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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 2005.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. In September, the Executive Secretary visited Brazil where together with the Brazilian Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Environment, he signed the Host Government Agreement (HGA) in respect of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP-8) and the third Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP/MOP-3) which are scheduled to be held in March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil. The Executive Secretary and a team of relevant Secretariat staff also visited the conference facilities and discussed with senior government officials the logistical, administrative and financial aspects of the organization of both meetings.
4. The Secretariat completed preparations for the first meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI), and brought the meeting to a successful conclusion. Held in Montreal, from 5 to 9 September 2005, the WGRI meeting adopted nine recommendations addressing issues of implementation, review of processes and mechanisms, cooperation and engagement of the private sector, and monitoring, reporting and evaluation processes. Two issues were widely agreed upon: the need to streamline the Convention processes, and provide assistance for national implementation. The final report of the meeting is accessible on the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.asp?lg=0&mtg=cop-08>.
5. The Secretariat, in consultation with the secretariats of the four biodiversity-related conventions, prepared a paper on "Options for Enhanced Cooperation among the Five Biodiversity-related Conventions" (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/1/7.Add.2). The paper built on discussions held at the third meeting of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (held in Gland, Switzerland, on 10 May 2005). On the basis of this paper, the Secretariat revised and expanded the former single webpage on the biodiversity-related conventions. The Heads of the five conventions also prepared a joint statement to the United Nations Millennium Summit in New York, emphasizing the important role biodiversity plays in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The Executive Secretary has provided comments on the agenda for the next meeting of the Liaison Group, to be hosted by the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) in Bonn, Germany, on 4 October 2005.
6. Work on the "Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge" initiative is ongoing. The initiative was introduced to delegates at the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at a well-attended side event. In addition, preparations for the second Business and the 2010 Biodiversity challenge meeting are underway. The second meeting will be held in São Paulo, Brazil, from 3-5 November 2005, and, in keeping with the recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, it will further develop the outcomes of the first meeting, as well as address the engagement of industries dealing with access and benefit-sharing issues and the finance and insurance industries.

7. The Secretariat has prepared a draft agenda for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which was approved by the Bureau on 8 September 2005.
8. The Executive Secretary and relevant Secretariat staff attended the Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB, 23-25 August 2005, Galway, Ireland). The Executive Secretary addressed the meeting in plenary on “Biodiversity, Health and the Millennium Development Goals”, and a presentation was made to the conference on “Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Health Policy”.
9. The Secretariat prepared the Secretary General’s Report for the 60th General Assembly on implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
10. The Executive Secretary participated in the United Nations World Summit on Assessing Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in New York (14-16 September 2005). In preparation for this event, the Executive Secretary also participated in the High-level Brainstorming Workshop for the Multilateral Environmental Agreements on Mainstreaming Environment beyond Millennium Development Goal-7 organized by UNEP in Nairobi in July. Participants at the workshop identified the availability of ecosystem services as a precondition to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and proposed a number of activities to mainstream the environment in the MDG process.
11. In September, the Executive Secretary was the invited keynote speaker at a luncheon of the Montreal consular corps where he delivered a presentation on “Biodiversity and Sustainable Development: the Contribution of the Convention on Biological Diversity”. This event was in keeping with the Convention’s outreach strategy of spreading the message of conservation, sustainable use and the equitable sharing of the benefits of biological diversity to a wide variety of audiences.
12. During the third quarter of 2005, the Secretariat organized several meetings namely: Meeting of the Advisory Group on Article 8(j) (Montreal, 11-14 July 2005); Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on the Implementation of Integrated Marine and Coastal Area Management (Montreal, 11-15 July); Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity, (Bonn, Germany, 25-29 July); Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change (Helsinki, Finland, 13-16 September); and the Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Workshop on Ecosystem Services Assessment and Financial Costs and Benefits associated with the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 13-16 September).
13. The Secretariat participated in numerous meetings during the third quarter of 2005 including: Meeting of the Advisory Group on the UNEP-ETB Project on Integrated Assessment of Trade-related Policies and Biological Diversity in the Agricultural Sector (14-15 July, Geneva, Switzerland); the Special GEF Council Meeting to finalize the structure of the Resource Allocation Framework and the fourth Replenishment Meeting of the GEF Trust Fund (31 August – 2 September, Washington, D.C., USA); Inter-ministerial Committee on Biodiversity “*Table Jeunesse*” organized by the Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development (14-15 September, Quebec City, Canada); Joint Workshop on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (15-17 September, Istanbul, Turkey); Annual Meeting of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNFPII) (19-23 September, Panama City, Panama); Fifth session of the Codex Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology (19-23 September, Chiba, Japan); the International Expert Workshop on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit sharing (20-23 September, Cape Town, South Africa); UNEP fourth Administrative Management Meeting (21-23 September, Nairobi, Kenya); the OECD Workshop on Seed Certification and Modern Biotechnology (27-28 September, Paris, France); International Workshop on Implementing the Ecosystem Approach (28

September – 1 October, Isle of Vilm, Germany); and the Eighth Wilderness Congress (30 September – 2 October, Anchorage, Alaska).

14. Recruitment is well underway to fill the current vacancies in the Secretariat in both the General Service and Professional categories.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

15. During the period under review, there were 30 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were six vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, three professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

16. There were 22 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and six vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, four staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources and there are two vacant posts, which are funded from other sources. During the period under review there were five interns and one fellow working at the Secretariat.

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

B. Financial Arrangements

18. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 September 2005, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,662,807 for 2005 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$7,017,269, of which \$1,964,031 were 2005 pledges paid in 2004, and \$5,053,238 were pledges paid in 2005 for 2005 and future years. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2005 and prior years amount to US\$1,454,841. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

19. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 September 2005, the total pledged for 2005 amounts to US\$2,223,351. The total collected for 2005 as at 30 September 2005 was US\$1,706,182. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$577,048. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

20. As at 30 September 2005, pledges totalling US\$1,202,506 have been made) in 2005 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$922,130 has been paid. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$320,376. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

21. As at 30 September 2005, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,215,263 for 2005 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$2,388,182, of which US\$365,646 was received in advance of 2005 and US\$2,022,536 has been received in 2005 for 2005 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

22. As at 30 September 2005, four Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$140,870 have been made of which a total of US\$70,870 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 to the BH Trust Fund amount to US\$70,000. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

23. As at 30 September 2005, thirteen Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$692,937 have been received in 2005, of which US\$451,099 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$241,838. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

DECISION VII/1: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

24. In decision VI/22 the Conference of the Parties invited members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to support the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity.

25. The same decision established an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and SBSTTA in the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. And in decision VII/1, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to propose, in collaboration with the AHTEG 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.

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

27. The Secretariat held a full-day meeting on September 20th 2005 at the FAO Forestry Department offices in Rome to explore further opportunities for collaboration and to formulate a draft joint workplan on forest-related activities in the context of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations and taking into account relevant topics contained in decision VI/22. Issues for collaboration included (i) monitoring, assessment and reporting, including the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005 and 2010 and its relationship to the requirements for CBD reporting under the 2010 target and the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity; (ii) CBD input to national forest programmes (iii) development of a toolkit for cross-sectoral planning (as per par. 19c of decision VI/22) (iv) participation and contributions to meetings and publications (including FAO's State of the World's Forests); and (v) future activities in the context of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests Task Force on Streamlining Forest-related reporting. A number of specific areas and targeted activities were identified, and responsible actors and timelines were also delineated. The Letter of Intent with the Government of the Netherlands provided funding to the Secretariat's staff to attend the meeting.

28. The Secretariat provided substantial input for the ITTO/IUCN expert workshop held in Switzerland from 12 to 15 September 2005 on the review and updating of ITTO's (originally released in 1992) guidelines for biodiversity conservation in tropical production forests.

29. The Secretariat serviced the third—and final—meeting of the AHTEG on Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity held in Bonn, Germany from 25-29 July 2005 with the financial support of the Government of Germany. The report of the meeting and the substantive pre-session document were drafted for consideration by SBSTTA-11 based on the outcomes of this and the previous two meetings held by the Group including draft outcome oriented targets and associated indicators for incorporation into the forest work programme. Several indicators were directly applied from the 2010 framework, while others were more specific.

30. Information documents on forest law enforcement and cross-sectoral integration were finalized for consideration by SBSTTA-11.

31. A preliminary analysis of the information contained in the forest section of the third national report has been initiated.

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

32. In decision VII/2 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.

33. Furthermore, in COP decision V/23, SBSTTA was requested to periodically review the status and trends of biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands to be documented and delivered in conjunction with the detailed review of the implementation of the work programme at COP8 as mandated by decision VII/31.

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

35. Pre-session documents were finalized on (i) review of the status and trends of biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands; (ii) set of draft global outcome oriented targets for the dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity programme of work; and (iii) in-depth review of implementation of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands for consideration by SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting. An information document synthesizing the information received from Parties and others regarding the implementation of the programme of work was also prepared.

36. In consultation with the Secretariat of the UNCCD, the Secretariat initiated a process seeking inputs from the roster of experts of both the CBD and UNCCD on (i) criteria for identification of areas of particular value and/or threat (ii) a list of such areas. This was done in the context of implementing activity A 2.1.a of the CBD-UNCCD joint programme of work.

37. The Secretariat has started to compile and analyse information submitted by Parties in the third National Reports in regards to dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity.

38. As per decision VII/33, and the WGRI request, the Secretariat has undertaken the consolidation of COP decisions on dry and sub-humid lands.

DECISION VII/3: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

39. Activities relating to agricultural biodiversity continue to be constrained by staff limitations, as the FAO has not yet seconded a replacement for the programme officer for Agricultural Biodiversity.

40. The Secretariat has received 30 responses to the notification on GURTs. These will be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Open Ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions for consideration at its next meeting.

41. The Secretariat attended the first meeting of the core advisory group of experts and the formal launch meeting of a project of the Economics and Trade Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme on integrated assessment of trade-related policies and biological diversity in the agriculture sector, which took place in Geneva from 14-15 July 2005. This initiative seeks to assist implementation of decision VI/5 of the Conference of the Parties, on agricultural biodiversity, which calls for the impacts of trade liberalization on agricultural biological diversity to be studied in cooperation with international organizations. This four-year project, funded by the European Commission, will assess the

environmental, social and economic impact of trade-related and other policies on the agriculture sector, with a particular emphasis on the protection of biological diversity and the promotion of sustainable trade. Integrated assessments will be undertaken in six developing countries with balanced representation from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP countries). The assessments will be undertaken by national institutions in close cooperation with national government ministries and regional partners.

DECISION VII/4: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS

42. In decision VII/4 the Conference of the Parties:

- (a) welcomed the synergy being developed between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention in implementing the programme of work and encouraged further activities aimed at avoiding overlaps in the work of both conventions.
- (b) recognized the usefulness of the national reports submitted to the Ramsar Convention for a global status of the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.
- (c) requested the Executive Secretary to develop with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention a proposal on streamlining and improving the effectiveness of national reporting on inland water ecosystems.
- (d) requested the Executive Secretary to develop cost-effective means to report on implementation of the programme of work as measured against the global targets defined in the Strategic Plan, in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
- (e) recognized the need for reliable baseline data and subsequent regular national assessments of the status and trends of, and threats to, inland water biodiversity as a basis for decision-making on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity of inland water ecosystems
- (f) requested Parties to provide advice and case studies in relation to activities 1.1.7 and 1.4.2 of the revised programme of work and requested the Executive Secretary to compile information and case studies in relation to activities 1.2.7, 1.1.12(a), 1.1.12(b), 2.1.5 and 2.3.6(a).

43. SBSTTA Recommendation X/4 requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, for the information of SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting, a matrix relating the goals and targets of the programmes of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and biodiversity of inland water ecosystems to the activities of these programmes of work.

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

45. The CBD and Ramsar Secretariats have continued to work closely and in particular in relation to the production of documents for SBSTTA 11. Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/13 (on criteria for site designation) was finalised at the end of the previous reporting period but contains proposed mechanisms for enabling members of SBSTTA to comment on the proposals in time for Ramsar COP-9 which immediately precedes SBSTTA-11. These arrangements are now in place.

46. Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/12 has been finalised. This draws attention to linkages between the various subjects (targets, indicators, monitoring, reporting and ways and means to improve the review implementation) and also draws SBSTTA's attention to the need to convene an AHTEG on relevant subjects.

47. A matrix relating the goals and targets of the programme of work on the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems to the activities of the programme of work has been drafted by the Secretariat for the information of SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting.
48. The Secretariat issued a notification requesting information and case studies in relation to various activities in the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems. Responses will be used, *inter alia*, by the Secretariat to provide information to COP8 on these subjects (adaptive management and mitigation strategies for combating the impacts of climate change; protected inland water ecosystems; water pollution; sustainable use and maintenance of ecological processes; incentive measures; strategic environmental assessment; and invasive alien species).
49. The Secretariat has made comprehensive inputs into the DIVERSITAS Freshwater Biodiversity Cross-cutting Network (FREDY): Challenges for Freshwater Biodiversity Research, Science Plan and Implementation Strategy. Inputs included the need for more explicit linkages to the CBD Programme of Work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and in particular to consider, in the next stage, the prioritization of activities in relation to the achievement of the 2010 target.
50. The Secretariat reviewed and contributed to the draft sample module for inland waters under UNEP's "issue based modules for the implementation of multilateral environment agreements". A side-event on this initiative was held at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention which was well attended. Amongst other uses, it shows considerable promise as a tool to assist harmonizing reporting between conventions.

DECISION VII/5: MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

51. 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.
52. In response to this decision the following activities were carried out:
- (a) Implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management (IMCAM)
53. The meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Implementation of IMCAM took place from 11 to 15 July 2005 in Montreal, Canada. The sixteen experts represented a regionally balanced group nominated by countries and international organizations. The expert group reviewed obstacles to implementation of IMCAM, and proposed ways and means to overcome those obstacles. The report of the expert group will be presented to SBSTTA-11 as an information document. However, due to the full schedule of SBSTTA, the report will not be discussed in detail until COP-8.
- (b) Marine and coastal living resources
54. A document on deep seabed genetic resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction has been finalized and peer reviewed. This document will appear at SBSTTA as document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/11.

(c) Marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs)

55. In accordance with the outcomes of the 1st meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, the Secretariat issued a notification for Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit information on ecological criteria for identification of potential marine areas for protection and biogeographical classification systems. The submitted criteria are now being compiled and analysed.

56. The Secretariat is collaborating with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas to produce technical advice on MCPA network design and in particular ecological coherence of networks, as requested in decision VII/5, paragraph 37. A draft document has been produced, and will be reviewed at a side meeting at the International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC), which will take place in Geelong, Australia, from 23 to 28 October 2005.

(d) General

57. The CBD Secretariat, the UNEP Regional Seas Programme and the Black Sea Commission collaborated to hold a Joint Workshop of Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution, Convention on Biological Diversity and Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy. The workshop aimed to enhance synergy and cooperation by aligning targets, indicators and activities of the Draft Black Sea Biodiversity and Landscape Conservation Strategy with those of the CBD. This workshop is one of the joint activities supported by the UNEP Regional Seas Programme as part of its collaborative activities with the CBD Secretariat.

DECISION VII/6: ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

58. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision VII/6, requested SBSTTA to review the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, including the synthesis report on biodiversity and to prepare recommendations for consideration at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In the same decision, the COP requests the Executive Secretary to cooperate with the United Nations Environment Programme on the follow-up of the process of international environmental governance.

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

(a) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)

60. To assist SBSTTA in its review of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, the Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/7 on the implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) for the future work of the Convention. SBSTTA will also have before it the Summary for Decision Makers of the Biodiversity Synthesis Report of the MA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/7/Add1).

