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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 January to 31 March 2006, and 1 April – 30 June 2006.

II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

3. During the reporting period a number of corporate activities were undertaken by the Secretariat. These included the organization and servicing of a number of important meetings; the conclusion of memoranda of cooperation with partner organizations and institutions; the celebration of the International Biodiversity Day; and representation at a number of important relevant international events

MEETINGS

4. The Secretariat organized and serviced the following meetings:

- a. The fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention which took place in Granada, Spain, from 23 - 27 January 2006 and the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing also held in Granada, Spain, from 30 January to 3 February 2006.
- b. A donors' meeting for the Convention was convened by the Executive Secretary in Geneva, Switzerland, on 29 January 2006.
- c. The Secretariat organized and serviced the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 13 - 17 March 2006.
- d. The Secretariat organized regional preparatory meetings for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Curitiba, Brazil, as follows: Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (Curitiba, Brazil, 18 - 19 March 2006); Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (Curitiba, Brazil, 18 - 19 March 2006); African regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (Curitiba, Brazil, 18 - 19 March 2006).
- e. The Secretariat organized and serviced the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties which took place in Curitiba, Brazil, from 20 – 31 March 2006. The meeting was preceded by the regional preparatory meetings as well as a brainstorming meeting on the impact of avian flu on wildlife, and an expert meeting on protected areas. COP-8 was a landmark event in the life of the Convention. It set a new record in terms of participation. It was attended by a total of over 4,000 participants, representing some 160 Governments and 885 organizations. An interactive High Level Ministerial Segment was organized from 27 to 29 March with the participation of 130 Ministers and other heads of delegation. The meeting was opened by His Excellency Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil. The participants considered the

implications of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the contribution of biodiversity in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. They also considered the imperative of mainstreaming biodiversity into other sectors, specifically: food and agriculture, and trade and development for the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target. Ministers and other heads of delegation stressed that the 2010 target and the Millennium Development Goals should be mutually supportive. The Ministers marked the celebration of the International Year on Deserts and Desertification and more than 300 participants attended a working breakfast between Ministers and Chief Executive Officers of private companies. Ninety-seven Ministers and other heads of delegations made formal statements presenting their national experiences regarding the implementation of the Convention. A summary of the High-Level Segment was submitted by the President of the Conference of the Parties, HE Marina Silva, Minister of the Environment of Brazil, at the closure of the meeting.

5. Several other meetings were also organized during the period under review, namely: second Coordination Meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding Biosafety capacity-building activities (Tromso, Norway, 18 - 20 January); Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety (Tromso, Norway, 20 - 21 January); Global Meeting to discuss the Invasive Species profile schema created for the GISP and CBD (Agadir, Morocco, 20 - 21 January 2006); second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Montreal, Canada, 6 - 8 February 2006); and the second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol (Montreal Canada, 20 - 24 February 2006).

MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

6. A number of memoranda of cooperation/understanding were concluded between the Secretariat of the Convention and other organizations on the margins of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with a view to enhancing partnerships for the effective implementation of the Convention and the decisions of the Conference of the Parties. These include: an inter-agency memorandum of cooperation to support the 2010 biodiversity target signed with the heads of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Convention on the Conservation Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), the World Conservation Union-IUCN, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI); a memorandum of understanding on training and education signed with the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle de France, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, and the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; a memorandum of understanding with the Governor of the State of Parana of the Republic of Brazil for the planting of eight million trees in the State of Parana to offset the environmental impact of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; a memorandum of understanding with the Universidade Livre do Meio Ambiente to promote education, training and public awareness in Brazil, focusing on youth and children; and a memorandum of understanding with the UNEP WCMC for the implementation of relevant decisions of COP-8.

THE INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DAY 2006

7. The International Biodiversity Day was celebrated on 23 May 2006 at the CBD offices, with the inauguration of the Joke Waller-Hunter conference room, in memory of the extraordinary contribution of the former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The one-day event gathered together representatives from diplomatic missions as well as senior officials from the Governments of Quebec and Canada. A round table discussion on collaboration between CBD and Canadian universities and research centres was held in the afternoon,

which was concluded with the signing of a Letter of Intent between the CBD and Canadian universities and research centres.

REPRESENTATION

8. The Secretariat participated at a number of important meetings of relevance to the work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Details can be seen in Annex I to this report.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

9. The Executive Secretary held meetings with the chief executive officers of a number of organizations and institutions and with representatives of Parties and other Governments with a view to enhancing the Convention's outreach activities and building partnerships for more effective implementation of the Convention. Meetings were held with the following organizations and institutions: the Secretary General of the United Nations and other UN officials; the Executive Director of UNEP and other Senior Management of UNEP, UNON & HRMS; the Director general of WTO, the Secretary General of ICAO; the Director General of IUCN; the Associated Administrator of UNDP; the CEO of GEF; World Bank and IFC officials; the Executive Secretary of the desertification convention and the OIC of the climate change conventions as well as the head of the of biodiversity related conventions. Meetings with the heads of international organizations located in Montreal were also convened. Meetings were also held with senior government representatives, including the President of Gambia; the President of Algeria, the Prime Minister of Croatia and the Prime Minister of Tunisia as well as the representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Montreal, Ottawa and Nairobi. Meetings were also held with senior Canadian authorities including the Minister of international relations of Quebec; representatives of the Ministry of foreign affairs of Canada; environment Canada; the Mayor of Montreal; the President of Montreal International and representatives of Canadian universities and other scientific institutions.

10. The Executive Secretary gave interviews to a number of media organizations, including interview with the "Bulletin Objectif Terre" on COP-8; BBC; and Radio Canada International – émission «À vous la Terre».

Introducing the 2010 target into the MDG framework

11. At COP-8, Ministers and other heads of delegation participating in the High Level Segment recalled decision VII/32, and recommended that the Executive Secretary further pursue the opportunity to establish the 2010 Biodiversity Target as an interim milestone in achieving MDG 7. In response, the Executive Secretary sent a letter to the Secretary General, asking that this recommendation be taken into account in his preparations for the September 2006 61st session of the General Assembly, where the MDG framework will be refined.

Outreach and Major Groups

12. Outreach to the NGO community was strengthened by the designation of a staff member to act as Focal Point for NGOs. The Executive Secretary issued a statement to NGOs in the lead-up to COP-8. In Curitiba, the Executive Secretary held separate meetings with representatives of major international NGOs, of smaller NGOs, and of Via Campesina (an International Coalition of Peasant Organizations).

13. As part of increased outreach efforts to the academic community the Executive Secretary signed a letter of intent with a number of research universities located in the Montreal area, in order to enhance collaboration in support of implementation of the Convention's objectives. A round table discussion

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setting the stage for collaboration was held on 23 May 2006 as part of the celebrations of the International Day for Biodiversity. A final report of the meeting is available. Preparations are currently underway for the first planning meeting under the letter of intent, to be held 26 September 2006 in Montreal, in order to develop a work programme for partners.

Greening the Secretariat

14. The Executive Secretary, in his note entitled “Addendum to the Proposed Budget for the Programme of Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the Biennium 2007-2008”, committed to progressively reducing the net environmental footprint of the Secretariat’s activities. In addition to working to reduce its impacts, the Secretariat has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Green Belt Movement to offset carbon emissions and paper use related to its activities by investing in tree-planting projects. In addition, as a contribution to reducing the net environmental impact of the COP-8 meeting in Curitiba, the State of Parana committed to plant trees in the State to offset carbon emissions related to the meeting. An internal paper has been prepared in order to guide the greening of the Secretariat, and a task force established to put the recommendations of the paper into practice.

Other meetings

15. The Executive Secretary was represented at the meetings of the UNEP Core Advisory Group of International Experts for the project on assessing the impact of trade liberalization on agricultural biodiversity (30 May 2006) and of the Steering Committee for the project (31 May 2006) in Geneva, Switzerland. At the meetings, participants reviewed and discussed the draft reference manual on Trade and Biodiversity Assessment, and future work with the Economics and Trade Branch (ETB-UNEP) on payment for ecosystem services.

16. Further to decision VIII/8 (paragraph 13) and other COP decisions calling on the convention secretariats to maintain and further develop issue-based modules for national reporting, a representative of the Executive Secretary attended a meeting of the UNEP-DEC Steering Committee on Issue-based Modules (1-2 June 2006, Geneva, Switzerland).

17. The Secretariat participated as a member of the Science Audit team reviewing the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, June 4 – 7 2006, at Kew, United Kingdom. RBG Kew plays a fundamental role in implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), and expresses much of its work in terms of progress towards the GSPC targets.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

18. During the period under review, there were 29 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were seven vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, three professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

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

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

B. Financial Arrangements

21. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 March 2006, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,083,489 for 2006 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$4,755,814, of which \$1,667,194 were 2006 pledges paid in 2005, and \$3,088,620 were pledges paid in 2006 for 2006 and future years. As at 30 June 2006, the total contributions received amounted to US\$6,762,827, of which \$5,095,633 were pledges paid in 2006 for 2006 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

22. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2006, the total pledged for 2006 amounts to US\$412,348, of which \$347,283 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$267,783. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

23. As at 30 June 2006, pledges totalling US\$467,108 have been made in 2006 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$392,703 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$123,862. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

24. As at 31 March 2006, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,970,881 for 2006 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,181,572, of which US\$1,041,527 was received in advance of 2006 and US\$140,045 has been received in 2006 for 2006 and future years. As at 30 June 2006, the total contributions received amounted to US\$1,525,913, of which \$484,386 were pledges paid in 2006 for 2006 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

25. As at 30 June 2006, no Parties have so far 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**). Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

26. As at 30 June 2006, eight 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\$342,712 have been received in 2006, of which US\$162,431 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$180,281. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

DECISIONS VII/1 & VIII/19: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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

28. In the same decision, the COP established an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and SBSTTA on the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. In decision VII/1, the COP requested the

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Executive Secretary to propose, in collaboration with that AHTEG, outcome oriented targets to be integrated into the forest work programme.

29. In decision VIII/19, the COP requested the Executive Secretary: to convene at least one meeting of the AHTEG under the terms of reference agreed in paragraph 26 of decision VI/22 in order to complete its original mandate; to carry out an in depth review of the expanded programme of work for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (paragraph 12); to strengthen collaboration with relevant organizations such as members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, in order to produce a toolkit on cross-sectoral, integrated approaches, to synergize the existing information on the implementation of national forest programmes and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to compile lessons learned from paragraph 19 of decision VI/22 (paragraph 4); to collect and collate existing information on impacts of genetically modified trees (paragraphs 10 and 11); and to increase representation for bio-geographical regions with little or no current representations concerning the membership of AHTEG (paragraph 13).

30. In para 4 of decision VIII/19 the COP encouraged the Task Force on Streamlining Forest-related Reporting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to continue its work towards reducing reporting burden and minimizing duplication of reporting requests.

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

32. The Secretariat sent notifications and letters to Parties and relevant organizations, including indigenous and local communities, inviting them to provide relevant views and information on the impacts of genetically modified trees to the Secretariat. The Secretariat liaised with the UNEP-GEF Biosafety Unit to collect existing information on the impacts of genetically modified trees.

33. The Secretariat sent notifications to Parties, inviting them to submit the name of an expert who may be called upon to participate in the AHTEG, which is tentatively scheduled for May 2007.

34. The Secretariat held a full-day meeting on 20 June at the FAO Forestry Department offices in Rome to explore opportunities for collaboration, in particular in the in-depth review of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. A presentation was made by the Secretariat, indicating possible timeframe and reviewing process of documents prior to the AHTEG and SBSTTA 13 meetings.

35. The Secretariat participated in the FAO Regional Forestry Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on 27 and 28 June, made a presentation on the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity, and in collaboration with CATIE, promoted the idea of regional partnerships for the implementation of some activities of the programme of work on forest biological diversity.

36. The Secretariat began analyzing the information contained in the forest section of the third national report and other relevant information delineated in the annex to the decision VIII/19.

37. The Secretariat participated in a meeting on harmonizing forest-related reporting with FAO and ITTO (Rome, 6 April 2006). This meeting served *inter alia* to review the questionnaire used in preparation of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005 (FRA 2005) and explore the feasibility of a joint FAO-ITTO-CBD questionnaire for FRA 2010.

38. The Secretariat provided comments on the format of the FRA 2005 with a view to increasing the relevance to biodiversity of FRA 2010. These were incorporated in background documents for the Expert Consultation on Global Forest Resources Assessment: Towards FRA 2010 (Kotka, Finland, June 12-16, 2006) (Kotka V meeting).

39. The Secretariat participated in the Kotka V meeting and supported *inter alia*:

- (a) The inclusion of a measure on area under sustainable forest management;

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(b) A remote sensing component supporting FRA 2010 which would allow an assessment of gross changes in forest area between 1975 and 2005;

(c) A special study on forest in protected areas by protected area category;

40. It was thereby noted that the results of the assessment (i.e. country submissions) would have to be available in 2009 to allow their incorporation into the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 and other relevant documents in 2010.

41. The Secretariat also reviewed its draft format for the fourth national report to avoid unnecessary duplication with FRA questions. As a follow up to decision VIII/19, the Secretariat suspended the operation of the forest web portal of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and took steps to re-direct Parties, via a hyperlink to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests' Joint Information Framework web site, hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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

42. In decision VIII/2 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to strengthen collaboration with the Rio Conventions and expand implementation of the joint work programme with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). In this decision the COP requested the Executive Secretaries of the UNCCD and the CBD to convene workshops to identify obstacles to the achievement of the 2010 target in dry and sub-humid lands and propose priority activities to overcome these obstacles.

43. In paragraph 7 of the decision, COP requested of the Executive Secretary, the compilation and dissemination, through the Clearing House Mechanism, of case studies and good practices drawn from activities such as capacity building and partnerships in support of the implementation of the programme of work. The Executive Secretary was also requested to present proposals to SBSTTA on land use options combining income generation with biodiversity conservation in dry and sub-humid lands.

44. In para 4 of decision VIII/2, the COP recognized the urgent need for the systematic collection of biodiversity data at all three levels (genetic, species and ecosystem) and (para 5) encouraged Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to improve national, regional and global data on dry and sub-humid lands ecosystem goods and services, their uses and related socio-economic values; on species at lower taxonomic orders including soil biodiversity; and on the threats to which dry and sub-humid lands ecosystems are subjected in view of the ongoing assessment of progress towards the 2010 targets and other global goals.

45. In response to these requests, the following activities were carried out:

46. Antigua and Barbuda has offered to host a Regional Synergy Workshop on dry and sub-humid lands and agricultural biodiversity.

47. A consultative workshop has been scheduled on the margins of the UNCCD fifth meeting of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC5) to be held in October 2006 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

48. The Secretariat prepared draft agendas for each of the above workshops.

49. The limited information on trends in land use and land cover in dry and sub-humid lands was one of the issues brought forward by the Secretariat, when it was invited by the European Space Agency (ESA) for a meeting to discuss elements of a project on using Earth Observation data in response to the needs of the Convention (Paris, France, 9 May 2006). In response to this request, ESA included in a project under its User element a component on mapping land cover change in dry and sub-humid lands at the global level over the past 20 years.

50. The Secretariat sent notifications to CBD and UNCCD focal points and relevant agencies requesting case studies and good practices on (i) capacity building and partnerships for the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands and (ii) land use options which combine income generation with biodiversity conservation in dry and sub-humid lands. The Secretariat has started to compile and analyze these case studies.

51. The Secretariat celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity with the theme 'Preserving Drylands Biodiversity'. In support of these celebrations the Secretariat published fact sheets on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands and made presentations on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity to local schools.

52. In celebration of 2006 as the International Year for Deserts and Desertification the Executive Secretary presented statements at a number of workshops and conferences on topics relevant to the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands.

DECISION VII/3 and VIII/23: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

53. In decision VI/5, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake, in collaboration with other institutions, the necessary steps for the full implementation of the programme of work as contained in Table 1 of the annex to the decision and to report, as presented in Table 2 of the same annex.

54. In decision VII/32, paragraph 7, 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.

55. In decision VIII/23, section A, the Conference of the Parties adopted the crosscutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition. Paragraph 6 of that decision requests the Executive Secretary to continue to collaborate with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Standing Committee on Nutrition of the United Nations (SCN) and other stakeholders, regarding the implementation of the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition and to report on the progress with the view to contributing to the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity; and, in paragraph 7, to make available to Parties and relevant international organizations the outcomes of the Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB) for consideration in the framework of the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In section D of the same decision (on the in-depth review of the programme of work), paragraph 4 requests the Executive Secretary, in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and in consultation with other relevant international organizations, to prepare the full review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

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

57. The Secretariat has liaised with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, as the lead implementing partner for the programme of work, to prepare a detailed progress report on these and related activities for the information of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The

Secretariat prepared an expanded report (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/24) on the activities of the FAO in relation to the programme of work as a supplement to that already prepared (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26).

58. The Secretariat prepared for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties a document on the Cross-cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/ADD2) which included a synthesis of activities and progress and draft elements for the initiative. This resulted in decision VIII/23 section A.

59. The Secretariat has liaised with the secretariat of the Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB) and obtained the summary report. The report is disseminated through the CBD clearing-house mechanism.

