)
- Suriname: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)
- Tonga: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)
- Tunisia: Assessment of Capacity-building Needs for Biodiversity and Participation in the Establishment of a Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)
218. The Secretariat received and reviewed the following PDF proposals or pipeline entry:
- Brazil: Conservation and Sustainable Management of the Caatinga Biome (PDF B)
 - Cameroon: Promoting Community-based Conservation of Globally Significant Biodiversity in Priority Forest Sites within the Cameroon Mountain Range (CAMCOF) (PDF B)
 - Global: Catalyzing markets for ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation (PDF A)
 - Global: Financial Sustainability for National Systems of Protected Areas (PDF B)
 - India: Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Project (PDF B)
 - Regional: Pacific Invasive Species Management (PDF B)
219. The Secretariat received and reviewed the following medium-sized project proposals:
- Belarus: Renaturalization and sustainable management of peatlands in Belarus to combat land degradation, ensure conservation of globally valuable biodiversity, and mitigate climate change
 - Global: Building Capacity for Integrated Ecosystem Management in Africa and the Asia/Pacific Region
 - Hungary: Conservation and Restoration of the Globally Significant Biodiversity of the Tisza River Floodplain Through Integrated Flood Plain Management
 - Kenya: Developing Incentives for Community Participation in Forest Conservation through the Use of Commercial Insects in Kenya
 - Russia: Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in Russia's Taymir Peninsula - maintaining connectivity across the landscape
 - Venezuela: Sustainable Use and Conservation of Biodiversity Resources of Dhekuana Indigenous Lands
220. The July 2004 Intersessional Work Programme was approved including:
- China: Sanjiang Plain Wetlands Protection Project (ADB)
 - Global: Support Programme for National Capacity Self Assessments (UNDP/UNEP)
 - Iran: Conservation of Biodiversity in the Central Zagros Landscape Conservation Zone (UNDP)

Mozambique: Transfrontier Conservation Areas and Tourism Development Project (World Bank)
Nepal: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Wetlands (UNDP)
Philippines: Integrated Coastal Resources Management Project (ADB)
Regional (Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Senegal): In-situ Conservation of Endemic Ruminant Livestock in West Africa (UNDP)
Russian Federation: Fire Management in High Biodiversity Value Forests of Amur-Sikhote-Alin Ecoregion (World Bank)
Uganda: Conservation of Biodiversity in the Albertine Rift Forest Protected Areas
Zambia: Effective Management of the National Protected Areas System (UNDP)

221. The Secretariat received and reviewed the following proposals for the November 2004 Work Programme:

Brazil: Sustainable Land Management in the Semi-Arid Sertão
Global: Capacity Building for Effective Participation in Biosafety Clearing House (BCH): Add-on for 89 countries
Global: Development of National Biosafety Frameworks Project- Add-on for final 10 countries
Global: Small Grants Programme Replenishment (Feb. 05-Feb.08) Year 1
Honduras: Environmental Protection and Maritime Transport Pollution Control in the Gulf of Honduras
India: Andaman and Nicobar Islands: Ecologically-Sustainable Island Development
Regional: In Situ/On-Farm Conservation and Use of Agricultural Biodiversity (Horticultural Crops and Wild Fruit Species) in Central Asia
Russia: Demonstrating Sustainable Conservation of Biodiversity in Four Protected Areas in Russia's Kamchatka Oblast - Tranche 2

222. The GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Unit completed its review of the GEF Biodiversity Program. Mr. Robert van den Berg officially joined the GEF as the Director of Monitoring and Evaluation. ICF Consulting was recruited to undertake the Third Overall Performance Study (OPS3).

223. The Secretariat answered several enquiries about the Third review of the financial mechanism. Three proposals for the third review were received by the deadline (30 September 2004): two from Canada and one from United Kingdom. A reminder letter was sent to potential donors in respect of additional financial contributions required to carry out the third review. The Secretariat also shared with the GEF Secretariat relevant information including the progress made so far.

224. The first draft concerning retirement of decisions V/12, V/13, and VI/17 was prepared. Efforts were also made to consolidate guidance to the financial mechanism.

225. The Secretariat provided information on the funding status of the financial mechanism in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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

Clearing-house Mechanism

226. During the period under review the CHM undertook the following activities:

- developed an Internet-based portal for use by informal advisory committee members of the Clearing-House Mechanism. A similar portal was created in support of decision VII/24 for CEPA informal advisory committee members;
- developed a number of thematic Internet-based portals for forest biological diversity, invasive alien species and communication, education and public awareness;
- created electronic discussion forums to assist the Task force on Indicators and to review draft documents for the integration of goals and sub-targets into the programmes of work.
- is organizing an informal meeting on interoperability of information among the three Rio and other environmental conventions;
- completed the CBD website re-design which is ready for revision and comments;
- re-classified the information centre collection, eliminated the backlog and re-catalogued the collection to adhere to library standards;
- continues to participate in the development of the Pilot Phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House.

VI/19 and VII/24 COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

227. At its 7th meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision VII/24 and requested the Executive Secretary to convene an informal advisory committee (IAC) on communication, education and public awareness (CEPA), which would meet at the tenth meeting of SBSTTA to further develop the CEPA work programme for in-depth consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting. This informal advisory committee would meet at subsequent meetings of SBSTTA and the Conference of the Parties, as is the current practice for the informal advisory committee for the clearing-house mechanism (CHM).

228. In response to this request, the Secretariat established the IAC whose membership is drawn from government nominated experts, as well as representatives of UN agencies, International organisations, academic institutions and NGOs. In addition, the Secretariat launched CEPA IAC Collaborative Portal, which was developed to foster communication and greater sharing of expertise and experience. The CEPA IAC Collaborative Portal offers a number of tools designed to allow CEPA IAC members to more effectively communicate and work jointly on projects and initiatives. For example, among the many tools available in the Portal, CEPA IAC members can initiate dialogue on relevant COP decisions, comment on and discuss documents, view and comment on upcoming meetings, virtually meet to discuss topics at hand, and announce events and news of interest to other CEPA IAC members.

