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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 repo. The requirements to rt on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. The Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report, which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 October to 31 December 2006.

II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEETINGS

3. The following meetings have been organized and serviced by the Secretariat :

Brainstorming session on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity

4. In May 2006, the President of the Group of 77 requested the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to convene a meeting of group of experts with a view of adopting a multi-year plan of action on South-South Cooperation for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity for submission to the High-Level Segment of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-9), to be held in Germany in 2008.
5. In preparation for this meeting, and with the generous financial support of the Government of the Netherlands, a brainstorming meeting on the South-South Cooperation was held from 6 to 8 November 2006, at the Secretariat headquarters in Montreal, Canada, with the participation of 24 experts from Governments and organizations who laid the foundation for a plan of action to enhance the capacity of developing countries.
6. The objectives of the brainstorming meeting were to: (a) discuss the elements of a plan of action for South-South cooperation that would enhance implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and the Millennium Development Goals, particular goals 1 and 7; (b) offer a platform of informal discussion between COMIFAC, ACTO and ASEAN to discuss modalities for collaboration and exchange of experiences in the context of South-South cooperation; and (c) make recommendations on the process from the development through to the adoption of a multi-year programme of work on South-South cooperation on biodiversity.
7. The meeting of group of experts on South-South Cooperation on biodiversity is tentatively scheduled to take place in March 2008, and will take into consideration inputs from the suggested regional preparatory consultations suggested to take place within 2007. The results of the expert meeting will be submitted to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Bonn, Germany in May 2008. The final report of the meeting is available at the following address: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/ssc/ssc-01/official/ssc-01-03-en.pdf>

CBD side event in the margins of the Twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

8. The Secretariat participated in the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP-12) held in Nairobi, Kenya. A joint statement of the Convention on Biological Diversity and RAMSAR Convention was delivered by the Executive Secretary during the High-Level Segment of the meeting. A side event on climate change organized by the Secretariat and held at the margins of the High-Level Segment, offered the opportunity to launch the Convention's Technical Series No. 25 on "Guidance for promoting synergy among activities addressing biological diversity, desertification, land degradation and climate change", which is based on the work of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on biodiversity and climate change and signified a collaborative effort between the CBD and the UNFCCC towards the implementation of mutually supportive activities by Parties to the Rio Conventions. The side event was graced by the presence of Her Excellency Prof. Wangari Maathai, as well as senior officials from the Governments of Finland, Germany, Kenya and Canada, among others.

Cities and Biodiversity

9. At the initiative of the Mayor of Curitiba, a meeting on "Cities and biodiversity: achieving the 2010 target" is being planned for 26-28 March 2007 in Curitiba, Brazil. The meeting, which is to coincide with the first anniversary of the High-Level Segment of COP-8, aims to gather mayors of cities that hosted the meetings of the COP as well as the mayors of host cities of the United Nations headquarters. The meeting will offer a unique opportunity to review the implementation of the Convention and the possibilities for enhancement of the commitment by local authorities to achieve the 2010 biodiversity target. The proceedings of the meeting will be submitted to COP-9, scheduled to take place in Bonn, Germany in May 2008.

10. An inter-agency task force, comprising of representatives from UN-HABITAT, UNEP, UNITAR and ICLEI, was established to act as the Secretariat of the meeting and to provide assistance in the preparation to ensure the success of the meeting. The task force has held two meetings through teleconference during the last quarter of the year.

COP Bureau meeting

11. For the first time in the history of the Convention, a meeting of the Bureau of COP-8 was held at the capital of the Presidency of the COP during the intersessional period. The meeting was held at the Itamaraty Palace of the Ministry of External Relations in Brasilia, Brazil on 5 December 2006.

12. The Minister of Environment of Brazil, Her Excellency Ms. Marina Silva, the President and Chair of the COP Bureau, opened the meeting and made an inspiring statement on the enhanced phase of implementation of the Convention and on other CBD initiatives such as: the South-South and North-South cooperation, capacity building, GEF and implementing agencies support.

13. The Bureau discussed the preparation of the Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS). A detailed report by the two co-chairs of ABS was presented to the Bureau members. The meeting endorsed the list of participants for the experts attending the meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance to be held in Lima, Peru in January 2007.

14. The provisional agendas of the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2) and the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Subsidiary

Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12 and SBSTTA-13) were reviewed and approved by the Bureau meeting.

15. The Bureau also endorsed a new CBD travel policy. Moreover, the Bureau was of the view that the procedure for selection of the travel agent will lead to cost effectiveness and the transparency and accountability instituted by the Executive Secretary, which will enhance donor confidence and their financial contribution. The Bureau welcomed the document on “Report on Activities of the CBD Secretariat for 2006” and commended the Executive Secretary and his team for the remarkable efforts made in implementing COP-8 decisions.

16. The representative from the Government of Germany made a detailed presentation on the preparation of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-9), which is scheduled to take place in Germany in 2008.

17. The Secretariat also organized and serviced other meetings, namely:

CBD and UNCCD Joint Consultative Workshop on the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in dry and sub-humid lands (16 October 2006, Buenos Aires, Argentina); Liaison Group Meeting of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, jointly organized by the CBD and the GSPC (23-25 October 2006, Dublin, Ireland); Informal Planning Group Meeting – Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (13-14 November 2006, Montreal, Canada); Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (20-21 November 2006, Montreal, Canada); Regional Synergy Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Biological Diversity of Dry Lands and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity (20-23 November 2006, Antigua and Barbuda); Informal Advisory Committee for the Biosafety Clearing-House (23-24 November 2006, Geneva, Switzerland); Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (11-12 December 2006, Montreal, Canada); African Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use (12-15 December Nairobi, Kenya); Workshop on the Application of the Ecosystems Approach to Protected Areas in Small Islands (12-16 December Bangkok, Thailand); and the Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and Information Exchange (Latin America and the Caribbean Region) (14-16 December Quito, Ecuador).

MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

Carleton University

18. In respect of the Letter of Intent with Canadian Universities and research centres, signed in May 2006, whereby Carleton University is one of its signatories, the Executive Secretary met with the Vice-President of Research and International at Carleton University in Ottawa on 3 October 2006. A joint statement between the two organizations was signed on the occasion of the establishment of a working group set up by Carleton University to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with a view to adopting a multi-year plan of action in the context of the University’s strategy for “Global Engagement for the 21st Century”. Moreover, Carleton University is pleased to be part of and has decided to take the lead in assisting with the establishment of a virtual biodiversity academy of the members of the Biodiversity Liaison Group.

Green Belt Movement

19. On 16 November 2006, in the margins of the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, an agreement between the Green Belt Movement (GBM) and the CBD Secretariat was concluded with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by Her Excellency Professor Wangari

Maathai, 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate and founder of the GBM. The objective of the MOU is to facilitate the implementation of activities by the Green Belt Movement and the Secretariat to ensure that the operations of the Secretariat will be carbon neutral and that appropriate measures are taken to offset their other environmental impacts. It should be noted that the signing ceremony was also graced by the presence of the Ministers of Environment from Finland and Germany, among others.

Other Memoranda of Cooperation/Understanding

20. A number of Memoranda of Cooperation/Understanding are under discussion with different institutions and organizations. Those memoranda are addressed in this document in connection with the respective issue.

REPRESENTATION

21. 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

22. During the last quarter of the year, the Executive Secretary held meetings with heads and senior officials from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions, to enhance collaboration and increase public awareness on the work of the Convention and to further promote the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

23. The Executive Secretary had a meeting with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Chief of Conference Services as well as with other senior officials of the United Nations. The Executive Secretary held meetings with the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP as well as with other senior representatives of UNEP, including the Director of the Division on Law and Environmental Conventions, Officer-in-charge of UNEP's Division of Global Environmental Facility Coordination, Director of the Division of Communications and Public Information and the Head of the South-South Cooperation Unit.

24. In October, the Executive Secretary held discussions on joint collaboration with the Chief of the United Nations Regional Commissions together with the five Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions, namely: the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

25. The Executive Secretary also participated in a workshop of high-level experts on CBD that was held in Potsdam on 13-15 December at the initiative of the Government of Germany with the participation of around 25 experts. The objective of the meeting was to discuss ways on how to improve the implementation of the Cy BD , achieving the 2010 target and brainstorm on the preparation of COP-9 taking into account the German triple Presidency (G8, EU and COP-9).

26. On 15 December, the Executive Secretary, together with the Minister of Environment of Germany and Dr. Klaus Topfer, the former Executive Director of UNEP, held a press conference in which the outcome of the Potsdam workshop was presented and preparation of COP9 was discussed. At the margins of the press conference, the Government of Germany signed the Countdown 2010 Declaration, a testimony of Germany's commitment in achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

27. Meetings with high-level Government officials took place during the last quarter of the year, including: the President of the Republic of Tunisia and the Ministers of Environment, Foreign Affairs, State for Europe, State for Asia, Development and International Cooperation and Agriculture; the President of Algeria and the Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Minister of Environment of Brazil as well as other senior officials; the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada and other senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as the Senior Adviser of the Minister of Environment of Canada. A meeting was held with high officials from the Ministry of Sustainable Development of the Province of Quebec. During a visit to India in November, the Executive Secretary had meetings with the Minister and the Minister of State of Environment and Forests and other senior representatives from the Government of India. The Executive Secretary welcomed the visit to the Secretariat headquarters in Montreal of senior representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in New Zealand. Representatives from the Government of Germany also went to the Secretariat and met with the Executive Secretary.

28. Numerous meetings were also held with several organizations and institutions, including: the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other senior representatives of UNFCCC, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and other senior representatives from UNCCD, the CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat, the Director of the Millennium Development Project, the Executive Director and the Board of the United Nations Canada Association, the Vice-President of the International Parliamentary Union, the President of the Green Belt Movement, the representative of the President of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation, the Director-General of The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA), the Head of the Countdown 2010 Secretariat, representatives from the United Nations Office in Geneva, representatives from the United Nations Association in Canada, representatives from the Quaker United Nations Office.

29. Ms Monique Barbut, The new CEO/Chairman of the GEF paid in November 2006 for the first time a visit to the secretariat to discuss collaboration. The Executive Secretary also held meetings with the Consul General of Japan in Montreal, Consul General of Korea in Montreal, Consul General of Greece and Consul General of Chile.

30. The Executive Secretary gave interviews to a number of media organizations, including: the Tunisian media, Algerian media and interview with the Financial Express on "Debate on GMOs triggered by passion".

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel arrangements

31. During the period under review, there was 29 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were 7 vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

32. There were 24 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 4 vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 6 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources. During the period under review there were 6 interns working at the Secretariat.

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

B. Financial Arrangements

34. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 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\$9,304,846, of which \$1,667,194 were 2006 pledges paid in 2005, and \$7,637,255 were pledges paid in 2006 for 2006 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

35. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2006, the total pledged for 2006 amounts to US\$1,702,367 of which \$923,921 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$960,840. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

36. As at 31 December 2006, pledges totalling US\$629,696 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\$466,746 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$212,408. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

37. As at 31 December 2006, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,806,584 for 2006 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$2,464,620, of which US\$1,041,527 was received in advance of 2006 and US\$1,423,093 has been received in 2006 for 2006 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

38. As at 31 December 2006, two Parties have so far made pledges to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2006 totalling US\$74,395. The Government of Canada pledge US\$6,757 for the BCH server; the European Commission pledge 20,000 Euros towards the BCH, and the Government of Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 for the 2nd International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations involved in Bioafety Education and Training, scheduled to take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 16-18 April 2007. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

39. As at 31 December 2006, nine 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\$608,460 have been received in 2006, of which US\$238,114 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$370,346. 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

VI/22, VII/1 and VIII/19: Forest biological diversity

40. In decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties invited members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to support the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. The same decision established an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and SBSTTA in the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. In decision VII/1, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to propose, in collaboration with that AHTEG, outcome oriented targets to be integrated into the forest work programme.

41. In decision VIII/19, the Conference of the Parties 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).

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

(a) The Secretariat received responses to notification No.2006 027 from Parties and relevant organizations, including indigenous and local communities, regarding the potential impacts of genetically modified trees. By the deadline on 30 November 2006, the Secretariat received 34 responses from the Parties and governments. The Secretariat also liaised with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) on this matter.

(b) The Secretariat sent notification No.2006 027 on 19 June 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. To date, 8 Parties have nominated their experts and majority of the existing members have confirmed their participation to the event.

(c) The Secretariat held a full day meeting on 20 October with the German counterparts, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the Federal Ministry for Environment (BMU). A presentation was made by the Secretariat on the in-depth review of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. The Secretariat participated at the preparatory meeting of the Joint Initiative on Science and Technology on 20 November. The Secretariat participated at the meeting with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) and adjacent meeting of the Open-ended ad-hoc Expert Meeting of the UN Forum on Forests for the period of 10 to 15 December 2006.

(d) The Secretariat continued 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. Detailed background document is drafted and a summary report is currently prepared for peer review.

(e) The Secretariat facilitated a concept paper of a South-South cooperation in the African region within the framework of the Letter of Intent (LOI) with the Netherlands. The draft document has been produced in collaboration with CIFOR (Center for International Forestry Research).

VIII/2: Biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands

43. In decision VIII/2, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to (i) collect and disseminate lessons learned and success stories of capacity building and partnership activities towards the implementation of the programme of work, (ii) present an overview of existing sources of information on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity and propose cost-effective ways to fill remaining gaps, (iii) identify land-use options that promote biodiversity while generating income, (iv) promote implementation of the joint work programme with the UNCCD including the activity on the streamlining of national reporting, and (v) organize a regional synergy workshop and a consultative workshop on the achievement of the 2010 target in dry and sub-humid lands.

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

(a) The Secretariat compiled lessons learned and case studies into an online database that will be made available publicly at the launch of the new CBD website.

(b) The Secretariat selected participants for the Regional Synergy workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on Agro-Ecosystems within Dry and Sub-humid Lands as nominated by governments in response to notification No. 2006-090.