60. During COP-8 the Secretariat participated in a well-attended side event on the biodiversity for food and nutrition initiative. Following COP-8, the Secretariat held a teleconference with partners at FAO and IPGRI to plan next steps, and issued a formal invitation to the World Health Organization to join as a lead partner. The Journal of Food Composition and Analysis devoted an entire issue to the scientific links between biodiversity and nutrition, with the editorial introducing the new cross-cutting initiative. The Secretariat also published a short article on the initiative in the newsletter of the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition.

61. Letters were sent inviting relevant bodies and partners to participate in the in-depth review process of the Programme of Work. The Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations was invited to take a leading role in the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and relevant crosscutting initiatives for conservation and sustainable use of soil biodiversity, and the crosscutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition. The Director General of International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) was requested to lead the crosscutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition and to contribute to the reviewing process of Programme of Work on agricultural biodiversity together with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations. The Secretariat also sent letters to invite other relevant organizations to the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition. The list includes the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations University (UNU). The Secretariat delivered a statement to the Platform for Agro-biodiversity Research Stakeholder Meeting, held in Rome, Italy, from 29 to 31 May, 2006, inviting the researchers and stakeholders in the field to contribute to the in-depth review of Programme of Work on agricultural biodiversity.

62. The Secretariat participated as an observer, in the First Session of the Governing Body International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, organized in Madrid, Spain, 12-16 June 2006, ensuring the harmony between the treaty and the convention.

63. Among other matters, the session adopted a Standard Material Transfer Agreement which guarantees access to genetic resources of major crops and provides for benefit sharing, through an international fund. The Governing Body also adopted a funding strategy, rules on procedure and finance, and established a compliance committee.

64. The CBD has a special status with the Treaty. Article 1 of the Treaty states that the objectives (conservation, sustainable use and sharing of the benefits of PGRFA plant genetic resources for food and agriculture) are "in harmony with CBD" and that "these objectives will be attained by closely linking this Treaty to FAO and the CBD". The Executive Secretary's statement to the Governing Body was read and also distributed. The statement, including the messages and invitations from the CBD COP (COP-6, COP-7, and COP-8 all prepared relevant decisions on the Treaty), was well received. The Governing

Body welcomed the decisions and accepted the invitation for the Treaty to join the Liaison Group of biodiversity related conventions.

65. The Secretariat visited the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) on 19 June, and the FAO on the 20 June, to discuss the review process and the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition and preparation of documents for SBSTTA 13.

66. The Secretariat continues to contribute to the CGIAR Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture. In the reporting period the Secretariat has reviewed the chapters on fisheries, ecosystems, scenarios and trends.

DECISION VII/4 and VIII/20: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS

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

- 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;
- requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration, for the eighth meeting the Conference of the Parties, to: (i) develop a complementary set of tools to assess the function and health of inland water ecosystems and the socio-economic and cultural values of biological diversity of inland waters; and (ii) compile information on mountain ecosystems and their role as water suppliers and examples of transferable technologies relevant to the implementation of the revised programme of work on inland water biodiversity also relevant to mountain ecosystems, and to ensure that this information is considered in the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity; and
- requested the Executive Secretary to ensure that inland water ecosystem issues are fully incorporated, as appropriate, into all other thematic work programmes and for Parties to integrate the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into all relevant sectors of water-resource and river-basin management, taking into account the ecosystem approach.

68. Decision VIII/20, paragraph 5, requests the Executive Secretary to: review the technical requirements under the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and compare them with the ongoing and planned activities of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention; invite the Ramsar Convention to take the lead in developing a draft national reporting framework; and to explore, jointly and avoiding duplication of effort, further ways and means to improve mechanisms for assessing the extent, distribution and characteristics of inland water ecosystems in particular paying attention to ecosystem considerations and the assessment and monitoring of drivers of change, noting the long-term need for such assessments at the national, regional and global level, including for wetlands not designated as Ramsar Sites and the capacity needs at national level in relation to such assessments.

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

70. The Secretariat prepared for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) an information document on Mountain Ecosystems and their role as water suppliers - Highland waters, a resource of global significance (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/19);

(b) case-studies on information and lessons learned from the application of national and regional policies, plans and best practices, from the application of water frameworks, including specific examples of successful policy interventions to conserve and sustainably use inland waters (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/20);

(c) an information paper on the WWF International - Mountains to the Sea Implementation Plan as a tool to assist Parties to implement cross-sectoral planning using the ecosystem approach.

71. The Secretariat has published, jointly with the Ramsar Secretariat, the Guidelines for the rapid ecological assessment of biodiversity in inland water, coastal and marine areas in the CBD Technical Series (number 22 – also published as Ramsar Technical Report number 1). As a reciprocal arrangement, the Ramsar Secretariat will publish, jointly with the Secretariat of the CBD, a complimentary set of tools for socio-economic and cultural values of biodiversity. As this will be achieved post COP-8, the Secretariat prepared a preliminary information document on this subject for that meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/13).

72. The Secretariat participated in the 13th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention (30 May to 02 June 2006). The meeting discussed the STRP work-plan 2006-2008. Inputs from the Secretariat included on harmonising the work plans of SBSTTA, STRP and the two Secretariats. In particular, the meeting developed strategies to address decisions VII/4 and VIII/20 (on inland waters, including: review the technical requirements for the work of SBSTTA and STRP in relation to the programme of work; draft harmonised reporting frameworks; assessing the extent, distribution and characteristics of inland water ecosystems and national capacity needs; strategic approaches to identify key stakeholders; and involving stakeholders in monitoring and reporting), VIII/15 (on the framework for monitoring implementation – targets and indicators), VIII/28 (on biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment), and ways and means to respond to decisions of the eighth meeting of the CBD COP and to the resolutions of ninth meeting of the RAMSAR COP.

DECISION VII/5 and VIII/21 and VIII/22: MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

73. 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.

74. In decision VIII/21, the COP elaborated on issues relating to conservation and sustainable use of deep seabed genetic resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, and mandated work to further analyse and explore options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats. In decision VIII/22, the COP provides guidance on enhancing the implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management, and requests further work in developing a case study database.

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

(a) Implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management (IMCAM)

76. The report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Implementation of IMCAM, which took place from 11 to 15 July 2005 in Montreal, Canada, was discussed at the eighth meeting of the

Conference of the Parties. The resulting recommendation VIII/22 provided guidance for Parties on enhancing the implementation of IMCAM.

77. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands to provide an analysis of the extent of implementation of IMCAM globally based on CBD national reports and other relevant information sources. The Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Sources of Pollution (GPA) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO will also participate in this study.

78. In response to decision VIII/22, work to collect case studies on successful and unsuccessful implementation of IMCAM has been initiated. A preliminary structure for the case study database has also been agreed upon.

(b) Marine and coastal living resources

79. In response to recommendation XI/8, the Secretariat prepared an updated document relating to scientific information on status and trends of, and threats to, deep seabed genetic resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction based on comment received from Parties and other governments. This document was made available to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction established by the General Assembly through its resolution 59/24. It is also now available on the CBD website at <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/areas/marine/seabed.shtml>.

80. The Secretariat participated in the meeting of the above-mentioned Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group, which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 17 February 2006. The Secretariat reported to the Working Group on the results of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas and the 11th meeting of SBSTTA.

81. Recommendation XI/8 of the SBSTTA on deep seabed genetic resources was discussed by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, resulting in decision VIII/21 on this topic.

82. In response to decision VIII/21, the Secretariat has posted on its website preliminary information about research activities related open ocean and deep sea environments (see <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/areas/marine/research.shtml>). A notification was sent by the Executive Secretary on 23 June 2006 to request Parties, other governments and research organizations to provide further information on research activities related to deep seabed genetic resources. This information, once received, will be made available on the CBD website.

83. The Secretariat participated in the Meeting of UN-OCEANS, at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 9 June 2006. The purpose of this meeting was to report on activities carried out since the January 2006 meeting held in Paris (from 23 to 28), and to discuss future joint activities.

84. The Secretariat participated in the seventh meeting of the United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS-7), which took place at the UN Headquarters in New York from 12 to 16 June 2006. The meeting concentrated on the issue of ecosystem approaches and the oceans.

85. The Secretariat participated in the following side events in the margins of the UNICPOLOS-7:

- MPAs and Ecosystem-based Management Approaches” organized by IUCN;
- Meeting the commitments on Oceans, Coasts, and SIDS made at the 2002 WSSD: how well are we doing?” organized by the UN-Oceans;

- “Towards implementing the ecosystem approach in the open ocean and deep sea: an analysis of stakeholders, interests and approaches” organized by the United Nations University.

(c) Marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs)

86. Several information documents of relevance to MCPAs were prepared for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. These included UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/4:

Summary Report of the Current Status of the Global Marine Protected Area Network, and of Progress Monitoring Capabilities and UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/34:

Global Coastal and Marine Biogeographic Regionalization As a Support Tool for Implementation of CBD Programmes of Work. Extensive work on marine protected areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction has also been undertaken in context of decision VII/28 on protected areas, including the preparation of document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/16:

Summary of existing ecological criteria for identification of potential marine areas for protection and biogeographical classification systems.

(d) General

87. The Secretariat participated in the third Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands, which took place in Paris, France, from 23 to 28 January 2006. The Secretariat gave presentations and prepared background material on the global status of marine protected areas (based on CBD national reports and other information) and on recent developments on issues related to marine biodiversity beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. The Secretariat also participated in the Steering Committee meeting of the Global Forum.

DECISION VII/8: MONITORING AND INDICATORS

88. In decision VII/8, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaborating with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the European Environment Agency, and other relevant international and regional organizations and initiatives on the further development and consolidation of indicators relevant to the 2010 target in accordance with decision VII/30 and the thematic programmes of work of the Convention. In the same decision COP encouraged Parties to share experience in the development and use of indicators and monitoring and to cooperate and promote, where useful, harmonized procedures and formats for data acquisition, computation and reporting, especially at subregional and regional levels

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

90. The Secretariat participated in a meeting on harmonizing forest-related reporting with FAO and ITTO (Rome, 6 April 2006) and to review the relevance of the format of the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005 for reporting on progress towards the 2010 target. Comments were incorporated in background documents for the Expert Consultation on Global Forest Resources Assessment: Towards FRA 2010 (Kotka, Finland, June 12-16, 2006) (Kotka V meeting), which agreed to develop a measure on area under sustainable forest management to inform the 2010 indicator on area of forest, agricultural and aquaculture ecosystems under sustainable management (see also under decision VIII/19).

91. The Secretariat invited participants in a side event on the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership to report on ongoing activities related to the development of targets, indicators and reporting frameworks. Following an intervention by South Africa, the Secretariat, in collaboration with UNEP/WCMC, has begun to plan for a subregional workshop, to be conducted in collaboration with the South African National Biodiversity Institute.

DECISION VII/9 and VIII/3: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE: IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

92. In paragraph 11(j) of decision VIII/3 on the Global Taxonomy Initiative, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to complete and publish the guide on Global Taxonomy Initiative. Several elements of decision VIII/3 on the Global Taxonomy Initiative require inputs from the Coordination Mechanism of the Global Taxonomy Initiative.
93. In response to these requests the following activities were carried out:
94. The Secretariat is revising the Guide on Global Taxonomy Initiative as a high priority, taking into account the outcomes of COP-8.
95. The Executive Secretary is planning to hold a meeting of the Coordination Mechanism, tentatively in the last quarter of 2006. In advance, the Executive Secretary has rotated membership in the Coordination Mechanism in accordance with the Terms of Reference annexed to decision V/9.
96. The Secretariat is also developing a GTI portal as requested by SBSTTA recommendation X/12. A peer review of the draft portal has been completed and adjustments will be made before releasing the portal as a replacement to the current web pages related to the GTI.
97. The Secretariat attended the advisory board meeting of BioNET International in February 2006.

DECISION VII/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

98. In decision VI/9 the Conference of the Parties invited relevant international and regional organizations to endorse the strategy and to contribute to its implementation, including adopting these targets, in order to promote a common effort towards halting the loss of plant diversity.
99. In Paragraph 6, the COP further emphasized the need for capacity building, particularly in developing countries, Small Island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, in order to enable them to implement the strategy. Furthermore in paragraph 7, the COP invited Parties, other Governments, the financial mechanism, and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely support to the implementation of the strategy, especially by developing country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing states among them, and Parties with economies in transition.
100. In response to these decisions the Secretariat undertook the following activities:
- (a) Participated in the strategic reviews of Botanic Gardens Conservation International and BioNET International, and made presentations to Global Biodiversity Information Facility Annual Science Symposium with a view to mainstream the targets of the GSPC into their upcoming programmes.
 - (b) Held meetings with strategic partners under the auspices of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation especially ICRAF, IPGRI, Flora and Fauna International, BioNET International, and agreed priority actions and agendas to fast track implementation of relevant targets as well as to prepare for the upcoming in- depth review of the GSPC.
 - (c) Presented a Paper on data needs for the GSPC at GBIF Science Symposium – 4-6th April 2006, Cape Town, South Africa and attended the BarCode Meeting and JRS Foundation Meetings, 7-11th April 2006, Cape Town South Africa, related to implementing Target 1 and 2 of the GSPC.

(d) In collaboration with the Botanic Gardens Conservation International and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK with funding from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of the UK Government, organized the Regional Caribbean GSPC Training Workshop in Montserrat (10-22 May 2006). The outcomes of the workshop include a regional informal network to facilitate the national and regional implementation of the GSPC, as well as project development for priority targets.

(e) Facilitated the final process of getting the GEF-PDF funds for the Botanical and Zoological Network Proposal for Eastern Africa in collaboration with the UNDP Regional Office in Nairobi. The Project will address elements of the GSPC as well as the GTI.

(f) Co-facilitated the Regional Planning Meeting for the East African Regional Network on Medicinal Plants and Traditional Medicine to develop a strategic plan with a focus on implementing target 8, 12, 13, 15 and 16 of the GSPC with respect to medicinal plants, funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada.

DECISION VII/11: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

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

(a) Undertake an analysis of the range of existing tools and approaches, that are consistent with the Convention's ecosystem approach, but operate on different levels and belong to a variety of sectors/communities, and are applied in programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in order to learn from their experiences and build upon their approaches, and identify any gaps in the coverage of such tools;

(b) Where needed, facilitate development of new tools and techniques to enable the implementation of the ecosystem approach, and in collaboration with appropriate regional and international organization develop tools specific to each sector and biome;

(c) Continue collection of case-studies at national, sub-regional, regional and international level on the implementation of the ecosystem approach, and develop, in cooperation with the clearing-house mechanism, a database of case-studies, searchable by biome/ecoregion and sector; and

(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 - in hard copy and on CD-Rom, and periodically revised;

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

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

104. The Secretariat has collaborated on the production of the United Nations University, Institute of Advanced Studies, publication on implementing the Ecosystem Approach in Open Ocean and Deep Sea Environments - An Analysis of Stakeholders, their Interests and Existing Approaches.

105. The Secretariat has collaborated with the Landscape Level Planning Initiative (LLPI) established by UNESCO with the aim to promote, by the means of research, advocacy and the development of models and tools, the wider implementation of landscape-level planning. The initiative is targeted at a broad range of stakeholders and its first step was to launch a consultative process aimed at identifying stakeholders' expectations. Priority funding activities for the remainder of 2006 have been identified and coordination mechanisms reviewed. In addition, the generation of research/information papers for the

remainder of 2006 was discussed and consensus reached on deadlines and sponsors. These will provide inputs, *inter alia*, into the review of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach at SBSTTA 12. The initiative was introduced at a side event during the CBD COP-8.

106. A number of new case studies have been added to the Ecosystem Case Study Database (<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/ecosystem/sourcebook/search.shtml>).

107. A Beginners Guide and an Advanced User's Guide to the ecosystem approach have been developed in collaboration with the Government of the United Kingdom and posted on the CBD website as part of the ecosystem approach sourcebook. These guides will provide both new and more experienced users guidance on how to implement the ecosystem approach in the field.

DECISION VII/13 and VIII/27: ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES

108. Paragraph 11 of decision VIII/27 reiterated the call to Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to share experiences in addressing invasive alien species, and requested the Executive Secretary to make this information available through the clearing-house mechanism and other means as called for in paragraphs 25, 26 and 28 of decision VI/23.

109. In response to this request, the secretariat is developing a new and updated web page on invasive alien species, in order to better implement information sharing of COP decisions on invasive alien species.

110. The Secretariat submitted a written report to the first meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, the governing body of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). The CBD and IPPC secretariats are planning to update their joint work plan during 2006 on the basis of the outcomes of that meeting and the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

DECISION VII/26 and VIII/16: COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS

111. In decision VIII/16, 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.

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

(a) The biodiversity-related conventions

113. The Secretariat prepared for COP-8 a document on progress in improved collaboration between the CBD and the Convention on Migratory Species (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/25). This included a briefing about the adoption at CMS COP-8 of resolutions on how the CMS can contribute to achieving the 2010 target, the CMS Secretariat's participation in the liaison group of the biodiversity-related conventions and the new joint work programme between the CMS and the CBD, providing guidance on integrating migratory species into national biodiversity strategies and action plans. As a result, the revised joint work programme was welcomed in decision VIII/16.