229. One of the first documents to be reviewed and discussed by the CEPA IAC will be the draft revised CEPA Programme of Work, which will be posted on the CEPA IAC Portal in mid October 2004. The draft CEPA programme of work has been revised to be more comprehensive in scope and approach in order to guide the implementation of the identified programme elements in a coherent and consistent manner. The revised programme has incorporated all the identified CEPA-related components of the programmes of work of the Convention (in the thematic areas and cross-cutting issues) to ensure that there is an integrated and coordinated approach in the delivery of CEPA messages and outputs to the intended target audiences.

230. The revised programme of work has taken into consideration, the related on-going CEPA work of other organizations and the need to build on the success and strengths of these efforts whilst providing a focused service to the target audience of the Convention. This approach also recognizes the value of strategic alignments and partnerships, networking, harmonization of related activities, and capacity development to ensure consistency in the generation and delivery of the envisaged outputs including key biodiversity messages.

231. The revision of the programme of work has also taken on board the need to address some of the priority global initiatives in sustainable development including the 2010 biodiversity target; the Millennium Development Goals, the WSSD Plan of Implementation and other relevant initiatives. This approach is consistent with the requirement for the Convention process to provide substantial inputs and guidance in the on-going efforts to address these global policy initiatives.

232. The Secretariat is currently preparing the documentation and related logistical arrangements for hosting the first IAC meeting to be held in Bangkok, Thailand in February 2005. These documents, including the provisional agenda, annotated agenda and related discussions documents will be posted on the CEPA IAC Portal in mid October 2004.

233. In coordination with UNFCCC and UNCCD, the Secretariat is finalising the publication of a joint calendar for 2005, which will highlight the cooperation, complementarity and synergies of the programmes of work of the three "Rio Conventions." The theme of the Calendar, "Adapting to Change" captures the tools and approaches to sustainable development embodied in the work of the conventions. Each month of the joint calendar will feature the beautiful aerial photographs of Yann Arthus-Bertrand.

234. Preparations for the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) in 2005 are underway with the release of the final theme planned for early October. This year, a more extensive school outreach programme will be carried out on IBD, including the release of a pilot project to demonstrate ecosystem principles to school children. The Secretariat continues to hold discussions with relevant institutions in Montreal (including the Biosphere and the Biodome) focusing on development of collaborative projects to promote biodiversity education and public awareness.

235. To mark the first ten years of the Convention's activities, a Special Edition of the CBD News is being prepared. The edition will feature contributions from former presidents and chairpersons of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and SBSTTA, and former Executive Secretaries of the Convention. A detailed timeline will graphically represent the activities and development of the Convention as it matures into an implementation phase.

236. In August, the Secretariat published the decisions of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties. These were distributed to national focal points and will be further available at all upcoming meetings of the Secretariat.

237. New volumes in the CBD Guidelines and Programmes of Work series were published. The Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development were published with the generous financial assistance of the Government of Germany and were distributed at the International Dialogue "Tourism Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development" held in Barcelona, Spain, 14 - 16 July 2004 and organized by: Instituto de Turismo Responsable. The Programme of Work on the Biological Diversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands was also published, and distributed at the Regional Workshop for Africa on Synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions.

238. A number of publications are being prepared including the Third Edition of the Handbook of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the CBD News Special Edition on the History of the Convention,

and programmes of work for Agricultural Biological Diversity, Protected Areas, and the Addis Ababa Guidelines and Principles on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity. All of these are expected to be released in the fourth quarter of 2004.

DECISION VI/25 and VII/25 NATIONAL REPORTING

239. As requested by decision VII/25 B, the Executive Secretary further developed the guidelines for the third national report by incorporating the views expressed by Parties at COP 7 and further questions arising from the decisions of COP 7. In the process of further development of the guidelines, consideration was also given to the requirements contained in paragraph 3 of decision VII/25 B and paragraph 6 of decision VII/25 A.

240. The Executive Secretary finalized the further development of the guidelines for the third national report in July 2004, and distributed the guidelines to all Parties before the end of July 2004. The guidelines in all the six UN languages were also posted on the website of the Convention at www.biodiv.org/world/nr-guidelines.asp?t=t.

241. The Secretariat participated in the Workshop on Reporting Harmonization of Biodiversity-related Conventions held in Belgium from 22 to 23 September 2004. The workshop was organized by UNEP-WCMC as a follow-up to the first workshop on this subject held in London, UK in 2000. The workshop made a few recommendations for actions at both national and international levels to harmonize national reporting under some biodiversity-related conventions. The recommendations were made on the basis of the results of four pilot projects undertaken respectively in Ghana, Indonesia, Panama and the Seychelles, which were recommended by the workshop in London.

242. By the end of September 2004, the Secretariat had received a total of 109 second national reports. In addition, the Secretariat had received a total of 138 first national reports.

243. By the end of September 2004, the Secretariat had received a total of 16 thematic reports on access and benefit-sharing, 46 thematic reports on forest ecosystems, 59 thematic reports on alien invasive species, 39 thematic reports on mountain ecosystems, 55 thematic reports on protected areas and 26 thematic reports on transfer of technology and technology cooperation.

244. All the national and thematic reports received had been posted on the website of the Convention and incorporated into the analytic tools developed by the Secretariat for these reports.

ANNEX I

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 32 regularized Professional staff members and 23 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 7 vacant posts, (4 professional and 3 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. 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).

2. During the period under review there were three Interns: Ms. Kirsten Migowski from Germany, working on Technology Transfer and Cooperation; Mr. Marc-André Lafrance from Canada, working on Access and Benefit Sharing, both with the Social, Economic and Legal Affairs Division., and Ms. Nozomi Nakano from Japan, working on the WTO dispute settlement mechanism with the Biosafety Unit. Also during this period there was one Fellow in the SCBD Fellowship Programme - Mr. José Pedro Domingos from Angola, working with the Biosafety Division.

II Contributions and Funds

3. During the third quarter of 2004, three new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were made. A pledge of US\$100,000 was received from the Government of Canada in support of the Workshop on Capacity Building as related to paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; a pledge of 66,000 Euros was received from the Government of Spain in support of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, and a pledge of £20,000 was received from the Government of the United Kingdom for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Targets, Baselines and Indicators.