45. The Regional Synergy Workshop was successfully convened 20 to 23 November, 2006 in Antigua and Barbuda. Twenty-three government-nominated experts were present at the meeting in addition to two staff from the CBD Secretariat and two staff representing the UNCCD Secretariat. The final workshop report has been posted on line and will be distributed to participants at the fifth meeting of the UNCCD Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention (CRIC-5). Main outcomes of the meeting include:

- The development of a regional strategic approach to promote synergies between the three Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands.
- The identification of possible regional projects on building capacity among national focal points and supporting teams, improving monitoring and evaluation, and increasing public awareness.
- The formation of a core committee consisting of representatives from Guatemala, St. Lucia and Argentina in order to follow up on the further elaboration and implementation of the strategic approach.

46. Meetings were held with UNEP – DELC to discuss collaboration and progress on synergies. UNEP – DELC agreed to provide funding for the consultative workshop which is tentatively scheduled for 17 March, 2007.

VI/5, VII/3 and VIII/23: Agricultural biological diversity

47. 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.

48. 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.

49. In decision VIII/23, section A, the Conference of the Parties adopted the cross-cutting 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.

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

(a) The Secretariat and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) are currently negotiating an agreement on a joint work plan with timetable for the in-depth review process. In addition, questionnaire to the relevant international organizations are being designed with the initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

(b) The Secretariat continued to liaise with the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) and facilitated to produce draft document on the review process and the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition and preparation of documents for SBSTTA 13.

(c) The Secretariat is reviewing the information contained in the third national reports and reports from the relevant international organizations. A draft document is being prepared and will be sent to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

VII/4 and VIII/20: Biological diversity of inland waters

51. Goal 1.2 of the programme of work (Decision VII/4) is to establish and maintain comprehensive, adequate and representative systems of protected inland water ecosystems within the framework of integrated catchment/watershed/river basin management. Decision VII/4, para. 14b, requests the Executive Secretary to ensure that inland water ecosystem issues are fully incorporated, as appropriate, into all other thematic work programmes.

52. In response to these decisions a member of the Secretariat attended the Specialist Symposium on Designing and Managing Protected Areas to Conserve Freshwater Ecosystems and Biodiversity held at Skukuza, South Africa, 8-13 October 2006. The outcomes of the symposium included: specific criteria for when and how protected areas are an effective strategy for freshwater conservation as a stand-alone response or in conjunction with other approaches; a symposium declaration on the current effectiveness of protected areas and guidelines for future improvements; identification of priority projects (related to Protected Areas) for advancing the freshwater conservation agenda, which may include developing a joint paper addressing a strategic issue and/or a longer term project for which external funding has to be sourced; and formation of a group identity and purpose that will persist and grow beyond the meeting including the establishment of a freshwater specialist group under the WCPA. These outcomes are a significant contribution to furthering the achievement of targets for freshwater protected areas including by promoting better incorporation of freshwater considerations into the planning, establishment and management of terrestrial protected areas.

VIII/22: Marine and coastal biological diversity

53. In decision VIII/21, paragraph 7, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, and other relevant international organizations, to further analyze and explore options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats and report the findings to future meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. In consultation with UN Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, a consultant was selected to conduct this work.

54. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties (COP) invited Parties, other Governments, research institutions, and other relevant organizations to make available information on past and present research activities that encompass the deep sea and open ocean environments, including research cruises that explore the deep seabed, and requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant organizations, to compile and further disseminate such information through the clearing-house mechanism. The Secretariat issued notification No. 2006 069, requesting information by 31 December 2006. As of 18 December 2006, UNESCO's Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, the European Commission and the Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science of the U.S. Department of State had provided information on their activities. Preliminary information was made available on the web site (<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/areas/marine/research.shtml>).

55. The Secretariat participated in the 8th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans held in Beijing, China, on 13 and 14 October. Discussions were held on the development of a Memorandum of Cooperation for the implementation of joint activities.

56. The Secretariat issued a press release welcoming the opening of a training and education centre for marine biodiversity in the coastal city of Xiamen, Fujian Province, South-eastern China.

57. In decision VIII/22, paragraph 7, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities, to compile and analyze case studies on successful and unsuccessful implementation of integrated marine and coastal area

management, and to provide lessons learned for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. As of 18 December 2006, some 30 case study reports had been collected and a database template created in which to input them.

VIII/3: Global Taxonomy Initiative: in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative

58. 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. The draft guide has been completed and is now being prepared for final editing and publication.

59. A meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative was held at the secretariat offices 20-21 November 2006. The meeting agreed on activities in relation to several elements of the programme of work (decisions VI/8 and VIII/3), as follows. The full report will be available on the CBD website in early 2007.

- The meeting established a small group to take forward the Global Taxonomic Needs Assessment called for in the programme of work and in paragraph 11(a) of decision VIII/3.
- The meeting also agreed on a few activities related to communication, education and public awareness activities for taxonomy, as follow up to planned activity 4 of the programme of work and paragraph 11(e) of decision VIII/3.
- The meeting agreed on a way forward for providing inputs to the negotiations on Access and Benefit-Sharing, including inputs to the Lima expert meeting on Certificates of Origin, and inputs to the next meeting of the ABS working group in September 2007,
- The meeting agreed on timelines and responsibilities for development of outcome-oriented deliverables for each of the planned activities of the programme of work, as called for in paragraph 11(f) of decision VIII/3.

60. The secretariat contacted donors to solicit funding for the Project Development Seminar called for in paragraph 15 of decision VIII/3.

61. The secretariat also contributed to the initial conceptualization and planning for the GTI Special Fund referred to in paragraph 5 of decision VIII/3.

62. In accordance with planned activity 1 of the programme of work for the GTI, the secretariat has compiled and posted information on national taxonomic needs on the GTI portal at <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/taxonomy/default.shtml>.

VII/10: Global strategy for plant conservation

63. In decision VII/10, the Conference of Parties (COP) welcomed the establishment by the Executive Secretary of a flexible coordination mechanism for the Strategy, comprising liaison groups to be convened as necessary according to established procedures. Further, in decision VII/31 regarding the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of Parties up to 2010, the COP decided to undertake an in-depth review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) during its ninth meeting in 2008.

64. In preparation for the review, the secretariat has sent out a notification to Parties, international agencies and other relevant stakeholders to collect the relevant information. In addition, the secretariat convened, in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, a meeting of a Liaison

Group held in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, from 23 to 25 October 2006. This meeting reviewed the status of implementation of the Strategy and provided further guidance to the in-depth review process including review of proposals for a toolkit to assist Parties in integrating the GSPC targets into their strategies, programmes and plans.

VII/11: Ecosystem approach

65. Decision V/6, para. 6, recognizes the need for support for capacity-building to implement the ecosystem approach, and invites Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to provide technical and financial support for this purpose. In decision VII/11, para. 9 (c), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the relevant international and regional organizations, to 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. Paragraph 12 of that decision requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties and relevant international and regional organisations, to assess the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach in the light of experiences gained for the consideration of SBSTTA prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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

(a) The Secretariat, jointly with the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) and the World Conservation Union (IUCN), in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), organized a workshop on the Ecosystem Approach, Customary Practice and Protected Areas in Small Islands in Bangkok, Thailand, 12-16 December 2006. The workshop contributed to the application of the ecosystem approach and the programmes of work on island biodiversity and protected areas. The workshop was attended by 20 participants from 16 Parties together with resource persons from UNEP, The United Nations Institute of Advanced Studies, the Centre for International Forestry Research, IUCN, the South-Pacific Regional Environment Programme, the Ascension Island Conservation Centre, the Rural Enterprise Agricultural and Community Tourism (REACT) Project (Jamaica), Call of the Earth Llamado de la Tierra (New Zealand), Siosiomaga Society (Jamaica), Jamaica Conservation & Development Trust, the `Ilio`ulaokalani Coalition (Hawaii), Kasetsart University (Thailand) and the University of the South-Pacific.

(b) Discussions centered on the lessons learned by small island practitioners in the application of the ecosystem approach to the planning, establishment, management and monitoring of protected areas bearing in mind global and regional targets for protected areas, including the Micronesia Challenge. The outcomes of the workshop included detailed guidelines and lessons learned for the application of the ecosystem approach to protected areas in small islands. Recommended follow-up activities include the establishment of a liaison group to, inter alia, finalise the outcomes and develop a strategy to make the guidelines available in appropriate formats to small island practitioners.

67. Following the detailed work plan to undertake the review of the application of the ecosystem approach, in collaboration with major partners, to be considered at SBSTTA 12, the following activities have been undertaken:

(a) preparation of a draft report on the implications of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment for the application of the ecosystem approach;

- (b) preparation of a draft report on the incorporation of the ecosystem approach into the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues of the Convention;
- (c) an analysis of the third National Reports; and
- (d) a detailed analysis of further case studies including a case study on the European Union Water Framework Directive, the “Living with the Sea” project aiming to consider the long-term (30-100 year) impacts of sea-level rise, and cost benefit analysis of projects implemented to assist the black pearl industry in Manihiki Lagoon, Cook Islands.

VII/13 and VIII/27: Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species

68. Paragraph 14 of decision VIII/27 requested the Executive Secretary to consult with a number of international organizations regarding international standards on invasive alien species. The secretariat began these consultations in June 2006, and has continued since that time. In October 2006, the secretariat consulted directly with members of the SPS Committee in Geneva in an informal session. Plans are to continue consultations during 2007.

69. The Secretariat began implementing the updated joint work plan with the secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, including by writing to CBD National Focal Points to inform them about the relevant work of their IPPC counterparts at national level.

70. The Secretariat participated in a workshop to develop a training module on Pest Risk Analysis under the IPPC. Funding for this project comes from the Standards and Trade Development Facility, and the lead agency is the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

71. The Secretariat continued planning for the in-depth review on invasive alien species, and contacted Parties, other governments and organizations to encourage submissions as soon as possible.

VII/26 and VIII/16: Cooperation with other organizations, initiatives and conventions

72. In decision VII/26 para. 2, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to invite the secretariats of the other four biodiversity conventions (CITES, Ramsar, CMS and World Heritage Convention) to form a liaison group to enhance coherence and cooperation in their implementation. In decision VIII/16 para. 15 the COP invited the secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to join the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions.

73. Also in decision VIII/16 para. 12 the COP requested the Executive Secretary to liaise with the conventions, organizations and initiatives with which the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity has already signed memoranda of cooperation with a view to advancing implementation of the Convention in line with the decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

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

- (a) The Secretariat continued follow-up activities to the Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions held on 14 September 2006 in Gland, Switzerland. This included preparations for the First Meeting of the Chairs of the Conventions’ Scientific Subsidiary Bodies or Advisory Bodies scheduled to be held on 1 July 2007 in Paris, France.
- (b) The Secretariat continued its collaboration with partners in following up on decisions made by the First meeting of the Heads of Agencies Task Force to Support the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target, held on 15 September 2006 in Gland, Switzerland. Activities

focused in particular on the preparation of a joint communication strategy for the 2010 target and of a concept for a joint web portal.

VII/27: Mountain biological diversity

75. 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.

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

- (a) Initiated compilation of information on examples of successful collaboration between mountain dwellers and communities living in areas adjacent mountains to illustrate the upland-lowland contract;
- (b) Initiated compilation of case-studies and best practices on linking mountain biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty alleviation;
- (c) Held discussions with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, GMBA, on the implementation of the programme of work.
- (d) Participated in the on line discussion on 'Gender in mountains' organized by the Mountain Partnership.
- (e) The theme of this year's International Mountain Day (11 December) is "Managing Mountain Biodiversity for Better Lives". To commemorate the International Mountain Day, the Executive Secretary issued a message highlighting the importance of mountain biological diversity and the relationship between sustainable development of mountains and biological diversity, and calling for effective implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity for the well-being of mountain dwellers.

VII/28 and VIII/24: Protected areas

77. 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 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.

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

- (a) Participated in the "International Workshop for Better Management of Protected areas: Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on protected Areas" held in Juju islands, South Korea and presented a paper "Birth of the CBD programme of work on protected areas: progress and future prospects".
- (b) Finalized proposals, seeking financial assistance from the European Commission for organizing regional implementation and capacity building workshops.
- (c) Held discussions with UNEP-WCMC on further development of the World Database on Protected Areas for monitoring the programme of work on protected areas and development of spatial databases on marine areas.

(d) Convened a “planning group meeting on protected areas” in Montreal consisting of representatives of a NGO consortium (The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International, Wildlife Conservation Society, BirdLife International, WWF), IUCN- WCPA, the European Commission and the Government of Germany to discuss organization of regional implementation workshops and preparations for the second meeting of the working group. The meeting arrived on the following:

- All the major international NGOs and the IUCN-WCPA would collaborate and compliment each others efforts to assist countries in implementing the programme of work on protected areas in various regions.
- Organizing workshops at sub regional level is an effective way to strengthen the capacity building for implementing the programme of work on protected areas as well as to provide a forum for assessing the implementation of the programme of work.
- Agreed on, objectives, target audiences, content, principles and the outcomes of the workshops.
- Out of the required 16 sub regional workshops funding is available for seven sub-regions, and for the remaining 9 sub-regions funding needs to be explored.
- Prepared a concept note for exploring funding opportunities.

(e) Held discussions with CBD national focal point India regarding organizing the Asia and Pacific regional implementation workshop in India and prepared the host Government agreement.

(f) Co-sponsored with The Nature Conservancy, USAID, Parks-in-Peril and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), a workshop on "Implementing the CBD programme of work on protected areas” in St Lucia, from 5-7 for Eastern Caribbean States. 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, and (iii) management effectiveness.

VIII/1: Island biodiversity

79. Pursuant to decision VIII/1, the Secretariat finalized the list of potential partners for the programme of work and contacted 75 organizations requesting their confirmation of the partnership. Up to December 31, 22 responses were received and acknowledged. In light of the responses, a joint action plan will be designed and partners will be listed on the island biodiversity programme of work website.

80. Acting on item C of decision VIII/1 ("to facilitate links between Parties, partners, experts and other stakeholders and encourage capacity-building"), the Secretariat organized the workshop on the application of the ecosystem approach to protected areas in small islands, in Bangkok (UNESCAP facilities), from 12 to 16 December 2006, with the financial support of the government of the Netherlands. The workshop was organized in partnership with the United Nations University and IUCN, in close collaboration with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). More information on the workshop can be found under Decision VII/11 (Ecosystem Approach).