(b) Other

114. The Secretariat was represented at the third project steering committee meeting – Integrated management of peatlands for biodiversity and climate change: The potential of managing peatlands for carbon accumulation while protecting biodiversity, Chengdu, Sichuan, China, 17-19 May 2006. The

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Secretariat recommended the following: improved attention to ecosystem services aspects of peatlands in the global assessment; better quantification of GHG aspects of peatlands in relation to carbon credits under the UNFCCC; clearer attention to constraints to improved peatland management; and simplified messages for policy makers. A strategy was developed to link project outcomes to the CBD; identified opportunities for improved synergies between the CBD, Ramsar and UNFCCC; and preliminary identification of opportunities for funding in relation to GHG emissions, biodiversity and human development targets, particularly in relation to private sector investment (to be developed further by the project team – and reported by them by project close). There is a very clear and important opportunity (and need) to use peatlands as a means to foster improved synergies between the CBD, UNFCCC and Ramsar (including in response to decision VIII/30). The project will provide the Secretariat with relevant information to prepare documents for SBSTTA 12. This will include an information document on the outcomes of the global assessment.

115. The Secretariat liaised with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) to produce an information document for COP-8 on FAO's inter-sessional activities in the areas of forest biodiversity, marine and coastal biodiversity, biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and agricultural biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/24).

DECISION VII/27: MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

116. 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.

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

(a) participated in the Mountain Partnership e-consultation, 'Mountain-to-Mountain Cooperation: Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, including Genetic Resources in the Andes and Himalaya'.

(b) prepared an information document for COP 8 entitled "Mountain Ecosystems and their Role as Water Suppliers".

(c) analyzed information submitted by Parties in the third National Reports in regards to mountain biological diversity for consideration by the eighth meeting of the COP.

(d) sent notifications to Parties and relevant organizations, including indigenous and local communities, in June 2006, seeking case studies and best practices of linking mountain biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

DECISION VII/28 and VIII/24: PROTECTED AREAS

118. In decision VII/28, the COP 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. In paragraph 8 (d) of recommendation 1/4 of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, the Working group requested the Executive Secretary to convene an Expert Workshop on Protected Areas to preview the elements of the programme of work on protected areas to facilitate review by the COP at its eighth meeting. In decision VIII/24, the COP decided to convene the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas prior to its ninth meeting, to evaluate progress and elaborate recommendations to the COP for improved implementation of the programme of work. In paragraph 10 of this decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to organize regional workshops to implement capacity building activities.

119. In response to these requests decision, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

(a) Analysis of information contained in the reports received from the Parties, other organizations and indigenous communities on the implementation of the programme of work and prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/29 for consideration of the COP at its eighth meeting. The Secretariat also prepared information documents on cost estimates for implementation of the programme of work (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/6), options for the use of innovative mechanisms to develop public-private partnerships to promote private investments of sustainable projects in protected areas (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/29).

(b) Organization and servicing the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas in Curitiba, Brazil on 17-18 March 2006. The Secretariat prepared three background documents and two information documents for the workshop.

(c) Preparation and publication of (i) A Guide on “closing the gap-creating ecologically representative protected area systems” in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, and Equilibrium Consultants (CBD Technical Series 24) and (ii) “Review of experiences with ecological networks, corridors and buffer zones” (CBD Technical Series 24).

(d) Preparation of proposals seeking financial assistance from the European Commission for organizing regional implementation and capacity building workshops.

120. The Secretariat, co sponsored with The Nature Conservancy, IUCN-WCPA, USAID and Parks-in-Peril, a workshop on “Implementing the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas in the Caribbean”, held in Miami, Florida from 20 to 22 June for the Caribbean countries. The Workshop focused on practical hands-on-tools and training on priority activities, which COP 8 recognized for capacity building: (i) ecological gap assessments (ii) sustainable finance plans.

DECISION VIII/1: ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

121. In decision VIII/1, the Conference of the Parties adopted a programme of work on island biodiversity and requested supporting actions from the Secretariat in the form of provision of assistance to the Parties, collaboration with other Governments, international organizations and other relevant bodies, which are specific to the implementation of the programme of work on islands biodiversity. The supporting activities *inter alia*, include, to:

-to develop a list of, and encourage, potential partners for each of the goals of the island biodiversity programme of work;

-to disseminate information on sources of expertise on islands biodiversity conservation, sustainable use and benefit sharing relevant to the islands biodiversity programme of work;

-to facilitate links between Parties, partners, experts and other stakeholders and encourage capacity-building;

-to liaise with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Ramsar Convention, the Convention on Migratory Species, the World Heritage Convention, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species and other multilateral environment agreements with a view to identifying and realizing synergies relevant to the island biodiversity programme of work; and

-to ensure the development and maintenance of a web portal on island biodiversity in support, *inter alia*, of the above activities.

122. At the closing plenary of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary was requested to align the focal areas, goals, targets in Section E of the decision and the numbering in this section and the appendix with the overall framework as contained in decision VIII/15.

123. In response to these requests, the following activities were carried out:

124. The Executive Secretary, in collaboration with members of the AHTEG on island biodiversity and the contact group on supporting actions for Parties, made the necessary editorial changes and posted them as part of report on COP-8 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/31).

125. The Secretariat initiated action to carry out supporting activities including the establishment of a web portal.

126. The Secretariat prepared a brochure on “The Wealth of Islands – A global call for action” for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. A PDF version of the brochure is now made available on the website at <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/areas/island/island.shtml>.

DECISION VIII/7 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK

127. In para 5 of decision VIII/7, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to communicate the results of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook in all official languages in a strategic and effective way, using *inter alia* a short graphic summary that highlights the headline indicators and actions needed to achieve the 2010 target, and case-studies that highlight the importance of biodiversity for human well-being.

128. In para 6 of the same decision, the COP invited the United Nations Environment Programme to use relevant parts of the Global Biodiversity Outlook in the further editions of the Global Environment Outlook, and requests the Executive Secretary to make available the information and analyses used in the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook as an input to fourth edition of the Global Environment Outlook (GEO).

129. In response to these requests, the Executive Secretary:

(a) Contracted the translation service of the United Nations Office in Nairobi to translate Global Biodiversity Outlook into the official languages;

(b) Contacted selected Parties to discuss the interest and need of versions in other languages than the six official languages;

(c) Embarked on the preparation of an HTML version of GBO-2;

(d) Contracted a science writer to prepare a short graphic summary of GBO-2 that highlights the headline indicators and actions needed to achieve the 2010 target;

(e) Informed UNEP about relevant data underlying the analyses in GBO-2 for possible use in GEO-4 and indicated, as part of the ongoing review of chapters of GEO-4, specific areas in which GBO-2 contains more recent or relevant information than the current drafts of GEO-4.

DECISION VIII/28: IMPACT ASSESSMENT: VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON BIODIVERSITY-INCLUSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

130. In decision VIII/28, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaborating with relevant organizations, *inter alia* through the International Association for Impact Assessment and its project on capacity-building in biodiversity and impact assessment, to contribute to the development of necessary capacities for the application of the guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive environmental impact assessment (para 8a) and to facilitate capacity development activities focusing on the translation of the guidance on biodiversity-inclusive strategic environmental assessment into practical national, subregional, regional or sectoral approaches and guidelines (para 12a)

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

132. At the margins of COP-8, the Secretariat approached the Norwegian CBD focal point regarding a possible involvement of Norway in a follow-up project to that project on Capacity-building for Biodiversity and Impact Assessment (CBBIA). These discussions were followed up during the 26th Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA '06): Power, poverty and sustainability (23 - 26 May 2006, Stavanger, Norway). The Secretariat arranged for a meeting of representatives from Norway and of IAIA and CBBIA. Following this meeting, the Secretariat contributed to the preparation of a report and an official request, which was subsequently sent by the incoming president of IAIA to IAIA members.

133. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Netherlands Commission on Environmental Assessment, the Ramsar convention and CMS Secretariat, prepared a booklet with the text of the guidelines contained in decision VIII/28 and additional background material. This booklet was distributed to the participants at IAIA '06.

134. The Secretariat participated in IAIA '06 pre-meeting workshops (20 – 22 May 2006) and the meeting of the Steering Committee of Capacity-building for Biodiversity and Impact Assessment (CBBIA) project (20 May 2006).

DECISION VIII/30: BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

135. In decision VIII/30, 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.

136. In response to this decision, the Secretariat, with support from the Government of Finland posted, on the CBD website, CBD Technical Series 25 – Guidance for Promoting Synergy among Activities Addressing Biological Diversity, Land Degradation and Climate Change.

137. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change also held its 24th meeting 17-26 May 2006. A statement from the Executive Secretary was delivered welcoming the five-year programme of work on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change and discussions on lowering emissions through reducing deforestation.

138. Climate change and biodiversity has been selected as the theme for celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity in 2007. The Secretariat is preparing materials to support these celebrations.

Other Activities

Avian Influenza

139. In response to global concern over the highly pathogenic avian influenza, the Executive Secretary and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) convened a brainstorming meeting to assess the impact of the virus on biodiversity, on its conservation, sustainable use and the sharing of benefits from the utilization of genetic resources on 19 May 2006, at COP-8. An electronic discussion forum organized by the Secretariat from 21 February to 10 March 2006 preceded the meeting. Forty-eight participants attended the meeting, including 37 from Governments or national institutions and 11 from international organizations or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) dealing with avian influenza issues. Experts from Argentina, Belize, China, Egypt, Indonesia, Palau, Thailand and Eastern Africa presented national and regional perspectives and experiences. The report of the meeting was presented to COP-8 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/47) and resulted in decision VIII/32.

140. The Executive Secretary participated in the Scientific Seminar on Avian Influenza, the Environment and Migratory Birds held at UN Office in Nairobi, Kenya on 10-11 April 2006. The Seminar was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA) in cooperation with the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and its Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA).

141. The Secretariat, in March 2006 joined the Scientific Task Force on “Avian Influenza and Wild Birds” initiated by the CMS, in close cooperation with AEWA. This Task Force aims to ensure that international efforts to contain highly pathogenic avian influenza do not overlook vital information concerning migratory species and other environmental considerations.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

142. During January – March 2006 the work of the SEL unit focused primarily on the preparations for, and servicing, of the fourth meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing and of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group Article 8 (j) and related provisions, as well as the finalization of the documentation for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

143. During April – June 2006 the focus was mainly on the preparation of the calendar of meetings and the work plans for the next biennium that emerged from the decisions of COP-8 in the areas of access and benefit-sharing, article 8 (j) and related provisions, technology transfer and technology cooperation, incentive measures and environment and trade, liability and redress, sustainable use and tourism, as well as operations of the Convention.

DECISION VII/14 ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

144. As requested by decision VII/14, and with 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, Governments and relevant stakeholders to provide their views and comments on the drafts.

144. Following the collection of views from Parties and stakeholders, the Secretariat contracted a consultant to streamline the various chapters of the draft manual in light of comments received.

DECISION VII/16 and DECISION VIII/5 ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

Preparations for WG 8(j)

145. The Secretariat made final preparations for the fourth meeting of the WG8(j), including final arrangements concerning travel for CBD funded participants and staff.

146. In late January, and early February, the Secretariat facilitated the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing and also assisted the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity with daily briefings, during this two-week period.

147. In February (25/02-02/03), in response to an invitation received from Environment Canada regarding a dialogue with governments and indigenous and local communities on Access and Benefit Sharing of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, the Secretariat attended the workshop to facilitate discussions on capacity building, the role of educational institutions and participation in the

development of an international regime for access and benefit sharing of genetic resources. The objective of this international gathering was to bring together respected representatives of the world's indigenous communities in order to facilitate an open and forward-looking dialogue with international ABS policy-makers on indigenous perspectives on genetic resources and traditional knowledge in advance of the Convention on Biological Diversity COP8 decision in March 2006 regarding the negotiation of an international ABS regime. As a result, a report on capacity-building for indigenous and local communities was developed and printed within the larger report of the meeting by the Government of Canada.

Preparation and Facilitation of COP 8

148. In March, the Secretariat facilitated the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which included daily briefings to indigenous and local community participants, and general support to the Chairpersons and Bureau as required.

149. In April, the Secretariat provided a grant report to the Christensen Fund for grants provided for indigenous participation in the WG 8(j) and WG ABS, held in January and February.

150. In May a statement was delivered on behalf of the Executive Secretary to the fifth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (15-20 May) and the Secretariat participated in an inter-active discussion with other UN agencies and indigenous peoples, and in a side event on the Akwe:Kon Guidelines and Sacred Sites. Extensive meetings were held with the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and other interested parties to further arrangements for the IIFB's initiative on indicators.

151. In June, the Secretariat participated in a meeting facilitated by the UN University (UNU) aimed at establishing a specialist research centre for traditional knowledge possibly in Northern Australia. The meeting heard presentations from three universities and made proposals to the Council of the UNU regarding the establishment of such a centre.

152. During this quarter, in an effort to enhance the outreach of the Secretariat, numerous statements and media releases were prepared by the Executive Secretary, which included but were not limited to the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and World Biodiversity Day. A task Force was also established to promote Biodiversity Day.

153. In May and June, notifications were prepared seeking input into the biennial programme of work for Article 8(j) and Related Provisions as per the relevant decisions arising from COP 8 and these were widely distributed to all interested parties.

DECISION VII/17 and DECISION VIII/29 ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

154. Documentation for COP 8 on this issue was finalized, incorporating suggested action by COP on future work. COP 8 deliberated on the issue and adopted decision VIII/29 which focuses, *inter alia*, on gathering and compiling technical information relating to damage to biological diversity and approaches to valuation and restoration of damage as well as information on national/domestic measures and experiences. The decision also invites Parties and other Governments to submit to the Secretariat examples of national/domestic legislation and case-studies relating to liability and redress for damage to biological diversity, including approaches to valuation and restoration.

155. A notification was prepared and transmitted to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations requesting them to submit technical information and case-studies relating to damage to biological diversity and approaches to valuation and restoration of damage as well as information on national/domestic measures and experiences in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision VIII/29.

DECISION VII/19 and DECISION VIII/4 ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING AS RELATED TO GENETIC RESOURCES

156. The Secretariat finalised preparations for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing and serviced the Working Group held from 30 January to 3 February 2006. Following the meeting, the report was finalized, approved by the Rapporteur and made available on the CBD website.

157. The CBD webpages related to ABS were updated to reflect developments at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on ABS.

158. A Compendium of the side events held at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on ABS was prepared by the Secretariat based on summaries received from organisers of side-events at the meeting of the Working Group in order to further disseminate their outcomes.

159. The Secretariat finalised preparations for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held from 20 to 31 March 2006, including logistical arrangements, preparation of speaking notes, statements and choreographies and serviced the meeting.

160. As a follow-up to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the basis of decision VIII/4 on access and benefit-sharing, a programme of work was drawn up for the next biennium.

161. Notifications by the Executive Secretary were prepared for Parties, Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders inviting them to provide submissions in accordance with decision VIII/4 in order to assist with the preparations of the meeting of the Group of technical experts on the certificate of origin/source/legal provenance and the fifth meeting of the Working Group on ABS, both to be held in 2007.

162. Letters to relevant international organisations were prepared and sent out, informing them of COP outcomes and inviting further collaboration with the CBD.

163. Liaison was established with the Governments of Peru and Spain who respectively offered to host and fund the meeting the Group of Technical Experts in January 2007 in Peru. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Peru and the SCBD was prepared for the meeting.

164. The CBD ABS webpages were updated to reflect ABS developments at COP 8.

165. The Compendium of side-events held during the fourth meetings of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and the Working Group on ABS was posted on the web and sent out to National Focal Points and side-event organisers.

166. The Secretariat participated in the second meeting of the FAO Contact Group for the drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement, held from 24 to 28 April 2006, in Malmö, Sweden.

DECISION VII/33 and DECISION VIII/10 ON OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

167. The Secretariat prepared and finalized the following documentation on the Operations of the Convention for consideration of COP 8: UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16-Operations of the Convention; UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.1-Review and retirement of COP decisions; UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.2-Consolidation of COP decisions; UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.3-Review and revision of administrative arrangements; and UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.4-Consolidated modus operandi of SBSTTA.

168. COP 8 adopted decision VIII/10 on Operations of the Convention. The decision addresses a number of process-related issues with a view to enhance the effectiveness of and streamline Convention processes. The issues include the operations of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA and Ad hoc open-ended working groups; regional preparatory meetings for COP; administrative arrangements

between UNEP and the Secretariat; the responsibilities of national focal points; review, retirement and consolidation of COP meetings; and admission of bodies and agencies to meetings under the Convention.

169. A task force has been established for the implementation of the elements of this decision. A note has been submitted to the Executive Director UNEP regarding the review and revision of the administrative arrangements. Research is on-going on issues which will be addressed by the Working Group on Review of Implementation such as guidance for future review and retirement of decisions and admission of bodies and agencies to meetings under the Convention.