4. For 2004 a total of US\$944,076 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$512,400 or 54.3% has been collected as at 30 September 2004. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

5. With regard to the General Trust Fund for the Convention (**BY Trust Fund**), as at 30 September 2004 the total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2003 and prior years amounted to US\$609,415. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2004 is US\$7,741,394. Of this amount, US\$6,672,489 or 86% has been received. Additionally, US\$1,100,000 has been pledged and US\$299,980 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund, and US\$609,415 has been collected in 2004 for prior years. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2004 amounts to US\$1,868,925. Total unpaid pledges for 2004 and prior years are therefore US\$2,478,340. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

6. As at 30 September 2004 a total of US\$228,420 was pledged for 2004 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Austria (\$15,042); Canada (\$28,580); Japan (\$60,000); Norway (\$42,749); Sweden (\$10,493) and the United Kingdom (\$71,556).

7. As at 30 September 2004, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2004 amounted to US\$213,378 or 93.4% of the total pledged for 2004. Additionally, \$284,291 was collected for prior years. A total of US\$65,026 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2004 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

8. The Government of Norway has contributed a total of US\$28,500 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (BI Trust Fund). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

9. COP-6 approved a budget of US\$9,924,200 for the BY Trust Fund for 2004. As at 30 September 2004, a total of US\$6,026,279 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 60.7% 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 July – 30 September 2004

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)
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 (Recruitment in process)
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. R. Muruthi-Mureithi (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)
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates (Regularized)
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft (Regularized)
1133	P3	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand (Regularized)

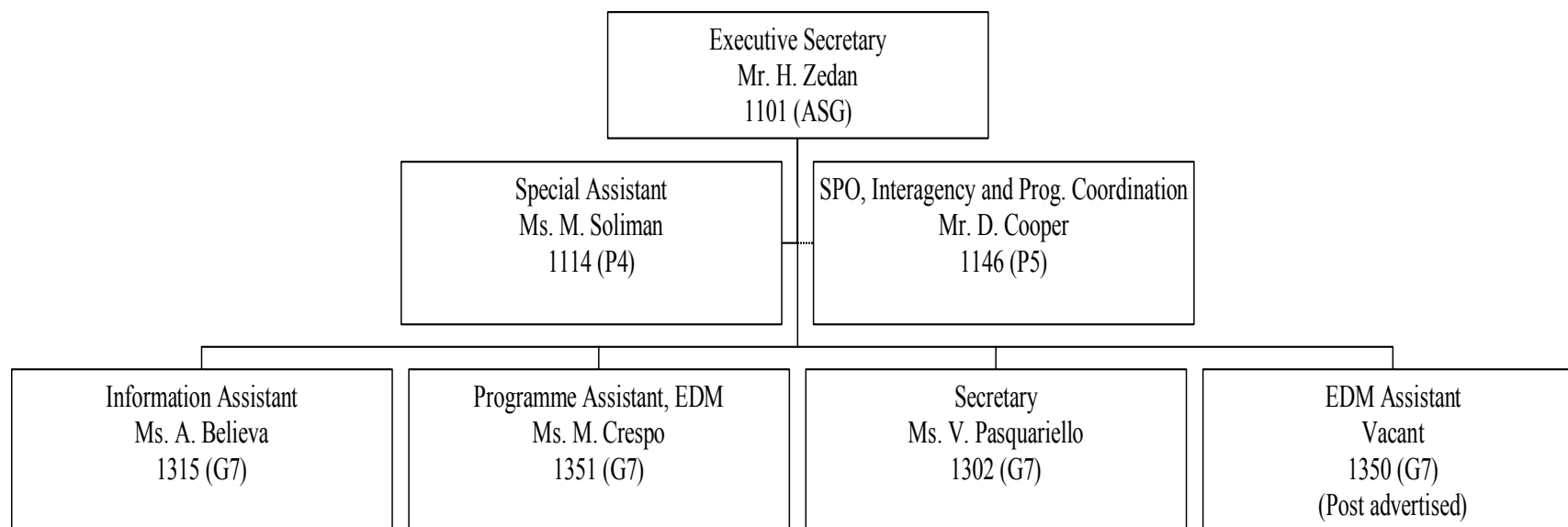
Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P5	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	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)	Vacant (Post to be advertised)
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)
1147	P5	SPO, Forest Biodiversity (STTM)	Mr. G. Van Tol (Regularized) (Post funded by Government of the Netherlands)
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> 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)
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. Meehan (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)	Ms. S. Gutierrez (Regularized)
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. C. Risch (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Regularized)

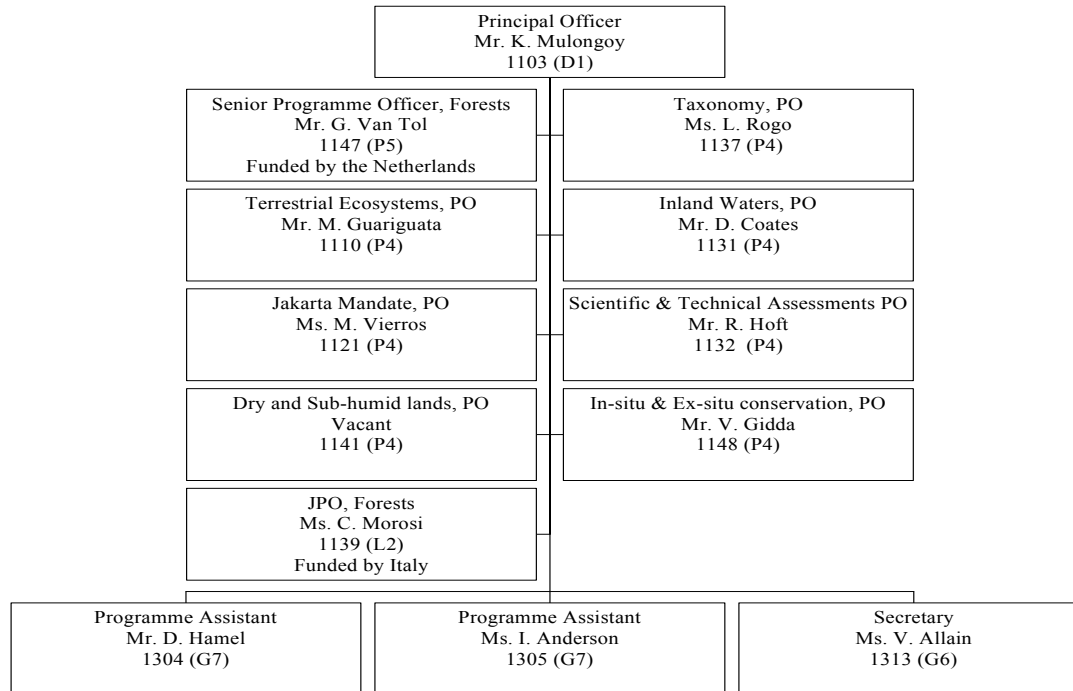
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1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Regularized) (post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (I&O)	Ms. A. Vincent (Regularized)
1315	G7	Information Assistant (EDM)	Ms. A. Beliaeva (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)
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)	Vacant (Post advertised)
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)	Vacant (Post advertised)
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