VIII/28: Impact assessment: voluntary guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment

81. 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. 8 (a)) and to facilitate capacity development activities focusing on the translation of

the guidance on biodiversity-inclusive strategic environmental assessment into practical national, sub regional, regional or sectoral approaches and guidelines (para. 12 (a)).

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

(a) With the help of an intern, the Secretariat has reviewed third national reports and NBSAPs and the information they contain on implementation of Article 14 of the Convention. The analysis identifies progress and obstacles to the implementation at regional level. It is being used in designing training material for regional workshops on NBSAPs. It also led to the identification of relevant case studies, which are being shared through the searchable database under the CHM.

(b) The Spanish version of the booklet with the text of the guidelines contained in decision VIII/28 and additional background material have been printed and made available for a training workshop for EIA directors from Central American countries, organized by the IUCN-Mesoamerica office in collaboration with the Netherlands Commission on Environmental Assessment. It has also been mailed to relevant partners involved in capacity development activities.

VIII/30: Biodiversity and climate change

83. In decision VIII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to (i) develop draft guidance on how to integrate relevant climate change impacts and response activities, into the programmes of work of the Convention and (ii) through the Joint Liaison Group consider on options for enhanced cooperation among the three Rio conventions.

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

(a) The Secretariat attended the twelfth Conference of the Parties (COP-12) to the UNFCCC where:

- Technical Series No. 25 was distributed to all delegations and was presented to the chair of COP-12 and the Executive Director of UNEP during the high level segment.
- The Memorandum of Understanding with the Green Belt Movement was signed by the Executive Secretary and Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai.
- A side event was organized jointly with the Convention on Migratory Species. The Executive Secretary conducted a Climate Change Kiosk presentation on climate change, biodiversity and development.
- Bilateral meetings were held with a number of Parties including Ministers from Brazil, Finland, and St. Lucia. Film footage was gathered for a video for International Biodiversity Day in 2007 which will be celebrated under the theme biodiversity and climate change.
- Also at COP-12, meetings were held with the Secretariats of the UNCCD and the UNFCCC to finalize the agenda for the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) meeting. The JLG is tentatively scheduled for the last half of January 2007.
- Additional meetings with the UNFCCC Secretariat were held to discuss future collaboration on the issue of reducing emissions from deforestation. Following the adoption of the UNFCCC COP decision on the issue, the CBD Secretariat was requested to submit an information paper for consideration by the 26th meeting of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body (SBSTA-26).
- At the margins of COP-12, a meeting was also held with UNEP – DGEF to discuss corporate activities in support of implementation of the Convention. A draft paper on the matter has been presented by UNEP – DGEF to the Executive Director of UNEP.

- The Secretariat participated in a retreat of Evangelical and Scientific Leaders, co organized by the Harvard Medical School Center for Health and Global Environment, and the National Association of Evangelicals, in Thomasville, USA.

VII/8 and VIII/15: Framework for monitoring implementation of the achievement of the 2010 target and integration of targets into the thematic programmes of work

85. In decision VIII/15 para. 2, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to elaborate a limited number of relevant, robust and measurable indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and to support the immediate testing and use of indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target.

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

(a) The Secretariat established an electronic discussion forum to further elaborate process indicators on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and invited experts on indicators to contribute to the discussion. Based on the comments, the proposed set of indicators will be submitted to the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation.

(b) The Secretariat commissioned the London Zoological Society to prepare a discussion paper on options for indicators on trends in invasive alien species. The paper was circulated and will be used for a meeting of relevant organizations to agree on the indicators to develop and implement. This meeting will be organized by Imperial College, in collaboration with a range of partners.

(c) The Secretariat commissioned FAO to develop an indicator on area of agricultural ecosystems under sustainable management.

(d) The Secretariat held discussions with UNEP-WCMC, UNDP and others and agreed on the wording to be used for the new biodiversity target to be incorporated in Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals. This is being submitted through the chair of the Inter-agency Expert Group to the Secretary-General's office.

(e) The Secretariat participated in a workshop on Streamlining European Biodiversity Indicators (SEBI2010), organized by the European Environment Agency (Copenhagen, Denmark, 28-29 November 2006). The workshop reviewed proposals on biodiversity indicators elaborated by six expert groups and made recommendations on the list of indicators to further develop. Links were developed between the European process and the CBD process coordinated by UNEP-WCMC through the project on the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

VII/12: Sustainable use of biological diversity

87. Further to decision VII/12, item C, the third workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, with an emphasis on agricultural biodiversity, happened between December 12 and 15 in Nairobi (UNON Conference Center). Through notification No. 2006 113, sent on October 17, 2006, the

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Secretariat informed all Parties of the results of the selection process, listing the 12 selected participants based on expertise and geographical and gender balance. The meeting was organized in partnership with FAO, three CGIAR centers (ICRAF, Bioversity International and TSBF) and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), and attended by fourteen official representatives of African countries nominated by CBD focal points (Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Egypt, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Seychelles, South Africa, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe) and nineteen representatives of governments, international research institutions, NGOs, farmers federations and indigenous and pastoralist people's organizations. Participants in the Workshop presented 19 case-studies on the sustainable use of biological resources in their countries taking into consideration the topic and focus of the Workshop on agriculture. All presentations have been set up on the website: <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/use/workshops.shtml>. The Earth Negotiations Bulletin, published by IISD, reported on the event and posted its report on <http://www.iisd.ca/africa/biodiv/arwsu/>. The final output (the Nairobi Statement on Sustainable Use of Agricultural Biodiversity and recommendations on the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines) will contribute to the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity for SBSTTA-13, led by FAO.

VII/14: Biological diversity and tourism

88. As a means to implement the CBD guidelines (as proposed by paragraph 12 of decision VII/14, requesting the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation and improvement of the Guidelines), the Secretariat attended the World Tourism Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil, from November 28 to December 2, 2006. The World Tourism Forum brought together 3,850 participants from 51 countries, and 15 ministers of tourism from Latin America and Africa. The SCBD organized a workshop titled "Natural alliance for a biodiversity friendly tourism", to highlight the Biodiversity and Tourism Network as a mean to monitor the implementation of the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development. The SCBD also contributed to a closed session on "Sustainable Tourism in Global Agendas: From Strategy to Policy and Implementation", attended by UNWTO, UNCTAD, Counterpart International, the UN Foundation, UNEP and several NGOs. The SCBD also contributed to two other workshops, "Innovation for Sustainable Tourism" (organized by UNEP), and "Sustainable travel: revealing the consumers power". During the High-Level Plenary at 17:45 on November 30, 2006, H.E. Minister Walfrido dos Mares Guia and Dr. Sergio Foguel of the WTF hosted the official launch of the SCBD/World Tourism Forum Network on Biodiversity and Tourism as a means to support biodiversity-friendly tourism. In early 2007, the SCBD is committed to produce a web-based platform to host the Biodiversity and Tourism Network, and to recruit up to 60 projects, corporations and government agencies to join. The website will be co-hosted by the World Tourism Forum and the SCBD, and its workplan is to be delivered to the World Tourism Forum Board by April 2007.

89. In early December 2006, the German government has made available additional resources to start the editing and layout of the User's Guide on the CBD guidelines on tourism and biodiversity. Specialists have already been selected to undertake this work, planned for completion by February 2007. The User's guide is planned to be launched in March 2007, along with the Biodiversity and Tourism website, at the ITB Berlin tourism trade fair, as part of an event with the Federal Ministry of Environment of Germany to launch the UNWTO Consulting Unit for rehabilitation of tourism facilities affected by the 2004 tsunami (using the CBD guidelines) in Thailand and Indonesia. A 1,000 copy reprint of the CBD guidelines is also authorized.

VIII/5: Article 8(j) and related provisions

90. During this quarter, the Secretariat participated in the Latin American and the Caribbean Consultation for indigenous and Local Communities on "Indicators for Traditional Knowledge" which

was facilitated by IUCN in partnership with the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity's Working Group on indicators. This meeting was held in Quito, Ecuador, from 11 to 13 December, 2006.

91. A joint Article 8(j) and clearing-house mechanism capacity-building workshop on networking and information exchange for national focal points and indigenous and local communities for the Latin America and the Caribbean region was convened by the Secretariat in Quito, Ecuador from 14 to 16 December 2006. The objective was to build capacity in networking and information exchange, including through new information and web-based technologies with a focus on the special needs of indigenous and local communities. More than 50 participants attended the workshop, which was made possible thanks to financial support from the Governments of Spain and the Netherlands.

VIII/29: Liability and redress

92. Following a notification to Parties and Governments and letters to 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, the Secretariat has received submissions on these issues. The Secretariat has started the compilation of the submissions as well as the preparation of a synthesis report for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In addition, once the compilation is completed it will be disseminated through the clearing-house mechanism.

VIII/4: Access to genetic resources and benefit sharing

93. The Secretariat continued preparations for the Group of Technical Experts on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance, to be held in Lima, Peru, from 22 to 25 January 2007, including the documentation for the meeting and logistical arrangements.

94. The Secretariat also participated in the following meetings related to access and benefit-sharing:

- The European Regional Meeting on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal provenance organized by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from 24 to 29 October 2006. At this meeting the representative of the Secretariat made a presentation on "Issues for consideration in relation to an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance".
- The "National Meeting on ABS and Certificates" organized by the Government of Canada, on 16 November 2006. At this meeting, the Secretariat representative made a presentation on issues for consideration in relation to an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance.
- The ABS Capacity-building Workshop for Africa, Cape Town, South Africa, organized under the framework of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity-building Initiative for Africa, from 19 to 24 November 2006. The representative of the Secretariat contributed to basic legal training on access and benefit-sharing in the context of the CBD.
- The 10th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, from 5 to 8 December 2006, in Geneva, Switzerland. The representative of the Secretariat presented a statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary and participated in a side-event organized by ICTSD and CIEL on "Recent International Developments in the Access and Benefit-sharing Regulatory Frameworks".

VIII/10: Operations of the Convention

95. In response to paragraph 33 of decision VIII/10, dealing with the use of CBD tools such as principles and guidelines by other international organizations and institutions, the Secretariat has compiled a list of all relevant international organizations for each set of guidelines and principles. The Secretariat has subsequently requested each organization to provide information on measures taken as well as constraints encountered regarding the use of each set of guidelines and principles. Submissions continue to be received by the Secretariat.

VII/18, VIII/25 and VIII/26: Incentive measures

96. In the period under review, the Secretariat initiated work on the preparatory process for the in-depth review of the programme of work on incentive measures by preparing pertinent documentation as requested in COP decision VIII/26, in particular the synthesis report of information provided by Parties in the third national reports, and by reviewing and enlarging the database on incentive measures. Further to a request expressed by COP in decision VIII/25, the Secretariat prepared the publication of a technical series document providing more in-depth information on the application of tools for valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and function, including by identifying and synthesizing a total of thirteen valuation studies applying a range of valuation tools and covering different ecosystems around the globe.

97. With a view to give further effect to the encouragement of international organizations by the Conference of the Parties, expressed in decision VIII/26, to strengthen research activities on the development of innovative positive incentive measures, the Secretariat participated in an IUCN/UNEP workshop of technical experts on the development of international payments for ecosystem services and in the further development of an research agenda on the topic by UNEP and IUCN.

98. With a view to reach out to the trade community and enhance its awareness of the importance of biodiversity as well as its knowledge of the CBD and the Cartagena Protocol, the Secretariat participated for the first time in a WTO regional seminar on trade and environment, which took place, for French-speaking African countries, in Rabat, Morocco, on 22-24 November 2006.

99. The Secretariat met informally on 10 October 2006 with the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures with a view to consult, as requested by COP in decision VIII/27, on a number of issues pertaining to alien invasive species.

VII/29 and VIII/12: Transfer of technology and cooperation

100. Further to the request by COP in decision VIII/12, the Secretariat initiated work for improving the effectiveness of the clearing house mechanism of the Convention as a mechanism to foster technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation, by identifying a number of key partner institutions and processes for the cooperative development of an online technology database, and inviting such cooperation.

VIII/31: Administration of the Convention and budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2007-2008: interim procedures for the allocation of funding for participation in meetings

101. By paragraph 21 of decision VIII/31, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, with guidance of the Bureau, to develop as an interim arrangement for the 2007-2008 biennium pending endorsement

by COP 9, procedures for the allocation of funding from the “Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Convention Process”, to developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as Parties with economies in transition, to secure adequate representation from each region. On the basis of this request, the Executive Secretary prepared a draft interim arrangement for the allocation of funding from the BZ Trust Fund for participation in meetings of the Convention. The interim arrangement was endorsed by the Bureau at its meeting on 5 December 2006 and circulated to all Parties. The interim arrangement will be submitted to COP 9 for endorsement.

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BS-III/1: Compliance

102. The Secretariat continued with the preparations for the Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol, which will take place 5 -7 March 2007 in Montreal, Canada. The Provisional Agenda and the principal working document for the meeting, titled “Information and Experience Regarding Repeated Cases of Non-Compliance under the Compliance Mechanisms of other Multilateral Environmental Agreements”, are being finalized and are expected to be posted to the CBD website early in the first quarter of 2007.

BS-II/2 and BS-III/2: Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)

103. In its decision BS-I/3, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) adopted the modalities of the operation of Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH). At its second meeting, it adopted a multi-year programme of work for the BCH, in which Executive Secretary is requested to implement a number of activities in order to improve the ease of reporting and accessing information in the BCH, make a broader range of biosafety information accessible to BCH users and contribute to the building of capabilities of countries to access and use the BCH (decision BS-II/2). At its third meeting, COP-MOP adopted decision BS-III/2 which includes additional guidance to enhance the implementation of the multi-year programme of work for the BCH.

104. In accordance with the Modalities of Operation of the BCH adopted in decision BS-I/3, the second meeting of the BCH Informal Advisory Committee was convened in Geneva on 23 and 24 November to provide technical advice to the Executive Secretary on the ongoing development of the BCH. The Committee considered the following issues in depth: management of information at the national level; design of the Central Portal; capacity-building; partnership arrangements; compliance issues; interoperability mechanisms; and the multi-year programme of work. The report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/bch-iac.shtml>.