BIOSAFETY

THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL AND THE DECISIONS OF THE THIRD MEETING

DECISION BS-I/7, BS-II/1 and BS-III/1: Compliance

170. In decision BS-I/7, the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and established a Compliance Committee. The decision provides for this Committee to meet twice a year, unless it decides otherwise, and requests the Committee to submit its reports including recommendations with regard to the discharge of its functions to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for consideration and appropriate action.

171. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized the Second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which was held 6-8 February 2006 in Montreal. The report of the meeting and its recommendations were submitted to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP/3). COP-MOP/3 considered the recommendations of the Committee and took decision as contained in decision BS-III/1. Several other recommendations relating to the general issue of compliance were also considered and integrated in other decisions of COP-MOP/3 taking into account their relevance.

172. COP-MOP/3 also considered an item regarding possible measures in cases of repeated non-compliance as envisaged in paragraph 2(d), section VI of the Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance, annexed to decision BS-I/7. It decided to further consider the matter at its fourth meeting in when reviewing the effectiveness of the procedures and mechanisms on compliance in the context of Article 35 of the Protocol.

DECISION BS-II/2 and BS-III/2: OPERATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING HOUSE (BCH)

173. At its first meeting, COP-MOP approved the transition of the pilot phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) to its operational phase, and adopted the modalities of its operation (decision BS-I/3). At its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol reviewed the implementation of the Biosafety Clearing-House and adopted a multi-year programme of work thereof (decision BS-II/2, annex). This multi-year programme of work sets a number of objectives for the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House and highlights possible activities to achieve these objectives. It also identifies the main actor(s) for each activity, as well as timeframes during which the activities are to be implemented or completed, as the case may be.

174. As part of the implementation of the multi-year programme of work in the development and operation of the BCH, the Secretariat developed a new version of the Central Portal, which was launched on 13 January 2006. Some of the new features included a “virtual notebook” function that allows registered users to save records of interest for later reference, addition of a “country profile” section that will assist users in identifying what types of information are being reported by a particular government, and addition of several news services to complement the existing Current Awareness Service, including the ability for national governments to register local biosafety news items for distribution through the BCH.

175. Immediately prior to the third meeting of the Parties, the Secretariat conducted a Biosafety Clearing-House training workshop for developing countries in collaboration with the UNEP-GEF Biosafety Unit and their Regional Advisors for the BCH, in Curitiba, Brazil on 11 and 12 March. The Workshop offered training to eligible Parties in how to access and use the BCH, how to fulfil legal obligations to provide information, and an opportunity to explore options for national participation in the global interconnected system that supports the BCH Central Portal, and included delegates from Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific Islands.

176. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also provided assistance to capacity-building projects for the Biosafety Clearing-House, such as the UNEP-GEF Project on “Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) of the Cartagena Protocol”, including input in development of training modules, case studies and through providing technical assistance. Secretariat staff also assisted in training participants during the Second BCH Training of Trainers Course for IT and CPB Regional Advisors held in Bangkok, Thailand (May 2006).

177. COP-MOP/3 provided, in decision BS-III/2, further guidance regarding measures to enhance the operation, accessibility and use of the BCH as well as measures for building capacities to enhance national participation in the BCH.

DECISION BS-II/3 AND BS-III/3: CAPACITY BUILDING

178. In its decision BS-I/5, COP-MOP adopted an Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol and a Coordination Mechanism for its implementation. In paragraph 5 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol had agreed to undertake a comprehensive review and possible revision of the Action Plan at its third meeting, on the basis of the progress report to be prepared by the Executive Secretary and also on the basis of the capacity needs and priorities submitted by Parties and other Governments.

179. At its second meeting, COP-MOP adopted decision BS-II/3, in which it adopted, *inter alia*, terms of reference for the comprehensive review of the Action Plan and outlined a process to facilitate the review and possible revision of the Action Plan at the third meeting (decision BS-II/3, paras. 24-31 and annex).

180. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized the Second Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities, back-to-back with the third meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety which were held on 18-20 January 2006 and 20-21 January 2006, respectively, in Tromsø, Norway. The main outcome of the coordination meeting was the development of a guiding framework for promoting synergies and complementarities between biosafety capacity building initiatives at the country level. The Liaison Group meeting reviewed the draft-revised biosafety capacity-building Action Plan as well as the roster of biosafety experts and made recommendations to COP-MOP/3.

181. In accordance with its decision at its previous meeting, the third meeting of COP-MOP reviewed the implementation of the Action Plan and adopted, in decision BS-III/3 a revised Action Plan for

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Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol as well as measures to facilitate its implementation and effectiveness and to foster coordination and synergies between different capacity-building initiatives. It also outlined a process aimed at strengthening the quality, effectiveness and level of use of the Roster of Biosafety Experts.

**DECISION BS-I/6: HANDLING, TRANSPORT, PACKAGING AND IDENTIFICATION
(ARTICLE 18)**

182. In accordance with the medium-term programme of work adopted by COP-MOP/1, COP-MOP/3 was expected to consider the issues under paragraph 3 of Article 18 of the Protocol, namely, the need for and modalities of developing standards with regard to identification, handling, packaging and transport practices, in consultation with other relevant international bodies. COP-MOP/3 was also expected to address the issue of the need for a stand-alone document to fulfil the identification requirements of paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of the Protocol pursuant to the decision taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its first meeting (decision BS-I/6 B, para. 2). To this end, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol had invited Parties and other Governments to submit to the Executive Secretary information on experience gained with the use of a commercial invoice or other documents required or utilized by existing documentation systems as documentation that should accompany living modified organisms for contained use and living modified organisms for intentional introduction into the environment of the Party of import as specified in paragraph 1 of decision BS-I/6 B. Accordingly the Secretariat submitted to COP-MOP/3 a synthesis of information that it received on experience gained with the use of documentation to fulfil the identification requirements under paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of Article 18

183. COP-MOP/3 was also expected to further consider the issue of taking a decision on the detailed requirements for the identification of living modified organisms intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, including specification of their identity and any unique identification envisaged in the second sentence of paragraph 2 (a) of Article 18 of the Protocol is still pending. According to the Protocol, such decision should have been taken within two years after the entry into force of the Protocol. However, due to lack of consensus on this matter, COP-MOP/2 was unable to adopt a decision at its second meeting.

184. Accordingly, COP-MOP/3 made a major breakthrough regarding the contentious issue of detailed requirements for documentation accompanying shipments of LMOs intended for direct use as food or feed, or for processing, LMOs-FFP (i.e. paragraph 2(a) of Article 18 of the Protocol) which had alluded governments since the Protocol's negotiations. In decision BS-III/10, Parties to the Protocol are requested and other Governments are urged to take measures to ensure that documentation accompanying LMOs-FFP clearly state the information specified in paragraph 4 of the decision. Mainly, it was agreed that in cases where the identity of the LMOs is known through means such as identity preservation systems, the documentation would state that the shipment contains LMOs-FFP; and in cases where the identity of the LMOs is not known, it would state that the shipment may contain one or more LMOs-FFP. The Parties decided to review and assess, at fifth meeting, the experience gained with the implementation of the agreed documentation requirements and to examine the capacity-building efforts in developing countries taken in this regard.

185. With regard to paragraphs 2(b) and 2(c) of Article 18, COP-MOP/3 decided (decision BS-III/8) to consider, at the fourth meeting, a report on the experience gained with the use of a commercial invoice or other documents required or utilized by existing documentation systems, or pursuant to national requirements with a view to future consideration of a stand alone document.

186. Furthermore, Parties to the Protocol took the first steps concerning the consideration of the need for and modalities of developing standards with regard to identification, handling, packaging and transport practices in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 18 of the Protocol. On this issue, Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations were invited (decision BS-III/9) to submit to the Executive Secretary views and information on the adequacy of existing rules and standards for

identification, handling, packaging and transport of goods and substances to address concerns relating to living modified organisms and the existing gaps that may justify a need to develop new rules and standards, or to call upon relevant international bodies to modify or expand existing ones.

DECISION BS-II/9 and BS-III/11: RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

187. At its second meeting, COP-MOP considered Articles 15 and 16 of the Protocol, which address risk assessment and risk management, and adopted decision BS-II/9, by which it established an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment with a mandate to: (i) consider the nature and scope of existing approaches to risk assessment based on national experiences and existing guidance materials; (ii) evaluate the relevance of existing approaches and guidance materials to risk assessment under the Protocol, and identify gaps in those existing approaches and guidance materials; (iii) identify specific areas where limitations in capacity may be an impediment to effective implementation of the risk assessment provisions of the Protocol at national level, and where capacity-building activities may be particularly important; and (iv) submit a report for consideration by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (decision BS-II/9, para. 4, and annex). Following the generous offer of the Government of Italy to provide the necessary financial support for a meeting of the Group prior to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, the Group met in Rome from 15 to 18 November 2005. The findings of the Expert Group meeting were submitted to COP-MOP/3.

188. COP-MOP/3 examined further measures for enhancing capacity-building in risk assessment and risk management and outlined the process for collecting and sharing available information and guidance documents in order to facilitate the consideration, at the fourth meeting, of the need for further guidance on specific aspects of risk assessment and risk management.

DECISIONS BS-I/8, BS-II/11, and BS-III/12: LIABILITY AND REDRESS

189. At its first meeting, COP-MOP established an Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Protocol to carry out the process pursuant to Article 27 of the Protocol and provided it with an indicative work plan which provides for the Working Group to complete its work in 2007 in order to allow the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to fulfil the requirements under Article 27 of the Protocol (decision BS-I/8, paragraph 1 and annex). Paragraph 5 of the decision stipulates that the Working Group shall report on its activities and progress at each subsequent meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. The Working Group held its first meeting from 25 to 27 May 2005 and submitted a report which was considered by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its second meeting. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted decision BS-II/11, in which it agreed to a second meeting of the Working Group prior to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (paragraph 3 of the decision), and invited the Working Group to develop, at its second meeting, a report on the progress made to date (paragraph 4 of the decision).

190. Accordingly, the second meeting of the Working Group was held in Montreal from 20 to 24 February 2006. Its report was made available to the third meeting of COP-MOP. COP-MOP/3 welcomed the progress made by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Protocol and agreed that three five-day meetings of the Working Group be convened before the fourth meeting of the COP-MOP in order to enable the Working Group to complete its work in time.

DECISION BS-I/9 and BS-III/14: MONITORING AND REPORTING

191. Article 33 of the Protocol requires each Party to monitor the implementation of its obligations under the Protocol and to report, at intervals determined by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, on measures that it has taken to implement the Protocol.

192. At its first meeting, COP-MOP adopted decision BS-I/9 on the format and timing for reporting. The decision provides for a general frequency of every four years but specifies that in the initial four-year period, an interim national report shall be submitted by Parties two years after the entry into force of the Protocol (decision BS-I/9, para. 5 (i)). Accordingly, COP-MOP included in its medium term programme of work consideration of interim national reports at its third meeting.

193. After considering the analysis of the interim reports that were submitted by Parties, COP-MOP/3 adopted in decision BS-III/14 a format for the first regular national report on implementation of the Protocol and outlined a schedule and the process for the preparation and synthesis of the reports for consideration at the fourth COP-MOP meeting.

THE THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL (COP-MOP/3)

194. The main highlight during the reporting period was the holding of COP-MOP/3, from 13-17 March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil. The meeting was attended by more than 1,290 participants representing 99 Parties to the Protocol, 16 non-Parties, as well as several UN agencies, IGOs, NGOs, academia, indigenous organizations, industries and other observer organizations.

195. The meeting adopted 18 decisions some of which have been highlighted in the preceding section. These include: Compliance under the Protocol; the Biosafety Clearing-House; Capacity-building; the Roster of biosafety experts; Matters relating to the financial mechanism and resources; Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives; Programme budget for the biosafety work (for the biennium 2007-2008); Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms (Article 18 of the Protocol - separate decision on: paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c); paragraph 3 and paragraph 2 (a)); Risk assessment and risk management; Liability and redress under the Biosafety Protocol; Subsidiary bodies under the Protocol; Monitoring and reporting; Assessment and review; and Other issues (Transit).

196. The meeting decided to change the frequency of the ordinary meetings of the COP-MOP from one year to every two years. Accordingly, the fourth meeting of COP-MOP is scheduled to take place in 2008 in Germany, back-to-back with the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

197. The report of COP-MOP meeting was finalised and sent to all Governments and relevant agencies in May 2005. As well a work programme for the Biosafety Unit (2006-2008), including a calendar of meetings, was developed.

STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL:

198. As of 30 June 2006, 133 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 TECHNICAL SUPPORT

DECISION VIII/18: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM and DECISION VIII/13: REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL MECHANISM

Guidance from the Conference of the Parties

199. Decisions VIII/13 (Review of implementation of Article 20 (Financial resources) and Article 21 (Financial mechanism), and VIII/18 (Guidance to the financial mechanism) were communicated to the GEF Council through a statement detailing relevance of guidance to agenda items of the GEF Council.

200. The Secretariat was invited by the GEF Secretariat to comment on its draft strategy for biosafety, and was of the view that the draft biosafety strategy should reflect new guidance from the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

201. The GEF Secretariat once again requested clarification on eligibility criteria of the financial mechanism. In response the Secretariat provided additional information from the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Reporting from the GEF

Monitoring and evaluation (including third review)

202. The Secretariat was invited to discuss on the concept of incremental costs by the GEF Evaluation Office. The discussions will take place in late July.

203. The Secretariat began to prepare the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. Plans are underway to prepare a comprehensive report on the effectiveness of the financial mechanism for review by Parties. In support of the review, a database on response of GEF-financed projects to COP guidance was designed, and substantial information will be generated to demonstrate overall responsiveness of GEF activities.

Replenishment

204. The final meeting of the fourth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund was held in Washington DC on 5 June 2006. The programming document adopted by the meeting indicates that biodiversity allocations, (between US\$960 million and US\$1,060 million) will account for 33% of the GEF-4 resources.

Reciprocal representation

205. The Secretariat attended the twenty-eighth meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility held in Washington DC from 6 to 9 June 2006. The Executive Secretary delivered a statement highlighting the major achievements and new guidance of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The written statement in three languages was posted as GEF/C.28/CRP.1 on the website of the GEF Council.

Inter-secretariat cooperation

206. The Secretariat received and reviewed the following enabling activity proposals:

Afghanistan: Consultation for National Reporting, and development of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)
Angola: National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA)
Equatorial Guinea: National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environment Management in Equatorial Guinea
Guyana: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs, Preparation of Second and Third National Report (CBD) and the Clearing House Mechanism
Jamaica: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs, Preparation of the Third National Report (CBD) and the Clearing House Mechanism
Madagascar: National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environment Management
Mongolia: Preparation of Third National Report
Turkey: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for the Global Environment Management

207. Project development facility proposals (PDF/pipelines) received and reviewed are:

Egypt: Mainstreaming Global Environment in National Plans and Policies by Strengthening the Monitoring and Reporting System for Multilateral Environmental Agreements in Egypt (PDF A)
Global: Indigenous Peoples Protected Areas (IPPAs) (PDF A)
Kyrgyzstan: Capacity Building for Improved National Financing of Global Environmental Management in Kyrgyzstan (PDF A)
Morocco: Mainstreaming GE Concerns in Morocco's National Human Development Initiative through capacity development at local level (PDF A)
Namibia: Strengthening Capacity to Implement Global Environment Conventions (PDF A)
Regional (Caribbean): Mitigating the Threats of Invasive Alien Species in the Insular Caribbean (PDF A)
Uzbekistan: Strengthening multi-sectoral, cross-institutional coordination in Rio Convention implementation through targeted institutional strengthening and professional development (PDF A)

208. The medium-sized projects (MSPs) received and reviewed include:

Armenia: Developing Institutional and Legal Capacity to Optimize Information and Monitoring System for Global Environmental Management in Armenia
Belize: Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Coordinating Multi-sectoral Environmental Policies and Programmes
Bhutan: Enhancing Global Environmental Management in Bhutan's Local Governance System
Bulgaria: Conservation of globally important biodiversity in high nature value semi-natural grasslands through support for the traditional local economy
Chile: From Flamingos to Penguins: MSP Cluster of Biodiversity Conservation Projects and their Contribution to the National System of Protected Areas in Chile "Joint Management of Los Flamencos National Reserve by the Atacameñas Indigenous Community"
Chile: From Flamingos to Penguins: MSP Cluster of Biodiversity Conservation Projects and their Contribution to the National System of Protected Areas in Chile "Catalyzing the Sustainability of Private Protected Areas in Chile, through Innovative Financial Mechanisms based on Locally Proven Models"
Ghana: Establishing an Effective and Sustainable Structure for Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements
Global (Ecuador, Guinea-Bissau, India, Kenya, Mexico, Peru): Conservation of Biodiversity Rich Sacred Natural Sites
Jamaica: Piloting Natural Resource Valuation within Environmental Impact Assessments

Jordan: Developing policy-relevant capacity for implementation of the Global Environmental Conventions in Jordan

Lao: Meeting the Primary Obligations of the Rio Conventions through Strengthening Capacity to Implement Natural Resources Legislation