(b) International environmental governance

61. The International Conference “Biodiversity: Science and Governance”, held in Paris in January 2005, recommended the launch of an international multi-stakeholder consultative process to assess the need for an international mechanism, which would provide a critical assessment of the scientific information and policy options required for decision-making on biodiversity. In its meeting held from 5 to 9 September 2005, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention considered the role and responsibility of the Convention in this consultative process and requested the Executive Secretary to report on progress at COP-8.

(c) Other

62. In a meeting on 15 September 2005 with John Latham, Programme Director of the Global Terrestrial Observation System at FAO, the Secretariat discussed areas of collaboration with respect to environmental monitoring. The inter-governmental ad hoc Group on Earth Observations (GEO) includes planned activities on biodiversity in its draft 2006 Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) work plan. The Secretariat has been invited to comment on this draft workplan and has shared its observations with the GEO Secretariat.

63. The Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS) seeks to expand monitoring to include biodiversity and respond to the needs of biodiversity related Conventions. The Integrated Global Observation of Land (IGOL) will organize a meeting on "Observational Priorities for Conservation and Biodiversity" to be held in Washington DC on 3 and 4 November 2005, in which the Secretariat will participate.

64. The Secretariat has also been invited to participate in the first Global Environment Outlook (GEO) meeting with selected multilateral agreements (Bonn, 5-6 October 2005). Through these processes the Convention is able to establish mechanisms for assessment and monitoring that provide relevant information for many of the indicators adopted by decision VII/30.

DECISION VII/7: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

65. 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.

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

(a) Further development of guidelines for environmental impact assessment

67. The second revised draft of the guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment, prepared by the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment in collaboration with the International Association for Impact Assessment have been posted on the CBD website on 11 July 2005 for formal review by focal points and relevant organizations. A limited number of responses have been received. Some Parties and organizations have requested an extension of the deadline, initially set for 30 September 2005.

68. A special thematic meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment on "International Experience and Perspectives in Strategic Environmental Assessment" which took place in Prague, Czech Republic from 26 to 30 September 2005 reviewed the guidance on biodiversity-inclusive strategic environmental assessment. The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment has been commissioned to give a presentation on the contents and approach of this guidance. Comments received at this conference will subsequently be incorporated into the document.

(b) Other

69. The Secretariat participated in the launch of the "trade and biodiversity initiative" coordinated by the UNEP-Economics and Trade Branch, ETB. The aim of this initiative is to support the implementation of the CBD by building national institutional and governmental capacities in developing countries for assessing, designing and implementing policies that maximize development gains from

trade-related policies in the agricultural sector while minimizing the impact on agricultural biodiversity. It was agreed to make use of possible linkages to the ongoing work under the CBD on impact assessment and indicators.

DECISION VII/8: MONITORING AND INDICATORS

70. In decision VII/8, the Conference of the Parties requested the Clearing House Mechanism to develop an effective system of information-sharing on lessons learned on the development of national-level biodiversity indicators and monitoring and to bring to the attention of Parties, areas with potential for better coordination and integration, as applicable, between sets of indicators prepared within the various programmes of work and cross-cutting themes of the Convention to avoid duplication of efforts in developing indicators, data-gathering and reporting, particularly at the national level.

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

72. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention considered proposals for indicators on the achievement of the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan. The Working Group agreed on a short list of indicators, many of which were not considered ready for use, and requested the Secretariat to seek additional views from members of the AHTEG on indicators for reviewing progress towards the 2010 target.

73. With the assistance of an intern, Alexis Robert Malu Kaba, the Secretariat developed an information system on national, regional and global data sets relevant to the biodiversity indicators adopted by decision VII/30. Datasets, including a detailed characterization of the technical aspects, have been entered. It is envisaged that the database will be made public at the end of October and to allow the submission of additional datasets by the public. This is expected to lead to the inclusion of relevant national datasets.

74. The Secretariat commissioned UNESCO to prepare a database of indigenous languages for which at least two independent assessments on the number of speakers have been carried out. A preliminary analysis of the information compiled by UNESCO shows that in many cases the different assessments can not be compared one to the other because they use different methodologies or are carried out by agents with specific purposes which may have influenced the results of the census/estimate of numbers of speakers. UNESCO will identify those languages for which comparable data exist.

75. The Secretariat continued to collaborate with the Expert Group on Sustainable Use Indicators established as part of the Streamlining European 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Project, which seeks to develop suitable indicators for sustainable use. Similar efforts are underway by The Nature Conservancy and Equilibrium and their suggestions will be shared.

76. The Secretariat, in collaboration with COHAB 2005 - the First International Conference on the Importance of Biodiversity to Human Health - and UNEP-WCMC, convened an International Consultation on Indicators for Biodiversity used in Food and Medicine. The consultation took place in Galway, Ireland on 26 August 2005. The consultation led to the identification of areas for consideration in the development of indicators for biodiversity in the context of food production and consumption, medicine and health. This work had been started by the AHTEG on indicators, taking into account SBSTTA recommendation X/5. A report of the consultation is being made available for the information of SBSTTA-11.

DECISION VII/9: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

77. In paragraph 7 (b) of decision VII/9 on the GTI, the COP requested the Executive Secretary in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism of the GTI to develop the process and guidelines for the in-depth review, including mechanisms for monitoring progress in the implementation of the programme

of work for the GTI, to be finalized during the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological.

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

79. An in-depth review of implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative has been carried out as per COP decision VII/31 in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism of the GTI. The Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA11/5 on the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative. An addendum on the proposed actions relating to the three new programmes of work (mountains, protected areas and islands) is currently being drafted.

80. Following the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, the Secretariat is consolidating the three decisions on the GTI into a single text, proposing the deletion of obsolete and redundant sections.

81. A total of 48 reports on the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative had been received. A synthesis of the information contained in these reports had been prepared for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eleventh meeting.

DECISION VII/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

82. A draft version of the toolkit called for in decision VI/9, including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) targets into their strategies, plans and programmes, is being prepared by the Secretariat, as well as a report on stakeholder consultations on the GSPC targets which took place largely between 2003 and 2004.

83. The GSPC is organizing the Plants 2010 Conference, which focuses on strengthening the implementation of the GSPC at the national and regional levels. The Conference will be held in Dublin, Ireland, from 22-25 October 2005. The Secretariat has provided ongoing input to the meeting's organizers, by email and in a teleconference carried out on 26 July 2005.

84. The Secretariat, together with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation organized a symposium to review the progress on the GSPC and the challenges to implementation. The symposium was held at the XVII International Botanical Congress from 17-23 July 2005, in Vienna, Austria. The Secretariat provided comments on a draft resolution, adopted by the Congress, calling on governments, inter-governmental bodies and others to make the achievement of the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation an urgent priority.

85. The Secretariat provided comments to Botanic Gardens Conservation International on a GEF project concept note, for a project in support of GSPC targets 3, 13, 15 and 16 ("Conservation, sustainable management and public awareness of plants as a component of national sustainable development and poverty alleviation").

86. The Secretariat updated its webpages on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation to reflect developments since the GSPC expert meeting of October 2003. In discussions with colleagues at Botanic Gardens Conservation International—who maintain the 'Plants 2010' website of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation—it was agreed that the two bodies would update each other regularly on changes to their respective websites, in order to maintain a consistent message. It was also agreed that information on national strategies and national focal points would appear on the CBD website.

DECISION VII/11: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

87. 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;

(b) 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 a database of case-studies;

(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;

88. The Executive Secretary was also requested in decision VI/22 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.

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

(a) Database of case studies

90. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of the United Kingdom has submitted additional case studies to the Ecosystem Approach Case Study database (see <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/ecosystem/sourcebook/search.shtml>). In addition, an advanced users guide to the ecosystem approach has been prepared and will be posted on the CBD website.

91. The Secretariat also welcomed case studies from IDRC linking the ecosystem approach and human health. The case studies are contained in the publication: "Health: an Ecosystem Approach" authored by Jean Lebel.

92. The Secretariat participated in a workshop entitled "Implementing the Ecosystem Approach of the CBD – The opportunities provided by the Water Framework Directive of the European Union", which took place from 28 September to 1 October at the Isle of Vilm, Germany. The Secretariat's participation was financially supported by the Government of Germany.

DECISION VII/13: ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES

93. In Decision VI/23, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with the Global Invasive Species Programme and other relevant organizations to develop a joint programme of work through the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) partnership network among the Convention on

Biological Diversity, the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), the International Maritime Organization, the International Plant Protection Convention and other relevant bodies.

94. In response to this request, the Secretariat is collaborating with GISP on the preparations for a meeting to develop a joint work plan on invasive alien species in terrestrial ecosystems. The meeting will take place in Montreal, from 23 to 25 November 2005.

DECISION VII/15: BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

95. In decision VII/15, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to develop advice or guidance for promoting synergy among activities to address climate change at the national, regional and international levels where appropriate, including activities to combat desertification and land degradation, and activities for biodiversity conservation.

96. In response to this decision, and pursuant to SBSTTA recommendation X/13, the Secretariat serviced the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Adaptation to Climate Change, which took place in Helsinki from 13-16 September 2005 with financial support from the Government of Finland. The report of the meeting, as well as a pre-session document derived from it has been prepared for consideration by SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting.

DECISION VII/26: COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS

97. In decision VII/26, the Conference of the Parties urged further enhanced cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and all relevant international conventions, organizations and bodies, strengthening and building on existing cooperative arrangements to enhance synergies and reduce inefficiencies in a manner consistent with their respective mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes, within existing resources.

98. In response to this request, the following activities were carried out:

(a) Biodiversity Liaison Group

99. Following from the third meeting of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (Gland, Switzerland, 10 May 2005), the secretariats of the five biodiversity-related conventions prepared a joint paper on options for enhanced cooperation. On the basis of this paper, the Secretariat replaced the single webpage on the biodiversity-related conventions with a set of updated webpages, available at <http://www.biodiv.org/cooperation/joint.shtml>.

100. The five biodiversity-related conventions prepared a joint statement for release in advance of the UN Millennium Summit in New York (14-16 September 2005). Signed by the heads of the secretariats, the statement emphasizes the important role that biodiversity plays in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

(b) Biodiversity and Health

101. The Secretariat participated in and gave presentations at the Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB, 23-25 August 2005, Galway, Ireland). The main objectives of the Conference were to enhance awareness among policy-makers, scientists, health professionals and the wider public on the linkages between biodiversity and health, essentially by highlighting the importance of biodiversity, its goods and services, to human health and development; explaining how biodiversity is linked to the Millennium Development Goals; and exchanging case studies on linkages between human impacts on biodiversity and human health and well-being. During the COHAB meeting, the Secretariat held

discussions with IDRC, IPGRI, and the Environmental Change Institute, National University of Ireland, to identify paths for further cooperation.

102. The Secretariat held a teleconference with COHAB on 27 September 2005. The Secretariat reiterated its support for the initiative and provided its input on the outline proposal for a five-year follow-up programme to promote and conserve biodiversity for health and development.

(c) Water

103. The Secretariat provided inputs into the CGIAR Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture. This included a detailed review of the first draft chapter on “ecosystems” and the Secretariat is review editor of the chapter on fisheries. The Secretariat is now formally a “co-sponsor” of the assessment.

(d) CMS

104. Discussions were held with UNU who is preparing guidance on how to incorporate migratory species issues into NBSAPs, and is assisting with the drafting of the revised joint work plan between the CBD and CMS on behalf of, and co-sponsored by, the CBD and CMS Secretariats. A key factor in coordinating activities will be to harmonise the strategic plans of the two conventions and in particular to focus on synergies regarding achieving the 2010 target. The Secretariat prepared a poster for CMS COP which will be convened in November 2005.

105. A meeting with FAO Fisheries Department was held on 19 September in Rome in order to strengthen collaboration on selected issues. The Secretariat was informed that the UN Atlas of Oceans is presently rather inactive and becoming outdated. There is a need for financial resources (approximately \$1500) to have the Atlas translated and promote its use in other UN languages. The coordinator of Atlas is considering the possibility of closing the Atlas if it continues to be inactive. The Fisheries Department is also considering ways to contribute data for reporting progress towards the 2010 target.

106. On 28 June 2005, the Secretariat participated in the first meeting of the International Steering Committee to launch the international multi-stakeholder consultative process to assess the need for and feasibility of an International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity (IMOSEB) at the Ministry of Research in Paris, France. This meeting was a follow up to the International Biodiversity Conference hosted in January 2005 by the French Government in collaboration with UNESCO.

107. In response to an invitation by Ms. Inge Feier, Director of Public Relations, the Secretariat paid a visit to Loro Parque Foundation in August 2005. Loro Parque is a non-profit organization with a mission to conduct fieldwork, research and conservation projects, environmental education programmes, and the captive breeding of parrots. In carrying out its mission, Loro Parque contributes to the implementation of the Convention in particular articles 9 (*Ex-situ Conservation*), 12 (*Research and Training*), and 13 (*Public Education and Awareness*) and the related provisions in the Convention’s thematic programmes of work. It was agreed that as Loro Parque carries out its mission, it would share its reports with the SCBD. Its efforts to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by restoring populations of specific species of animals will be reported as a contribution to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target.

108. The Secretariat was hosted by Cipriano Marín and Giuseppe Orlando, of the Comisión Científica Doñana on a tour of Mount Teide National Park, in the framework of the CBD programmes of work on island biodiversity and protected areas. The objective of the tour was to explain how the Use and Management Master Plan for the park was being implemented, and to discuss ways and means of strengthening collaboration including through CEPA.

109. 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 facilitate its implementation.

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

111. The Secretariat actively participated in the electronic consultation on Biodiversity Conservation in the Hindu Kush - Himalaya organized by the Mountain Forum-Mountain Partnership.

112. Based on the inputs and review comments received from the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), the Sustainable Mountain Partnership, the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment of DIVERSITAS, and other organizations, the Secretariat finalized a draft document on global outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on mountain biological diversity for the consideration by SBSTTA-11.

DECISION VII/28: PROTECTED AREAS

113. 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 same 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 prior to COP 8.

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

115. The Secretariat finalized the report of the Donors' meeting (UNEP/CBD/PA/DONORS/1/3) and posted it on the CBD web site. As a follow up of recommendations of the first meeting of the Working Group, the Secretariat requested Parties, other Governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, indigenous and local communities and others to provide information on tool kits, case studies, existing ecological criteria for identification of potential marine areas, and for the review of implementation of the programme of work. Based upon information received, the Secretariat is preparing draft pre-session documents for the second meeting of the Working Group scheduled to be held in December 2005. .

116. The Secretariat, in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy and Equilibrium Consultants, was involved in preparation of a guide on gap analysis for creating ecologically representative protected area systems. The guide will be published under the CBD Technical Series in time for the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas.

117. The Secretariat participated in the 8th World Wilderness Congress in Anchorage, Alaska, 30th September to 6th October, and gave a presentation on the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas and Marine and Coastal Protected Areas.

118. As requested by the first meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas held in June 2005, the Executive Secretary has prepared a draft format for a second thematic report on protected areas for consideration by the Working Group at its second meeting.

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

119. 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 same decision established an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, to consider

progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan and achievements leading up to the 2010 target in line with the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties; to review the impacts and effectiveness of existing processes under the Convention, such as meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, national focal points and the Secretariat, as part of the overall process for improving the operations of the Convention and implementation of the Strategic Plan, and to consider ways and means of identifying and overcoming obstacles to the effective implementation of the Convention.