105. Pursuant to paragraph 15 of decision BS-III/2, the Secretariat produced a new offline version of the BCH on CD-ROMs for distribution to National Focal Points who have limited or expensive Internet access. The CD-ROM includes all records that are contained in the BCH databases including the search functions required to access those records. English versions of the CD-ROMs were sent out 15

December 2006 and they will be updated and distributed to the concerned Governments on a quarterly basis. They will become available in all the other official United Nations languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish) starting in the first quarter of 2007.

106. Furthermore, as part of the implementation of the multi-year programme of work for the BCH, all of the national records registered in the BCH were reviewed and summaries of the information for each government, Parties and non-Parties, were compiled. These summaries were sent to National Focal Points with a reminder regarding the categories of information which are required to be made available to the BCH under the Protocol (as outlined in section A of the Modalities of Operation of the BCH). The National Focal Points were invited to review and update, as appropriate, the information for their Government and were asked to differentiate between information that has not been made available because it does not exist versus information that has not been reported.

107. Pursuant to COP-MOP Decision BS-III/2 and in accordance with the multi-year programme of work for the BCH, the Secretariat implemented, in October and December 2006, a number of new features in the Central Portal of the BCH in order to facilitate its improved access to and use. The main new additional features include: a new section on information-sharing, a new facility to undertake 'global' decision searching, expanded help features, a new section on reporting, new search features and instructions for using the BCH multilingual thesaurus, updated common formats, a new background saving feature, an improved publishing mechanism, an ability for users to link decision and risk assessment records to the BCH Living Modified Organism Registry, a safer un-publishing mechanism, a more flexible way of displaying search results, improved common formats for capacity-building project and opportunity records and a redesigned news submission feature.

108. Finally, in accordance with the multi-year programme of work for the BCH, the Secretariat embarked on a process to review and update various BCH databases, including: the Compendium of Academically-Accredited Biosafety Courses, the Capacity Building Opportunities database, the Capacity Building Projects database and the Biosafety Information Resource Centre (BIRC). The process includes research by the Secretariat to collect relevant information from different sources. It also includes inviting contact persons to review their records and to provide any updates and other relevant information. The process is expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2007.

BS-II/3 AND BS-III/3: Capacity Building

109. The Secretariat continued with the preparations for the third Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities and the Fourth Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety, which will take place back-to-back in Lusaka, Zambia from 26-28 February and 1-3 March 2007, respectively. A Memorandum of Understanding with the host Government, Zambia, was prepared and sent to relevant authorities for signature. An official letter was also received from the Government of Germany confirming the funding for participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Invitations were sent out to all participants and the agenda and annotated agenda for both meetings were finalized and posted on the CBD website.

110. Further progress was made with regard to the preparations for the second international meeting of academic institutions and organizations involved in biosafety education and training. The meeting has been scheduled to take place 16-18 April 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, following the offer by the University of Malaya to host it. The Government of Switzerland contributed CHF 50,000 towards the meeting and pledges were received from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Government of Denmark. The Secretariat prepared the provisional agenda and annotated agenda and sent out invitations to all participants.

111. The Secretariat contributed a paper and participated in the International Conference on Capacity-Building in Biosafety and the Implications of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which was held 20-22 November 2006 in New Delhi, India.

112. The Secretariat further developed the project concept on "Capacity-Building for Implementing the Requirements for Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of Paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety". Funding for the project is still being sought from potential donors. The project will include: development of training modules; organisation of five regional "training of trainers" workshops; and development of knowledge management system for LMO identification/ documentation.

BS-II/6 AND BS-III/6: Cooperation

113. During the reporting period, the Secretariat embarked on a process of developing a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the area of biosafety capacity-building and information sharing. A draft MoC was prepared and sent to UNIDO for review and signature.

114. Within the context of the MoC that was signed in 2004, the Secretariat also initiated discussions with the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) regarding ways of further enhancing cooperation, particularly in the fields of biosafety information sharing and scientific training in risk assessment and risk management.

BS-I/8, BS-II/11, and BS-III/12: Liability and Redress

115. The Secretariat continued with the preparations for the Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol which will take place 19-23 February 2007 in Montreal, Canada. The Provisional Agenda and Annotations to the Provisional Agenda have been finalized and posted to the CBD website. The working documents for the meeting are being finalized and are expected to be posted to the CBD website early in the first quarter of 2007.

BS-II/13: Public awareness and participation (Article 23)

116. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of decision BS-II/13 on public awareness and participation, the Secretariat produced the first issue of a bi-annual newsletter on biosafety, entitled Biosafety Protocol News. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide Parties, other Governments, relevant agencies and other stakeholders with a medium to promote awareness of the Protocol and to exchange information and news regarding their efforts, experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the Protocol.

Status of ratification or accession to the Protocol

117. As of 19 December 2006, 136 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 instrument of ratification/accession that has been deposited with it.

CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM

118. During the fourth quarter of 2006, the clearing-house mechanisms focused mainly on the implementation of activities 1.1.1. to 1.1.3. of its Strategic Plan. These activities consisted in convening joint technical workshops on new information and web-based technologies to assist in the implementation of the Convention, and taking into account the special needs of indigenous and local communities. As planned, voluntary funding for these activities from the Government of the Netherlands was combined with other resources, and activities were undertaken in collaboration with other partners.

119. The Secretariat contributed technical expertise during the second week of the sub-regional training workshop on the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism organized in Antananarivo, Madagascar from 6 to 17 November 2006. This sub-regional CHM training workshop was jointly organized by the Governments of Madagascar and Belgium within the framework of the partnership between some African countries and Belgium to strengthen the capacity of national clearing-house mechanisms in Africa. The objective was to assist three Indian Ocean countries (Madagascar, Comoros and Mauritius) in the implementation of their national CHM websites. Fifteen participants were trained on the use of European CHM Portal Toolkit, on web-based technologies, and on matters related to the clearing-house mechanism.

120. In pursuance of activity 1.1.4. of the CHM Strategic Plan on the development of web-based systems, and in accordance with Section D of Decision VIII/5 on mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities, the clearing-house mechanism has designed the Traditional Knowledge Information Portal as an information exchange platform for promoting and discussing traditional knowledge. This portal offers modern web-based information exchange tools such as blogs and discussion forums that can be used and maintained by indigenous and local communities. The portal will evolve based on feedback received from those communities to ensure it effectively respond to their needs.

121. A joint Article 8(j) and clearing-house mechanism capacity-building workshop on networking and information exchange for national focal points and indigenous and local communities for the Latin America and the Caribbean region was convened by the Secretariat in Quito, Ecuador from 14 to 16 December 2006. Thanks to voluntary funding from the Governments of the Netherlands and Spain, this workshop brought together national focal points in charge of their national clearing-house mechanism and representatives of indigenous and local communities. The objective was to build capacity by sharing national experiences and by providing training on the Traditional Knowledge Information Portal. Around 50 participants attended the workshop. Feedback and recommendations were compiled with a view to improving the portal, promoting traditional knowledge, and further developing the global clearing-house mechanism network.

122. Due to the aforementioned activities, pending work on the redesign of the CBD website had to be postponed until early 2007. The clearing-house mechanism remains committed to delivering a new enhanced version of the CBD website to better serve the Parties and other partners, and as a major outreach tool to the general public.

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

VIII/5: Communication, education and public awareness

123. In decision VIII/5, on Communication, Education and Public Awareness, the COP requested that the Executive Secretary enhance communication, education, and public awareness activities on all issues related to the realization of the three objectives of the Convention and in particular the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target and to explore linkages with other global initiatives that are particularly relevant to the work of CEPA.

124. The COP also requested that the Executive Secretary ensure adequate support of the Secretariat to the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness, as well as to work with other partners, such as the biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, in particular through the Biodiversity Liaison Group, in implementing the tasks in the short list of priority activities in Annex II to the decision.

125. In support of this the COP also decided to establish the informal advisory committee as a broader expert group on communication, education and public awareness, including representatives from indigenous and local communities, and provide for regular meetings of this group and called upon donors to provide the necessary funds;

126. In support of this the following activities were carried out:

- (a) with the financial support of the government of the Netherlands, a meeting of the informal advisory committee on communication, education and public awareness was held in Montreal on 11 and 12 December. The meeting focused on the short list of priority activities for the implementation of the programme of work on CEPA. Among the conclusions, participants agreed:
- a. To create national implementation structures for CEPA as the first step of any CEPA activities and that these should be linked to concrete events such as the International Day for Biological Diversity.
 - b. On the importance of convening regional workshops for the training of journalists and editors. Participants offered in kind support and expertise to these.
 - c. That for the celebration of the International year for Biological Diversity in 2010, as mandated by the UNGA, that the development of key messages should be entrusted to an international advertising firm and that linkages to the UN Decade of Education for sustainable development should be emphasized.
 - d. Participants approved the plans for the International Day for Biological Diversity for 2007 and thanked the ES for announcing the theme in advance. UNFCCC agreed to disseminate materials to their national focal points for Public Awareness, and agreed to work with CBD and UNESCO to develop an education kit on climate change and biodiversity early in 2007. Participants also agreed that NGOs should be used to disseminate the materials in other countries. The plans for 2008 and 2009 were welcomed.
 - e. To support a photo exhibition on the 2010 target developed collaboratively with GTZ, GEO and IUCN was welcomed and support was urged for this.
 - f. GBO2 was welcomed and praised as a good resource for NFPs, but the participants wanted shorter versions for different audiences (business, agriculture, etc). For GBO3, the group indicated the need for careful thinking about the messages of 2010. The message of "Beyond 2010" was suggested as key.

127. On December 13 and 14, a small meeting was held to discuss the creation of toolkits on CEPA and the integration of CEPA into capacity-building workshops on NBSAPs (as per the decision VIII/6). Representatives of UNEP-DEC, Ramsar, UNFCCC and IUCN's CEC provided input into the draft agenda for the African NBSAP workshop, including ways that CEPA could be integrated as a stand-alone module as well as a tool throughout the process. A new revision was to be considered.

128. Information materials for the celebration of the International Day for Biological diversity in May 2007 on the theme of Climate Change and Biodiversity were under development, with a planned release in January 2007. With the generous financial support of the government of the Netherlands, the following materials were under production:

- a. A brochure, in all six United Nations languages, plus Hindi and Kiswahili, on climate change and biological diversity
- b. A poster, in all six United Nations languages
- c. Fact sheets on the relationship between climate change, biodiversity and the achievement of the millennium development goals
- d. A promotional video on climate change and biodiversity
- e. In collaboration with TVE, a video on climate change and biodiversity in the context of livelihoods, for airing in April 2007

129. The second issue of Gincana magazine, on the outcomes of COP-8, was produced. The magazine featured articles from heads of state and international organizations on the impact of COP-8 on the achievement of the 2010 target.

130. The collection at the museum of nature and culture, located at the offices of the secretariat, grew with donations from a number of countries. A brochure on the museum was produced and distributed to parties.

IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

VIII/8: Implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan

131. The second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention in July 2007 will review the implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan focusing *inter alia* National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans. As requested by the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat is preparing a synthesis/analysis of information on the status of NBSAP development and implementation to assist the Working Group in this work, drawing upon (i) information provided by Parties in their 3rd National Reports, (ii) additional information provided by Parties in response to letters sent by the Executive Secretary in May 2006 pursuant to Decision VIII/8 paragraph 4, (iii) previous reviews of NBSAPs and other sources.

132. Since the request for information on the status of NBSAPs referred to in the previous paragraph, seven Parties have provided their NBSAPs to the Secretariat. This brings the total number of countries that have completed their NBSAPs to 127, with another 36 countries having preliminary versions of their NBSAPs. In addition, 13 Parties had responded with information about the status of NBSAPs, in response to the letter from the Executive Secretary

133. Central to the in-depth review of the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan, as mandated by Decision VIII/8, is the proposed series of sub-regional workshops on capacity building for NBSAPs. These will not only provide comprehensive and current information on the implementation of Goal 3, but also will serve as important capacity-building opportunities thereby supporting the

implementation of COP-8 decisions on capacity building for national reporting (Decision VIII/ 18 (e)) and Communication, Education and Public Awareness (Decision VI/6).

134. In total, 8 sub-regional workshops are envisioned, subject to the necessary financial resources being available. The workshops will be structured as five-day events, facilitating exchange of country experiences, dissemination of best practices, and utilizing active learning techniques, while allowing for an in-depth assessment of the progress made and challenges facing NBSAP implementation as well as the integration of biodiversity-related plans and strategies across sectors. Participants are envisioned to be those closely involved in NBSAP planning and mainstreaming. The SCBD will write to national focal points requesting the nomination of the most appropriate person. In the spirit of facilitating South-South cooperation and knowledge-exchange, the workshops will draw on the expertise of resource people from the region who will present NBSAP best practices and lessons learned, as well as training sessions on tools for implementation. These will be experts who have played central roles in preparing NBSAPs, who have been involved at the policy level in mainstreaming initiatives, who have experience at the programme or project level in implementing components of NBSAPs, and who have experience in building public awareness and communication strategies.

135. Terms of reference as stated in Decision VIII/10 have provided background against which training materials are being designed to enhance capacity of National Focal Points to Implement the Convention. A series of 12 training modules are being prepared by the SCBD and consultants from UNU contracted through UNEP. These cover a range of issues including the role of focal points, the CHM, making the case for biodiversity, biodiversity planning processes, mainstreaming into cross-sectoral plans and programmes, integrating the 2010 target, ensuring stakeholder engagement, NBSAP financing, and national reporting.

136. In addition a staff orientation manual is being prepared that will be used periodically in future for all new staff joining the Secretariat.

137. A brainstorming meeting was held Dec. 13 and 14 following the CEPA / IAC meeting. Feedback was received on the NBSAP training modules, and an extensive discussion was held on ways to ensure and enhance linkages with the CEPA tool kits in preparation. Furthermore, feedback was provided on the proposed Southern and Eastern Africa NBSAP workshop agenda as well as the inclusion of issues related to CEPA as an important policy tool.