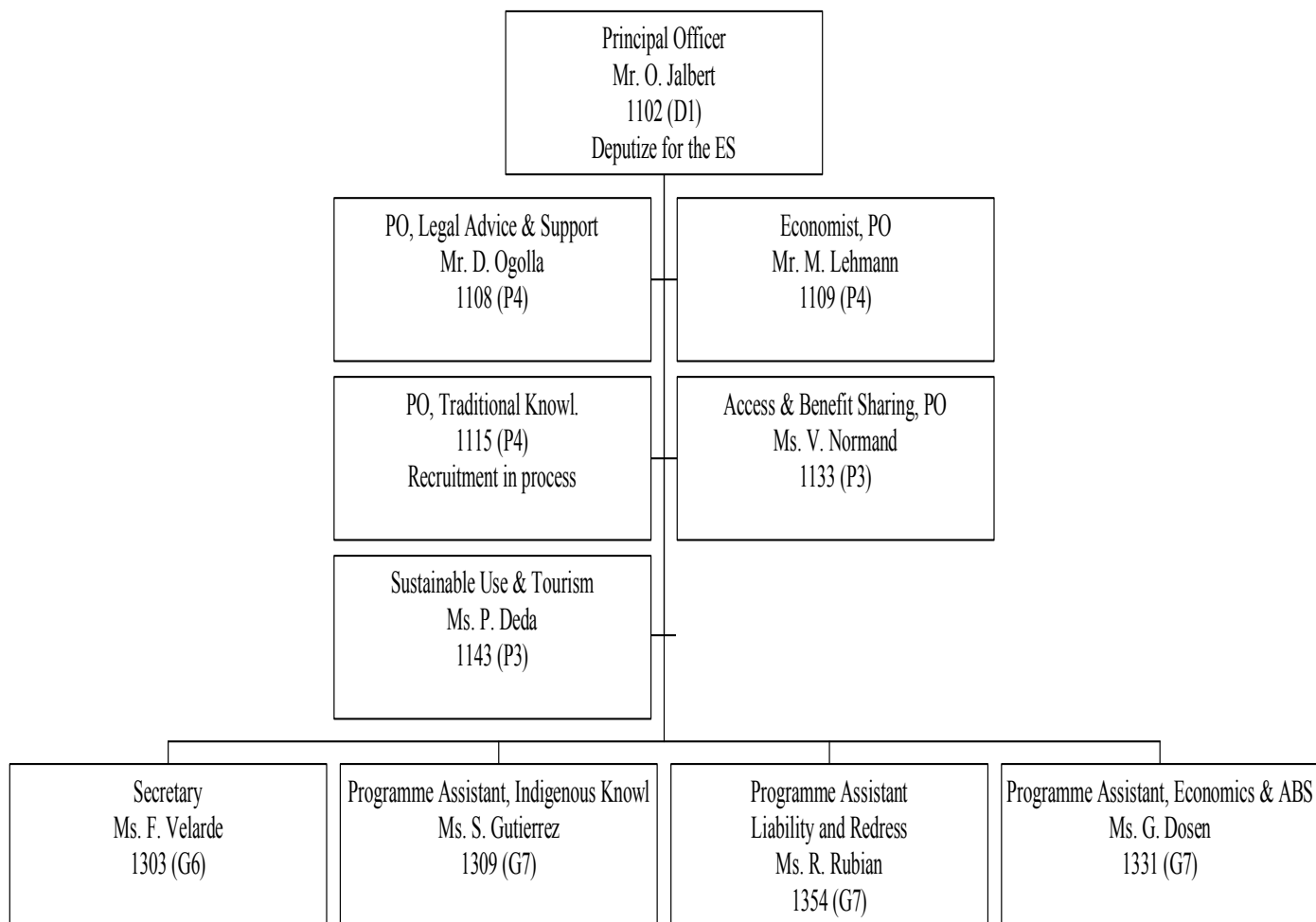
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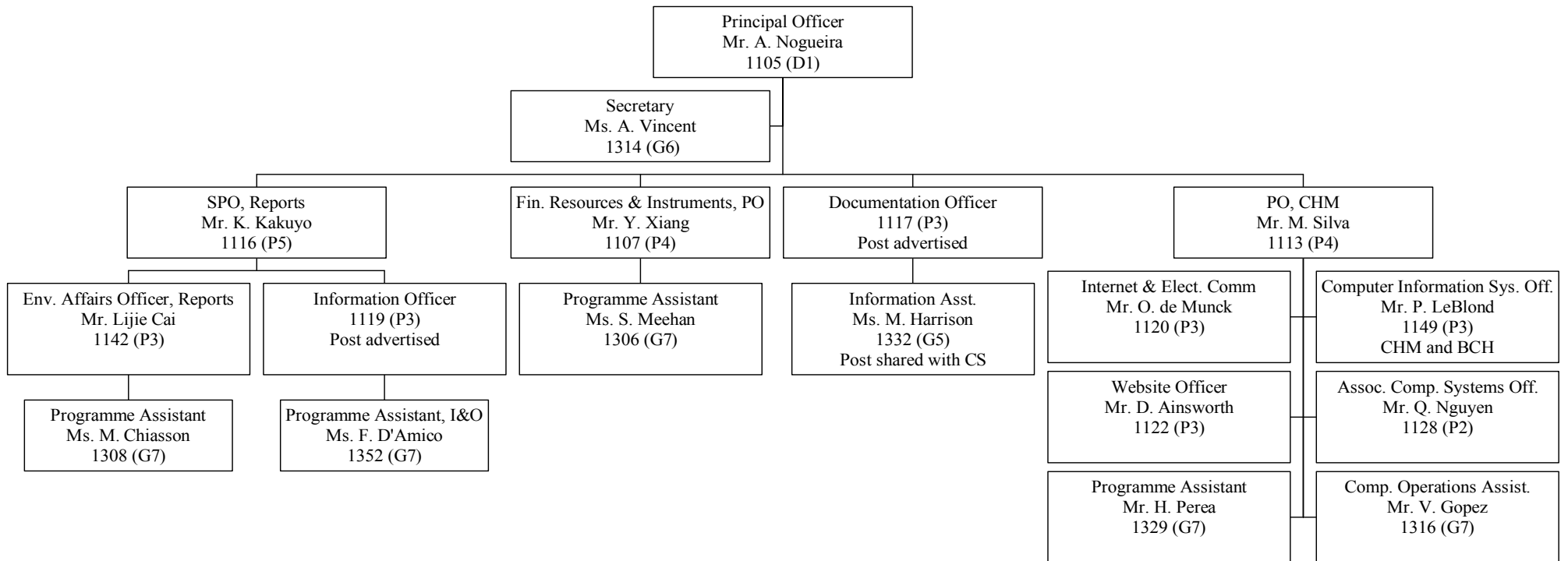
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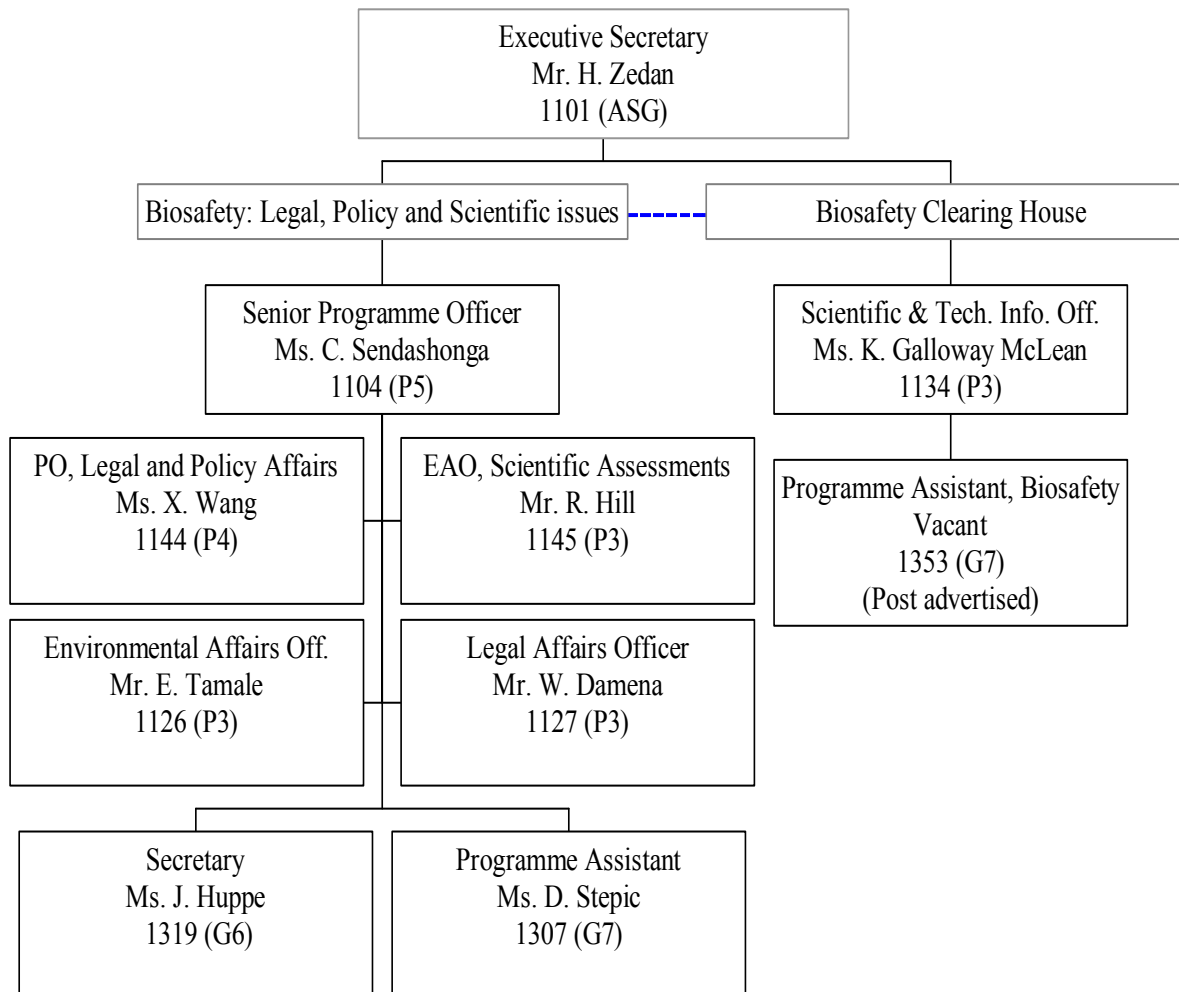