120. In response to the provisions contained in the decision and subsequent recommendations the following activities were carried out:

(a) Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

121. The Secretariat completed preparations for the first meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, and brought the meeting to a successful conclusion. Held in Montreal, from 5 to 9 September 2005, the WGRI meeting adopted nine recommendations addressing issues of implementation, review of processes and mechanisms, cooperation and engagement of the private sector, and monitoring, reporting and evaluation processes. Two issues were widely agreed upon: the need to streamline Convention processes, and to provide assistance for national implementation. The meeting covered the following items:

- Progress towards implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan and achievements leading up to the 2010 target
- Review of the impacts and effectiveness of existing processes under the Convention
- Cooperation with other conventions and organizations and engagement of stakeholders in the implementation of the Convention
- Monitoring progress and reporting processes

(b) Preparation of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

122. The Secretariat circulated zero-order drafts of chapters 1 to 4 of the Second Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO) among experts involved in work on indicators and reporting as well as key organizations as a first round of informal review. The Secretariat provided detailed comments including a new outline for the preparation of the Executive Summary. The Secretariat also provided detailed comments involving a restructuring of major sections of the document. A revised version of the Executive Summary is due to be received by the Secretariat in early October for preparation of a pre-session document for SBSTTA. Revised versions of the main text are expected in the second week of October.

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

123. The Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its meeting held 5-9 September 2005, considered the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 adopted by decision VII/31, recommending that the Conference of the Parties decide to refine the multi-year programme of work, specifying strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation for in-depth consideration, and to align the process for the consolidation of decisions with the schedule for in-depth consideration of issues, as set out in annex III of recommendation 1/1.

124. In line with decision VII/31, the Working Group also recommended that the Conference of the Parties request the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau and the host country of any meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to develop a format for the ministerial segment that will enhance its contribution to the Conference of the Parties and generate support for, and raise awareness

of, biodiversity-related issues and the implementation of the Convention, and *further requests* the Executive Secretary to work with host countries to ensure effective and productive ministerial segments.

DECISION VII/32: MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

125. In decision VII/32, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), and taking into account ongoing work, to undertake the necessary consultations and bring forward options for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition within the existing programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and to strengthen existing initiatives on food and nutrition, enhance synergies and fully integrate biodiversity concerns into their work, with a view to the achievement of target 2 of the Millennium Development Goal 1 and other relevant Millennium Development Goals

126. In response to this decision, the Secretariat maintained contact with its partners in the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, in order to move forward on developing options for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition. In July, an FAO representative introduced the initiative at a meeting of the Central and Eastern European Countries in the Infoods Network, and to attendees of the Codex Alimentarius Commission's 28th session. Additionally, the technical working group on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (under the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research) has requested advice from FAO on how the working group could best support the initiative, by compiling and disseminating information on the role of biodiversity in human diets.

127. To date, relevant staff at the Secretariat, FAO and IPGRI are collaborating closely to facilitate the integration of biodiversity concerns into ongoing work on food, agriculture and nutrition. Discussions have also been initiated with relevant staff of the World Health Organization.

128. A key contribution of the initiative will be to build the evidence base for the links between biodiversity, food and nutrition. IPGRI and FAO are preparing a preliminary list of case-studies which will be made available to Convention bodies and other processes. As well, the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture has requested the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to "provide guidance to FAO on how it could best support countries, on request, to generate, compile and disseminate cultivar-specific nutrient composition data".

129. The issue of biodiversity and its links to food, agriculture and nutrition has been introduced at a number of relevant meetings since COP-7. The 'Call for Action' arising from the Brasilia consultation was distributed at the Consultation on the role of plant biodiversity in achieving the MDGs on Hunger and Poverty (Chennai, India, 18-19 April 2005). A statement from the Chennai meeting was then delivered to the Millennium Summit in New York (September 2005). The Executive Secretary participated in a UNEP High-Level Brainstorming Workshop for Mainstreaming Environment Beyond MDG 7 (Nairobi, Kenya, 13-14 July 2005), which was attended *inter alia* by representatives from various Multilateral Environmental Agreements and the Millennium Development Project. Additionally, the 'First International Conference on the Importance of Biodiversity to Human Health' (COHAB, Galway, Ireland, 23-25 August 2005, co-organized by the SCBD) featured presentations on biodiversity for food and nutrition by the Secretariat, as well as a statement from the UN Secretary General on the same theme. However, messages linking biodiversity to food and nutrition, and hence to the MDGs, were not reflected in the final text adopted by the Millennium Summit. FAO and IPGRI staff have also presented the initiative at a number of nutrition meetings.

130. The Secretariat has developed a website to communicate the importance of biodiversity for food and nutrition (<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/areas/agro/food-nutrition/default.shtml>) and has

established a web portal for sharing documents among IBFN organizers, participants to the Brasilia consultation, and other interested parties.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

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

131. As requested by decision VII/12, and with financial assistance from the Government of the Netherlands, the Secretariat organized and serviced the Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use for the Latin American and the Caribbean region, which was held in Buenos Aires from 13 to 16 September 2005. The workshop provided a forum for government officials and practitioners to exchange national experiences and to enhance their awareness and understanding of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and other CBD guidelines.

132. The workshop focused on ecosystem services assessments, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources. In light of paragraph 3 of decision VI/12, which requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to explore the applicability of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines to agricultural biodiversity, the workshop also focused on, but was not limited to, agricultural biodiversity. The report of the workshop will be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eleventh meeting.

133. The Secretariat finalized documentation on sustainable use for consideration by the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, which will take place in Montreal 28 November to 2 December 2005.

DECISION VII/14 ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

134. As requested by decision VII/14, and based on the assistance of experts, the Secretariat prepared a Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development, and a glossary and definitions of technical terms used in the Guidelines. By notification 2005-072, the Secretariat circulated the draft and invited Parties, Government and relevant stakeholders to provide their views and comments on the drafts no later than 30 September 2005. The final versions of the Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development and the technical glossary will be submitted to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

135. As requested by the decision, the Secretariat continues to collect, analyze and make available case-studies and other pertinent information through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention.

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

Composite Report

136. The consultants hired in late 2004, have provided drafts of their regional reports, which were examined by the Advisory Committee for Article 8 (j) and related provisions on 11-14 July. The consultants have now incorporated the advice provided by the Advisory Committee. Four reports have been received and the final three are expected in the next week. The Secretariat is now summarizing the regional reports and will then prepare the executive summary of Phase II of the composite report.

Advisory/Steering Committee

137. Following up on the request of the Conference of the Parties the Executive Secretary established an advisory group/steering committee in which indigenous and local communities are represented to assist in the completion of the composite report and to undertake a peer review of the revised version. The first Advisory Committee meeting was held 11-14 July 2005. The Committee provided broad advice on a number of pressing matters related to the preparation of documents for the WG8 (j) and included (but was not limited to): Elements for a plan of action for the retention of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities, including Mechanisms for the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the convention, Development of elements of sui generis systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices; Ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities; and possible Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: Status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices. As envisaged in the decision, the Advisory Group has continued to work electronically with the consultants to assist in the completion of the regional reports.

Technical Workshop on Indigenous Traditional Knowledge

138. The Secretariat participated in the Workshop convened by the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues and organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a result of a recommendation of the Forum arising from their 4th Session. It was held on 21-23 September 2005, in Panama City.

139. The main purpose of the workshop was to promote a collaborative, complementary and holistic approach to traditional knowledge in order to enhance better understanding of indigenous concerns and their possible solution in the United Nations system's work on traditional knowledge. As the topic is multifaceted, complex and interdisciplinary, pertinent issues need to be identified and analyzed before developing a framework of coordination and integration of indigenous perspective. The overall objectives of the workshop are the following:

- i) to identify indigenous perspectives including their needs, aspirations and concerns in respect of the protection, preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge,
- ii) to improve understanding on current programmes, processes and activities on traditional knowledge undertaken by various UN entities with a view to better integrating indigenous holistic approaches in work relating to traditional knowledge,
- iii) to formulate recommendations for the consideration of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues so that it can provide advice regarding traditional knowledge with a view to enhancing mechanisms within the United Nations system for the meaningful and effective integration of indigenous perspectives and participation of indigenous peoples regarding traditional knowledge.

140. The Secretariat is preparing documents for the fourth meeting of the WG8(j), which will include 14 working documents, 13 information documents and 2 other documents of relevance to the meeting. The first 3 documents have been completed and submitted for processing and the 24 remaining documents are in various stages of completion.

141. Regarding funding for participation of indigenous and local communities, a grant application is being finalized for the Christensen Fund and a request is being sent to other donors to ensure adequate funding.

DECISION VII/17 ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

142. Following the financial contribution from the European Union in support of the organization of the Meeting of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress under Article 14(2) of

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the Convention, the meeting is scheduled to take place in Montreal from 12-14 October 2005. The Secretariat has now finalized the preparation of the background documentation and the selection of experts for the meeting.

DECISION VII/18 ON INCENTIVE MEASURES

143. The Secretariat finalized documentation on incentive measures as requested by decision VII/18, for consideration by the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

144. The Secretariat attended the first meeting of the core advisory group of experts and the formal launch meeting of a project of the Economics and Trade Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme on integrated assessment of trade-related policies and biological diversity in the agriculture sector, which took place in Geneva from 14-15 July 2005. This initiative seeks to assist implementation of decision VI/5 of the Conference of the Parties, on agricultural biodiversity, which calls for the impacts of trade liberalization on agricultural biological diversity to be studied in cooperation with international organizations.

145. This four-year project, funded by the European Commission, will assess the environmental, social and economic impact of trade-related and other policies on the agriculture sector, with a particular emphasis on the protection of biological diversity and the promotion of sustainable trade. Integrated assessments will be undertaken in six developing countries with balanced representation from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP countries). The assessments will be undertaken by national institutions in close cooperation with national government ministries and regional partners.

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

146. The Secretariat continued to receive and compile submissions from Parties, Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders on the international regime in preparation for the fourth meeting of the Working Group on ABS, to be held in the first quarter of 2006.

147. The draft agenda and annotated agenda have been finalized on the basis of comments from members of the Bureau. Following the presentation of a proposal by the European Union on the organization of work, the Bureau at its meeting on 4 September 2005 provided further guidance on the organization of work of the meeting.

DECISION VII/29: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

148. The Secretariat finalized a draft compilation and synthesis of information on institutional, administrative, legislative and policy frameworks that facilitate access to and adaptation of technologies in the public domain and to proprietary technologies, as requested by the programme of work on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation. The draft was submitted to the expert group on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation for its consideration. The members of the group were invited to review the draft and, based on this review, provide suggestions for the development of guidance on the referenced topics by 15 October 2005.

149. The Secretariat continued preparation of documentation on national and international information systems for technology transfer as well as on proposals on enhancing the clearing house mechanism as a key mechanism for exchange of information on technologies of relevance to the Convention, as requested by the programme of work on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation. The documentation will be submitted to the informal advisory committee of the clearing house mechanism for its consideration at its next meeting, which will take place on 27 November 2005.

DECISION VII/33 ON OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

150. The Secretariat continued to receive comments from Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations on draft documents relating to the review and consolidation of COP decisions pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision VII/33.

151. The Secretariat has begun preparing draft consolidated texts in the areas of Article 8j and related provisions of the Convention; dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity; Global Taxonomy Initiative; education and public awareness; national reports; cooperation with other bodies; and operations of the Convention pursuant to the recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. Once completed the draft texts will be submitted to the COP Bureau, Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations for their review and comments.

152. 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.

BIOSAFETY

DECISIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

The Biosafety Protocol

153. Following the conclusion of the second meeting of the COP-MOP (30 May-3 June 2005), the Secretariat proceeded to initiate the required follow up to decisions adopted by the meeting as well as keeping under review the ongoing implementation of decisions adopted by COP-MOP 1. The main activities during the reporting period centered around the preparations for the following meetings leading up to the third meeting of the COP-MOP: Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment (15-18 November 2005, Rome, Italy); Coordination meeting for Governments and Organizations funding or implementing biosafety capacity-building activities (18-20 January 2006, Tromso, Norway); Liaison Group on capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Protocol (20-21 January 2006, Tromso, Norway); Second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Biosafety Protocol (6-8 February 2006, Montreal); Second meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts in the context of the Biosafety Protocol (20-24 February 2006, Montreal); vi) Third meeting of the COP-MOP (13-17 March 2006, Curitiba, Brazil).

154. The Secretariat also continued to implement the decisions of the COP-MOP pertaining to the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), in particular with regard to continued improvements to the Central Portal of the BCH in accordance with the multi-year programme of work adopted by the second meeting of the COP-MOP in decision BS-II/2. This multi-year programme of work has five main components, namely: i) to improve ease of reporting and accessing information on the BCH; ii) to increase the amount of information that is currently being reported to the BCH and to ensure it is provided in a timely manner; iii) to make a broader range of biosafety information accessible to users of the BCH; iv) to enhance the capabilities of countries to access information through Internet-based BCH and to ensure that users without good Internet access are able to receive information made available through the BCH in a timely manner; v) to review the programme of work to ensure that it is achieving the goals of the BCH effectively.

155. The meeting also requested the Secretariat to continue to support capacity building efforts to enable the active participation of countries in the BCH. In this regard, the Secretariat has continued to cooperate with UNEP/GEF in the implementation of the project aimed at enhancing the capacities of

some 50 developing countries and countries with economies in transition to access and provide information to the BCH.

156. As of 30 September 2005, 125 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/20: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM DECISION VII/22: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRD REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

Guidance from the Conference of the Parties

157. The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention in Montreal from the 5-9 September 2005 concluded with a set of recommendations for consideration of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and made additional requests to the Secretariat in advancing the international agenda on financial cooperation.

158. The Secretariat received communications from Benin, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Cape Verde, Lebanon, and Swaziland on biosafety; from Cameroon on resource allocation framework; from Ukraine on project disputes; from Mauritius on enabling activities add-on and from Nigeria regarding expansion of small grants programme.

Reporting from the GEF

Monitoring and evaluation

159. The Secretariat received several evaluation reports from the United Nations Environment Programme, including Land Use Change Analysis as an Approach for Investigating Biodiversity Loss and Land Degradation project, and Pilot demonstration project on the sustainable use and management of resources in the Arun Valley.

Replenishment

160. The Second Meeting on the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund was held on 2 September 2005. It discussed resource programming and policy recommendations for the fourth replenishment period. The Secretariat attended the meeting as an observer. The Third Meeting on the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund will be held from 5 to 7 October 2005 in Rome, Italy. It will discuss burden sharing and financial arrangements.

Reciprocal representation

161. The GEF Secretariat was invited and attended the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention in Montreal from 5 to 9 September 2005.

162. The Secretariat participated in the Special Meeting of the GEF Council held in Washington from 31 August – 1 September 2005. The meeting adopted a Resource Allocation Framework which will link the facilitation of GEF resources to a country's potential to generate global benefits as well as to its performance.

163. The Secretariat participated in the Executive GEFOP meeting on 27 July 2005 to discuss the proposed July 2005 Intersessional Work Programme and review general portfolio issues. Seven biodiversity projects were included in the intersessional work programme in the amount of \$ 142 million.