VIII/10: Operations of the Convention

138. The draft annotated agenda for the second meeting of the Working Group on the Implementation of the CBD has been prepared and approved by the COP Bureau. The documents for the meeting are under preparation. The meeting will occur in Paris in July 2007 back to back with SBSTTA.

VIII/14: National reporting

139. A reference manual is being developed to assist Parties in preparing their fourth national reports.

140. Training modules designed to strengthen capacities to prepare the fourth national report are being prepared and will be used at training workshops for national focal points, which will be organized back to back with some major meetings under the Convention. This is being done in response to a recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of decision VIII/14, and is also part of the efforts to provide technical support and promote capacity building for the preparation national reports, as requested in paragraphs 18(d) and (e).

141. Notifications and questionnaires had been sent to Parties to solicit information additional to that in third national reports for reviews of implementation of the programmes of work on agricultural and forest biodiversity and the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. This is done in response to paragraph 9 of decision VIII/14.

142. In response to a request contained in paragraph 18 (b), the updated synthesis of information contained in the third national reports under preparation and will be available in March 2007.

143. In response to a notification sent in early May regarding the submission of the third national report, an additional 12 Parties have submitted their third national reports during the quarter bringing the total to 111. The Secretariat has continued to follow-up with those Parties that have not as yet submitted their third National Report.

144. Biodiversity country profiles have been prepared and transmitted to Parties for their review and approval to make the information available on the Convention's website. These profiles comprise information on the status and trends of biodiversity and the measures being taken to achieve the 2010 target. The purpose is to present a brief country profile in regard to biodiversity issues and the implementation of the Convention. The information will be selected, in most part, from the country's latest National report and its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, as well as from internal databases. Once reviewed and approved by countries, the profiles will be featured on the Convention's updated website.

145. The Secretariat is liaising with the GEF Secretariat and Implementing Agencies with a view to facilitating the provision of financial support for the preparation of their fourth national reports.

VIII/15: Monitoring implementation of the 2010 Target

146. In liaison with UNEP, UNDP, the Liaison Group of Biodiversity related Conventions, the Inter-agency Task force on the 2010 target, the Inter-agency expert group on indicators for the Millennium Development Goals, and the Office of the Secretary General, the Secretariat is facilitating the wide use of the 2010 Biodiversity Target and the Targets and Indicators of the Framework for monitoring implementation of the Convention and achievement of the 2010 Target.

VIII/16: Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives

147. The Executive Secretary had a meeting with the Executive Secretary of the five United Nations Regional Economic Commissions (ECLAC, ECA, ESCAP, ESCOW, and ECC) in October. It was agreed that an umbrella MOU will be prepared and signed at COP9, revolving around mainstreaming biodiversity into regional processes, South-South cooperation, cities and Biodiversity as well as outreach activities including the celebration of the International Biodiversity Day starting 2007 and the 2010 International Year on Biodiversity. The MOU will be accompanied by multi-year programmes of action with each of the UN commissions. Agreement was reached to hold regular annual meetings. The second meeting will be held in NY in October 2007 at the margins of the 62 UNGA.

148. The secretariat has contributed to the review being carried out by UNEP of the Environmental Management Group, taking into account the report of the Secretary General's high level panel on system wide coherence.

VIII/18: Further guidance to the financial mechanism

VIII/13: Review of implementation of financial resources and financial mechanism

149. The Secretariat continued discussions on the assessment of incremental costs with the GEF Evaluation Office, which was preparing a review of the implementation of incremental cost principles.

150. The inception report on the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism has been prepared. The draft questionnaire for purposes of the review was sent to relevant experts for consultation, including the GEF Office of Evaluation. The questionnaire is subsequently being revised.

151. The fourth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund became effective in November 2006.

152. The Secretariat attended the thirtieth meeting of the GEF Council Meeting held from 4-8 December 2006. A brief message was delivered on behalf of the Convention.

153. The Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the GEF visited the Secretariat and discussed her vision and strategies for a new GEF. The Secretariat provided inputs to the GEF document "Relations with Conventions" prepared for the thirtieth meeting of the GEF.

154. The Secretariat received and reviewed Project Development Facility/pipeline proposals (PDF), Medium-sized projects (MSPs) and Full Projects (FP). A list is included in Annex X of this report.

155. In response to the notifications on Articles 20 and 21, Canada, Switzerland and Greenpeace provided comprehensive information on their experiences and perspectives in developing new and innovative financial mechanisms. Finland on behalf of the European Union requested extension of the deadline for submissions in this regard.

156. Technical discussions on payment for ecosystem services continued to evolve. Close collaborations have been undertaken with UNEP economics program in developing international payments for ecosystem services.

157. A notification on environmental funds was sent to Parties and relevant organizations.

158. RSPB provided their perspectives on environmental funds. Australia advised that their response were under preparation. Discussions continued with Latin American Network on Environmental Funds on their plan to organize a meeting on environmental trust funds.

159. The Secretariat provided advice to the following requests in respect of their project proposal development:

- Angola: Financing clearing-house mechanism
- Mauritius: Financing clearing-house mechanism
- Pacific: SPREP initiatives on the Micronesian Challenge
- Rwanda: Financing national biodiversity strategies and action plans

160. Funding information was also provided to the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization for its documentation on CBD updates.

161. Consultation was undertaken with the GEF Secretariat for the possibility of jointly developing the Handbook on the Financial Mechanism. The two secretariats agreed to work together on the Handbook for release at COP-9.

162. The major sections of the Donor Guide to the Convention were updated and revised.

163. Training modules using Microsoft Power Point were prepared on access to GEF funding. The training modules were tested at the Regional Synergy Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Biological Diversity of Agro-Systems within Dry and Sub-Humid Lands held from 20 - 23 November 2006 in Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 - MEETINGS

3 October	Meeting with Mr. Feridun Hamdullahpur, Vice-President, Carleton University, Ottawa, as well as participate in the round table discussion organized by the Working Group on Biodiversity
5 October	Meeting with Mr. Ole Hendrickson and Mr. Robert McLean
10 October	Presentation by Mr. Michel Loreau – McGill University, as President of Diversitas
13 October	Signing of MOU with Mr. Claude Hamel
12-13 October	Brainstorming session on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and the Role of Communities – Bangkok, Thailand
17 October	Presentation by Mr. Benoit Limoges
19 October	Meeting with Montreal International and 3 levels of government
20 October	Visit of Mr. Gil-Sou, Consul General of Korea in Montreal
23 October	Visit of New Zealand delegation
23 October	Visit of Mr. Nobutaka Shinomiya, Consul General of Japan in Montreal
23 October	Visit of the President of FICSA
24-27 October 2006	International Workshop on protected areas in Korea – Cheju Island, Korea
24-29 October	European Regional Meeting to prepare for the meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance – Isle of Vilm, Germany
25 & 27 October	Visit of the Edouard-Montpetit Cegep to the Secretariat
26-27 October	4èmes Journées de l'IFB, s'intitule: Biodiversité: quelle recherche dans 15 ans? Enjeux, chercheurs, contextes – Paris, France
2 November	Meeting with Mr. Michel Loreau, McGill University – follow-up to MOU to be signed during SBSTTA-12
2-3 November	Conseil scientifique de Ouranos (JAW) – Log 55030
5 November 2006	Conférence “Cultiver la biodiversité”, Jardin botanique de Montréal, Canada
9 November 2006	Visit of the students from the Collège Édouard-Montpetit, Montreal, Canada
9 November	Visit of Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the U.N. Millennium Development Project
10 November	Meeting of the Executive Secretary with Mr. Tadanori Inomata from UNOG for the JIU Management Review
10 November	Meeting of the Executive Secretary with Martin Watson of the Quaker United Nations Office
13 November	Photo Exhibition meeting – Frankfurt, Germany
13-17 November	Sub-regional training workshop intended for key partners of national CHMs – Antananarivo, Madagascar
14-15 November	Workshop on “Biodiversity and the Global Market Economy” - Geneva, Switzerland
15 November	Visit of students from McGill University to the Secretariat office
15-17 November	High Level Segment UNFCCC COP-12 – Nairobi, Kenya – Log 55336, side event to launch the Technical Series No. 25 on climate change
15 November	Signing of the MOU with Green Belt Movement – Nairobi, Kenya
16 November	National meeting on ABS and certificates – Gatineau, Quebec
16-17 November	Various meetings with IUCN, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, UNEP Finance Initiative - Geneva, Switzerland
19-24 November	First ABS Capacity-Building Workshop for Africa - Cape Town, South Africa
20-22 November	International Conference on Biosafety – New Delhi, India
22 November	Presentation at McGill University on “business case for biodiversity” – McGill University, Montreal, Canada

23-25 November	First International Symposium “Agreements for Biodiversity” – Malaga, Spain (AD) – Log 55826 – cancelled
24 November 2006	Visit of Mr. Ben Boer, Co-Director of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law
27 November	Presentation at McGill University on “business case for biodiversity” – McGill University MBA class, Montreal, Canada
27 November	Joint Initiative on Science and Technology – Vienna, Austria
27-29 November	Second International Symposium on Conservation of Wild Flore and Phytogenetic Resources under the Framework of the CBD – Cordoba, Spain
28-29 November	Workshop on Streamlining European 2010 Biodiversity Indicators (SEBI 2010) – Copenhagen, Denmark
28 Nov-8 Dec	WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Propoerty, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore – Geneva, Switzerland
29 Nov – 2 Dec	World Tourism Forum for Peace and Sustainable Development (WTF) – Porto Alegre, Brazil; side event on tourism and biodiversity
30 Nov-2 Dec	Retreat for Scientists and Evangelical Leaders – Georgia, U.S.A.
1 December	Meeting with the Bureau d’audiences publiques sur l’environnement (BAPE) and Meeting with senior levels of the Ministry of Sustainable Development (MDDEP) – Quebec, Canada
5-8 December	GEF Council meeting – Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
9-10 December	Meeting with the President of Tunisia and other senior government officials – Tunis, Tunisia
10 December	Collaborative Partnership on Forests meeting – New York, U.S.A.
11 December	National Biodiversity Meeting – Tunis, Tunisia
11 December	Conférence du CEDRIE - La conservation et l’utilisation durable de la biodiversité: comment les savoirs traditionnels des autochtones peuvent-ils nous aider? - Montréal, Canada
11-15 December	Open-ended Ad hoc Expert Meeting on negotiation of a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests – New York, U.S.A.
13-15 December	Workshop of senior experts on the implementation of the CBD – Potsdam, Germany
17-19 December	Joint International Conference: Desertification and the International Policy Imperative – Algiers, Algeria
19 December	UNDP Equator Prize, Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee – New York, U.S.A.
19-20 December	18 th session of the Council of the Arab Ministers of the Environment - Algiers, Algeria
20 December 2006	Meeting with the President of Algeria and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria - Algiers, Algeria

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 24 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 11 vacant posts, (7 professional and 4 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 6 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex III respectively).

2. There were 6 Interns working at the Secretariat during the period under review: Mr. Bassam Adam from Canada, working on Traditional Knowledge and Ethics with SEL, Ms. Julie Tasker Brown from the United States of America, working on Impact Assessment with STTM, Mr. Hans Haake from Germany, working on Incentive Measures with SEL, Ms. Sabine Brels from France, working on National Focal Points and Policy makers with SEL, Ms. Aude Tremblay from Canada, working on Access and Benefit Sharing with SEL and Ms. Hiroko Kodaka from Japan, working on Forest Biodiversity with STTM.

II Contributions and Funds

3. During the fourth quarter of 2006, six new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. 60,000 Euros was received from Portugal for the Expert meeting on Ecological Criteria and Biogeographic Classification Systems of Marine Areas in need of Protection; Spain pledged 250,000 Euros in support of the Implementation of the Programme of Work for Article 8(j), and 80,000 Euros for the ABS Technical Expert Group meeting in Lima, Peru, 22-25 February 2007; US\$317,068 (2 million NOK) was received from the Government of Norway for activities for International Biodiversity Day in 2007; Germany pledged 25,550 Euros in support of various CBD activities, and the EC pledged 225,000 Euros for various activities.

4. For 2006 a total of US\$1,702,367 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$923,921 or 54% has been collected as at 31 December 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\$7,306,375 or 90.4% has been received as at 31 December 2006. A total of US\$1,998,471 has also been collected in 2006 as advance payments for 2007 and future years. Additionally, US\$885,000 has been pledged and US\$250,000 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2006. US\$592,255 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 31 December 2006 a total of US\$629,696 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); EC (105,000 Euros); Finland (30,000 Euros); Germany (\$25,550 Euros); Norway (NOK 500,000); Spain (208,527 Euros) and Switzerland (US\$32,281).

7. As at 31 December 2006, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2006 amounted to US\$466,746 or 74% of the total pledged for 2006. Additionally, \$112,725 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$212,408 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 December 2006, a total of eighty (80) countries have paid US\$1,645,542 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 91% of pledges for 2006. A total of US\$819,078 has also been collected in 2006 as advance payments for 2007 and future years. US\$49,532 has also been collected in 2006 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 31 December 2006, pledges to the Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**) amounts to \$74,395 in 2006. No collections were made during the period. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

10. As at 31 December 2006, the Governments of Austria, EEC, Finland, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland have pledged a total of US\$608,460 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\$238,114 or 39% 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. Preliminary estimates as at 31 December 2006, indicate a total expenditure/commitment of US\$10,883,805. This represents 99.7% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-1 approved a budget of US\$1,878,700 for the BG Trust Fund for 2006. Preliminary estimates as at 31 December 2006, indicate a total expenditure/commitment of US\$1,214,757. This represents 65% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

13. At present the following ten staff members are funded by UNEP from the programme support funds (PSC): Chief, Fund Management and Administration (P-5); Administrative Officer (P-3); Associate Finance Officer (P-2); Assistant Research Officer (P-1); Senior Finance Assistant (G-8); Finance Assistant (G-5); Personnel Assistant (G-7); Conference Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-7) and Administrative Assistant (G-6).