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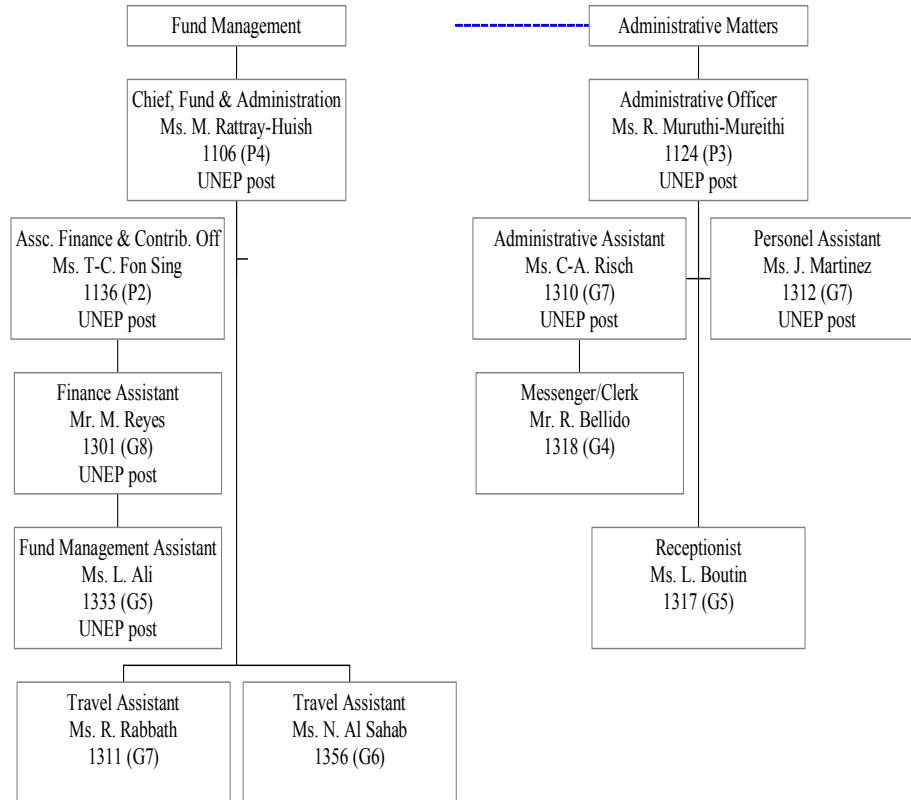
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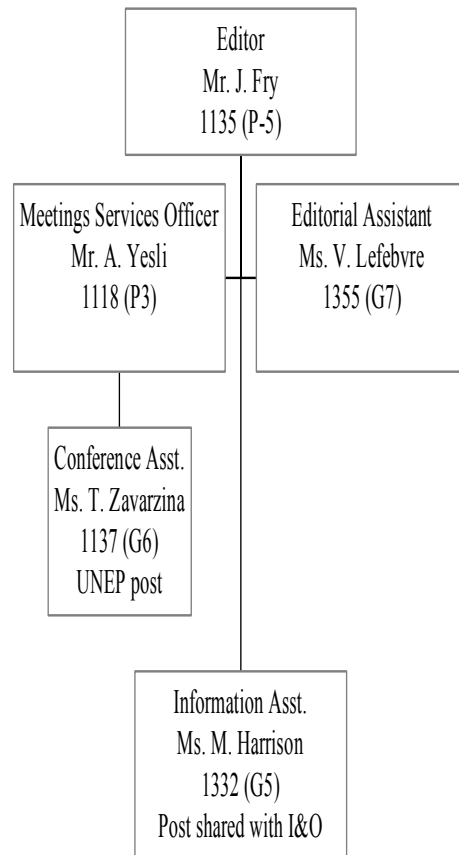
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Resource Management