Inter-secretariat cooperation

164. The Secretariat received and reviewed/commented on the following enabling activity proposals:
- Barbados: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management
 - Burkina Faso: National Capacity Needs Self Assessment for Global Environmental Management
 - Central African Republic: National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management
 - Chad: National Capacity Needs Self Assessment for Global Environmental Management
 - Comoros: National Capacity Self-Assessment
 - Equatorial Guinea: Preparation of the National Capacity Needs Self Assessment process
 - Korea, DPR: Updating of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, Preparation of 2nd National Reports, and Establishment of a National Clearing House Mechanism
 - Mozambique: Updating of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, preparation of 2nd National Report and Development of the National Clearing House Mechanism
 - Niger: National Capacity Needs Self Assessment for Global Environmental Management
 - Russian Federation: Development of National Biodiversity Clearing-House Mechanism Project
 - Tanzania: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management
 - Togo: National Capacity Needs Self Assessment for Global Environmental Management
 - Zambia: Zambia Biological Diversity Enabling Activity (additional funding for capacity assessment in priority areas)
165. The Secretariat received and reviewed/ commented on the following Project development facility proposals (PDF/pipelines):
- China: Piloting ecosystem based development (EBD) for sustainable livelihoods in Guiyang, China.
 - Costa Rica: Scaling Up and Mainstreaming Payments for Environmental Services Project
 - Dominican Republic: Piloting an approach to promoting sustainability of protected areas: the case of Las Neblinas Reserve
 - Fiji: Creating the Sovi Basin Trust Fund
 - Global: Building Capacity and Raising Awareness in Invasive Species Prevention and Management (Chile, Costa Rica, Senegal, Tanzania, and Vietnam) (PDF B)
 - Global: Building the partnership to track progress at the global level in achieving the 2010 biodiversity target
 - Global: Financial Sustainability for national systems of Protected Areas
 - Global: Promoting Biodiversity Conservation with Social Equity through Pro-Poor Conservation Financing (Uganda, Kenya, Thailand, Philippines)
 - Indonesia: Piloting Sustainable Finance in Bunaken National Park (PDF A)
 - Kenya: Sustainable local constituencies and partnerships to conserve small protected areas in Kenya (PDF A)
 - Mexico: Sacred Orchids of Chiapas (PDF A)
 - Peru: Children's Lands: Promoting an Innovative Type of Protected Area with the Active Participation of Children (PDF A)
 - Peru: Establishment and Participatory Management of the Q'eros Conservation Concession (PDF A)
 - Regional (Africa): Financing Africa's natural ecosystems: Developing and piloting alternative financial and institutional models of ecosystem management (Tanzania, Zambia, Ethiopia)
 - Regional (Asia): Applying Agrobiodiversity Knowledge for Effective Up-Take in the Near East (Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine Authority, Syria) (PDF A)
 - Regional (Latin America): Conservation and Sustainable use of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System II (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico)
 - Turkmenistan: Capacity Building and On-the-Ground Investments for Integrated and Sustainable Land Management

166. The medium-sized projects (MSPs) received and reviewed/commented on include:
- Global: Indigenous Peoples' Network for Change
 - Global: Coastal Resilience to Climate Change: Developing a Generalizable Method for Assessing Vulnerability and Adaptation of Mangroves and Associated Ecosystems (Cameroon, Tanzania, Fiji, India)
 - Global: Knowledgebase for lessons learned and best practices in the management of coral reefs.
 - Global: National Reporting to the CBD: Supporting countries to prepare the Third National Report on Biodiversity (Phase II)
 - Mexico: Sacred Orchids of Chiapas: Cultural and Religious Values in Conservation
 - Regional (Africa): Transboundary Conservation of the Greater Virunga Landscape (Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo)
 - Regional: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into Tourism through the Development and Dissemination of Best Practices (Belize, Ecuador)
 - Tajikistan: Demonstrating new approaches to Protected Areas and Biodiversity Management in the Gissar Mountains as a model for strengthening the national Tajikistan Protected Areas System
167. The full projects (FP) received and reviewed/commented on:
- Belarus: Catalyzing sustainability of the wetland protected area system in Belarusian Polesie through increased management efficiency and realigned land use practices
 - Botswana: Building Local Capacity for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Okavango Delta
 - Brazil: National Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Institutional Consolidation Project
 - Brazil: Sustainable Cerrado Initiative
 - Chile: *Conservation of Biodiversity in the Valdivian Temperate Rain Forest Region*
 - China: Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Wild Relatives of Crops
 - Colombia: Colombian National Protected Areas Conservation Trust Fund Project
 - Croatia: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the Dalmatian coast through greening coastal development
 - Cuba: Mainstreaming and Sustaining Biodiversity Conservation in three Productive Sectors of the Sabana Camagüey Ecosystem
 - El Salvador: Protected Areas Consolidation and Administration
 - Ethiopia: Sustainable Development of the Protected Area System of Ethiopia
 - Global: Conservation and Use of Crop Genetic Diversity to Control Pests and Diseases in Support of Sustainable Agriculture (China, Ecuador, Morocco and Uganda)
 - Global: Country Support Program for GEF Focal Points
 - Global: Small Grants Program replenishment
 - Global: Supporting early action on Protected Areas
 - India: Mainstreaming Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plant Diversity in Three Indian States
 - Mexico: Environmental Services Project
 - Regional (Africa): Enhancing the effectiveness and catalyzing the sustainability of the W-Arly-Pendjari (WAP) protected area system (Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger)
 - Regional (Asia): *Mainstreaming conservation of Migratory soaring birds into key productive sectors along the Rift valley/red Sea Flyway*
 - Regional (Europe): Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Prespa Lakes Basin of Albania, FYR-Macedonia and Greece
 - Regional (Latin America): Biodiversity Conservation in Coffee: transforming productive practices in the coffee sector by increasing market demand for certified sustainable coffee (Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru)
 - Sectors of the Sabana Camagüey Ecosystem

Venezuela: Biodiversity Conservation in the Productive Landscape of the Venezuelan Andes

168. The Secretariat received Talking Points Vol. 5, No. 3 from the GEF Secretariat which provided updates on the GEF corporate activities. As per the request from the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, the Secretariat provided a submission as input to the document "Relations with Conventions and Other Institutions" for consideration of the 27th Council meeting to be held from 8 to 10 November 2005.

DECISION VII/21: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

National funding measures

169. The Secretariat has continued to compile national funding measures based on the information available from national biodiversity strategies and action plans, first and second national reports as well as thematic reports. The compilations will be presented in five regional volumes and used as the basis for preparing the document on financial resources for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

170. The Secretariat was informed that a seminar on environmental services and financing for the protection and sustainable use of ecosystems will take place on 10-11 October 2005, at the invitation of the Government of Switzerland. It is being convened by the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape, the UNECE secretariat of the Water Convention, in close cooperation with the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the secretariat of the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Cooperation has also been sought with the UNECE Timber Committee, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE). The Seminar will be organized around three major themes: valuing ecosystem services, legal and contractual aspects and challenges for implementation. Each theme will be introduced by one or more keynote lectures. At the end of the Seminar, participants will draw conclusions and make recommendations to the Parties to the Convention.

International assistance to biodiversity

171. The Secretariat has continued to finalize a document on funding sources. The document will provide updated information on sources of official development assistance through multilateral, regional and bilateral channels.

172. The Secretariat responded to requests concerning funding/information from:

- Bolivia: Manejo y conservación de Bosques Tropicales o de Agroforesteria Tropical
- Burkina Faso: Aid for clean water
- Colombia: research funds for Genetic Resources and Biodiversity Research and Higher Studies Center –CIEBREG
- Congo, DR: Agroforestry
- Congo, DR: Development projects
- Congo, DR: Nongovernmental organizations
- Iran: research on necessity of review and change of protected areas categorization and integrate it with new systems
- Nepal: Study on Management of Protected Areas
- Netherlands: Grant information
- Philippines: financial support for biodiversity centrum
- Rwanda: to preserve the swamps and marshland biodiversity
- Switzerland: Capacity building and public participation related to biosafety in the French-speaking countries of Africa
- Thailand: support on taxonomic work

Venezuela: financial support for scientific research

173. To explore funding issues under various international agreements, the Secretariat wrote an article entitled "Financial Cooperation, Rio Conventions and Common Concerns" which will be published in the journal "Review of European Community and International Environmental Law (RECIEL)". The Secretariat is studying financial issues related to national biodiversity planning processes, and will publish an article accordingly.

174. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change invited the Secretariat to participate its Workshop on innovative options for financing the results of the technology needs assessments to be held in Bonn, Germany from 20 to 21 October 2005. The workshop aims to bring together developed and developing country representatives and members of the financial community to present results of the technology needs assessments completed by developing countries and to identify innovative options and practical approaches for financing these results.

Strengthening financial institutions

Preparations for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

175. The Secretariat has started to prepare relevant documentation, and already invited the European Centre for Nature Conservation to contribute information on the development of European Biodiversity Resourcing Initiative.

176. The Secretariat has revised the annotated agenda for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties based on of the outcomes of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention.

DECISION VII/23 SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM

Clearing-house Mechanism

177. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision VII/23 on scientific and technical cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism.

178. In that decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to update the strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism to 2009, in collaboration with the informal advisory committee, for consideration by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Following comments from Parties and review by the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism, the draft strategic plan was discussed at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention, which was held in Montreal, Canada from 5 to 9 September 2005. The meeting requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Informal Advisory Committee for the Clearing-House Mechanism, to finalize the draft of the second Clearing-House Mechanism strategic plan, taking into account the views of Parties, Governments and relevant organizations made at the first meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention and to submit it to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

179. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, regional workshops as a catalysing mechanism to allow for the interaction of international thematic focal points with the national focal points to further enhance

the scientific and technical cooperation goal of the clearing-house mechanism and to build capacities at the national level with regard to use of and access to new information technologies. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of Belgium, is convening a technical hands-on workshop to transfer know-how and introduce web-based and new information technologies to participants from least developed and small island developing states.

180. In response to paragraph 4 of decision VII/23, the Clearing-House Mechanism is also participating in a sub-regional training workshop organized by the Government of Belgium in the Comoros, from 26 September to 7 October 2005 to enhance capacities at the national level, transfer technical expertise and know-how and introduce participants from the African region to new information and web-based technologies.

181. In support of decision VII/23 in which the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to advise on ways the clearing-house mechanism can assist to make relevant information interoperable among the three Rio conventions for review at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Clearing-House Mechanism, with the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change completed the technical interoperability specifications to assist the Rio Conventions to better integrate and harmonize their information resources. A side event on the project is being organized to be held during the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to be held in Montreal, Canada, on 28 November to 2 December 2005 and during the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention to be held in Montreal, Canada, on 28 November to 9 December 2005.

182. The clearing-house mechanism has completed the second draft of the web-based portal on island biodiversity in response to the request of the Conference of the Parties to the Executive Secretary to develop an Internet-based web portal on island biological diversity to integrate, into the existing clearing-house mechanism, information on relevant programmes or initiatives such as the Small Island Developing States Network (SIDSnet), the Coastal Regions and Small Islands-UNESCO, the Small Islands Voice and the small island developing states activities programme of the United Nations Environment Programme.

183. The Clearing-House Mechanism is also developing a species profile schema, in support of paragraph 25 of decision VI/23* whereby the Conference of the Parties called on Parties, countries and relevant organizations to contribute to the creation and maintenance of a global invasive species information network. The second draft of the schema was completed and made available to Parties, countries and relevant organizations for comments.

184. Additionally, in support of the Communication, Education and Public Awareness programme, and in particular, paragraph 12 (a-c) of decision VI/19, the clearing-house mechanism developed an electronic information resource centre and online catalogue of materials, and an electronic index of research article citations and bibliographies on the Convention and its Biosafety Protocol.

185. The Clearing-House Mechanism also continues to contribute to the communications strategy of the Convention through its development of an electronic clippings service: the CBD Headlines, which is disseminated via email and available on the web to targeted audiences and the general public.

* 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, paras. 294-324).

VII/24 COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

186. The Secretariat was engaged in a number of activities over the quarter which contributed to the Programme of Work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness. These raised the profile of the Secretariat in Montreal and around the globe.

187. In August, the Secretariat participated in the joint meeting of the Ecological Society of America, and the International Conference of Ecologists, in Montreal, Canada, 8 to 12 August 2005. Both a workshop on the targets and indicators for the 2010 biodiversity target and a presentation on the programmes of work for the Convention were presented to some of the top ecologists in the world.

188. The Secretariat also participated in the First International Conference on the importance of Biodiversity to Human Health in Galway, Ireland, 23-25 August 2005. Inputs were provided for the remarks by the United Nations Secretary-General and two presentations were delivered. The Executive Secretary spoke to the plenary on the role of the Convention in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and the Secretariat delivered a presentation on ways to mainstream biodiversity considerations into health policy.

189. The Secretariat delivered a presentation to the inter-ministerial committee on Biological Diversity of the provincial government of Quebec. The presentation was a summary of the significance of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment's biodiversity synthesis report for the work of the Convention.

190. At the invitation of the Montreal Consular Corps, the Executive Secretary delivered a presentation to consular representatives on "Biodiversity and Sustainable Development: the Contribution of the Convention on Biological Diversity" on 20 September 2005. The Executive Secretary's remarks addressed the objectives of the Convention and its role in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. This event was in keeping with the Convention's outreach strategy of spreading the message of conservation, sustainable use and equitable sharing of the benefits of biological diversity to a wide variety of audiences.

Synergies with the other Multi-lateral environmental conventions

191. The Secretariat, in concert with the other biodiversity-related conventions, released a joint statement on the role of biodiversity in achieving the millennium development goals. A text was drafted along with CITES, CMS, Ramsar, and UNESCO-WHC on the need for biodiversity to achieve these goals. The statement was released to coincide with the Millennium +5 Summit in New York in September and was disseminated via the Clearing-house Mechanism, press releases and a number of partner organizations including UNDP, UNDG, UNEP and the COMPLUS Alliance. The statement was included in a press package for a UNDP/UNEP Heads of State dinner that took place on 14 September 2005.

192. The Secretariat also continued its preparations for the release of the 2006 Rio Conventions Calendar. An official photographer (Michael Martin) was selected for the Calendar and the theme was announced: Rio Conventions: A Time for Action. The calendar is scheduled to be released at the end of the year.

193. Along with UNFCCC and CCD, the CBD continued its planning for a joint exhibit at the November meeting of SBSTA and COP of the UNFCCC. The Joint exhibit will focus on synergies and common strategies and activities and will feature the photographs of Michael Martin.

Publications

194. In preparation for the fall meetings of the Convention, and due to tremendous demand, many volumes of the CBD were reprinted including several volumes in the technical series dealing with issues in Marine and Coastal Biodiversity, Forest Biodiversity and Protected Areas. A number of volumes in the Programmes of Work Series were also reprinted, and the Addis Ababa Guidelines on sustainable use were printed in the Russian language.

195. Preparation for publication of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook continued, with drafting of the substantive content for the volumes continuing. The text of the executive summary was completed and will be sent to SBSTTA for review.

DECISION VII/25 NATIONAL REPORTING

196. As of the end of September 2005, a total of 30 third national reports had been received. All the reports received had been posted at www.biodiv.org/world/reports.aspx?type=NR-03. For those reports in question that have used a format inconsistent with the finalized guidelines, requests had been sent to relevant Parties to revise their reports by using a correct format.

197. The Secretariat is continuing to facilitate access to funds by eligible countries for preparing their third national reports through working with the implementing agencies of the GEF to prepare a second phase of an umbrella project developed for this purpose.

198. With the coordination of the United Nations Development Programme, a guide is being developed for preparing the third national reports. This is part of the umbrella project proposal presented to the GEF for providing funding to eligible countries for preparing their third national reports of the CBD.

199. The development of the Third National Reports Analyzer is underway. A synthesis of information contained in the third national reports is to be prepared for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

200. In response to paragraph 2 (a) of the WGRI Recommendation I/9, the Executive Secretary is preparing draft guidelines for the fourth national report for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

201. By the end of September 2005, a total of 118 second national reports had been received. The Secretariat had also received a total of 40 thematic reports on mountain ecosystems, 56 thematic reports on protected areas and 28 thematic reports on transfer of technology and technology cooperation.