Appendix 1
STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
October - December 2006

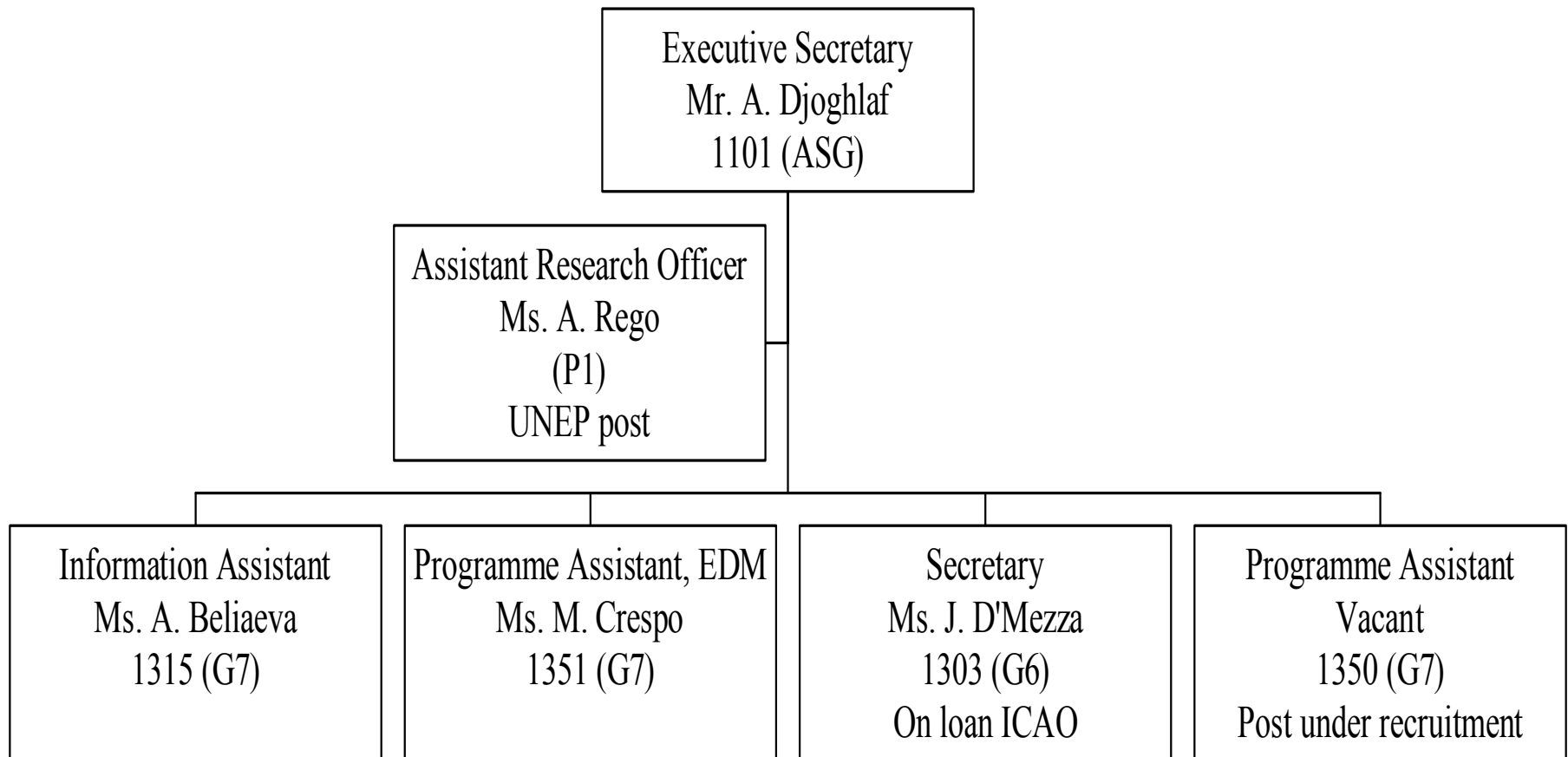
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaf
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
1104	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Mr. A. Nogueira
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. D.Ogolla
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1114	P4	Programme Officer (RMCS)	Ms. M. Soliman
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	Programme Officer (OMG)	Mr. N. Bertrand
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	M. M. Khan
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Mr. O. De Munck
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. R. Muruthi Mureithi (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P3	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale
1127	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (OMG)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P4	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (BS)	Vacant (Post advertised)

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Mr. Ryan Hill
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. Jaime Webb
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. Oliver Hillel
1144	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (ITS)	Mr. D. Cooper
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (OMG)	Mr. P. LeBlond
	P1	Assistant Research Officer (OES)	Ms. A. Rego (Post funded by UNEP)
	L1	Junior Professional Officer - Forests (STTM)	Mr. R. Kohsaka (Japan)
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. J. D'Mezza (on loan from ICAO)
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. L. Boutin
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
1307	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. D. Stepic
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefebvre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Ms. A. Vincent
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Vacant (post reclassified)

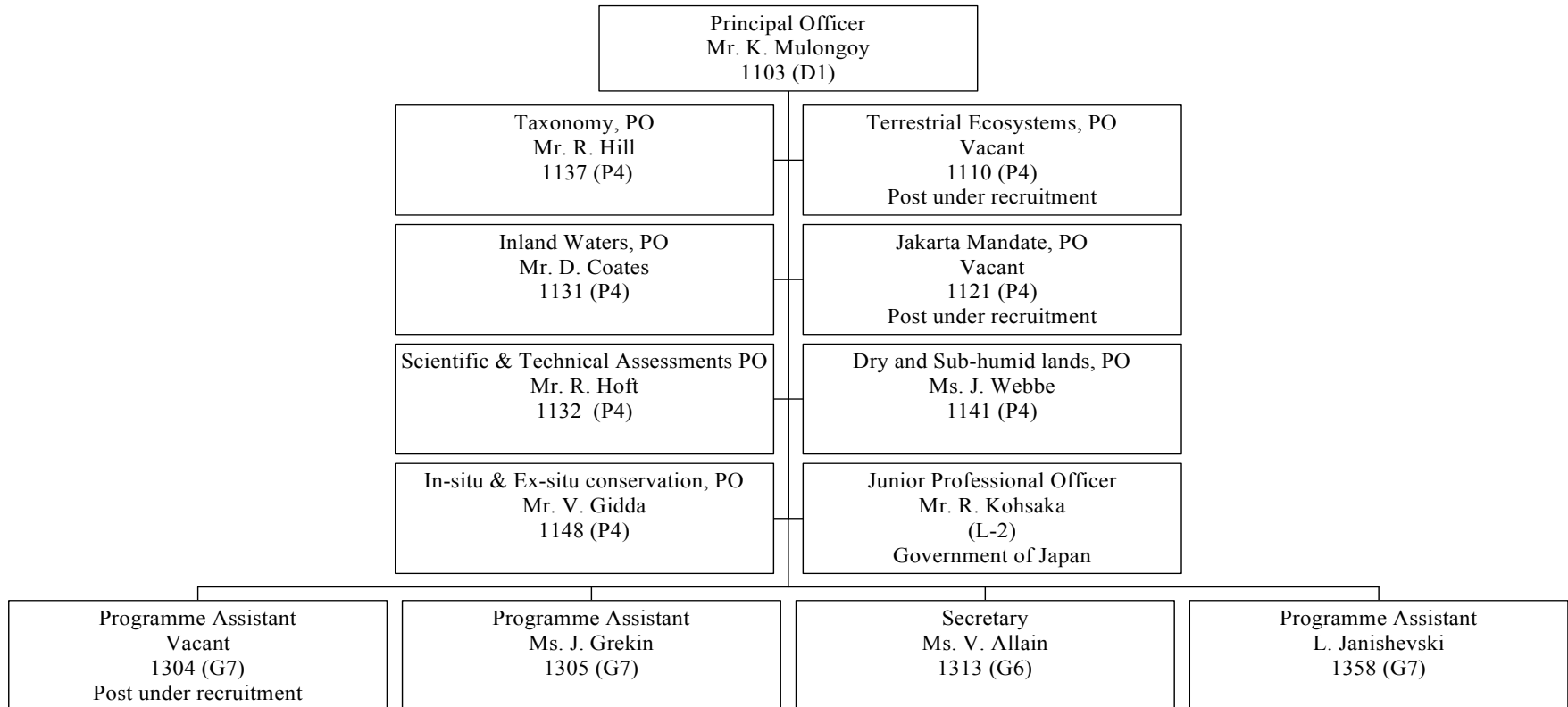
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. J. Datinginoo (Post funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	GS	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	Ms. F. D’Amico
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G7	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb
1357	G7	Meeting Services Assistant	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1358	G7	Programme Assistant (STTM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)

ANNEX III - ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF THE CBD SECRETARIAT