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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 30 September 2004 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004		Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
Canada	21,592			1/			21,592
Canada	18,175			2/	18,175		0
Canada			74,118	17/		74,118	0
Canada			100,000	24/			100,000
Denmark	2,301			3/			2,301
EEC	5,954			4/			5,954
France	25,000			5/			25,000
Germany	20,882			6/			20,882
ICMM			2,980	13/		2,980	0
Netherlands	20			7/			20
Netherlands			499,376	15/		247,700	251,676
Norway	10,428			8/			10,428
Shell			7,000	16/		7,000	0
Spain	25,000			9/			25,000
Spain			80,000	23/			80,000
Sweden	13,287			10/			13,287
Sweden			6,980	14/		6,980	0
UK			62,240	18/		62,240	0
UK			36,382	22/		36,382	0
USA	10,000			11/			10,000
USA			25,000	19/		25,000	0
USA			25,000	20/		25,000	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004		Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
USA			25,000	21/		25,000	0
USA	50,000			12/			50,000
Total	202,639	0	944,076		18,175	512,400	616,140

- 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/Norway pledged US\$ 100,000 for the 4th Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Resources, Addis Ababa, 6-8 May 2003
9/Spain pledged US\$ 25,000 for Capacity Building Experts Meeting on the Biosafety Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001
10/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002
11/USA pledged US\$ 10,000 for GISP meeting on Global Invasive Species
12/USA pledged US\$ 50,000 for the Technical Expert Meeting on Art 18.2(a), Montreal, Canada, 18-20 March 2002
13/ ICMM pledged US\$ 2,980 towards the Publication on Protected Areas
14/ Sweden pledged US\$ 6,980 towards the Publication on Key Biodiversity Issues for Protected Areas
15/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2004
16/ Shell pledged US\$ 7,000 towards the Publication on Key Biodiversity Issues for Protected Areas
17/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 100,000 for Approved Activities, as per Agreement ESR021
18/UK pledged GBP 40,000 for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Liability and Redress, Montreal, Canada, 18-20 October 2004
19/USA pledged US\$ 25,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators
20/USA pledged US\$ 25,000 for the workshop on Taxonomy
21/USA pledged US\$ 25,000 for the Invasive Alien Species Information Systems
22/UK pledged GBP 20,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Targets, Baselines and Indicators
23/Spain pledged EUR 66,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, Canary Islands, Spain, 6-10 September 2004
24/Canada pledged US\$ 100,000 towards the Workshop on Capacity Building as related to para. 2 of Art. 18 of the Biosafety Protocol, Bonn, Germany, 1-3 November 2004