ANNEX I

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 30 regularized Professional staff members and 22 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 12 vacant posts, (6 professional and 6 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 3 professional posts and 4 General Service posts were funded from other sources and there were 2 vacant General Service posts 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 five Interns and one fellow working at the Secretariat: Ms. Pierina Yupanqui-Huerto from Peru, working on mountain biodiversity and inland waters of mountain ecosystems (STTM); Ms. Leah Mohammed from Canada, working on Climate Change and the Ecosystem Approach with the Scientific, Technical and Technological Matters Division (STTM); Ms. Nancy Zou from the USA, working on sources of Funding for the Convention with the Implementation and Outreach Division (I&O), Mr. Alexis Malu Kaba from the Democratic Republic of Congo, working on indicators with the Scientific, Technical and Technological Matters Division (STTM) and Ms. Catherine Fagan from Canada, working on legal and indigenous matters in the Social Economic and Legal Matters Division (SEL). Additionally, Ms. Zakia Ammari from Morocco is a fellow with the Secretariat for the period May to October 2005.

II Contributions and Funds

3. During the third quarter of 2005, three new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were made. A pledge of Cdn\$175,000 was received from the Government of Canada for the Meeting on Review of Implementation of the Convention and a pledge of Cdn\$25,000 was received for the 4th meeting on Article 8(j); IUCN also pledge US\$1,000 towards the publication of a Technical Series Volume on the Legal Aspects of High Seas Marine Protected Areas.

4. For 2005 a total of US\$2,223,351 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,706,182 or 78% has been collected as at 30 September 2005. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

5. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2005 is US\$7,662,807. Of this amount, US\$6,660,691 or 87% has been received. Additionally, US\$935,000 has been pledged and US\$200,000 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2005. US\$1,669,926 has also been collected in 2005 for prior years and US\$356,578 for future years. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2005 amounts to US\$1,380,538. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 and prior years amount to US\$2,189,841. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

6. As at 30 September 2005 a total of US\$1,202,506 was pledged for 2005 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Finland (\$45,862); Italy (\$388,837); Sweden (\$72,780); Thailand (\$113,000); the United Kingdom (\$258,619); the Christensen Foundation (\$31,000); Germany (\$116,193); Japan (\$20,000); Denmark (\$64,830); Norway (38,646) and Ireland (\$60,976).

7. As at 30 September 2005, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2005 amounted to US\$922,130 or 77% of the total pledged for 2005. Additionally, \$153,468 was collected for prior years. A total of US\$320,376 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2005 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

8. As at 30 September 2005, a total of fifty (50) countries have contributed US\$1,881,971 or 85% to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BG Trust Fund**), for 2005. Additionally, US\$506,211 has been collected for future years. Unpaid contributions for 2005 amount to \$333,292. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

9. As at 30 September 2005, the Governments of Austria, Finland, Italy and Sweden have pledged a total of US\$140,870 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

10. As at 30 September 2005, the Governments of Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France; Ireland; Italy; the Netherlands; Norway; Slovenia, Sweden; Switzerland and the UK have pledged a total of US\$692,937 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). A total of US\$451,099 has so far been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

11. COP-7 approved a budget of US\$10,497,800 for the BY Trust Fund for 2005. As at 30 September 2005, a total of US\$7,148,641 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 68% of the approved amount.

COP/MOP-1 approved a budget of US\$2,166,500 for the BG Trust Fund for 2005. As at 30 September 2005, a total of US\$1,238,775 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 57% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. At present nine 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 two Administrative Assistants are funded from the programme support funds (PSC).

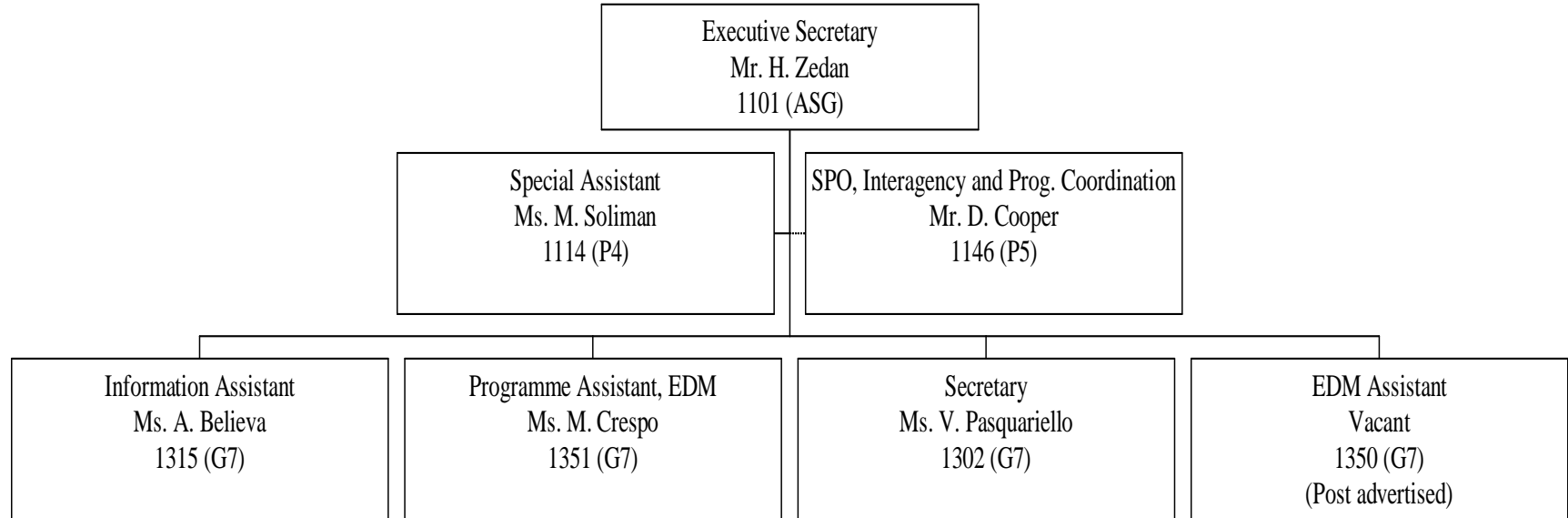
Appendix 1
STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
1 July – 30 September 2005

| Post # | Level | Title | STAFF MEMBER |
|--------|-------|---|---|
| 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 | P5 | 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 | P5 | 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) | Mr. J. Scott (Regularized) |
| 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 | P3 | 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 | P4 | PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL) | Ms. V. Normand (Regularized) |
| 1134 | P3 | PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety) | Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized) |

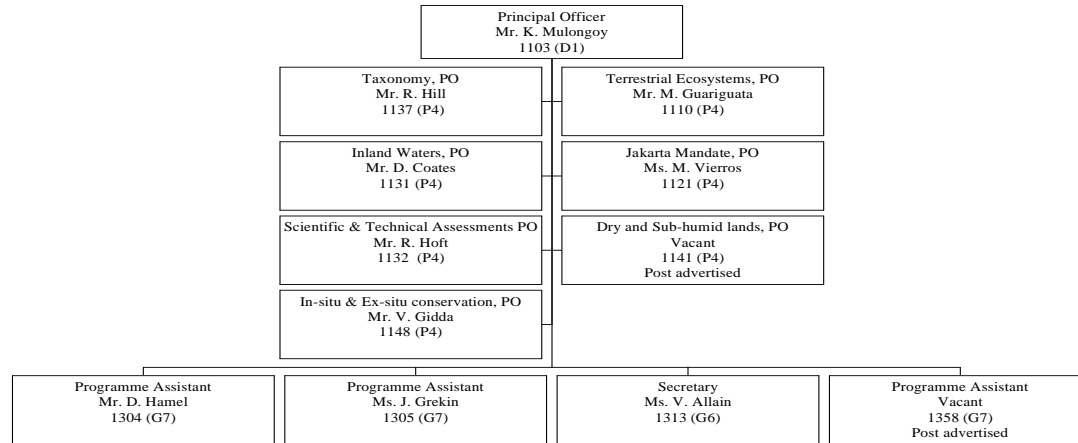
| Post # | Level | Title | STAFF MEMBER |
|--------|-------|---|---|
| 1135 | P5 | Editor (RMCS) | Mr. J. Fry (Regularized) |
| 1136 | P2 | Associate Finance Officer (RMCS) | Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP) |
| 1137 | P4 | Taxonomy, PO (STTM) | Mr. Ryan Hill (Regularized) |
| 1141 | P4 | PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM) | Vacant (Post advertised) |
| 1142 | P3 | PO, Reports (I&O) | Mr. L. Cai (Regularized) |
| 1143 | P4 | PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL) | Vacant (Post advertised) |
| 1144 | P4 | PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety) | Vacant (Post advertised) |
| 1145 | P3 | PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety) | Vacant (Post advertised) |
| 1146 | P5 | SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (EDM) | Mr. D. Cooper (Regularized) |
| 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) |
| 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) | Vacant (Post advertised) |
| 1304 | G7 | Programme Assistant - (STTM) | Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized) |
| 1305 | G7 | Programme Assistant - (STTM) | Ms. J. Grekin (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) |
| 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) |

| Post # | Level | Title | STAFF MEMBER |
|---------------|--------------|--|---|
| 1318 | G4 | Messenger/Clerk (RMCS) | Vacant (Post advertised) |
| 1319 | G6 | Secretary (Biosafety) | Ms. J. Huppé (Regularized) |
| 1329 | G7 | Programme Assistant, CHM (I&O) | Ms. X. Liang (Regularized) |
| 1331 | G7 | Programme Assistant (SEL) | Ms. G. Dosen (Regularized) |
| 1332 | G5 | Information Assistant - (CS/I&O) | Ms. M. Harrison (Regularized) |
| 1333 | G5 | Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS) | Vacant. Post funded by UNEP |
| 1337 | G6 | 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) | Mr. A. Bowers (Regularized) |
| 1354 | G7 | Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL) | Vacant (Post advertised) |
| 1355 | G7 | Editorial Assistant (RMCS) | Ms. V. Lefebvre (Regularized) |
| 1356 | G6 | Travel Assistant – (RMCS) | Ms. N. Al Saheb (Regularized) |
| 1357 | G7 | Meeting Services Assistant | Vacant (Recruitment in progress) |
| 1358 | G7 | Programme Assistant (STTM) | Vacant (Recruitment in progress) |
| 1359 | G7 | Administrative Assistant (RMCS) | Vacant (Post advertised). Post funded by UNEP |