Liberia: Support to the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework for Liberia

Lithuania: Capacity Building for Systematic Global Environmental Mainstreaming by Improved Cross-sectoral Policy Planning and Programming

Namibia: Strengthening Capacity to Implement the Global Environmental Conventions in Namibia

Nicaragua: Mainstreaming the Multilateral Environmental Agreements into the Country's Environmental Legislation

Peru: Children's Lands: Promoting an Innovative Type of Protected Area with the Participation of Children

Philippines: Strengthening Coordination for Effective Environmental Management (STREEM)

Regional (Asia): Regionally Harmonized National Consultation Process for Implementation of the Bonn Guidelines in Participating ASEAN Member State

Regional (Central Asia): Global Environmental Mainstreaming into the Poverty Reduction Strategies by Applying Strategic Environmental Assessment

Regional (Latin America): Regional Integrated Management and Conservation of Key Grasslands in Mercosur Countries

Regional (The Pacific): Safeguarding the Coastal and Marine Biodiversity and Cultural Diversity of Tropical Island Systems: Palau, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

Romania: Strengthening Capacity to Integrate Environment and Natural Resource Management for Global Environmental Benefits

Samoa: Conservation and Management of Threatened Lowland and Upland Forests of Savaii

Seychelles: Capacity Development for Improved National and International Environmental Management in Seychelles

Slovakia: Improve the Participation and Coordination Mechanisms for Global Environmental Management in the Slovak Republic

Turkey: Enhancing coverage and management effectiveness of the subsystem of forest protected areas in Turkey's national system of protected areas

Uzbekistan: Strengthening National Capacity in Rio Convention Implementation through Targeted Institutional Strengthening and Professional Development

Vietnam: Strengthen Global Environmental Management through Enhancement of National Capacities for Mitigating of Environmental Negative Impacts to Viet Nam's River Basin

209. The full projects (FP) received and reviewed were:

Botswana: Wildlife and Conflict Management and Biodiversity Conservation for Improved Rural Livelihoods Project

Ghana: Conservation of Globally Significant Biodiversity in Cocoa Production Landscapes in Ghana

Kyrgyzstan: Sustainable Management of Endemic Ichthyofauna of the Issyk-Kul Lake Basin

Regional (Eastern Europe): Marine Protected Area System for the Eastern Baltic Sea: Assessment and Implementation

Regional (Latin America): Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Binational Sixaola River Basin

Handbook on GEF and Training materials for access to GEF funding

210. The previous Handbook on the Financial Mechanism was reviewed and consideration was given to its revision in line with new decisions from the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

211. Some training materials concerning access to GEF funding have been collected and further information will be compiled in order to develop user-friendly training materials for a CBD audience.

Planning for implementation of COP-8 decisions VIII/13 and VIII/18

212. A detailed work plan was prepared to implement decision VIII/13 as well as previous decisions. The action lines identified are as follows:

- 1.1 Draft document for the review of the availability of financial resources
- 1.2 Databank of major sources of funding
- 1.3 Donor guide to CBD
- 1.4 Collaboration with OECD/DAC
- 2.1 Draft strategy for resource mobilization
- 2.2 Sourcebook on innovative financial instruments
- 2.3 Document on environmental funds
3. Review of GEF
- 4.1 Handbook on GEF
- 4.2 Training materials for access to GEF funding

213. The initial implementation activities that have been undertaken are as follows:

Databank of major sources of funding: Using the existing databank, several additional entries from the Asia and Pacific region were added.

Donor guide to CBD: The existing version of donor guide to CBD was being reviewed.

Collaboration with OECD/DAC: A letter communicating decision VIII/13 was sent to the new Director General in early June.

Draft strategy for resource mobilization: Over twenty resource mobilization strategies have been collected from other international and United Nations organizations. Norway's action plan for environmental assistance was reviewed.

Sourcebook on innovative financial instruments: A database format on innovative financial instruments was designed.

Document on environmental funds: The existing information on environmental funds was reviewed and a database format for trust funds was designed. Peru enquired about the possibility of holding a biodiversity finance expert meeting in Lima.

214. As an input to the report to the sixty first session of the General Assembly, suggestions on financial issues describing the COP-8 outcomes were made. The Guide to Global Taxonomy Initiative was being revised. The section on funding has been completely re-written and additional information on taxonomy funding, such as financing of INBio, was also collected.

Preparation for COP-9 and inter-sessional meetings

215. Based on COP-8 decisions, two documents were proposed for COP-9: status and trends of biodiversity finance, and evaluation of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. Four documents were proposed for the inter-sessional open-ended working group on review of implementation:

- (i) Options for resource mobilisation including innovative financial mechanisms
- (ii) Draft strategy for resource mobilisation in support of the achievement of the objectives of the Convention
- (iii) Promotion and fostering of new national and regional environmental funds and strengthening/expanding such existing funds, as well as transfer and exchange of relevant knowledge
- (iv) Opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility taking into account the framework for goals and targets in decision VII/30 as well as indicators for assessing progress toward the achievement of the 2010 target.

**DECISIONS VII/23 and VIII/11 - SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
AND THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM**

216. The first major activity of the Clearing-House Mechanism in 2006 was the organization of the Virtual Curitiba Biodiversity Conference (VCBC), a multilingual global on-line conference which gathered opinions on the 2010 biodiversity target. The results of this six-week consultation process were presented to the High-Level Ministerial Segment of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

217. From 16 to 27 January 2006, a sub-regional training workshop for CHM webmasters was organized jointly by the National Clearing House Mechanisms of Belgium and Burkina Faso, with the technical support of the Secretariat. Webmasters of the National Clearing-House Mechanisms of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Niger were trained on the use of the European CHM Toolkit and on web-related technologies.

228. To contribute to the development of the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN), as requested by Decision VI/23¹, the Clearing-House Mechanism attended the Experts Meeting to Discuss an Invasive Species Profile Schema, held on 19-24 February 2006 in Agadir, Morocco. During this meeting, the experts analyzed the current version of the Invasive Alien Species Profile Schema (IAS-PS) and made recommendations for its improvement and implementation. The report of the meeting was submitted to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as information document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/35 entitled Progress Report on the Implementation of the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN).

219. A meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism was held on 19 March 2006, in Curitiba, Brazil. The Secretariat gave a presentation on past activities and on the draft updated strategic plan for the period 2005-2010. Participants then discussed capacity-building issues and had a brainstorming session on how the Clearing-House Mechanism could further contribute to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target.

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

220. A side event on the Clearing-House Mechanism was convened by the Secretariat on 27 March 2006 during the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The side event, entitled Strategies for Developing National Clearing-House Mechanisms was aimed at Parties willing to further develop their National Clearing-House Mechanisms. After some background information and a review of the current situation of the Clearing-House Mechanism global network, guidance and possible strategies for several types of National Clearing-House Mechanisms were discussed in detail.

221. In decision VIII/11 on scientific and technical cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism, the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties adopted the updated Strategic Plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism for the period 2005-2010, together with its Programme of Work. The adopted Strategic Plan and Programme of Work are in line with the recommendations of the first meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, and the guidance provided by the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism.

222. Further to this decision, the Clearing-House Mechanism has been planning the implementation of its new Programme of Work. Part of this planning process was devoted to the future enhancement of the Secretariat's web site which is the main information exchange tool of the Clearing-House Mechanisms. A new version of this web site is scheduled for the last quarter of 2006.

223. In May and June, the Clearing-House Mechanism was invited to several meetings on UNEP projects related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs). The first one was the Global Expert Group Meeting on Environmental Information Networking, held on 22-23 May 2006 at the European Environment Agency (EEA) in Copenhagen, Denmark. Its objective was to review Environment Watch proposal as a component of the implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity Building, adopted by the Governing Council of UNEP in its decision 23/1 of 25 February 2005. The other meetings were a group of three meetings on Knowledge Management for Biodiversity-Related Conventions held on 13-16 June 2006 in Cambridge, United Kingdom, to discuss the implementation of several UNEP projects, including the issue-based modules for the coherent implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), and the harmonization of national reporting. It is hoped that these technical cooperation initiatives, to be executed with the support of UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Council (UNEP-WCMC), will result in improved capacity for both Parties and MEAs in the field of information exchange.

DECISION VII/25 and DECISION VIII/14 NATIONAL REPORTING

224. As requested in paragraph 17, decision VIII/14, a notification was sent to all Parties in early April to request them to submit further comments on the draft guidelines for the fourth national report. By 30 June 2006, five countries had provided their comments.

225. The draft guidelines are being revised by following the guidance from the first meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation and taking into account relevant views expressed at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as well as the further comments submitted by Parties. The guidelines for the fourth national report will be finalized and disseminated to all Parties by end of July 2006.

226. As requested in paragraph 7 of decision VIII/14, the Executive Secretary sent a letter in early May 2006 to the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, requesting that funds be provided to eligible Parties for preparing their fourth national reports in an easier and more expeditious way.

227. A notification was sent in early April to those Parties that had not submitted their third national reports, urging them to do so by 1 September 2006. Nine Parties submitted their third national reports

and a number of Parties responded, indicating that they would submit their third national reports as soon as possible.

228. Preparations are under way for developing an on-line reporting facility, which is requested in paragraph 10 of decision VII/14. A mini-survey was undertaken among related convention secretariats to see whether and how they have developed and are operating a similar reporting system. The main purpose of this survey was to explore the possibility of resource-sharing in order to minimize costs of developing and operating this on-line reporting facility.

229. In response to paragraphs 6 and 18 (d) of decision VIII/14, work is under way to prepare for workshops that are likely to be organized for national focal points to strengthen, among others, their capacities to prepare national reports and facilitate the preparation and timely submission of the fourth national reports.

230. Two notifications were sent to all Parties to request additional information to the third national reports to assist with the reviews of the programme of work on agricultural and forest biodiversity, which will be undertaken at the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

231. On June 16, 2006, the Secretariat participated in a meeting organized by UNEP and UNEP-WCMC on harmonization of national reporting among related conventions, in preparation for further work on harmonization.

232. By the end of June 2006, a total of 88 third national reports had been received. In addition, a total of 143 first and 121 second national reports had been also received.

233. As part of the efforts to redesign the website of the Convention, a new webpage on national reporting is being developed to make it more user friendly and more informative.

DECISION VII/30 and VIII/8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN

234. Paragraph 1a of decision VIII/8 calls for an in-depth review of the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan, where Goal 3 states: "NBSAPs and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors serve as an effective framework for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention". In preparation for this review, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile information and to prepare a synthesis/analysis of obstacles encountered, lessons learned, effectiveness of policy instruments and strategic priorities for action.

235. In response to this decision, the Executive Secretary issued individual letters to Parties in March, based on information available to the Secretariat on the stage of completion of each Party's NBSAP, asking them to provide the latest final or draft version of their NBSAP to the Secretariat, and to provide voluntary information on the development and implementation of their NBSAP. The Executive Secretary also prepared an internal concept note outlining the review process, including a series of regional workshops to share country experiences in NBSAP development and implementation. An initial version of the synthesis/analysis is being prepared, based on information already available.

236. Paragraph 12 of decision VIII/8 invites relevant organizations to take the lead in collaboration with the Executive Secretary in the development and operation of enhanced technical assistance activities. To this end, the Executive Secretary has provided input to a project being prepared by UNEP to develop a series of training modules on NBSAP development and implementation, and has discussed enhanced support to NBSAPs and national reporting with UNDP. The Secretariat is also developing a set

of training modules to be deployed on the margins of upcoming CBD meetings, targeted at delegates. Topics include the role of National Focal Points, and the Clearing-house Mechanism.

ANNEX I

SCBD REPRESENTATION

DATES	MEETING /ACTIVITY
11-13 January	International Expert Group on the Millennium Development Goals, Participation and Good Governance – New York, U.S.A.
16-27 January	Sub-regional training workshop intended for key partners of national Clearing-house Mechanisms – Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
24 January	Second meeting of the Advisory Committee of ALTER-NET – Paris, France
2-3 February	BioNET Board meeting and the first meeting of the BioNET Advisory Group – Egham, U.K.
5-9 February	9 th Special Session of the Governing Council – Global Environment Forum of UNEP (GCSS/GMEF) – Dubai
13-17 February	Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity – New York, U.S.A.
14 February	First meeting of the GEF CEO Search Committee – Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
16 February	UNFF-6 meeting – New York, U.S.A.
18 February	Événement jeunesse – Mission durable – UQAM – Montréal, Canada
21-22 February	First meeting of the International Steering Committee (ISC) of a consultative process towards an International Mechanism of Science Expertise on Biodiversity – Paris, France
22-24 February	Fourth Intergovernmental Biodiversity in Europe Conference - Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia
14-18 March	Symposium on Selling Culture, Sold Cultural Studies based on evidence from Television commercials – Osaka, Japan
18 March:	“La Bise Hivernale 2006 – L’Environnement à l’échelle globale” – Montréal, Canada
3 April	Réception of «La Société canadienne d’Écologie et d’Évolution »
6 April	Conseil des relations internationales – Conférence sur les relations internationales de Montréal
6-7 April	Planning meeting for Coordinated Information Assembly among CBD, ITTO and FAO – Rome, Italy
10-11 April	Scientific Seminar on Avian influenza – Nairobi, Kenya
11 April	Fifth Steering Committee meeting of the UNEP/GEF Project on the Development of National Biosafety Frameworks – Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
20 April	Séminaire Institut Hydro-Québec en environnement, développement et société – Québec
24-28 April	Second meeting of the Contact Group for the Drafting of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement – Malmö, Sweden
25-26 April	Second meeting of the Partners to the Green Customs Initiative – <u>via teleconference</u>

DATES	MEETING /ACTIVITY
27 April	Presentation to members of the DEA (Dominion Executive Association) – Montreal, Canada
27 April	UNEP FI/UNGC Launch of the Principles for Responsible Investment – New York, U.S.A.
28 April	UNEP FI/ Finance and Biodiversity Working meeting - New York, U.S.A
27-28 April	UNDP Equator Initiative/US Council for International Business and other informal meetings – New York, U.S.A
4-5 May	Fourth meeting of the Advisory Board of the MSc. Programme of the University of Klagenfurt on “Management of Protected Areas” – Klagenfurt, Austria
9 May	First User meeting of the ESA-UNESCO-CBD Diversity Project – Paris, France
15 May Project	Steering Committee meeting – Peatlands for Biodiversity and Climate Change – Chengdu, China
15-19 May	Fifth meeting of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues – New York, U.S.A.
20 May	Steering Committee of the project on Capacity-Building for Biodiversity and Impact Assessment (CBBIA) – Stavanger, Norway
21-22 May	Workshop on Biodiversity and Impact Assessment – Stavanger, Norway
22-23 May	First Environment Watch Expert Group meeting – Copenhagen, Denmark
22-27 May	UNEP-GEF BCH Training Workshop for Regional Experts – Bangkok, Thailand
23-26 May	26 th Annual Conference of IAIA – Stavanger, Norway
24 May	Déjeuner-causerie du CORIM – Invité à la table d'honneur avec la Ministre des relations internationales et Ministre responsable de la francophonie
25 May	Colloque «Le développement durable a-t-il un avenir?», Université de Montréal, Église St-James, Canada
30 May-2 June	13 th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) to the RAMSAR Convention – Gland, Switzerland
30 May-1 June	Green Week Conference and High-Level Seminar – Brussels, Belgium
30-31 May	UNEP-ETB meeting on Trade and Environment – Geneva, Switzerland
31 May-2 June	UNEP Second High-Level Meeting on Envisioning the Next Steps for Compliance with and Enforcement of MEAs – Geneva, Switzerland
1-2 June	UNEP-DEC meeting on Issue-based modules – Nairobi, Kenya
1-2 June	UN System Private Sector Focal Points meeting – Paris, France
5 June:	High Level Conference - World Environment Day Celebration – Algiers, Algeria
5-7 June	Science Audit of Kew – London, U.K.
7–8 June	GEF Council meeting – Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

DATES	MEETING /ACTIVITY
8-10 June	International experts meeting regarding the establishment of a United Nations University (UNU) initiative on traditional knowledge – Brisbane, Australia
9 June	UN-OCEANS meeting – New York, U.S.A.
12-16 June	First Session of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture – Madrid, Spain
12-16 June	UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea – New York, U.S.A.
12-16 June	Expert Consultation on the 2010 Global Forest Resources Assessment – Kotka, Finland
12-30 June	Mountain Partnership e-consultation on “Mountain to Mountain Cooperation: Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, including Genetic Resources in the Andes and Himalaya” – <u>via e-consultation</u>
13-16 June	Knowledge Management Meetings – Cambridge, U.K.
14-15 June	Canada 2020 Conference – Mont Tremblant, Canada.
16 June	Conférence de l’Ordre des Agronomes du Québec – Présentation sur Biodiversité, sécurité alimentaire et lutte contre la faim: La Convention sur la diversité biologique
19 – 21 June	International Scientific Conference on Desertification and Drylands Research Commemorating 50 years of Drylands Research – Tunis, Tunisia
20-22 June	Caribbean regional workshop on the implementation of the POW on protected areas – Miami, U.S.A.
26-30 June:	FAO 24 th session of the Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

ANNEX II

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 29 regularized Professional staff members and 22 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 13 vacant posts, (7 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. There were six Interns and one fellow working at the Secretariat during the period under review: Ms. Joëlle LeFrançois from Canada, working on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans in ITS, Ms. Malgorzata Marszalek from Canada/Poland, working on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Global Taxonomy Initiative in STTM, Ms. Leah Mohammed from Canada, working on Forest Biodiversity with STTM, Ms. Roma Honore from Dominica, working on climate change with STTM, Ms. Michelle Kellam from Canada, working on National Biodiversity Legislation with SEL and Mr. Bassam Adam from Canada, working on Traditional Knowledge and Ethics with SEL. Additionally, Ms. Zakia Ammari from Morocco was a fellow with the Secretariat for the period May 2005 to March 2006.