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 30 September 2004 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
Austria			14/ 15,042			15,042
Canada			8/ 28,580		28,580	0
Canada	7,270		3/	7,270		0
Denmark	40,000		1/			40,000
Denmark	51,049		6/	51,049		0
EEC	9,984		2/			9,984
Finland	74,626		4/	74,626		0
Germany	15,243		5/	15,243		0
Japan			9/ 30,000		30,000	0
Japan			10/ 30,000		30,000	0
Norway			11/ 42,749		42,749	0
Sweden			12/ 10,493		10,493	0
United Kingdom	136,103		7/	136,103		0
United Kingdom			13/ 71,556		71,556	0
Total	334,275	0	228,420	284,291	213,378	65,026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 38,500 towards the COP-7 Meeting, as per Agreement ESR022

9/Japan pledged US\$ 30,000 towards the COP-7 Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-20 February 2004

10/Japan pledged US\$ 30,000 towards the Asia and the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for COP-7, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 8 February 2004

11/Norway pledged NOK 300,000 in support of the Convention on Biological Diversity

12/Sweden pledged SEK 77,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open- Ended Meeting on Article 8(j), Montreal, Canada, 8-12 December 2003

13/UK pledged GBP 40,000 for the SBSTTA-10

14/Austria pledged EUR 12,500 towards SBSTTA-10 and the Third Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, February 2005

ANNEX V

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 30 September 2004**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	840	884				840	884	1,724
Albania	441	295		441		0	295	295
Algeria		6,895	6,895			0	0	0
Angola		197	1,614			0	(1,417)	(1,417)
Antigua & Barbuda		197			807	0	(610)	(610)
Argentina	331,061	113,174		161,511		169,550	113,174	282,724
Armenia	20,329	197		197		20,132	197	20,329
Australia		160,256	160,256		157,517	0	(157,517)	(157,517)
Austria	0	93,277			93,277	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	2,337	394				2,337	394	2,731
Bahamas		1,182				0	1,182	1,182
Bahrain	20	1,773		20	1,773	0	0	0
Bangladesh	855	985		855	80	0	905	905
Barbados		886	886			0	0	0
Belarus	62,381	1,871			1,871	62,381	0	62,381
Belgium	44,944	111,204				44,944	111,204	156,148
Belize		98	98		98	0	(98)	(98)
Benin		197	5			0	192	192
Bhutan		98			98	0	0	0
Bolivia		788				0	788	788
Bosnia & Herzegovina		0				0	0	0
Botswana	0	985			3,425	0	(2,440)	(2,440)
Brazil	175,772	235,410		129,971		45,801	235,410	281,211

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years
Bulgaria	0	1,280	984			0	296	296
Burkina Faso	331	197				331	197	528
Burundi	490	98				490	98	588
Cambodia	210	197		210	197	0	0	0
Cameroon		886	3,862			0	(2,976)	(2,976)
Canada	0	251,957			251,957	0	0	0
Cape Verde	2,454	984				2,454	984	3,438
Central African Rep.	0	98				0	98	98
Chad	2,598	98				2,598	98	2,696
Chile		20,882	16,848			0	4,034	4,034
China	0	150,899			150,899	0	0	0
Colombia	195	19,798				195	19,798	19,993
Comoros	2,598	98				2,598	98	2,696
Congo	48	98				48	98	146
Congo Dem.Rep	4,882	0				4,882	0	4,882
Cook Islands	271	98		271	98	0	0	0
Costa Rica	6,320	1,970		5,102		1,218	1,970	3,188
Cote d'Ivoire	1,631	0				1,631	0	1,631
Croatia		3,841			3,841	0	0	0
Cuba	17,667	2,955				17,667	2,955	20,622
Cyprus	0	3,743			3,743	0	0	0
Czech Republic		19,995	19,995			0	0	0
Denmark	0	73,775				0	73,775	73,775
Djibouti	0	98				0	98	98
Dominica		98	67			0	31	31
Dominica Rep.	8,161	2,265				8,161	2,265	10,426
Ecuador	0	2,462			2,462	0	0	0
EEC	0	192,858	3,201		231,044	0	(41,387)	(41,387)
Egypt	0	7,978				0	7,978	7,978
El Salvador								
	0	1,773				0	1,773	1,773

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years
Equatorial Guinea	2,598	98				2,598	98	2,696
Eritrea	92	98				92	98	190
Estonia	0	985	985		1,187	0	(1,187)	(1,187)
Ethiopia		394	394			0	0	0
Fiji		394	314		80	0	0	0
Finland	0	51,416			51,416	0	0	0
France	0	636,887			636,887	0	0	0
Gabon	7,457	1,379		7,457	1,364	0	15	15
Gambia	0	98	94			0	4	4
Georgia	41,653	492				41,653	492	42,145
Germany	0	962,225			962,225	0	0	0
Ghana	462	492				462	492	954
Greece	0	53,090	7			0	53,083	53,083
Grenada	0	98	98			0	0	0
Guatemala	2,467	2,659				2,467	2,659	5,126
Guinea		295				0	295	295
Guinea-Bissau	2,119	98				2,119	98	2,217
Guyana	0	98				0	98	98
Haiti	1,857	197		197		1,660	197	1,857
Honduras	1,574	492				1,574	492	2,066
Hungary	0	11,820			11,800	0	20	20
Iceland		3,250	3,250			0	0	0
India	101	33,588				101	33,588	33,689
Indonesia	18,495	19,700		18,495		0	19,700	19,700
Iran	25,153	26,791		25,153		0	26,791	26,791
Ireland		28,958				0	28,958	28,958
Israel	0	40,877				0	40,877	40,877
Italy	0	498,867			498,867	0	0	0
Jamaica	370	394		370	394	0	0	0
Japan	0	1,697,146			1,697,146	0	0	0
Jordan	0	788			788	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	27,559	2,758		27,559		0	2,758	2,758
Kenya	20	788		20	788	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	98	83			0	15	15