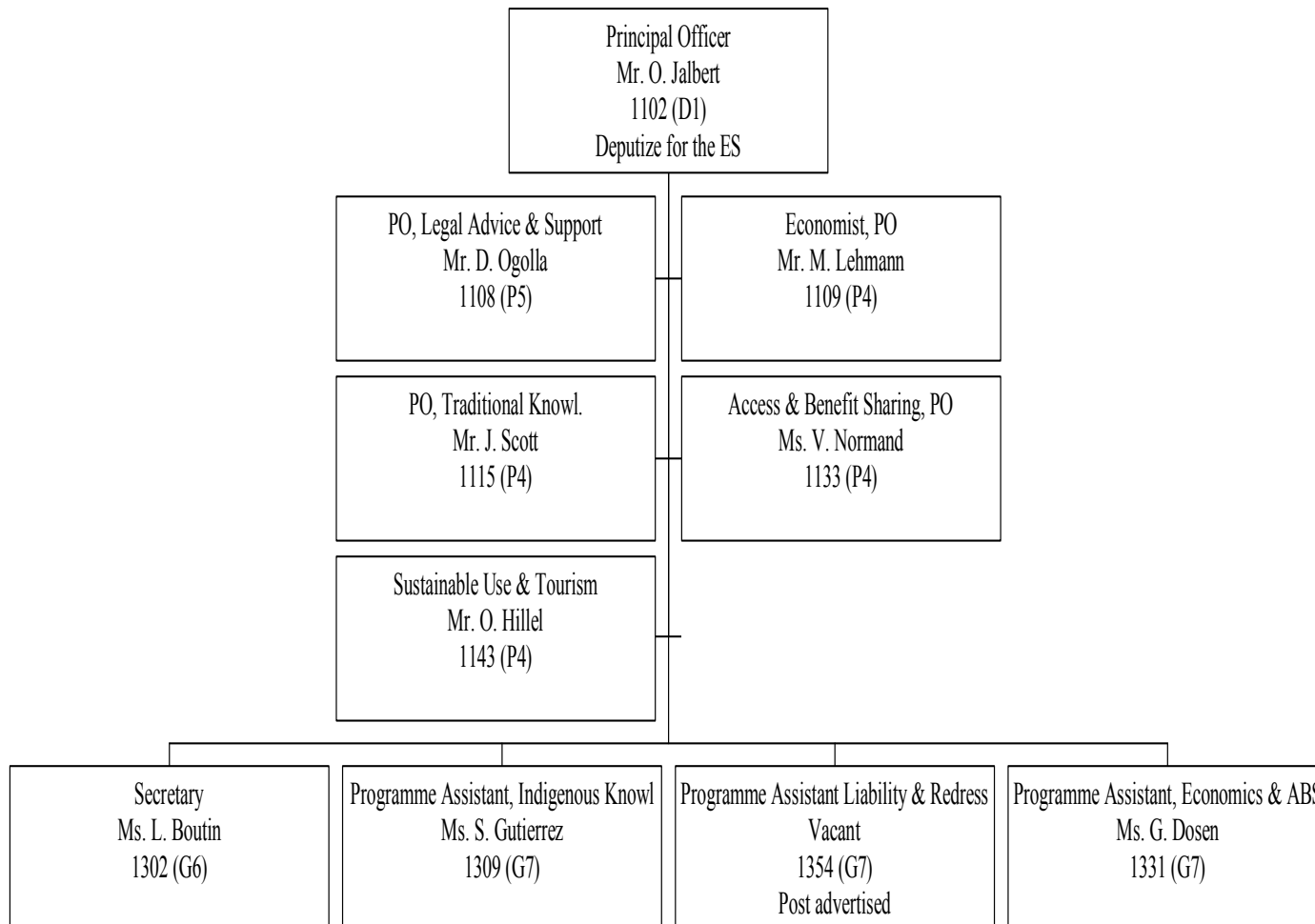
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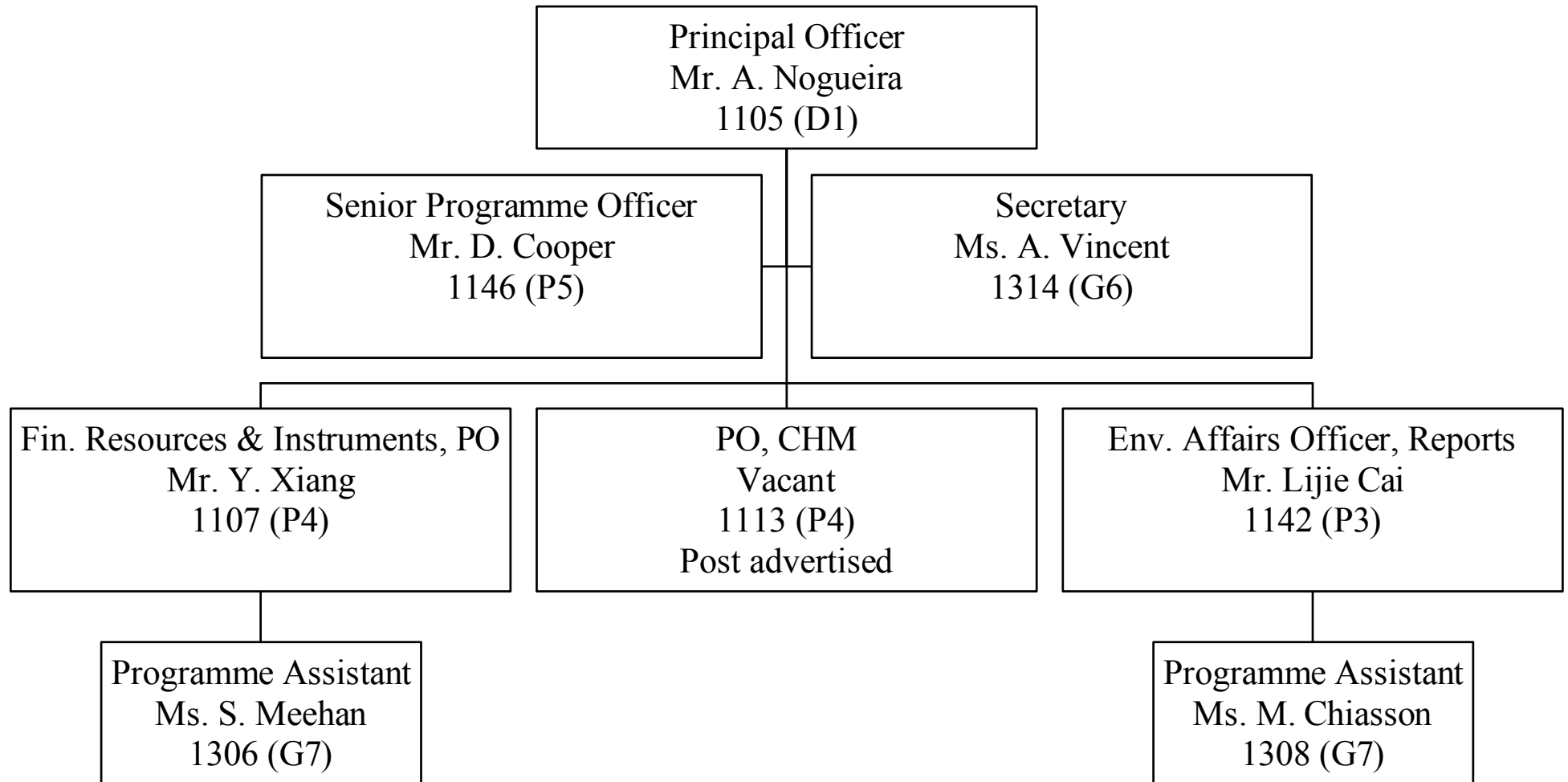
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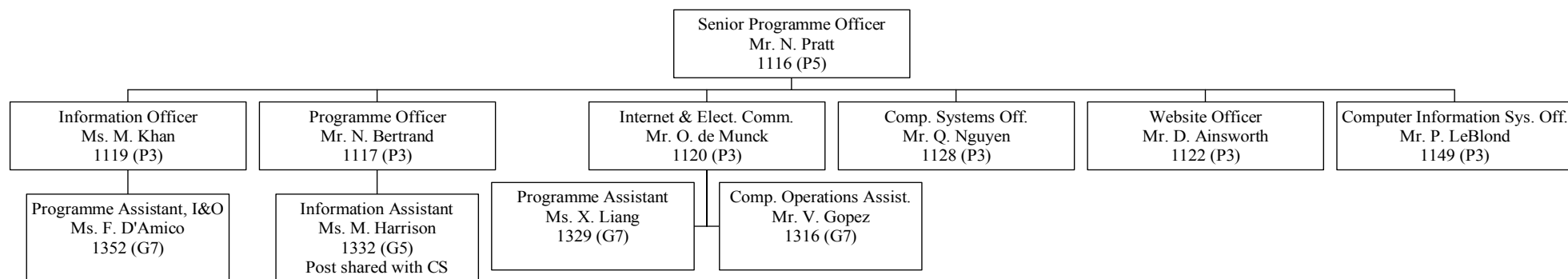
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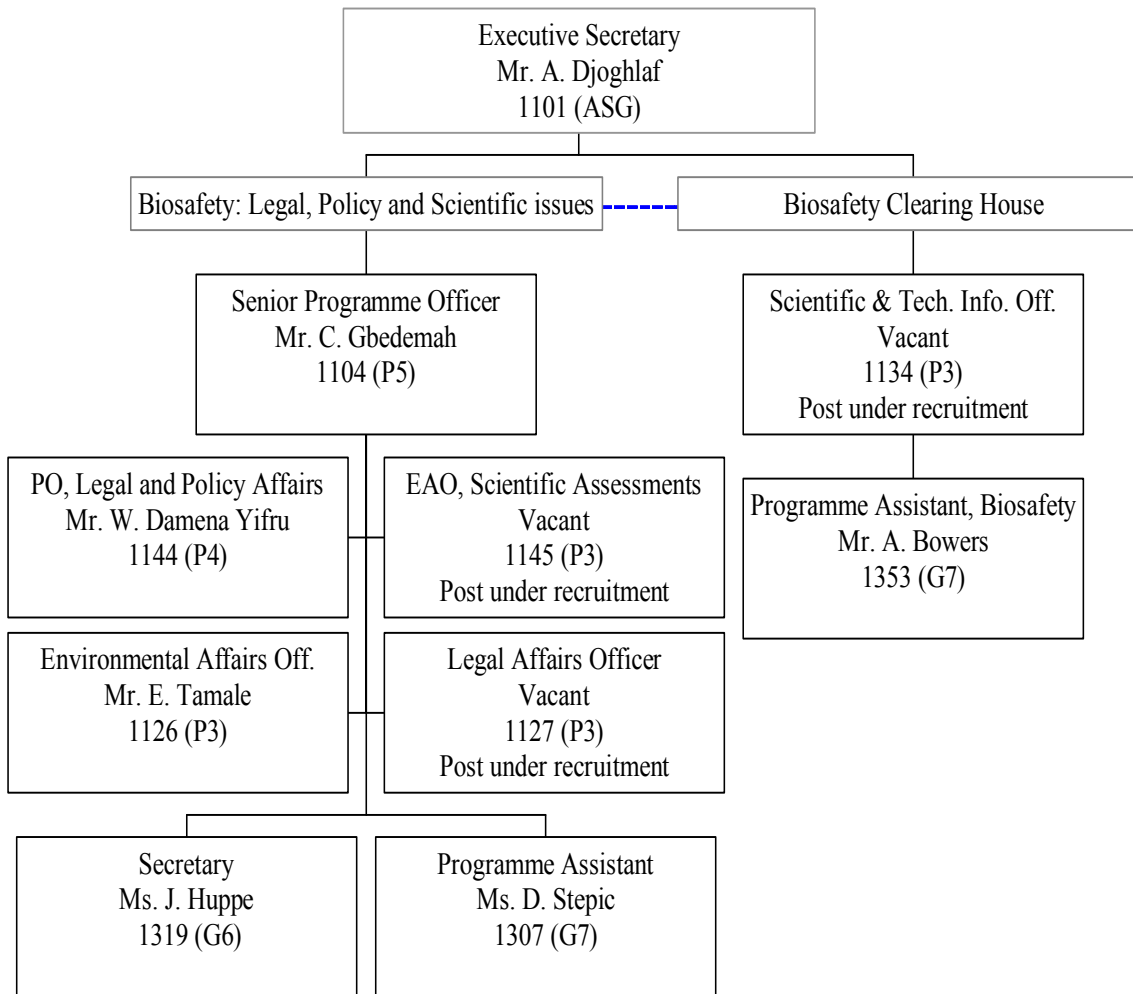
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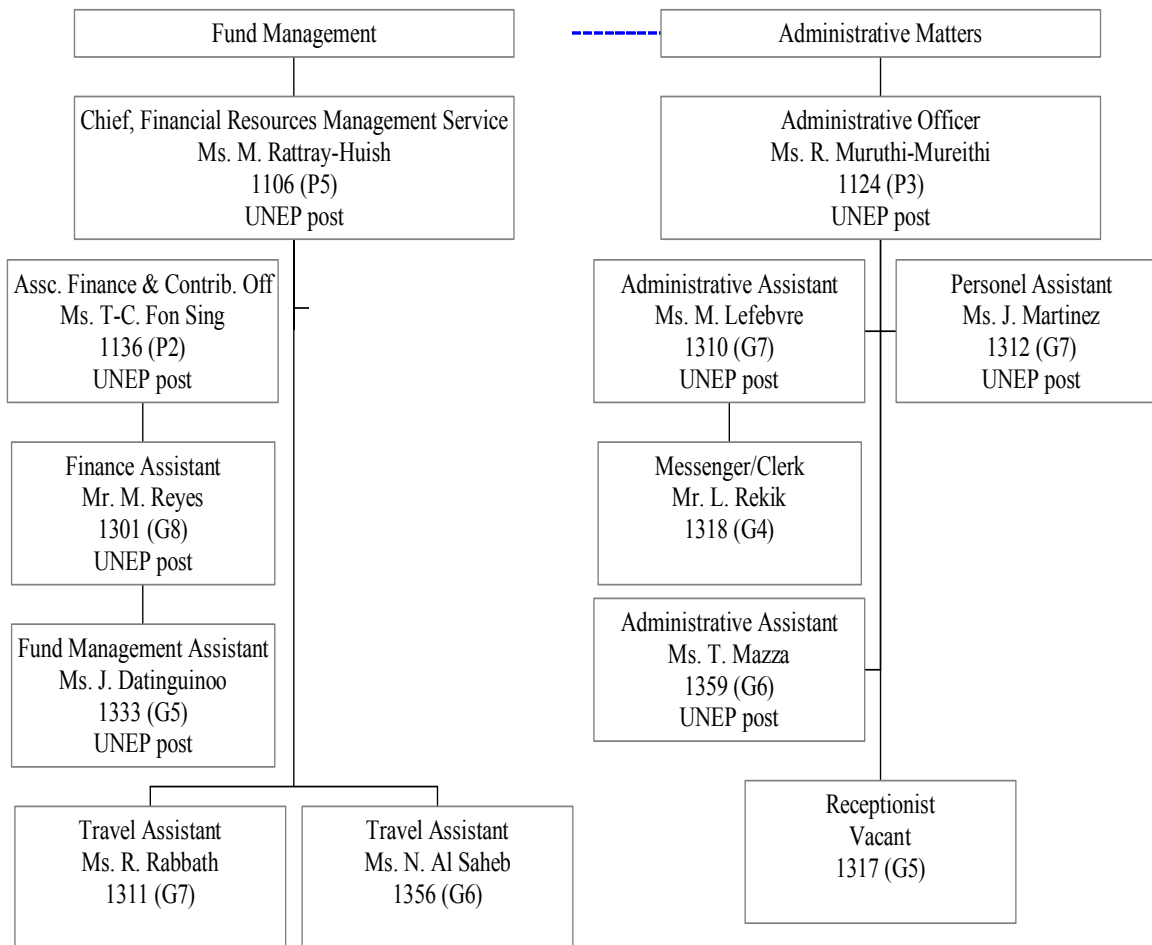
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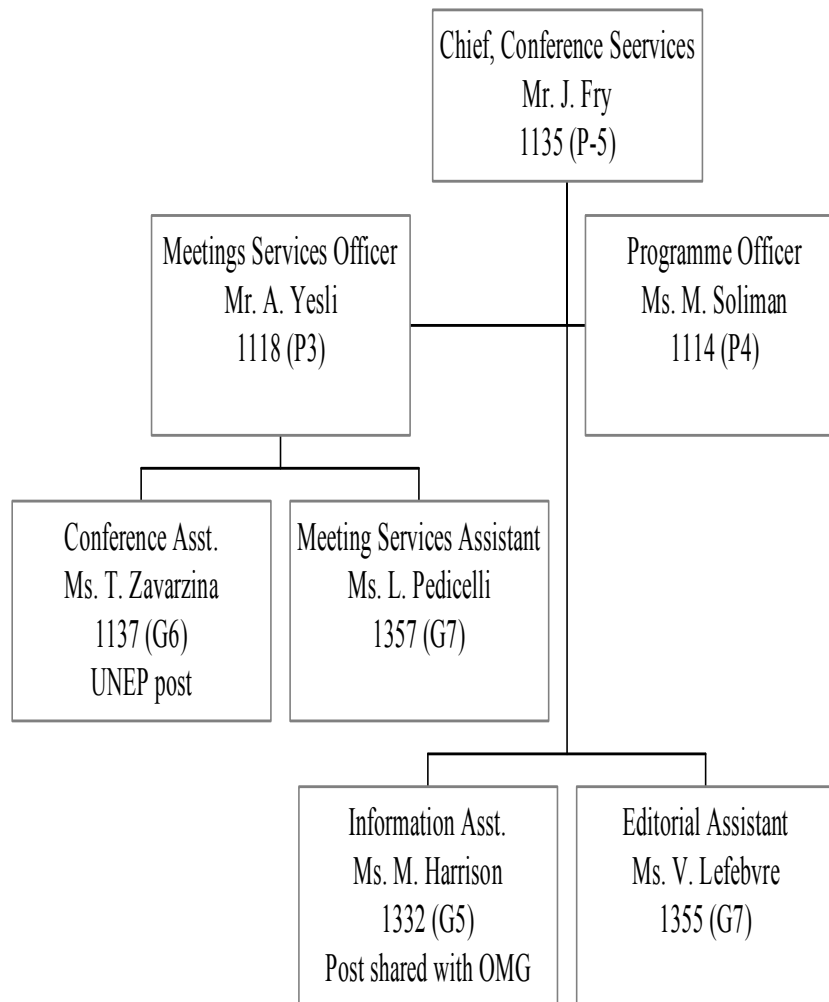
Biosafety Protocol



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 31 December 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
Belgium			19,036	19/		19,036	0
Brazil	219,589			2/	219,589		0
Canada	21,592			3/			21,592
Canada	21,817			4/	21,817		0
Canada	12,411			5/	12,411		0
Denmark			9,975	16/		9,975	0
EEC			59,065	14/			59,065
EEC			296,053	25/			296,053
France			63,776	17/		63,776	0
France			59,172	18/		59,172	0
Germany	64,327			6/	47,168		17,159
Germany			32,947	23/		32,947	0
Italy	50,000			7/			50,000
Netherlands	252,180			8/	252,180		(0)
Netherlands			252,180	15/		252,180	0
Norway			317,068	22/		317,068	0
Portugal			74,664	20/		74,664	0
Spain	25,000			9/			25,000
Spain			59,495	12/		59,495	(0)

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
Spain			318,066	21/			318,066
Spain			105,263	24/			105,263
Sweden	13,287			10/			13,287
Sweden	13,288			11/			13,288
UK			35,608	13/		35,608	0
Total	735,558	0	1,702,367		553,165	923,921	960,840