II Contributions and Funds

3. During the first two quarters of 2006, five new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were received. Pledges of 50,000 Euros and GBP20,000 were received from the EEC and the United Kingdom respectively, for the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas; US\$6,000 from the Government of Germany for publication of documents on protected areas; A pledge of 200,000 Euros from the Netherlands for 2006 activities; the Government of Spain pledged 50,273 Euros for conference services for the 4th meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Groups on Article 8(j) and Access and Benefit-Sharing.

4. For 2006 a total of US\$412,348 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$347,283 or 84% has been collected as at 30 June 2006. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

5. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2006 is US\$8,083,489. Of this amount, US\$6,762,827 or 83.7% has been received. Additionally, US\$935,000 has been pledged and US\$735,000 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2006. US\$1,867,194 has also been collected in 2006 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

6. As at 30 June 2006 a total of US\$467,108 has been pledged for 2006 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Austria (15,000 Euros); Denmark (DKK 300,000); Finland (30,000 Euros); Germany (\$25,550 Euros); Norway (NOK 500,000); Spain (208,527 Euros) and Switzerland (US\$7,488).

7. As at 30 June 2006, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2006 amounted to US\$392,703 or 84% of the total pledged so far for 2006. Additionally, \$112,725 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$123,862 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2006 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

8. As at 31 March 2006, a total of fifty-eight (58) countries have contributed US\$1,181,572 or 60% to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BG Trust Fund**), for 2006. As at 30 June 2006, sixty-nine (69) countries have paid US\$1,525,913 to the Trust Fund, representing 77.4% of pledges for 2006. Unpaid contributions for 2006 and prior years amount to \$570,155. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 30 June 2006, the Government of Brazil has contributed US\$105,911 for the conference servicing costs of COP/MOP-3 to the 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 VIII.

10. As at 30 June 2006, the Governments of Austria, EEC, Finland, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland have pledged a total of US\$342,712 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\$162,431 or 47% has so far been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

11. COP-7 approved a budget of US\$10,918,500 for the BY Trust Fund for 2006. As at 30 June 2006, a total of US\$6,649,541 was spent or committed. This represents 61% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-1 approved a budget of US\$1,878,700 for the BG Trust Fund for 2006. As at 30 June 2006, a total of US\$987,347 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 52.6% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

13. 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).

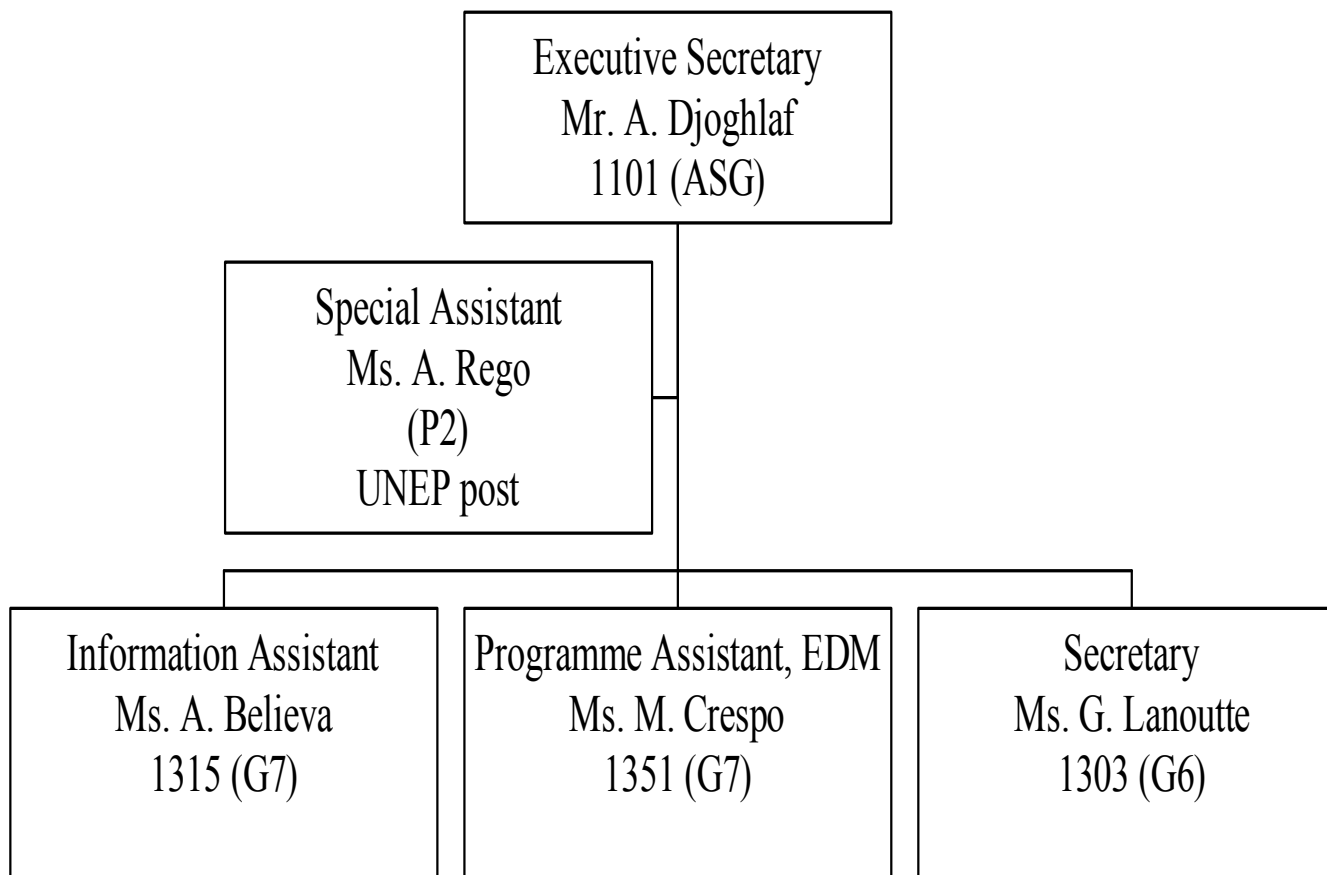
Appendix 1
STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
January - June 2006

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghla (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)	Post advertised and Panel recommendation submitted for action in July 2006
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	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 (ITS)	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)	Manual Guariguata (Regularized)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Post advertised
1114	P4	Former Special assistant to the Executive Secretary	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott (Regularized)
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Post advertised and Panel's recommendation submitted on 15 June 2006
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (OMG)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli (Regularized)
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	Vacant (Post Advertised)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms Marjo Vierros (Regularized)
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	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 Yifru(Regularized)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (OMG)	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)

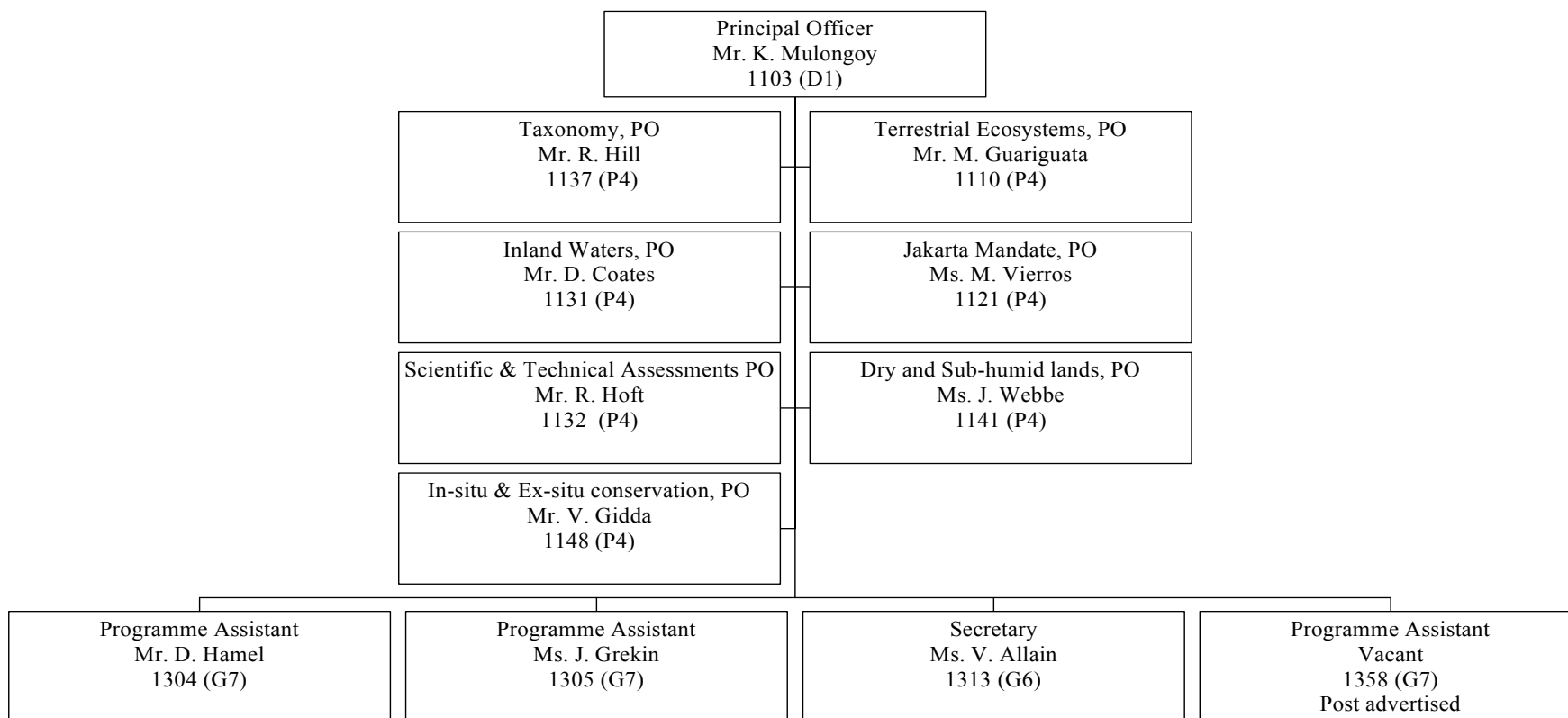
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (BS)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P5	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Mr. Ryan Hill (Regularized)
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. Jaime Webb (Regularized)
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	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 (ITS)	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, (OMG)	Mr. P. LeBlond (Regularized)
	P2	Personal Assistant to ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego (Post funded by UNEP)
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. G. Lanouette (on loan from ICAO)
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. V. Pasquariello (Regularized)
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin (Regularized)
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan (Regularized)
1307	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. D. Stepic (Regularized)
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson (Regularized)
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez (Regularized)
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress). 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 - (ITS)	Ms. A. Vincent (Regularized)
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva (Regularized)

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez (Regularized)
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Ms. L. Boutin (Regularized)
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Regularized)
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé (Regularized)
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang (Regularized)
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen (Regularized)
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison (Regularized)
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Vacant (Post advertised). Post funded by UNEP
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1350	GS	Programme Assistant – (ITS)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo (Regularized)
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	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