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.		886				0	886	886
Korea, Rep. of	79,169	182,319		79,169	91,831	0	90,488	90,488
Kuwait	0	0				0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	98				0	98	98
Lao PDR	0	98			98	0	0	0
Latvia	565	985				565	985	1,550
Lebanon	1,110	1,182				1,110	1,182	2,292
Lesotho	0	98	73			0	25	25
Liberia	435	98				435	98	533
Libya	19,939	6,599				19,939	6,599	26,538
Liechtenstein	0	591			591	0	0	0
Lithuania		1,674	1,674			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	7,880			7,880	0	0	0
Macedonia	0	591				0	591	591
Madagascar	266	295		266	295	0	0	0
Malawi	543	197				543	197	740
Malaysia	0	23,147			23,147	0	0	0
Maldives		98			157	0	(59)	(59)
Mali		197	331			0	(134)	(134)
Malta		1,477				0	1,477	1,477
Marshall Island	0	98	98			0	0	0
Mauritania	1,429	98				1,429	98	1,527
Mauritius		1,083	1,083		1,088	0	(1,088)	(1,088)
Mexico	26,752	106,969		26,752	21,761	0	85,208	85,208
Micronesia, Fed. States		98			300	0	(202)	(202)
Moldova, Rep. of	17,571	197		197		17,374	197	17,571
Monaco	0	394			394	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	98			98	0	0	0
Morocco	7,807	4,334				7,807	4,334	12,141
Mozambique	183	98				183	98	281
Myanmar	925	985				925	985	1,910
Namibia	0	689			689	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years
Nauru	2,718	98				2,718	98	2,816
Nepal		394	1,297			0	(903)	(903)
Netherlands	19	171,189				19	171,189	171,208
New Zealand		23,738	23,738			0	0	0
Nicaragua		98	98			0	0	0
Niger	2,454	98				2,454	98	2,552
Nigeria	12,016	6,698		10,784		1,232	6,698	7,930
Niue	1	98		1	98	0	0	0
Norway		63,630	207		63,610	0	(187)	(187)
Oman	0	6,008			6,008	0	0	0
Pakistan	262	6,008		262	5,746	0	262	262
Palau		98	508			0	(410)	(410)
Panama	1,665	1,773		1,665	1,075	0	698	698
Papua New Guinea	0	591				0	591	591
Paraguay	7,502	1,576				7,502	1,576	9,078
Peru	36,548	11,623				36,548	11,623	48,171
Philippines	3,773	9,850		3,773	903	0	8,947	8,947
Poland	0	37,232			37,232	0	0	0
Portugal	42,723	45,506		42,723	1,026	0	44,480	44,480
Qatar		3,349	3,349			0	0	0
Romania	0	5,713			5,713	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	118,197			92,940	0	25,257	25,257
Rwanda	0	98			289	0	(191)	(191)
St.Kitts &Nevis		98	98			0	0	0
St. Lucia	0	197	203			0	(6)	(6)
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,769	98				1,769	98	1,867
Samoa		98	98			0	0	0
San Marino		197			197	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	271	98				271	98	369
Saudi Arabia	101,808	54,568		101,808	54,568	0	0	0
Senegal	0	492	5,009			0	(4,517)	(4,517)
Seychelles		197	1,100			0	(903)	(903)
Sierra Leone	0	98	4			0	94	94
Singapore		38,710	38,710		38,390	0	(38,390)	(38,390)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years
Slovak		4,235	4,235			0	0	0
Slovenia		7,978	7,978			0	0	0
Solomon Is.	2,119	98				2,119	98	2,217
South Africa		40,187	40,187			0	0	0
Spain	0	248,091			248,091	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	1,440	1,576				1,440	1,576	3,016
Sudan	4,588	591				4,588	591	5,179
Suriname	1,522	197				1,522	197	1,719
Swaziland	367	197		367	604	0	(407)	(407)
Sweden	0	101,133	101,133			0	0	0
Switzerland		125,486	125,486			0	0	0
Syria		7,880	3,750		4,130	0	0	0
Tajikistan	92	98				92	98	190
Thailand	0	26,535			20,228	0	6,307	6,307
Togo	271	98				271	98	369
Tonga	0	98			399	0	(301)	(301)
Trinidad & Tobago		1,576	5,708			0	(4,132)	(4,132)
Tunisia	2,774	2,955		2,774	2,955	0	0	0
Tuvalu	92	98				92	98	190
Turkey	0	43,339				0	43,339	43,339
Turkmenistan	7,804	295		7,527		277	295	572
Uganda		492	409			0	83	83
Ukraine	0	5,220				0	5,220	5,220
U. K.	0	545,284			545,284	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	19,897			19,897	0	0	0
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		394	19,733			0	(19,339)	(19,339)
Uruguay	19,827	7,880				19,827	7,880	27,707
Uzbekistan	11,987	1,083		1,083		10,904	1,083	11,987
Vanuatu	0	98	2			0	96	96
Venezuela	42,206	20,488		22,971		19,235	20,488	39,723
Viet Nam	0	1,576	1,376			0	200	200
Yemen	5,241	591				5,241	591	5,832

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years
Yugoslavia	1,849	1,970		1,849		0	1,970	1,970
Zambia	563	197		563	249	0	(52)	(52)
Zimbabwe	2,931	788		2,931	788	0	0	0
Sub Total	1,294,709	7,741,394	607,611	685,294	6,064,878	609,415	1,068,905	1,678,320

Additional Contributions								
Canada		800,000				0	800,000	800,000
USA		100,000			100,000	0	0	0
Quebec	19	200,000		19	199,980	0	20	20
Grand Total		1,294,728	8,841,394	607,611	685,313	6,364,858	609,415	1,868,925

ANNEX VI

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION
OF PARTIES IN THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BI)
Status as at 30 September 2004 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
Norway			28,500		28,500	(0)
Total	0	0	28,500	0	28,500	(0)

ANNEX VII

LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(as at 30 September 2004)

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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
10-14 June 2003	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Group of Experts on Protected Areas	Tjärnö, Sweden
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

2004		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
22- 23 January 2004	Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Buenos Aires, Argentina
8 February 2004	Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
8 February 2004	African regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
8 February 2004	Third meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9-20 February 2004	Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
13 and 17 February 2004	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
22 February 2004	Joint COP/ICCP Bureau Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
23-27 February 2004	First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24-26 February 2004	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
5 - 7 April 2004	Forests and Forest Ecosystems: Promoting synergy in the three Rio Convention	Viterbo, Italy
1 May 2004	Fourth meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism	Oaxaca, Mexico
20 - 24 June 2004	European Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) Workshop	Isle of Vilm, Germany
13-17 September 2004	Regional Workshop for Africa on Synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity	Gabarone, Botswana