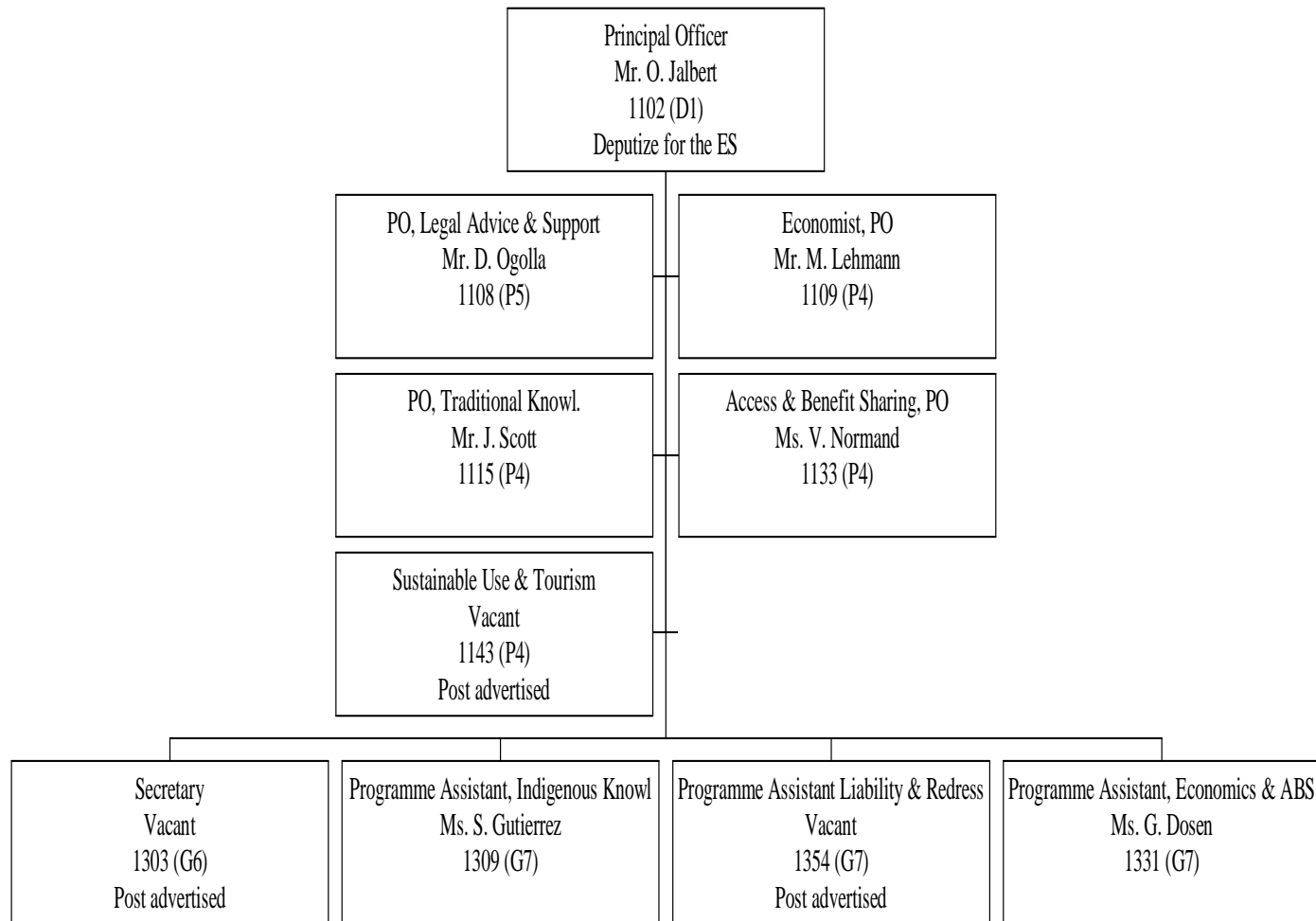
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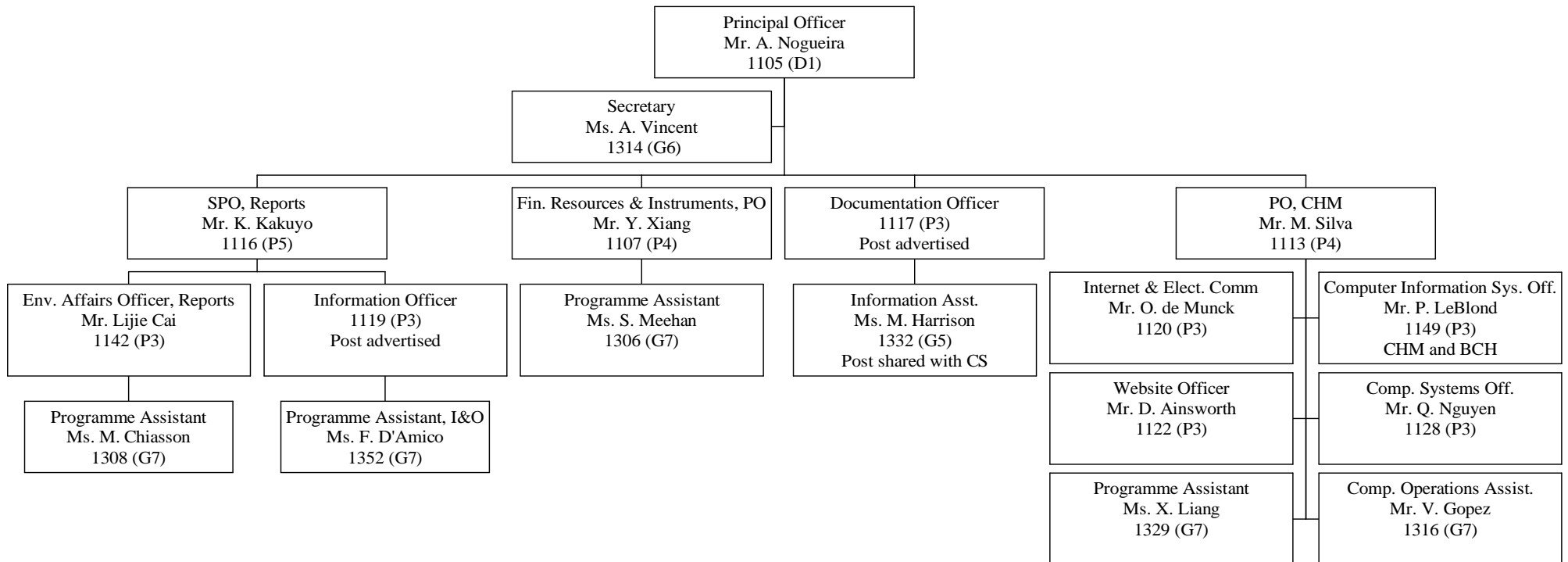
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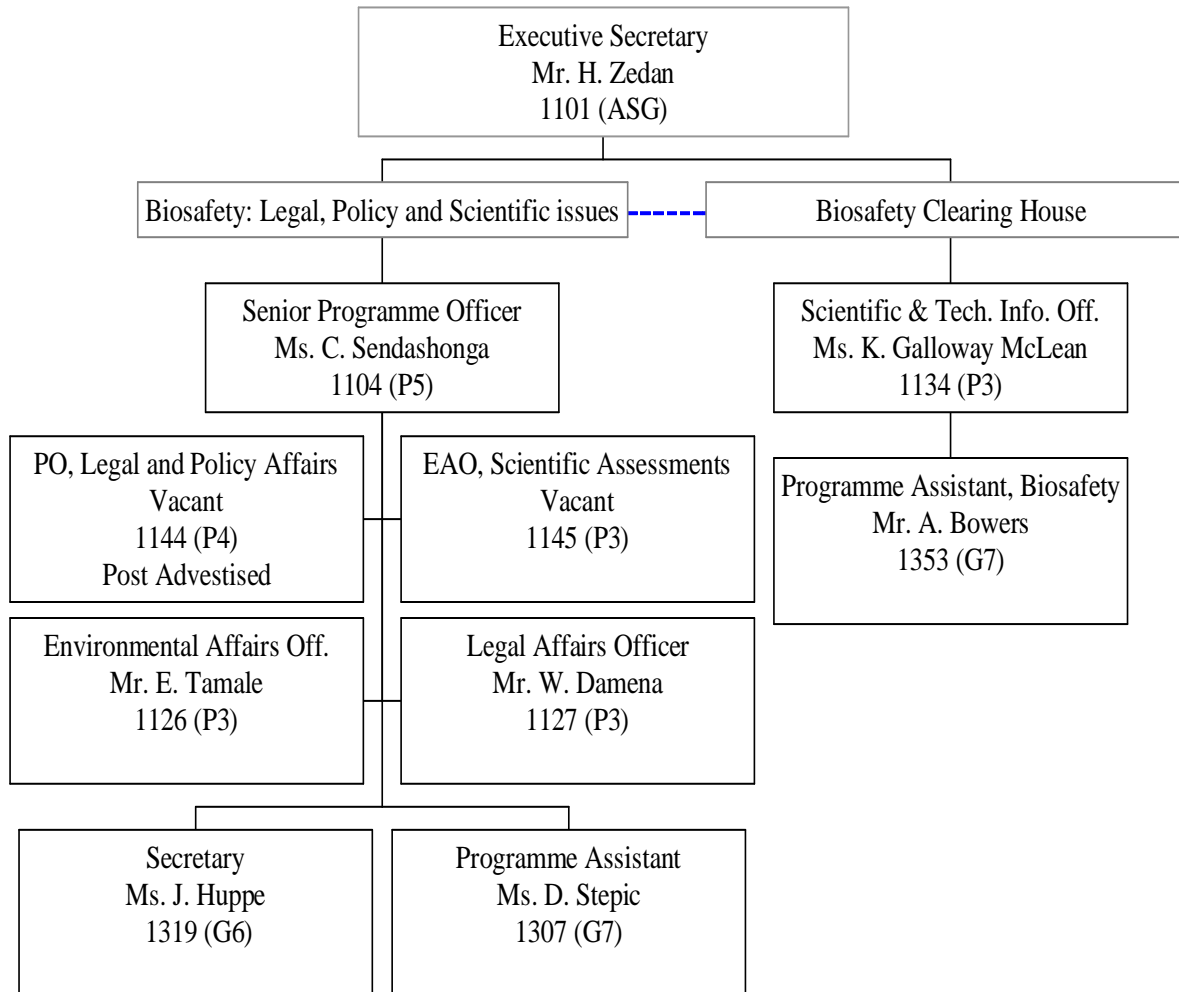
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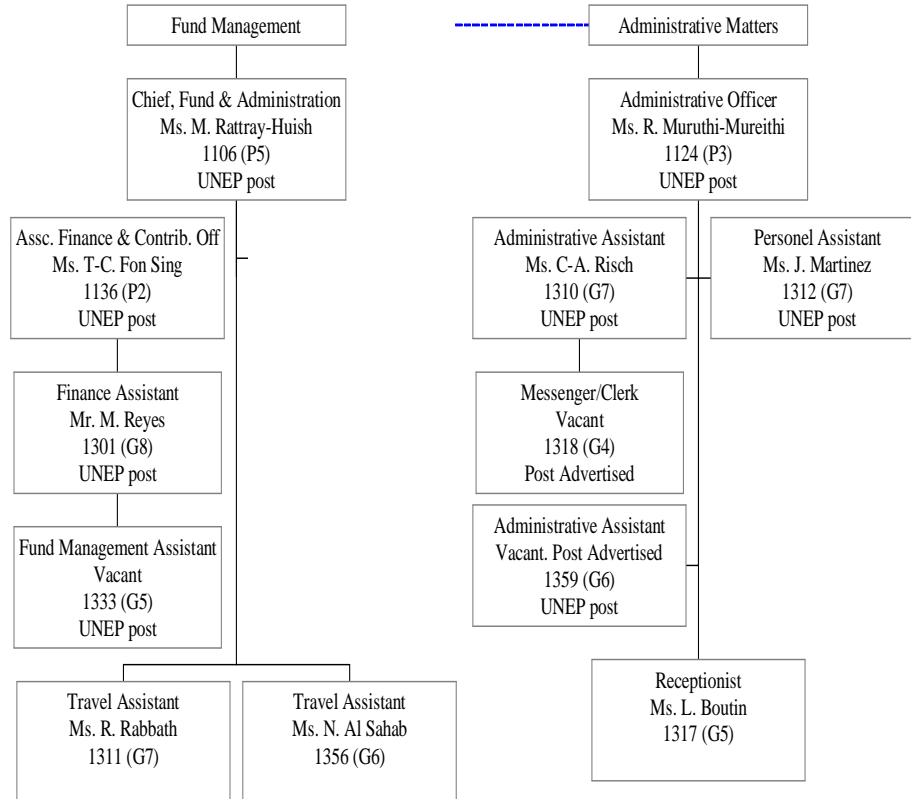
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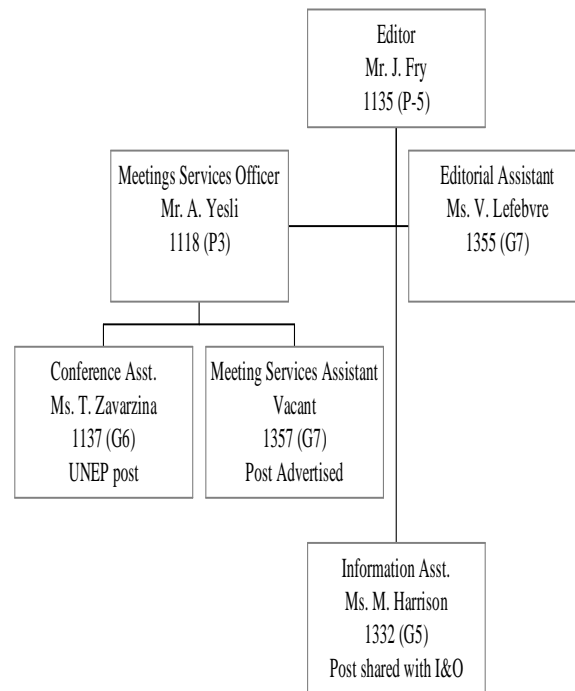
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Resource Management



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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 2005 (in United States dollars)

| COUNTRIES | Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04 | Adjustments | Pledges for 2005 | | Collections in 2005 for prior years | Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Canada | 21,592 | | | 1/ | | | 21,592 |
| Canada | 78,137 | | | 6/ | 78,137 | | 0 |
| Canada | | | 142,276 | 14/ | | | 142,276 |
| Canada | | | 20,325 | 19/ | | | 20,325 |
| Finland | 59,386 | | | 7/ | 59,386 | | 0 |
| Germany | | | 67,000 | 16/ | | 67,000 | 0 |
| Global Industry Coalition | | | 26,000 | 17/ | | 26,000 | 0 |
| Italy | | | 537,403 | 11/ | | 537,403 | 0 |
| Italy | | | 6,000 | 13/ | | 6,000 | 0 |
| IUCN | | | 1,000 | 20/ | | | 1,000 |
| Netherlands | 251,676 | | | 4/ | 251,676 | | 0 |
| Netherlands | | | 511,200 | 15/ | | 259,524 | 251,676 |
| Spain | 25,000 | | | 2/ | | | 25,000 |
| Spain | 85,417 | | | 5/ | 85,417 | | 0 |
| Sweden | 13,287 | | | 3/ | | | 13,287 |
| Sweden | | | 101,892 | 12/ | | | 101,892 |
| Thailand | | | 262,167 | 9/ | | 262,167 | 0 |
| Thailand | | | 357,425 | 10/ | | 357,425 | 0 |
| UK | | | 190,663 | 18/ | | 190,663 | 0 |

| COUNTRIES | Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04 | Adjustments | Pledges for 2005 | | Collections in 2005 for prior years | Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| UK | 47,735 | | | 8/ | 47,735 | | 0 |
| Total | 582,230 | - | 2,223,351 | | 522,351 | 1,706,182 | 577,048 |

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

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

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

4/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2004

5/Spain pledged EUR 66,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, Canary Islands, Spain, 6-10 September 2004

6/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

7/Finland pledged US\$ 60,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity in 2005

8/UK pledged GBP 25,000 towards the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Meeting, London, U.K, 20-21 January 2005

9/Thailand pledged US\$ 262,167 towards the conference servicing costs of SBSTTA 10, Bangkok, Thailand 7-11 February 2005

10/Thailand pledged US\$ 357,425 towards the conference servicing costs of ABS 3 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand 14-18 February 2005

11/Italy pledged US\$ 537,403 for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005

12/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006

13/Italy pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the Publication on Protected Areas

14/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 175,000 for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 2005

15/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2005

16/Germany pledged US\$ 67,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, Bonn, Germany, 25-29 July 2005

17/Global Industry Coalition pledged US\$ 26,000 towards the Biosafety Clearing House Workshop, Montreal, Canada, 28-29 May 2005

18/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Meeting, Brazil, October/November 2005 and

GBP 60,000 towards the Open-Ended Meeting on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 2005

19/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 25,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006

20/IUCN pledged US\$ 1,000 towards the Publication of Technical Series Volume on the Legal Aspects of High Seas MPAs

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 2005 (in United States dollars)

| COUNTRIES | Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04 | Adjustments | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior years | Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years |
|------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Christensen Fund | | | 8/ 31,000 | | 31,000 | 0 |
| Denmark | 40,000 | | 1/ | | | 40,000 |
| Denmark | | | 16/ 64,830 | | | 64,830 |
| Finland | | | 6/ 45,862 | | 45,862 | 0 |
| Germany | | | 13/ 54,403 | | 54,403 | 0 |
| Germany | | | 17/ 61,790 | | | 61,790 |
| Ireland | 25,936 | | 2/ | 25,936 | | 0 |
| Ireland | | | 19/ 60,976 | | | 60,976 |
| Italy | | | 7/ 331,784 | | 331,784 | 0 |
| Italy | | | 14/ 57,053 | | 57,053 | 0 |
| Japan | | | 12/ 20,000 | | | 20,000 |
| Norway | | | 18/ 38,646 | | 38,646 | 0 |
| Spain | 37,532 | | 9/ | 37,532 | | 0 |
| Sweden | | | 10/ 72,780 | | | 72,780 |
| Switzerland | 40,000 | | 3/ | 40,000 | | 0 |
| Switzerland | 50,000 | | 4/ | 50,000 | | 0 |
| Thailand | | | 5/ 113,000 | | 113,000 | 0 |
| U.K | | | 15/ 155,997 | | 155,997 | 0 |
| U.K | | | 11/ 94,385 | | 94,385 | 0 |
| Total | 193,468 | 0 | 1,202,506 | 153,468 | 922,130 | 320,376 |

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

2/Ireland pledged EUR 20,000 towards SBSTTA-10 and the Third Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, February 2005

3/Switzerland pledged US\$ 40,000 for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 7-11 February 2005

4/Switzerland pledged US\$ 50,000 for the Third Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, 14-18 February 2005

5/Thailand pledged US\$ 113,000 towards the participant costs for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 7-11 February 2005

- 6/Finland pledged EUR 20,000 for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting and EUR 15,000 for the Expert Meeting on Synergies between CBD & UNFCCC
- 7/Italy pledged US\$ 331,784 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005
- 8/Christensen pledged US\$ 31,000 towards the participation costs of Indigenous Representatives at the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group Meeting on Access & Benefit Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, 14-18 February 2005
- 9/Spain pledged EUR 29,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting in 2003
- 10/Sweden pledged SEK 500,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting, Spain in 2006
- 11/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, Montreal, Canada, December 2005
- 12/Japan pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the Asia/Pacific Regional Meeting for COP 8
- 13/Germany pledged EUR 42,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005
- 14/Italy pledged US\$ 57,053 towards the Meeting of Donor Agencies, Montecatini, Italy, 20-21 June 2005
- 15/UK pledged GBP 40,000 towards the SBSTTA-11 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 28 November-2 December 2005 and GBP 50,000 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Brazil, 2006
- 16/Denmark pledged DKK 400,000 for the 2005 Montreal, Canada Meetings: a) Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, b) SBSTTA 11 and c) 2nd Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas
- 17/Germany pledged EUR 51,100 towards the participation costs of delegates for the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 December 2005
- 18/Norway pledged NOK 250,000 towards the participation of Parties to the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 2005
- 19/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates for the 4th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Montreal, Canada, 23 January-3 February 2006