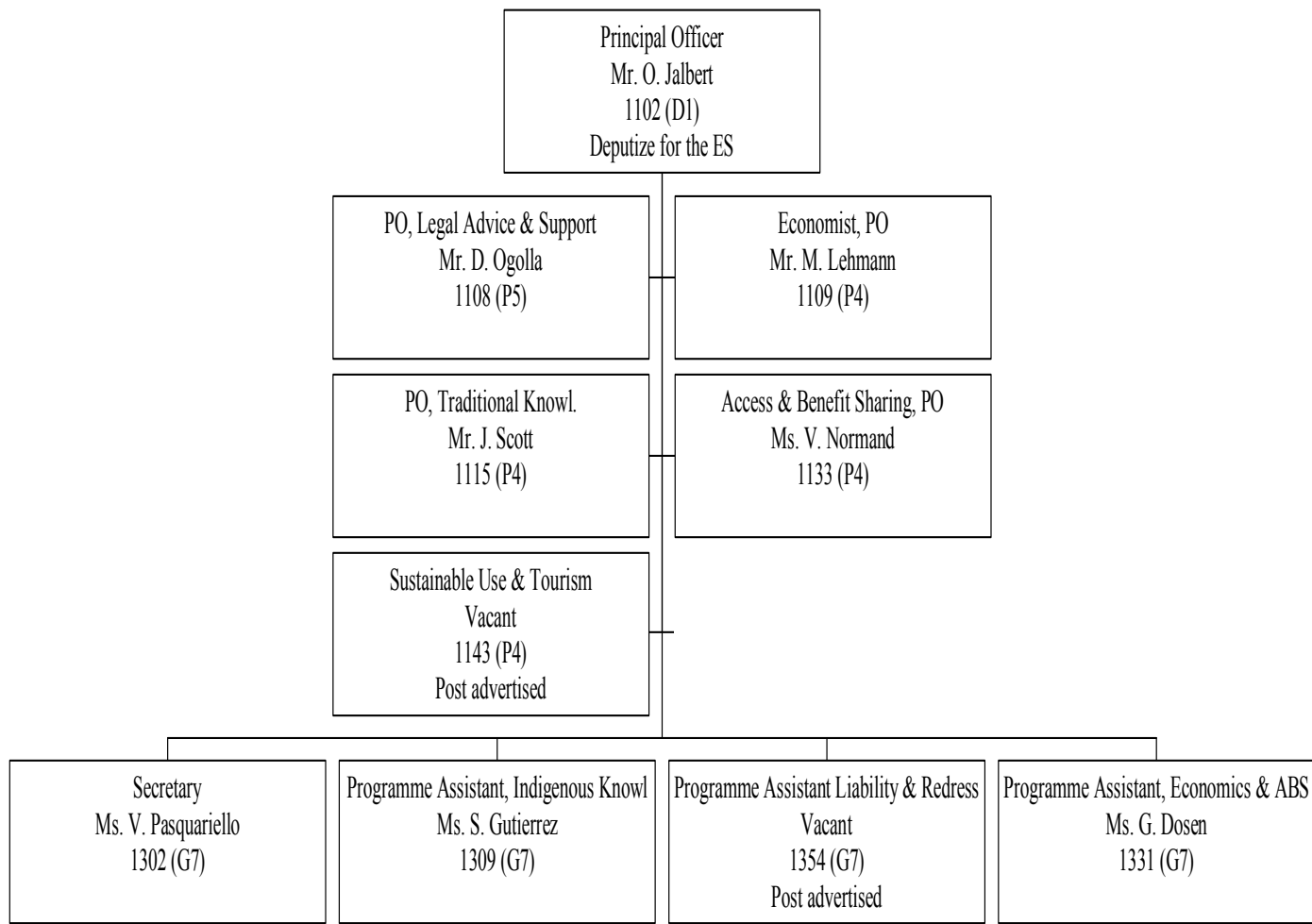
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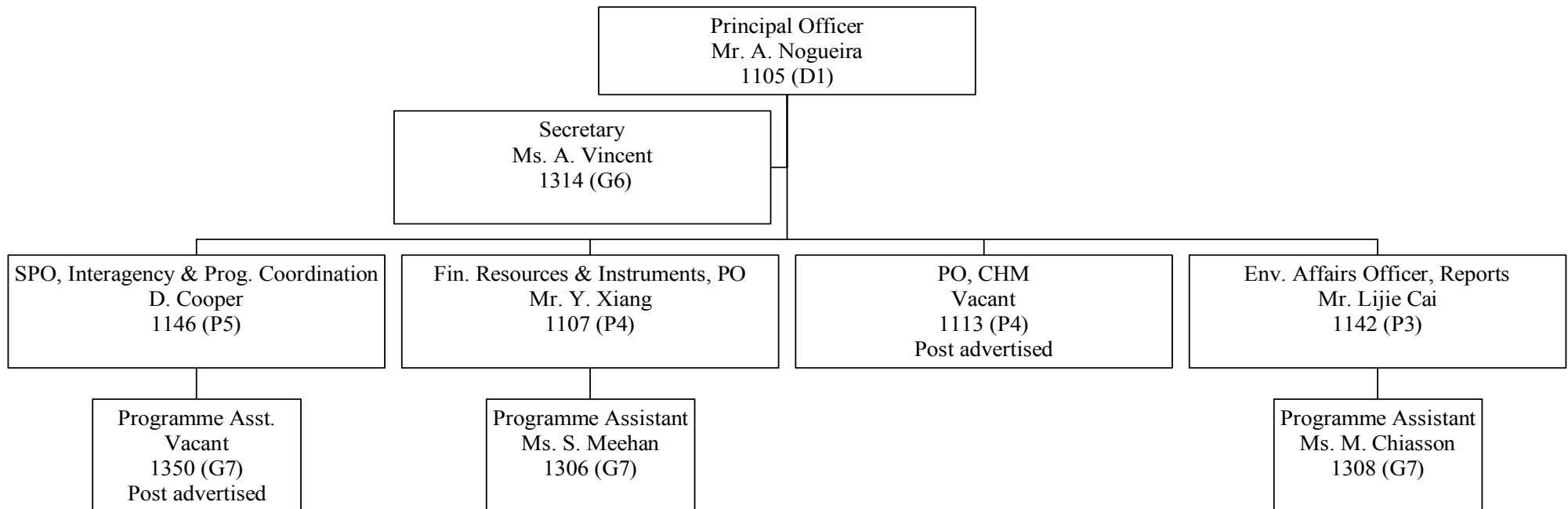
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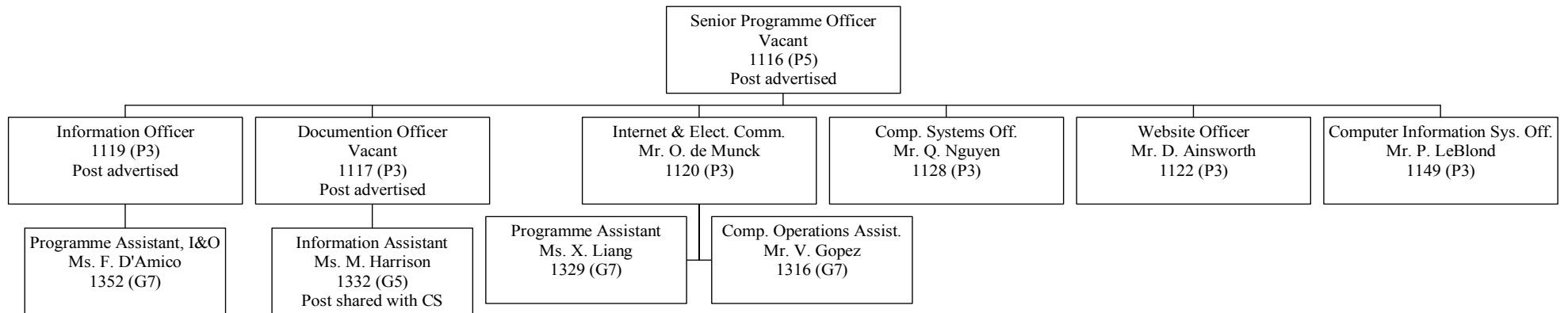
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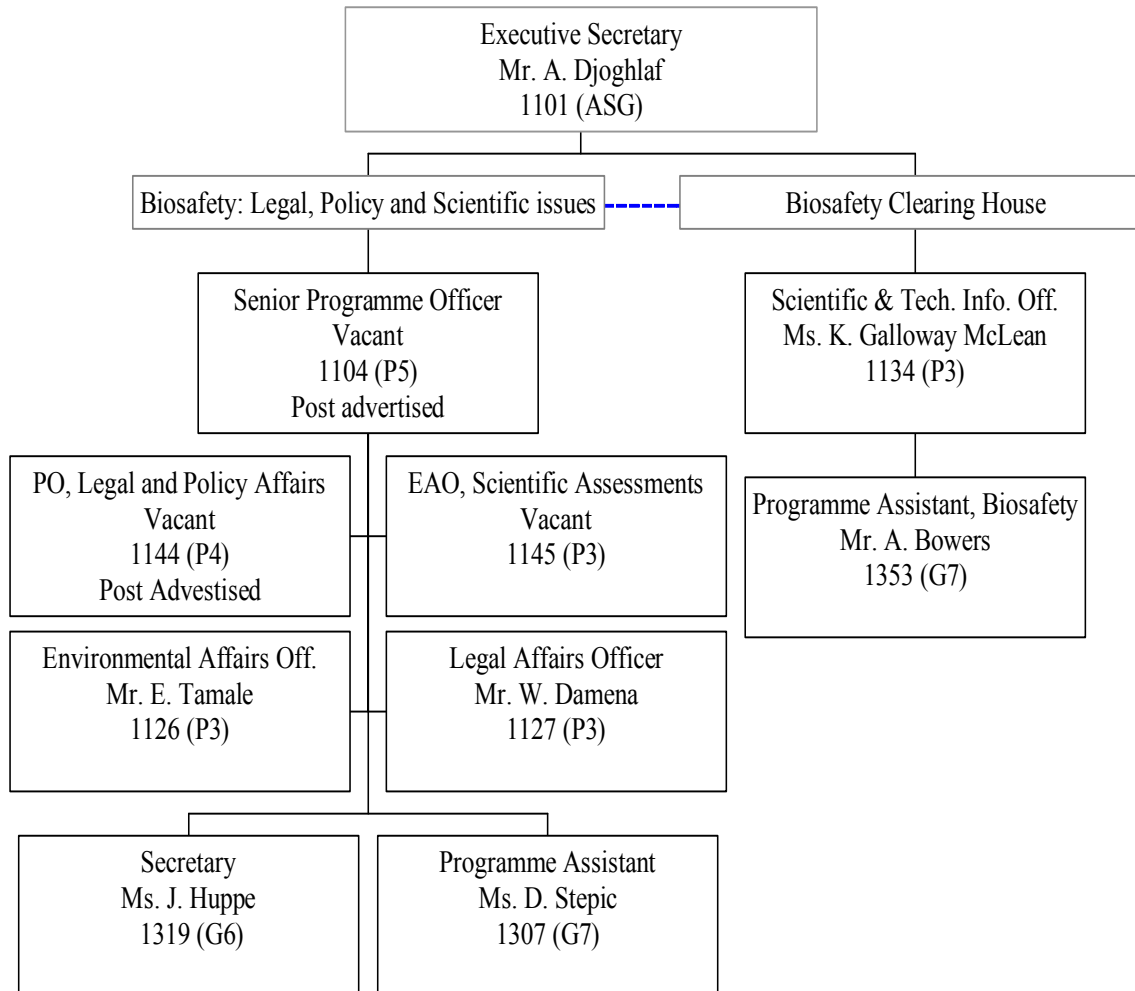
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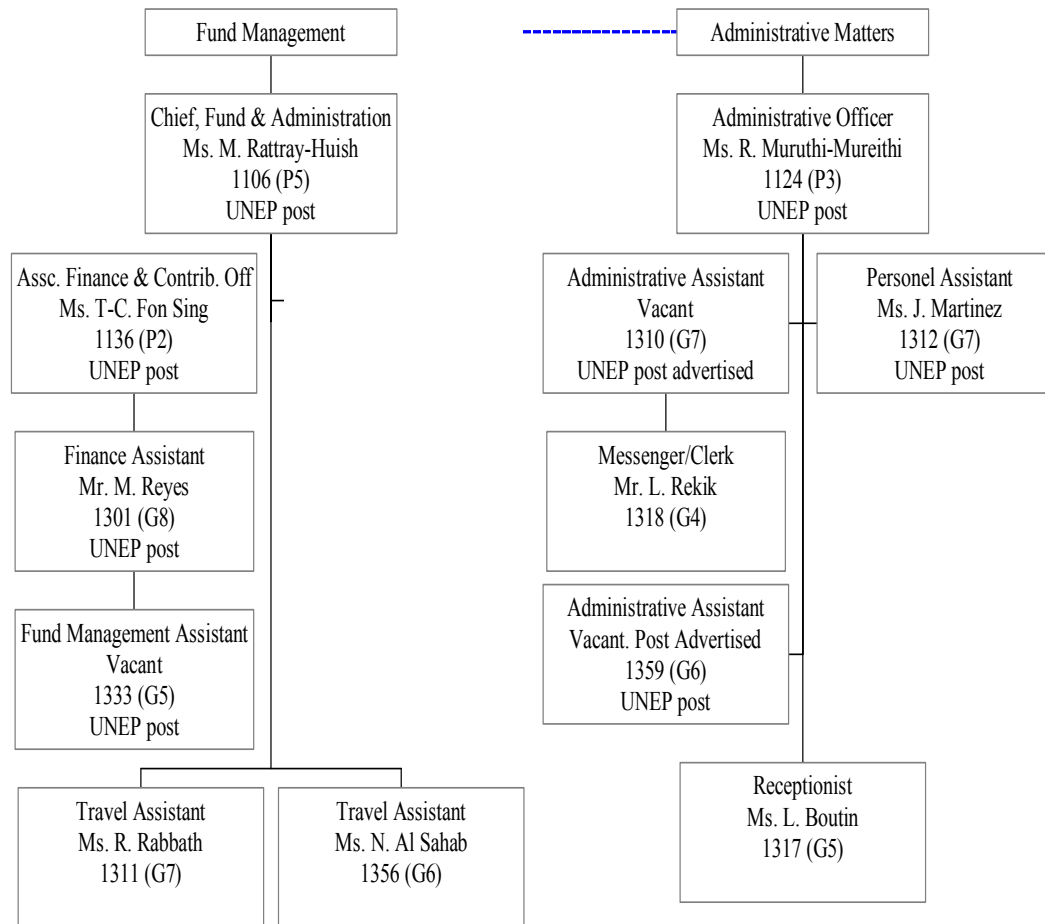
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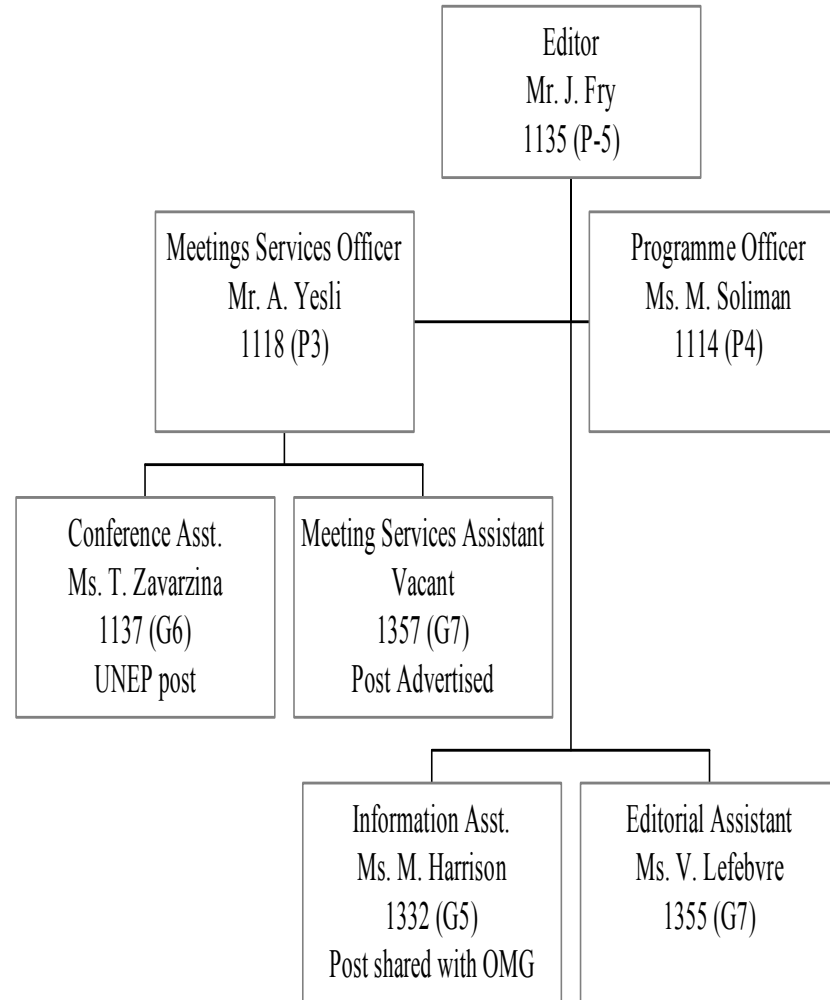
Biosafety Protocol



Resource Management



Conference Services



ANNEX IV

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 June 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006		Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Belgium	42,067			1/			42,067
Brazil	219,589			2/	219,589		0
Canada	21,592			3/			21,592
Canada	20,325			4/			20,325
Canada	12,571			5/	12,571		0
EEC			59,065	15/			59,065
Germany	64,327			6/	47,168		17,159
Germany			6,000	13/			6,000
Italy	50,000			7/			50,000
Netherlands	252,180			8/	252,180		(0)
Netherlands			252,180	16/		252,180	0
Spain	25,000			9/			25,000
Spain			59,495	12/		59,495	(0)
Sweden	13,287			10/			13,287
Sweden	13,288			11/			13,288
UK			35,608	14/		35,608	0
Total	734,227	0	412,348		531,508	347,283	267,783

1/Belgium pledged Euros 35,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006

2/Brazil pledged US\$ 435,232 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

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

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

5/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 14,080 towards the Joint Meeting of CBD and UNFCCC, Montreal, Canada, 30 November 2005

6/Germany pledged Euros 55,000 towards the support of organisation of the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006

- 7/Italy pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006
- 8/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2005
- 9/Spain pledged US\$ 25,000 for Capacity Building Experts Meeting on the Biosafety Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001
- 10/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002
- 11/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006
- 12/Spain pledged Euros 50,273 towards Conference Servicing Costs for Article 8(j) and ABS 4 Meetings, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006
- 13/Germany pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the Publication of Documents on Protected Areas
- 14/UK pledged GBP 20,000 towards the Protected Areas Meetings leading up to COP 8
- 15/EEC pledged Euros 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006
- 16/Netherlands pledged Euros 200,000 being 50% advance payment for 2006 Activities

ANNEX V**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 June 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Austria	24,150		1/	24,150		0
Austria	12,075		2/	12,075		(0)
Austria			9/	17,997	17,997	0
Brazil	37,667		3/	37,667		0
Brazil	18,833		11/	18,833		0
Denmark	40,000		4/			40,000
Denmark			13/	51,200	51,200	0
Finland			14/	38,424	38,424	0
Germany			8/	30,816	30,816	0
Japan	20,000		5/	20,000		0
Norway			10/	74,405		74,405
Spain			7/	246,778	246,778	(0)
Sweden	9,457		6/			9,457
Switzerland			12/	7,488	7,488	0
Total	162,182	0		467,108	112,725	123,862

1/Austria pledged EUR 20,000 for the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas and the Regional Technical Workshops on Protected Areas

2/Austria pledged EUR 10,000 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

3/Brazil pledged US\$ 37,667 towards the participation costs of Indigenous at the COP 8 Meeting

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

5/Japan pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the Asia/Pacific Regional Meeting for COP 8

6/Sweden pledged SEK 500,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting, Spain in 2006

7/Spain pledged EUR 208,527 towards the participants costs to the Article 8(j) and the ABS 4 Meetings, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006

8/Germany pledged EUR 25,550 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

9/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 for the support of participants from Eastern European and Central Asian countries to COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

10/Norway pledged NOK 500,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting,

Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

11/Brazil pledged US\$ 18,833 towards the participation costs of Indigenous at the COP 8 Meeting

12/Switzerland pledged US\$ 7,488 for the participation of delegates from Developing Countries to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

13/Denmark pledged DKK 300,000 for the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

14/Finland pledged EUR 30,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting,

Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

ANNEX VI**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 30 June 2006**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	1,922	209				1,922	209	2,131
Albania	790	522		790	501	0	21	21
Algeria		7,933			7,933	0	0	0
Angola		104	1,318			0	(1,214)	(1,214)
Antigua & Barbuda		313	313			0	0	0
Argentina	377,313	99,783				377,313	99,783	477,096
Armenia	9,281	209				9,281	209	9,490
Australia		166,165	166,165		167,752	0	(167,752)	(167,752)
Austria		89,658	89,658			0	0	0
Azerbaijan		522			522	0	0	0
Bahamas		1,357	1,357			0	0	0
Bahrain		3,131	3,131			0	0	0
Bangladesh	747	808				747	808	1,555
Barbados		1,044	1,044			0	0	0
Belarus	48,081	1,879				48,081	1,879	49,960
Belgium	105,770	111,577		105,770		0	111,577	111,577
Belize		104	104			0	0	0
Benin	390	209				390	209	599
Bhutan		104	104			0	0	0
Bolivia	1,678	939				1,678	939	2,617
Bosnia & Herzegovina		313	313			0	0	0
Botswana		1,253	1,253			0	0	0
Brazil		158,963	22,320			0	136,643	136,643
Bulgaria		1,774			1,774	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Burkina Faso	726	209				726	209	935
Burundi	687	104				687	104	791
Cambodia		209	184			0	25	25
Cameroon		835	2,184			0	(1,349)	(1,349)
Canada		293,607			293,607	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,537	104				3,537	104	3,641
Central African Rep.	197	104		197	98	(0)	6	6
Chad		104	129			0	(25)	(25)
Chile	21,425	23,276		21,425	7,981	0	15,295	15,295
China		214,282				0	214,282	214,282
Colombia		16,178	132		16,126	0	(80)	(80)
Comoros	2,795	104				2,795	104	2,899
Congo	245	104		245	86	0	18	18
Congo Dem.Rep	5,179	313				5,179	313	5,492
Cook Islands	99	104				99	104	203
Costa Rica	6,156	3,131		1,064		5,092	3,131	8,223
Cote d'Ivoire	2,620	1,044				2,620	1,044	3,664
Croatia		3,862			3,862	0	0	0
Cuba	24,877	4,488				24,877	4,488	29,365
Cyprus		4,071				0	4,071	4,071
Czech Republic		19,101	19,101			0	0	0
Denmark		74,941			74,911	0	30	30
Djibouti	197	104				197	104	301
Dominica	130	104				130	104	234
Dominica Rep.	3,851	3,653		3,851	3,653	0	0	0
Ecuador		1,983	420			0	1,563	1,563
EEC		202,088	202,048			0	40	40