ANNEX V**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 30 September 2005**

| Countries | Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04 | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior yrs | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ |
| Afghanistan | 1,724 | 198 | | | | 1,724 | 198 | 1,922 |
| Albania | 295 | 495 | | | | 295 | 495 | 790 |
| Algeria | 0 | 7,520 | | | 7,520 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Angola | | 99 | 1,417 | | | 0 | (1,318) | (1,318) |
| Antigua & Barbuda | | 297 | 610 | | | 0 | (313) | (313) |
| Argentina | 282,724 | 94,589 | | | | 282,724 | 94,589 | 377,313 |
| Armenia | 14,499 | 198 | | 5,416 | | 9,083 | 198 | 9,281 |
| Australia | | 157,517 | 157,517 | | 166,165 | 0 | (166,165) | (166,165) |
| Austria | | 84,992 | 84,992 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Azerbaijan | 2,731 | 495 | | | | 2,731 | 495 | 3,226 |
| Bahamas | | 1,286 | 1,286 | | 1,357 | 0 | (1,357) | (1,357) |
| Bahrain | 0 | 2,968 | | | 6,099 | 0 | (3,131) | (3,131) |
| Bangladesh | 905 | 766 | | 905 | 19 | (0) | 747 | 747 |
| Barbados | | 989 | 989 | | 1,044 | 0 | (1,044) | (1,044) |
| Belarus | 62,381 | 1,781 | | 11,781 | | 50,600 | 1,781 | 52,381 |
| Belgium | 156,148 | 105,770 | | 156,148 | | 0 | 105,770 | 105,770 |
| Belize | | 99 | 203 | | | 0 | (104) | (104) |
| Benin | 192 | 198 | | | | 192 | 198 | 390 |
| Bhutan | | 99 | 63 | | 140 | 0 | (104) | (104) |
| Bolivia | 788 | 890 | | | | 788 | 890 | 1,678 |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina | 0 | 297 | | | 610 | 0 | (313) | (313) |
| Botswana | | 1,187 | 2,440 | | | 0 | (1,253) | (1,253) |
| Brazil | 281,210 | 150,690 | | 281,210 | 173,010 | 0 | (22,320) | (22,320) |

| Countries | Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04 | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior yrs | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bulgaria | 24 | 1,682 | | 24 | 1,682 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Burkina Faso | 528 | 198 | | | | 528 | 198 | 726 |
| Burundi | 588 | 99 | | | | 588 | 99 | 687 |
| Cambodia | 0 | 198 | | | 382 | 0 | (184) | (184) |
| Cameroon | | 792 | 2,976 | | | 0 | (2,184) | (2,184) |
| Canada | 0 | 278,326 | | | 278,326 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cape Verde | 3,438 | 99 | | | | 3,438 | 99 | 3,537 |
| Central African Rep. | 98 | 99 | | | | 98 | 99 | 197 |
| Chad | 2,696 | 99 | | 2,696 | 228 | 0 | (129) | (129) |
| Chile | 4,034 | 22,064 | | 4,034 | 639 | 0 | 21,425 | 21,425 |
| China | 0 | 203,130 | | | | 0 | 203,130 | 203,130 |
| Colombia | | 15,336 | 801 | | 14,667 | 0 | (132) | (132) |
| Comoros | 2,696 | 99 | | | | 2,696 | 99 | 2,795 |
| Congo | 146 | 99 | | | | 146 | 99 | 245 |
| Congo Dem.Rep | 4,882 | 297 | | | | 4,882 | 297 | 5,179 |
| Cook Islands | 0 | 99 | | | | 0 | 99 | 99 |
| Costa Rica | 3,188 | 2,968 | | | | 3,188 | 2,968 | 6,156 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 1,631 | 989 | | | | 1,631 | 989 | 2,620 |
| Croatia | 0 | 3,661 | | | 3,661 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cuba | 20,622 | 4,255 | | | | 20,622 | 4,255 | 24,877 |
| Cyprus | 0 | 3,859 | | | 3,859 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Czech Republic | | 18,107 | 18,107 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Denmark | 73,775 | 71,041 | | 73,775 | 71,041 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Djibouti | 98 | 99 | | | | 98 | 99 | 197 |
| Dominica | 31 | 99 | | | | 31 | 99 | 130 |
| Dominica Rep. | 10,426 | 3,463 | | | | 10,426 | 3,463 | 13,889 |
| Ecuador | 0 | 1,880 | | | 2,300 | 0 | (420) | (420) |
| EEC | | 191,570 | 196,893 | | | 0 | (5,323) | (5,323) |
| Egypt | 7,978 | 11,873 | | 7,978 | | 0 | 11,873 | 11,873 |

| Countries | Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04 | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior yrs | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| El Salvador | 0 | 2,177 | | | | 0 | 2,177 | 2,177 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 2,696 | 198 | | | | 2,696 | 198 | 2,894 |
| Eritrea | 190 | 99 | | | | 190 | 99 | 289 |
| Estonia | | 1,187 | 1,187 | | 1,253 | 0 | (1,253) | (1,253) |
| Ethiopia | | 396 | 814 | | | 0 | (418) | (418) |
| Fiji | 0 | 396 | | | 374 | 0 | 22 | 22 |
| Finland | | 52,737 | 52,737 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| France | | 596,626 | 596,626 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gabon | | 890 | 8,821 | | | 0 | (7,931) | (7,931) |
| Gambia | | 99 | 99 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Georgia | 42,145 | 297 | | | | 42,145 | 297 | 42,442 |
| Germany | 0 | 857,044 | | | 857,044 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ghana | 954 | 396 | | | | 954 | 396 | 1,350 |
| Greece | 53,083 | 52,440 | | 53,083 | | 0 | 52,440 | 52,440 |
| Grenada | 0 | 99 | | | | 0 | 99 | 99 |
| Guatemala | 0 | 2,968 | | | | 0 | 2,968 | 2,968 |
| Guinea | 295 | 297 | | | | 295 | 297 | 592 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 2,217 | 99 | | | | 2,217 | 99 | 2,316 |
| Guyana | 98 | 99 | | | | 98 | 99 | 197 |
| Haiti | 1,857 | 297 | | | | 1,857 | 297 | 2,154 |
| Honduras | 2,066 | 495 | | | | 2,066 | 495 | 2,561 |
| Hungary | 20 | 12,467 | | 20 | 12,447 | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| Iceland | 0 | 3,364 | | | 6,913 | 0 | (3,549) | (3,549) |
| India | 0 | 41,655 | | | 41,655 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indonesia | | 14,050 | 20,000 | | | 0 | (5,950) | (5,950) |
| Iran | 0 | 15,534 | | | | 0 | 15,534 | 15,534 |
| Ireland | 0 | 34,630 | | | 71,161 | 0 | (36,531) | (36,531) |
| Israel | 40,877 | 46,206 | | 40,877 | 40,206 | 0 | 6,000 | 6,000 |

| Countries | Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04 | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior yrs | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Italy | 0 | 483,336 | | | 483,336 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jamaica | 0 | 792 | | | 781 | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| Japan | 0 | 1,685,816 | | | 1,685,816 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jordan | 0 | 1,088 | | | | 0 | 1,088 | 1,088 |
| Kazakhstan | 2,758 | 2,474 | | 2,758 | 2,242 | 0 | 232 | 232 |
| Kenya | (0) | 890 | | | 1,808 | (0) | (918) | (918) |
| Kiribati | 15 | 99 | | 15 | 178 | (0) | (79) | (79) |
| Korea, Dem. People's Rep. | 20 | 989 | | | | 20 | 989 | 1,009 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 90,488 | 177,701 | | 90,488 | 80,512 | 0 | 97,189 | 97,189 |
| Kuwait | 0 | 16,029 | | | 16,029 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 98 | 99 | | | | 98 | 99 | 197 |
| Lao PDR | 0 | 99 | | | 188 | 0 | (89) | (89) |
| Latvia | 66 | 1,484 | | 66 | 1,500 | 0 | (16) | (16) |
| Lebanon | 2,292 | 2,375 | | | | 2,292 | 2,375 | 4,667 |
| Lesotho | 25 | 99 | | 25 | | 0 | 99 | 99 |
| Liberia | 533 | 99 | | | | 533 | 99 | 632 |
| Libya | 19,875 | 13,060 | | | | 19,875 | 13,060 | 32,935 |
| Liechtenstein | | 495 | 495 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lithuania | | 2,375 | 2,355 | | 2,504 | 0 | (2,484) | (2,484) |
| Luxembourg | 0 | 7,619 | | | 7,619 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Macedonia | 591 | 594 | | | | 591 | 594 | 1,185 |
| Madagascar | 0 | 297 | | | | 0 | 297 | 297 |
| Malawi | 740 | 99 | | | | 740 | 99 | 839 |
| Malaysia | 0 | 20,085 | | | 20,085 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maldives | | 99 | 59 | | | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| Mali | | 198 | 134 | | | 0 | 64 | 64 |
| Malta | 1,477 | 1,385 | | 1,477 | 1,385 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marshall Island | 0 | 99 | | | | 0 | 99 | 99 |
| Mauritania | 1,527 | 99 | | | | 1,527 | 99 | 1,626 |

| Countries | Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04 | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior yrs | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mauritius | | 1,088 | 1,088 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mexico | 55,604 | 186,310 | | 55,604 | 185,714 | (0) | 596 | 596 |
| Micronesia, Fed. States | | 99 | 202 | | | 0 | (103) | (103) |
| Moldova, Rep. of | 11,110 | 99 | | | | 11,110 | 99 | 11,209 |
| Monaco | 0 | 297 | | | 907 | 0 | (610) | (610) |
| Mongolia | 0 | 99 | | | | 0 | 99 | 99 |
| Morocco | 12,141 | 4,650 | | | | 12,141 | 4,650 | 16,791 |
| Mozambique | 281 | 99 | | | | 281 | 99 | 380 |
| Myanmar | 985 | 766 | | 985 | 766 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Namibia | | 594 | 1,220 | | | 0 | (626) | (626) |
| Nauru | 2,816 | 99 | | | | 2,816 | 99 | 2,915 |
| Nepal | | 396 | 903 | | | 0 | (507) | (507) |
| Netherlands | 171,208 | 167,214 | | | | 171,208 | 167,214 | 338,422 |
| New Zealand | 0 | 21,866 | | | 44,933 | 0 | (23,067) | (23,067) |
| Nicaragua | | 99 | 203 | | | 0 | (104) | (104) |
| Niger | 2,552 | 99 | | | | 2,552 | 99 | 2,651 |
| Nigeria | 7,930 | 4,156 | | | | 7,930 | 4,156 | 12,086 |
| Niue | 0 | 99 | | | | 0 | 99 | 99 |
| Norway | | 67,182 | 187 | | 66,995 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oman | | 6,926 | 6,926 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pakistan | 262 | 5,442 | | 262 | 5,180 | 0 | 262 | 262 |
| Palau | | 99 | 410 | | | 0 | (311) | (311) |
| Panama | 698 | 1,880 | | | | 698 | 1,880 | 2,578 |
| Papua New Guinea | 591 | 297 | | | | 591 | 297 | 888 |
| Paraguay | 9,078 | 1,187 | | | | 9,078 | 1,187 | 10,265 |
| Peru | 48,171 | 9,103 | | | | 48,171 | 9,103 | 57,274 |
| Philippines | 8,442 | 9,400 | | 4,623 | | 3,819 | 9,400 | 13,219 |
| Poland | 0 | 45,613 | | | 45,613 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Countries | Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04 | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior yrs | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Portugal | 44,480 | 46,503 | | 44,480 | 2,023 | 0 | 44,480 | 44,480 |
| Qatar | | 6,332 | 3,144 | | 3,188 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Romania | 0 | 5,937 | | | 5,937 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Russian Federation | 0 | 108,837 | | | 108,837 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rwanda | | 99 | 191 | | 98 | 0 | (190) | (190) |
| St.Kitts &Nevis | 0 | 99 | | | 203 | 0 | (104) | (104) |
| St. Lucia | | 198 | 191 | | | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Saint Vincent & Grenadines | 1,867 | 99 | | | | 1,867 | 99 | 1,966 |
| Samoa | 0 | 99 | | | 178 | 0 | (79) | (79) |
| San Marino | 0 | 297 | | | 297 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sao Tome Principe | 369 | 99 | | | | 369 | 99 | 468 |
| Saudi Arabia | 0 | 70,546 | | | | 0 | 70,546 | 70,546 |
| Senegal | | 495 | 4,517 | | | 0 | (4,022) | (4,022) |
| Seychelles | | 198 | 903 | | | 0 | (705) | (705) |
| Sierra Leone | 94 | 99 | | | | 94 | 99 | 193 |
| Singapore | | 38,390 | 38,390 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slovak | | 5,046 | 5,046 | | 5,323 | 0 | (5,323) | (5,323) |
| Slovenia | 0 | 8,113 | | | 8,113 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solomon Is. | 2,217 | 99 | | | | 2,217 | 99 | 2,316 |
| South Africa | 0 | 28,891 | | | 59,369 | 0 | (30,478) | (30,478) |
| Spain | 0 | 249,336 | | | 249,336 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sri Lanka | 3,016 | 1,682 | | 3,016 | 1,682 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sudan | 5,179 | 766 | | | | 5,179 | 766 | 5,945 |
| Suriname | 1,719 | 99 | | | | 1,719 | 99 | 1,818 |
| Swaziland | | 198 | 407 | | | 0 | (209) | (209) |
| Sweden | 0 | 98,745 | | | 98,745 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Switzerland | | 118,435 | 118,435 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Syria | 0 | 3,760 | | | 3,760 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tajikistan | 190 | 99 | | | | 190 | 99 | 289 |

| Countries | Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04 | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior yrs | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Thailand | 6,307 | 20,679 | | 6,307 | 20,679 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Togo | 97 | 99 | | | | 97 | 99 | 196 |
| Tonga | | 99 | 301 | | | 0 | (202) | (202) |
| Trinidad & Tobago | | 2,177 | 4,132 | | | 0 | (1,955) | (1,955) |
| Tunisia | 0 | 3,166 | | | 6,506 | 0 | (3,340) | (3,340) |
| Tuvalu | 190 | 99 | | | | 190 | 99 | 289 |
| Turkey | 0 | 36,807 | | | 36,807 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Turkmenistan | 572 | 495 | | | | 572 | 495 | 1,067 |
| Uganda | 83 | 594 | | | | 83 | 594 | 677 |
| Ukraine | 5,220 | 3,859 | | | | 5,220 | 3,859 | 9,079 |
| U. K. | | 606,223 | 606,223 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0 | 23,252 | | | 23,232 | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| Un.Rep. of Tanzania | | 594 | 19,339 | | | 0 | (18,745) | (18,745) |
| Uruguay | 27,707 | 4,749 | | | | 27,707 | 4,749 | 32,456 |
| Uzbekistan | 11,987 | 1,385 | | 1,385 | | 10,602 | 1,385 | 11,987 |
| Vanuatu | 96 | 99 | | | | 96 | 99 | 195 |
| Venezuela | 20,488 | 16,919 | | 20,488 | | 0 | 16,919 | 16,919 |
| Viet Nam | 200 | 2,078 | | | | 200 | 2,078 | 2,278 |
| Yemen | 5,832 | 594 | | | | 5,832 | 594 | 6,426 |
| Yugoslavia | 1,970 | 1,880 | | | | 1,970 | 1,880 | 3,850 |
| Zambia | | 198 | 52 | | 1,032 | 0 | (886) | (886) |
| Zimbabwe | 0 | 693 | | | | 0 | 693 | 693 |
| Sub Total | 1,679,229 | 7,662,807 | 1,964,031 | 869,926 | 5,053,238 | 809,302 | 645,538 | 1,454,841 |
| Additional Contributions | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 800,000 | 635,000 | | 800,000 | | 0 | 635,000 | 635,000 |

| Countries | Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04 | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections in 2005 for prior yrs | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| USA | 0 | 100,000 | | | | 0 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Quebec | 0 | 200,000 | | 0 | 200,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Total | 2,479,229 | 8,597,807 | 1,964,031 | 1,669,926 | 5,253,238 | 809,302 | 1,380,538 | 2,189,841 |