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Egypt	11,873	12,525				11,873	12,525	24,398
El Salvador	2,177	2,296				2,177	2,296	4,473
Equatorial Guinea	2,894	209				2,894	209	3,103
Eritrea	289	104		289	79	0	25	25
Estonia		1,253	1,253			0	0	0
Ethiopia		418	418			0	0	0
Fiji	22	418		22	4,783	(0)	(4,365)	(4,365)
Finland		55,632	55,632			0	0	0
France		629,382	629,382			0	0	0
Gabon		939	26,266			0	(25,327)	(25,327)
Gambia		104				0	104	104
Georgia	42,041	313		20,276		21,765	313	22,078
Germany		904,097			904,077	0	20	20
Ghana	1,350	418				1,350	418	1,768
Greece	52,440	55,319		52,440		0	55,319	55,319
Grenada	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Guatemala		3,131	3,131			0	0	0
Guinea	592	313				592	313	905
Guinea-Bissau	2,316	104				2,316	104	2,420
Guyana		104				0	104	104
Haiti	2,154	313				2,154	313	2,467
Honduras	2,561	522				2,561	522	3,083
Hungary		13,151	13,108			0	43	43
Iceland		3,549	3,549			0	0	0
India		43,942				0	43,942	43,942
Indonesia	14,050	14,821				14,050	14,821	28,871
Iran	15,534	16,387				15,534	16,387	31,921
Ireland		36,531	36,531			0	0	0
Israel		48,743				0	48,743	48,743

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Italy		509,872			509,872	0	0	0
Jamaica	11	835		11	835	0	0	0
Japan		1,778,370			1,778,370	0	0	0
Jordan	1,088	1,148				1,088	1,148	2,236
Kazakhstan	232	2,609				232	2,609	2,841
Kenya		939	918		21	0	0	0
Kiribati		104	79		28	0	(3)	(3)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,009	1,044		1,009	983	0	61	61
Korea, Rep. of	97,189	187,458				97,189	187,458	284,647
Kuwait		16,909			16,909	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	197	104				197	104	301
Lao PDR		104	89			0	15	15
Latvia		1,566	16			0	1,550	1,550
Lebanon	1,182	2,505				1,182	2,505	3,687
Lesotho	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Liberia	632	104				632	104	736
Libya	16,616	13,778				16,616	13,778	30,394
Liechtenstein		522			522	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,505	2,484			0	21	21
Luxembourg		8,037			8,037	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	594	626				594	626	1,220
Madagascar	297	313		297	281	0	32	32
Malawi		104	79			0	25	25
Malaysia		21,188	21,173			0	15	15
Maldives	40	104				40	104	144
Mali	64	209				64	209	273
Malta		1,461			1,461	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Marshall Island	99	104				99	104	203
Mauritania	1,626	104				1,626	104	1,730
Mauritius		1,148	1,148			0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	196,538		13,674	182,864	0	13,674	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States		104	103			0	1	1
Moldova, Rep. of	11,209	104		4,852		6,357	104	6,461
Monaco		313	610			0	(297)	(297)
Mongolia	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Morocco	16,791	4,906				16,791	4,906	21,697
Mozambique	380	104				380	104	484
Myanmar		808				0	808	808
Namibia		626	626			0	0	0
Nauru	2,915	104				2,915	104	3,019
Nepal		418	507			0	(89)	(89)
Netherlands	10	176,394				10	176,394	176,404
New Zealand		23,067	23,067			0	0	0
Nicaragua		104	104			0	0	0
Niger	2,651	104				2,651	104	2,755
Nigeria		4,384	4,384			0	0	0
Niue	99	104				99	104	203
Norway		70,871				0	70,871	70,871
Oman		7,306	7,306			0	0	0
Pakistan		5,741	5,746			0	(5)	(5)
Palau		104	311			0	(207)	(207)
Panama	2,578	1,983		1,880		698	1,983	2,681
Papua New Guinea	888	313				888	313	1,201
Paraguay	10,265	1,253				10,265	1,253	11,518
Peru	57,274	9,603				57,274	9,603	66,877
Philippines	11,616	9,916				11,616	9,916	21,532

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Poland		48,117	48,117			0	0	0
Portugal		49,056	1,026		49,056	0	(1,026)	(1,026)
Qatar		6,680	6,680			0	0	0
Romania		6,263			6,263	0	0	0
Russian Federation		114,813			114,787	0	26	26
Rwanda		104	190			0	(86)	(86)
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,966	104				1,966	104	2,070
Samoa		104	79			0	25	25
San Marino		313			313	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	468	104				468	104	572
Saudi Arabia	70,546	74,419		70,546		0	74,419	74,419
Senegal		522	4,022			0	(3,500)	(3,500)
Seychelles		209	705			0	(496)	(496)
Sierra Leone	193	104				193	104	297
Singapore		40,498	40,483			0	15	15
Slovak		5,323	5,323			0	0	0
Slovenia		8,559	8,559			0	0	0
Solomon Is.	2,316	104				2,316	104	2,420
South Africa		30,478	30,478			0	0	0
Spain		263,025			263,025	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		1,774				0	1,774	1,774
St. Lucia	7	209		7	195	0	14	14
St.Kitts &Nevis		104	104			0	0	0
Sudan	5,945	808				5,945	808	6,753
Suriname	1,818	104				1,818	104	1,922
Swaziland		209	209			0	0	0
Sweden		104,166				0	104,166	104,166

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Switzerland		124,937	124,912			0	25	25
Syria		3,966			3,948	0	18	18
Tajikistan		104	67		456	0	(419)	(419)
Thailand		21,814	21,814			0	0	0
Togo	196	104		196	104	0	0	0
Tonga		104	202			0	(98)	(98)
Trinidad & Tobago		2,296	1,955			0	341	341
Tunisia		3,340	3,340			0	0	0
Turkey	0	38,828				0	38,828	38,828
Turkmenistan	1,067	522		1,067	522	0	0	0
Tuvalu	289	104				289	104	393
U. K.	0	639,506			639,506	0	0	0
Uganda	677	626		677	586	0	40	40
Ukraine	9,079	4,071		9,079	4,045	0	26	26
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		626	18,745			0	(18,119)	(18,119)
United Arab Emirates	20	24,528		20	24,483	0	45	45
Uruguay	32,456	5,010		27,707		4,749	5,010	9,759
Uzbekistan	11,987	1,461		1,489		10,498	1,461	11,959
Vanuatu	195	104		195	104	0	0	0
Venezuela	16,919	17,848				16,919	17,848	34,767
Viet Nam	2,278	2,192				2,278	2,192	4,470
Yemen	6,426	626				6,426	626	7,052
Yugoslavia	3,850	1,983				3,850	1,983	5,833
Zambia		209	886			0	(677)	(677)
Zimbabwe	693	731				693	731	1,424
Sub Total	1,189,901	8,083,489	1,667,194	339,372	5,095,633	850,529	1,320,662	2,171,191

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	635,000				0	635,000	635,000
USA	0	100,000				0	100,000	100,000
Quebec		200,000	200,000			0	0	0
Grand Total	1,189,901	9,018,489	1,867,194	339,372	5,095,633	850,529	2,055,662	2,906,191

ANNEX VII**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
as at 30 June 2006**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US\$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Albania	110	145				110	145	255
Algeria		2,236			2,236	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda		88	88			0	0	0
Armenia		59	59			0	0	0
Austria		25,271	25,246			0	25	25
Azerbaijan	86	144				86	144	230
Bahamas		382	382			0	0	0
Bangladesh	200	171				200	171	371
Barbados		294	294			0	0	0
Belarus		530				0	530	530
Belgium	36,731	31,449				36,731	31,449	68,180
Belize	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Benin	39	58				39	58	97
Bhutan	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Bolivia		265	265			0	0	0
Botswana		353	353			0	0	0
Brazil		44,806			44,806	0	0	0
Bulgaria		500			500	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	69	59				69	59	128
Cambodia		59	59			0	0	0
Cameroon	275	235				275	235	510
Canada*		165,000				0	165,000	165,000
Cape Verde		25					25	25

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
China	21,235	56,587				21,235	56,587	77,822
Colombia		4,560	48		4,583	0	(71)	(71)
Croatia	1,271	1,089		1,271	1,089	0	0	0
Cuba	1,477	1,265				1,477	1,265	2,742
Cyprus		1,147				0	1,147	1,147
Czech Republic		5,384	5,384			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	54	87				54	87	141
Denmark		21,123	21,123			0	0	0
Djibouti	34	29				34	29	63
Dominica	34	29				34	29	63
Dominican Republic		682				0	682	682
Ecuador		559				0	559	559
Egypt		353				0	353	353
El Salvador	756	647		756	647	0	0	0
Eritrea	19	29				19	29	48
Estonia		353			353	0	0	0
Ethiopia		118	118			0	0	0
European Community		42,843	42,781			0	62	62
Fiji	137	118		137	118	0	0	0
Finland		15,680	15,680			0	0	0
France		177,398	177,398			0	0	0
Gambia	34	29				34	29	63
Germany		254,830	254,810			0	20	20
Ghana	137	118				137	118	255
Greece	18,211	15,592				18,211	15,592	33,803

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Grenada	34	29				34	29	63
Guatemala		873	873			0	0	0
Hungary		3,707	3,687			0	20	20
India	14,466	12,386		14,466	12,386	0	0	0
Indonesia	4,005	4,117				4,005	4,117	8,122
Iran	5,395	4,619				5,395	4,619	10,014
Ireland		10,297	10,297			0	0	0
Italy		143,713	143,713			0	0	0
Japan		377,014			323,155	0	53,859	53,859
Jordan	378	324				378	324	702
Kenya	309	265				309	265	574
Kiribati	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	344	294				344	294	638
Kyrgyzstan		27				0	27	27
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		171	171			0	0	0
Latvia		441	572			0	(131)	(131)
Lesotho	34	29				34	29	63
Liberia	34	29				34	29	63
Libya	1,332	3,628				1,332	3,628	4,960
Lithuania		706	706			0	0	0
Luxembourg	2,646	2,265		2,646	2,265	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	62	173				62	173	235
Madagascar		88	73			0	15	15
Malaysia		5,972	5,972			0	0	0
Maldives	34	29				34	29	63
Mali	69	59				69	59	128

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Marshall Islands	34	29				34	29	63
Mauritania	7	27				7	27	34
Mauritius		324	324			0	0	0
Mexico	20	55,396				20	55,396	55,416
Mongolia		29	29			0	0	0
Mozambique	34	29				34	29	63
Namibia	131	174				131	174	305
Nauru	34	29				34	29	63
Netherlands		49,719	51,680			0	(1,961)	(1,961)
New Zealand		6,375	6,375			0	0	0
Nicaragua		29	29			0	0	0
Niger	34	29				34	29	63
Nigeria		1,236	1,236			0	0	0
Niue	34	29				34	29	63
Norway	30	19,976				30	19,976	20,006
Oman		2,059	2,059			0	0	0
Palau	34	29				34	29	63
Panama	653	559				653	559	1,212
Papua New Guinea		80				0	80	80
Paraguay	412	353				412	353	765
Peru	3,161	2,707				3,161	2,707	5,868
Poland		13,562	13,562			0	0	0
Portugal		13,681			13,681	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Romania		1,765			1,765	0	0	0
Rwanda	34	29		34	29	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Saint Kitts and Nevis	34	29		34	92	0	(63)	(63)
Saint Lucia		58	58			0	0	0
Saint Vincent & Gren.	34	29				34	29	63
Samoa		29	29			0	0	0
Senegal	18	147				18	147	165
Serbia & Montenegro		338				0	338	338
Seychelles		59	39			0	20	20
Slovakia		1,500	1,500			0	0	0
Slovenia		2,412	2,412			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	34	29				34	29	63
South Africa	10,033	8,590				10,033	8,590	18,623
Spain		74,137			74,137	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		500	500			0	0	0
Sudan	61	171				61	171	232
Swaziland		40				0	40	40
Sweden		29,360	34,291			0	(4,931)	(4,931)
Switzerland		35,215	35,215			0	0	0
Syria		1,118			1,118	0	0	0
Tajikistan	34	29				34	29	63
Thailand		5,123				0	5,123	5,123
Togo	34	29				34	29	63
Tonga	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago		647				0	647	647
Tunisia		941	941			0	0	0
Turkey	12,782	10,944				12,782	10,944	23,726
Uganda	200	171		200	134	0	37	37
Ukraine	1,340	1,147		1,340	1,147	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		180,252	180,252			0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	206	177				206	177	383
Venezuela	5,876	5,031				5,876	5,031	10,907
Viet Nam		618	618			0	0	0
Zambia		59	34			0	25	25
Zimbabwe		202	192			0	10	10
GRAND TOTAL	145,559	1,971,563	1,041,527	21,054	484,386	124,505	445,650	570,155

ANNEX VIII

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED
ACTIVITIES OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BH)

Status as at 30 June 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Brazil	105,911			1/	105,911	0
Total	105,911	0	0		105,911	0

1/Brazil pledged US\$ 213,732 towards the COP/MOP 3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

ANNEX IX

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 June 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006		Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Austria			17,997	4/		17,997	0
EEC			59,065	11/		47,252	11,813
Finland			12,808	9/		12,808	0
Finland			12,808	10/		12,808	0
Norway			44,643	5/			44,643
Slovenia			3,550	1/			3,550
Spain			29,586	2/			29,586
Spain			90,689	6/			90,689
Sweden			25,409	3/		25,409	0
Sweden			38,670	7/		38,670	0
Switzerland			7,487	8/		7,487	0
Total	0	0	342,712		0	162,431	180,281

1/Slovenia pledged EUR 3,000 for Activities leading to COP/MOP3

2/Spain pledged EUR 25,000 for Activities leading to COP/MOP3

3/Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

4/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 for the support of participants from Eastern European and Central Asian countries to COP/MOP 3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

5/Norway pledged NOK 300,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP/MOP 3 Meeting,

Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

6/ Spain pledged EUR 75,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Latin America to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

7/ Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

8/ Switzerland pledged US\$ 7,487 towards the participation of delegates from Developing Countries to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

9/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP/MOP 3 Meeting,

Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

10/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress

11/EEC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

ANNEX X

LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(as at 30 June 2006)

2005		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
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
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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
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
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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
12 - 14 October 2005	Group of legal and technical experts on liability and redress in the context of Article 14(2) of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada
3 - 5 November 2005	Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge	Sao Paulo, Brazil
15 - 18 November 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Rome, Italy
21 - 25 November 2005	Technical Workshop on the introduction of new information and web-based technologies	Montreal, Canada
23 - 25 November 2005	Workshop on the Joint Global Work Plan on Terrestrial and Freshwater Invasive Alien Species	Montreal, Canada
26 November 2005	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness	Montreal, Canada
27 November 2005	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism	Montreal, Canada
27 November 2005	Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technical Cooperation	Montreal, Canada
28 November - 2 December 2005	Eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
13 - 15 December 2005	CBD Clearing-House Mechanism and EC Clearing-House Mechanism joint regional meeting for Central and Eastern Europe	Tallinn, Estonia

2006		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
18 - 20 January 2006	Second Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding Biosafety capacity-building activities	Tromso, Norway
20 - 21 January 2006	Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Tromso, Norway
20-21 January 2006	Global meeting to discuss Invasive Species Profile Schema created for GISP and the CBD	Agadir, Morocco

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
23 - 27 January 2006	Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Granada, Spain
29 January 2006	Informal meeting of Donors on the Budget of the Convention for the 2007-2008 biennium	Geneva, Switzerland
30 January - 3 February 2006	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing	Granada, Spain
6 - 8 February 2006	Second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
20 - 24 February 2006	Second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada
11 - 12 March 2006	Biosafety-Clearing House training workshop for developing countries	Curitiba, Brazil
13 - 17 March 2006	Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Curitiba, Brazil
17 - 18 March 2006	Expert Workshop on Protected Areas	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	African regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Brainstorming meeting on Avian Flu	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism	Curitiba, Brazil
20 - 31 March 2006	Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Curitiba, Brazil
26 - 29 March 2006	High-Level Ministerial Segment	Curitiba, Brazil
22 May 2006	International Biodiversity Day 2006	Montreal, Canada