ANNEX VI

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
as at 30 September 2005**

| Countries | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | US \$ | US\$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ | US \$ |
| Albania | 110 | | | 0 | 110 | 110 |
| Algeria | 2,611 | | 2,611 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 103 | 191 | | 0 | (88) | (88) |
| Armenia | 69 | | | 0 | 69 | 69 |
| Austria | 29,515 | 29,515 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Azerbaijan | 86 | | | 0 | 86 | 86 |
| Bahamas | 447 | | 829 | 0 | (382) | (382) |
| Bangladesh | 200 | | | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| Barbados | 344 | 344 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Belarus | 618 | | 618 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Belgium | 36,731 | | | 0 | 36,731 | 36,731 |
| Belize | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Benin | 39 | | | 0 | 39 | 39 |
| Bhutan | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Bolivia | 309 | | 574 | 0 | (265) | (265) |
| Botswana | 412 | 765 | | 0 | (353) | (353) |
| Brazil | 52,330 | | 52,330 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bulgaria | 584 | | | 0 | 584 | 584 |

| Countries | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Burkina Faso | 69 | | | 0 | 69 | 69 |
| Cambodia | 69 | | 128 | 0 | (59) | (59) |
| Cameroon | 275 | | | 0 | 275 | 275 |
| Canada | 165,000 | | | 0 | 165,000 | 165,000 |
| China | 21,235 | | | | 21,235 | 21,235 |
| Colombia | 5,326 | | 5,374 | 0 | (48) | (48) |
| Croatia | 1,271 | | | 0 | 1,271 | 1,271 |
| Cuba | 1,477 | | | 0 | 1,477 | 1,477 |
| Cyprus | 1,340 | | 1,340 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Czech Republic | 6,288 | | | 0 | 6,288 | 6,288 |
| Dem. Rep. of Congo | 54 | | | 0 | 54 | 54 |
| Denmark | 24,670 | | 45,793 | 0 | (21,123) | (21,123) |
| Djibouti | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Dominica | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Ecuador | 653 | | | 0 | 653 | 653 |
| Egypt | 412 | | 412 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| El Salvador | 756 | | | 0 | 756 | 756 |
| Eritrea | 19 | | | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| Estonia | 412 | 412 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ethiopia | 137 | 255 | | 0 | (118) | (118) |
| European Community | 50,038 | 40,765 | | 0 | 9,273 | 9,273 |
| Fiji | 137 | | | 0 | 137 | 137 |
| Finland | 18,314 | 18,314 | 15,680 | 0 | (15,680) | (15,680) |

| Countries | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| France | 207,190 | | 207,190 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gambia | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Germany | 297,626 | | 297,626 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ghana | 137 | | | 0 | 137 | 137 |
| Greece | 18,211 | | | 0 | 18,211 | 18,211 |
| Grenada | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Guatemala | 949 | | | 0 | 949 | 949 |
| Hungary | 4,329 | | 4,329 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| India | 14,466 | | | 0 | 14,466 | 14,466 |
| Indonesia | 4,005 | | | 0 | 4,005 | 4,005 |
| Iran | 5,395 | | | 0 | 5,395 | 5,395 |
| Ireland | 12,026 | | 22,323 | 0 | (10,297) | (10,297) |
| Italy | 167,848 | | 311,561 | 0 | (143,713) | (143,713) |
| Japan | 440,330 | | 440,330 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jordan | 378 | | | 0 | 378 | 378 |
| Kenya | 309 | | | 0 | 309 | 309 |
| Kiribati | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Korea, Democratic Republic | 344 | | | 0 | 344 | 344 |
| Lao People's Dem. Rep. | 200 | | 371 | 0 | (171) | (171) |
| Latvia | 515 | 515 | 572 | 0 | (572) | (572) |

| Countries | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lesotho | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Liberia | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Libya | 1,332 | | | | 1,332 | 1,332 |
| Lithuania | 825 | | 1,531 | 0 | (706) | (706) |
| Luxembourg | 2,646 | | | 0 | 2,646 | 2,646 |
| Macedonia | 62 | | | | 62 | 62 |
| Madagascar | 103 | | | 0 | 103 | 103 |
| Malaysia | 6,975 | | 6,975 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maldives | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Mali | 69 | | | 0 | 69 | 69 |
| Marshall Islands | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Mauritania | 7 | | | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Mauritius | 378 | | | 0 | 378 | 378 |
| Mexico | 64,700 | | 64,680 | 0 | 20 | 20 |
| Mongolia | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Mozambique | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Namibia | 131 | | | 0 | 131 | 131 |
| Nauru | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| New Zealand | 4,508 | | 10,883 | 0 | (6,375) | (6,375) |
| Netherlands | 58,068 | | 109,748 | 0 | (51,680) | (51,680) |
| Nicaragua | 34 | | 63 | 0 | (29) | (29) |
| Niger | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Nigeria | 1,443 | | | 0 | 1,443 | 1,443 |
| Niue | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |

| Countries | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Norway | 23,330 | | 23,300 | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| Oman | 2,405 | 2,405 | 2,059 | 0 | (2,059) | (2,059) |
| Palau | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Panama | 653 | | | 0 | 653 | 653 |
| Paraguay | 412 | | | 0 | 412 | 412 |
| Peru | 3,161 | | | 0 | 3,161 | 3,161 |
| Poland | 15,840 | 15,840 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Portugal | 15,978 | | 15,978 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Republic of Moldova | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Romania | 2,062 | | | 0 | 2,062 | 2,062 |
| Rwanda | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Saint Lucia | 21 | | | | 21 | 21 |
| Saint Vincent & Gren. | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Samoa | 34 | | 63 | 0 | (29) | (29) |
| Senegal | 172 | | | 0 | 172 | 172 |
| Seychelles | 69 | | 108 | 0 | (39) | (39) |
| Slovakia | 1,752 | 1,752 | 1,500 | 0 | (1,500) | (1,500) |
| Slovenia | 2,818 | 2,818 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solomon Islands | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| South Africa | 10,033 | | | 0 | 10,033 | 10,033 |

| Countries | Pledges for 2005 | Collections in 2004 for 2005 | Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 | Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Spain | 86,587 | | 86,587 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sri Lanka | 584 | | 584 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sudan | 61 | | | | 61 | 61 |
| Sweden | 34,291 | | 68,582 | 0 | (34,291) | (34,291) |
| Switzerland | 41,129 | 41,129 | 35,215 | 0 | (35,215) | (35,215) |
| Syria | 1,306 | | 1,306 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tajikistan | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Togo | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Tonga | 34 | | | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 756 | | 756 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tunisia | 1,100 | | 2,041 | 0 | (941) | (941) |
| Turkey | 12,782 | | | 0 | 12,782 | 12,782 |
| Uganda | 200 | | | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| Ukraine | 1,340 | | | 0 | 1,340 | 1,340 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 210,523 | 210,523 | 180,252 | 0 | (180,252) | (180,252) |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 206 | | | 0 | 206 | 206 |
| Venezuela | 5,876 | | | 0 | 5,876 | 5,876 |
| Viet Nam | 722 | | | 0 | 722 | 722 |
| Zambia | 69 | 103 | | 0 | (34) | (34) |
| Zimbabwe | 142 | | 334 | 0 | (192) | (192) |
| Grand Total | 2,215,263 | 365,646 | 2,022,536 | 0 | (172,919) | (172,919) |

ANNEX VII

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED
ACTIVITIES OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BH)
Status as at 30 September 2005 (in United States dollars)**

| COUNTRIES | Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04 | Adjustments | Pledges for 2005 | | Collections in 2005 for prior years | Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| Austria | | | 23,958 | 1/ | | 23,958 | 0 |
| Finland | | | 12,046 | 3/ | | 12,046 | 0 |
| Italy | | | 70,000 | 4/ | | | 70,000 |
| Sweden | | | 34,866 | 2/ | | 34,866 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 140,870 | | 0 | 70,870 | 70,000 |

1/Austria pledged EUR 18,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

2/Sweden pledged SEK 250,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

3/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

4/Italy pledged US\$ 70,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Rome, Italy, 15-18 November 2005

ANNEX VIII**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 2005 (in United States dollars)

| COUNTRIES | Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04 | Adjustments | Pledges for 2005 | | Collections in 2005 for prior years | Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs | Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| Austria | | | 25,925 | 4/ | | 25,925 | 0 |
| Canada | | | 44,477 | 10/ | | 44,477 | 0 |
| Denmark | | | 17,709 | 9/ | | 17,709 | 0 |
| Denmark | | | 24,872 | 14/ | | 24,872 | 0 |
| Finland | | | 26,203 | 2/ | | 26,203 | 0 |
| France | | | 24,554 | 12/ | | 24,554 | 0 |
| Ireland | | | 12,493 | 5/ | | 12,493 | 0 |
| Italy | | | 36,936 | 15/ | | 36,936 | 0 |
| Netherlands | | | 241,838 | 6/ | | | 241,838 |
| Norway | | | 16,447 | 3/ | | 16,447 | 0 |
| Norway | | | 29,928 | 16/ | | 29,928 | 0 |
| Slovenia | | | 3,874 | 11/ | | 3,874 | 0 |
| Sweden | | | 43,291 | 8/ | | 43,291 | 0 |
| Switzerland | 40,000 | | | 1/ | 40,000 | | 0 |
| Switzerland | | | 50,000 | 13/ | | 50,000 | 0 |
| UK | | | 94,390 | 7/ | | 94,390 | 0 |
| Total | 40,000 | 0 | 692,937 | | 40,000 | 451,099 | 241,838 |

1/Switzerland pledged US\$ 40,000 toward the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

2/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 for COP/MOP 2 Meeting and EUR 10,000 for the Open-Ended Expert Group on GMOs in 2005

3/Norway pledged NOK 100,000 towards the Open-Ended Expert Group on Identification Requirements of Living Modified Organisms Intended for Direct Use

- as Food or Feed or for Processing (Art. 18.2(a)), Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
- 4/Austria pledged EUR 20,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
 - 5/Ireland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
 - 6/Netherlands pledged EUR 200,000 towards (a) the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005, (b) the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005, (c) the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005
 - 7/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
 - 8/Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005
 - 9/Denmark pledged DKK 100,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
 - 10/Canada pledged towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
 - 11/Slovenia pledged EUR 3,000 towards the participation costs of Developing Countries
 - 12/France pledged EUR 20,000 towards the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005
 - 13/Switzerland pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005 and the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005
 - 14/Denmark pledged towards the participation costs of Developing Countries
 - 15/Italy pledged towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005
 - 16/Norway pledged towards the Developing Countries Participation in Biosafety Protocol Meetings

ANNEX IX

LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(as at 30 September 2005)

| 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 |

| DATES | MEETING TITLE | VENUE |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 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 | Gaborone, Botswana |
| 4 - 6 October 2004 | Coordination meeting for representatives of academic institutions actively involved in education and training programmes in biosafety (organized by SAEFL in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat) | Geneva, Switzerland |
| 9 - 10 October 2004 | Second Asian Regional Workshop on the Global Taxonomy Initiative | Wellington, New Zealand |
| 18 October 2004 | Liaison Group meeting on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target | Montreal, Canada |
| 18 - 20 October 2004 | Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety | Montreal, Canada |
| 18 October–15 November 2004 | Biosafety Considerations in the use of Genetically Modified Organisms for Management of Animal Populations - Online Conference | On-line conference |
| 19 - 22 October 2004 | Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level | Montreal, Canada |
| 25 - 27 October 2004 | Expert group on outcome-oriented targets for the Programmes of Work on the biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems | Montreal, Canada |
| 1 - 3 November 2004 | Workshop on capacity-building and exchange of experiences as related to the implementation of paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol | Bonn, Germany |
| 2 - 3 November 2004 | Informal Meeting on Interoperability of Information among the Three Rio and Other Environmental Conventions | Montreal, Canada |
| 9 - 10 November 2004 | Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House | Montreal, Canada |
| 13 - 17 December 2004 | Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity <i>Island Biodiversity</i> | Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife Canary Islands, Spain |

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| 10 - 21 January 2005 | Central African Sub-Regional Training Workshop for Key Partners of National Clearing-House Mechanisms | Bujumbura, Burundi |
| 20 - 21 January 2005 | Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge | London, United Kingdom |
| 24 - 28 January 2005 | Meeting of Experts to develop a Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development | Nassau, Bahamas |
| 26 - 27 January 2005 | Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities | Montreal, Canada |
| 27 - 28 January 2005 | Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety | Montreal, Canada |
| 3 - 5 February 2005 | Asia and the Pacific Regional Workshop on the Clearing-House Mechanism | Bangkok, , Thailand |
| 5 February 2005 | Liaison Group meeting on Island Biodiversity | Bangkok, Thailand |
| 6 February 2005 | Informal Advisory Committee for the Clearing-House Mechanism | Bangkok, Thailand |
| 7 - 11 February 2005 | Tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice | Bangkok, Thailand |
| 12 February 2005 | Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) | Bangkok, Thailand |
| 14 - 18 February 2005 | Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing | Bangkok, Thailand |
| 23 - 25 February 2005 | Technical Workshop on the development of regional Clearing-House Mechanisms | Bucharest, Romania |
| 9 - 11 March 2005 | Latin American and Caribbean Regional Workshop on the Clearing-House Mechanism | Brasilia, Brazil |
| 12 - 13 March 2005 | Consultation on the Cross-Cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition | Brasilia, Brazil |
| 14 - 16 March 2005 | Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity | Montreal, Canada |
| 14 - 16 March 2005 | Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety | Montreal, Canada |

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| 16 - 18 March 2005 | Open-ended Technical Expert Group on Identification Requirements of Living Modified Organisms Intended for Direct Use as Food or Feed, or for Processing (Article 18.2(a)) | Montreal, Canada |
| 25 - 27 April 2005 | Asian Capacity-building Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities (in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the AIPP Foundation) | Baguio City, Philippines |
| 28 - 30 April 2005 | Asian Regional Meeting on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the AIPP Foundation) | Baguio City, Philippines |
| 14 - 15 May 2005 | Latin American Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge | New York, United States of America |
| 16 - 20 May 2005 | Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species | Auckland, New Zealand |
| 21 - 22 May 2005 | African Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge | New York, United States of America |
| 25 - 27 May 2005 | First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol | Montreal, Canada |
| 28 - 29 May 2005 | Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop | Montreal, Canada |
| 29 May 2005 | COP-MOP Bureau meeting | Montreal, Canada |
| 30 May - 3 June 2005 | Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety | Montreal, Canada |
| 30 May - 2 June 2005 | Workshop on Cultural, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments based on the Akwe Kon Voluntary Guidelines (in partnership with UNESCO, UNU, FAO and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)) | Tokyo, Japan |
| 30 May - 2 June 2005 | Central and Eastern European Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use | Moscow, Russian Federation |

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| 9 - 10 June 2005 | Pacific Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (in partnership with Call of the Earth - Llamado de la Tierra, Pacific Office of the World Council of Churches and the University of the South Pacific) | Suva, Fiji |
| 13 - 17 June 2005 | Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas | Montecatini, Italy |
| 20 - 21 June 2005 | Meeting of donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (activity 3.4.7 of the programme of work) | Montecatini, Italy |
| 27 - 29 June 2005 | Workshop on the Joint Work Programme on Marine and Coastal Invasive Alien Species (jointly hosted by SCBD, GISP and Regional Seas Programme of UNEP) | Montreal, Canada |
| 11-14 July 2005 | Advisory Committee for the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions | Montreal, Canada |
| 11-15 July 2005 | Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Implementation of Integrated Marine and Coastal Area Management | Montreal, Canada |
| 25-29 July 2005 | Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity | Bonn, Germany |
| 5-9 September 2005 | Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention | Montreal, Canada |
| 13-16 September 2005 | Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change | Helsinki, Finland |
| 13-16 September 2005 | Latin American and Caribbean Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use | Buenos Aires, Argentina |