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 the Conference Servicing Costs for Article 8(j) and ABS 4 Meetings, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006

13/UK pledged GBP 20,000 towards the Protected Areas Meetings leading up to COP 8

14/EEC pledged Euros 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba Brazil, 17-18 March 2006

15/Netherlands pledged Euros 200,000 being 50% advance payment for 2006 Activities

16/Denmark pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the SBSTTA Bureau Meeting

- 17/France pledged Euros 50,000 towards the 5th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing
- 18/France pledged Euros 50,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, 2008
- 19/Belgium pledged Euros 15,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, 2008
- 20/Portugal pledged Euros 60,000 towards the Expert Workshop Ecological Criteria and Biogeographic Classification Systems of Marine Areas in need of Protection
- 21/Spain pledged Euros 250,000 in support of Implementation of Programme of Work on Article 8(j)
- 22/Norway pledged NOK 2 millions for the International Day for Biological Diversity 2007
- 23/Germany pledged Euros 25,550 in support of various CBD Activities
- 24/Spain pledged Euros 80,000 towards the ABS Group of Technical Experts Meeting, Lima, Peru, 22-25 January 2007
- 25/ EEC pledged Euros 225,000 towards various approved 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 31 December 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
EEC			16/	138,158		138,158
Finland			14/	38,424	38,424	0
Germany			8/	30,816	30,816	0
Japan	20,000		5/	20,000		0
Norway			10/	74,043	74,043	0
Spain			7/	246,778	246,778	(0)
Sweden	9,457		6/			9,457
Switzerland			12/	7,488	7,488	0
Switzerland			15/	24,793		24,793
Total	162,182	0		629,696	112,725	466,746
						212,408

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

15/Switzerland pledged CHF 30,000 towards the 5th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing

16/EEC pledged EUR 105,000 towards the participation costs to the Article 8(j)/ ABS and 2nd AHWG on Protected Areas

ANNEX VI - GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)

Status as at 31 December 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	522	0	0	0
Algeria		7,933			7,933	0	0	0
Angola		104	1,318		959	0	(2,173)	(2,173)
Antigua & Barbuda		313	313		646	0	(646)	(646)
Argentina	377,313	99,783		97,719		279,594	99,783	379,377
Armenia	9,281	209		9,281	209	0	0	0
Australia		166,165	166,165		167,752	0	(167,752)	(167,752)
Austria		89,658	89,658		90,514	0	(90,514)	(90,514)
Azerbaijan		522			522	0	0	0
Bahamas		1,357	1,357			0	0	0
Bahrain		3,131	3,131		3,161	0	(3,161)	(3,161)
Bangladesh	747	808		747	777	(0)	31	31
Barbados		1,044	1,044		1,054	0	(1,054)	(1,054)
Belarus	48,081	1,879		11,879		36,202	1,879	38,081
Belgium	105,770	111,577		105,770		0	111,577	111,577
Belize		104	104			0	0	0
Benin	390	209		390	703	0	(494)	(494)
Bhutan		104	104		105	0	(105)	(105)
Bolivia	1,678	939		939		739	939	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina		313	313			0	0	0
Botswana		1,253	1,253		5,168	0	(5,168)	(5,168)
Brazil		158,963	22,320			0	136,643	136,643
Bulgaria		1,774			1,774	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	726	209				726	209	935
Burundi	687	104				687	104	791

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
Cambodia		209	184		456	0	(431)	(431)
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	31,257	0	(7,981)	(7,981)
China		214,282			214,282	0	0	0
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		2,123		4,033	3,131	7,164
Cote d'Ivoire	2,620	1,044		2,620	1,051	0	(7)	(7)
Croatia		3,862			3,862	0	0	0
Cuba	24,877	4,488				24,877	4,488	29,365
Cyprus		4,071			4,071	0	0	0
Czech Republic		19,101	19,101		19,283	0	(19,283)	(19,283)
Denmark		74,941			150,568	0	(75,627)	(75,627)
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
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	20	0	189	189

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
Eritrea	289	104		289	79	0	25	25
Estonia		1,253	1,253		1,264	0	(1,264)	(1,264)
Ethiopia		418	418			0	0	0
Fiji	22	418		22	4,783	(0)	(4,365)	(4,365)
Finland		55,632	55,632		56,163	0	(56,163)	(56,163)
France		629,382	629,382		635,392	0	(635,392)	(635,392)
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		3,161	0	(3,161)	(3,161)
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		7,282	0	(7,282)	(7,282)
India		43,942			43,922	0	20	20
Indonesia	14,050	14,821		14,050	913	0	13,908	13,908
Iran	15,534	16,387				15,534	16,387	31,921
Ireland		36,531	36,531		36,854	0	(36,854)	(36,854)
Israel		48,743			48,743	0	0	0
Italy		509,872			1,024,614	0	(514,742)	(514,742)
Jamaica	11	835		11	1,678	0	(843)	(843)
Japan		1,778,370			1,778,370	0	0	0
Jordan	1,088	1,148				1,088	1,148	2,236

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
Kazakhstan	232	2,609				232	2,609	2,841
Kenya		939	918		21	0	0	0
Kiribati		104	79		218	0	(193)	(193)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,009	1,044		1,009	983	0	61	61
Korea, Rep. of	97,189	187,458		97,189	138,310	0	49,148	49,148
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		3,131	0	(1,581)	(1,581)
Lebanon	1,182	2,505				1,182	2,505	3,687
Lesotho	99	104		99	320	0	(216)	(216)
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		0	626	626
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	0	0	0
Mali	64	209		64	658	0	(449)	(449)
Malta		1,461			1,461	0	0	0
Marshall Island	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
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

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
Moldova, Rep. of	11,209	104		4,852	6,566	6,357	(6,462)	(105)
Monaco		313	610		349	0	(646)	(646)
Mongolia	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Morocco	16,791	4,906				16,791	4,906	21,697
Mozambique	380	104		380	160	0	(56)	(56)
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	0	0	0
New Zealand		23,067	23,067		23,287	0	(23,287)	(23,287)
Nicaragua		104	104			0	0	0
Niger	2,651	104				2,651	104	2,755
Nigeria		4,384	4,384		9,048	0	(9,048)	(9,048)
Niue	99	104				99	104	203
Norway		70,871				0	70,871	70,871
Oman		7,306	7,306		7,376	0	(7,376)	(7,376)
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	0	0	0
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
Poland		48,117	48,117		48,576	0	(48,576)	(48,576)
Portugal		49,056	1,026		49,056	0	(1,026)	(1,026)
Qatar		6,680	6,680		6,744	0	(6,744)	(6,744)
Romania		6,263			6,263	0	0	0
Russian Federation		114,813			114,813	0	0	0
Rwanda		104	190			0	(86)	(86)

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 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	74,419	0	0	0
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		40,879	0	(40,864)	(40,864)
Slovak		5,323	5,323		5,374	0	(5,374)	(5,374)
Slovenia		8,559	8,559		8,640	0	(8,640)	(8,640)
Solomon Is.	2,316	104				2,316	104	2,420
South Africa		30,478	30,478		30,769	0	(30,769)	(30,769)
Spain		263,025			263,025	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		1,774			1,774	0	0	0
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
Switzerland		124,937	124,912		126,105	0	(126,080)	(126,080)
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)

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
Trinidad & Tobago		2,296	1,955		341	0	0	0
Tunisia		3,340	3,340			0	0	0
Turkey	0	38,828			38,828	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	1,067	522		1,067	522	0	0	0
Tuvalu	289	104		289	712	0	(608)	(608)
U. K.	0	639,506			639,506	0	0	0
Uganda	677	626		677	2,520	0	(1,894)	(1,894)
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		11,752		5,167	17,848	23,015
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	592,255	7,637,652	597,646	(1,221,357)	(623,711)

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	635,000				0	635,000	635,000
USA	0	50,000			50,000	0	0	0
Quebec		200,000	200,000			0	0	0
Grand Total	1,189,901	8,968,489	1,867,194	592,255	7,687,652	597,646	(586,357)	11,289

ANNEX VII - GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
Status as at 31 December 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	0	0	0
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		30,062	0	(30,037)	(30,037)
Azerbaijan	86	144				86	144	230
Bahamas		382	382			0	0	0
Bangladesh	200	171				200	171	371
Barbados		294	294		350	0	(350)	(350)
Belarus		530			530	0	0	0
Belgium	36,731	31,449		11,019		25,712	31,449	57,161
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		420	0	(420)	(420)
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
Cape Verde		25					25	25
China	21,235	56,587				21,235	56,587	77,822
Colombia		4,560	48		4,583	0	(71)	(71)

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
Congo		21				0	21	21
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			1,147	0	0	0
Czech Republic		5,384	5,384		6,399	0	(6,399)	(6,399)
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		18,638	0	(18,638)	(18,638)
France		177,398	177,398		210,855	0	(210,855)	(210,855)
Gambia	34	29				34	29	63
Germany		254,830	254,810		302,909	0	(302,889)	(302,889)
Ghana	137	118				137	118	255
Greece	18,211	15,592				18,211	15,592	33,803
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

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
Indonesia	4,005	4,117		4,005	4,117	0	0	0
Iran	5,395	4,619				5,395	4,619	10,014
Ireland		10,297	10,297		12,239	0	(12,239)	(12,239)
Italy		143,713	143,713		170,817	0	(170,817)	(170,817)
Japan		377,014			377,014	0	0	0
Jordan	378	324				378	324	702
Kenya	309	265		309	265	0	0	0
Kiribati	34	29		34	64	0	(35)	(35)
Korea, Democratic Republic	344	294				344	294	638
Kyrgyzstan		27				0	27	27
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		171	171		220	0	(220)	(220)
Latvia		441	572		394	0	(525)	(525)
Lesotho	34	29		34	127	0	(98)	(98)
Liberia	34	29				34	29	63
Libya	1,332	3,628				1,332	3,628	4,960
Lithuania		706	706		816	0	(816)	(816)
Luxembourg	2,646	2,265		2,646	2,265	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	62	173				62	173	235
Madagascar		88	73		126	0	(111)	(111)
Malaysia		5,972	5,972		7,083	0	(7,083)	(7,083)
Maldives	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Mali	69	59				69	59	128
Marshall Islands	34	29				34	29	63
Mauritania	7	27				7	27	34
Mauritius		324	324		364	0	(364)	(364)
Mexico	20	55,396		20	56,385	0	(989)	(989)
Mongolia		29	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
Mozambique	34	29		34	64	0	(35)	(35)
Namibia	131	174		131	219	0	(45)	(45)
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		1,469	0	(1,469)	(1,469)
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	64	0	(35)	(35)
Saint Kitts and Nevis	34	29		34	92	0	(63)	(63)
Saint Lucia		58	58		142	0	(142)	(142)
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		1,783	0	(1,783)	(1,783)

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
Slovenia		2,412	2,412		2,867	0	(2,867)	(2,867)
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		594	0	(594)	(594)
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		41,831	0	(41,831)	(41,831)
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	0	0	0
Uganda	200	171		200	467	0	(296)	(296)
Ukraine	1,340	1,147		1,340	1,147	0	0	0
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		95	0	(70)	(70)
Zimbabwe		202	192			0	10	10
Sub Total	145,559	1,806,584	1,041,527	49,532	1,423,093	96,027	(658,036)	(562,009)

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
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Additional Contributions								
Canada		165,000				0	165,000	165,000
Grand Total	145,559	1,971,584	1,041,527	49,532	1,423,093	96,027	(493,036)	(397,009)

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 31 December 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
Canada			6,757	2/			6,757
EEC			26,316	4/			26,316
Switzerland			41,322	3/			41,322
Total	105,911	0	74,395		105,911	0	74,395

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

2/Canada pledged CAD 7,500 towards the purchase of a server for the Biosafety Clearing House

3/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 for the 2nd International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and training, 16-18 April 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

4/ EEC pledged EUR 20,000 in support of the Biosafety Clearing House

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 31 December 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
EEC			131,579	14/			131,579
Finland			12,808	9/		12,808	0
Finland			12,808	10/		12,808	0
Netherlands			65,789	13/			65,789
Norway			44,426	5/		44,426	0
Slovenia			3,550	1/		3,550	0
Spain			29,586	2/			29,586
Spain			131,579	6/			131,579
Sweden			25,409	3/		25,409	0
Sweden			38,670	7/		38,670	0
Sweden			27,707	12/		27,707	0
Switzerland			7,487	8/		7,487	0
Total	0	0	608,460		0	238,114	370,346

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 and EUR 25,000 towards the participation of Latin American Public Researchers to MOP 3
- 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
- 12/ Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress
- 13/Netherlands pledged EUR 50,000 towards the 2007 Biosafety Meetings on Liability and Redress
- 14/EEC pledged EUR 100,000 towards the participation Costs to the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol

**ANNEX X - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FACILITY/PIPELINE PROPOSALS (PDF),
MEDIUM-SIZED PROJECTS (MSPs) AND FULL PROJECTS (FP)**

Project development facility/pipelines proposals received and reviewed:

Bhutan: Enhancing Global Environmental Management in Bhutan's Local Governance System
 Brazil: Protection, Conservation, Recuperation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Indigenous Lands of Brazil
 Cambodia: Harmonizing natural resource management policy to improve implementation of Multilateral Environment Agreements
 Colombia: Improving the sustainability of the National Protected Areas System in Colombia through the demonstration of an Integrated Territorial Approach to Protected Area Management
 Ecuador: Promoting Biodiversity conservation through the Implementation of the National Ecotourism Strategy (NES)
 Egypt: Mainstreaming Global Environment in National Plans and Policies by Strengthening the Monitoring and Reporting System for Multilateral Environmental Agreements in Egypt
 Ghana: Establishing an Effective and Sustainable Structure for Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements
 Global: Conservation and Management of Pollinators for Sustainable Agriculture, through an Ecosystem Approach
 Jamaica: Piloting Natural Resource Valuation within Environmental Impact Assessments
 Kyrgyzstan: Capacity Building for Improved National Financing of Global Environmental Management in Kyrgyzstan
 Lao: Meeting the Primary Obligations of the Rio Conventions through Strengthened Capacity to Implement Natural Resources Legislation
 Montenegro: Securing biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in the Dinaric mountain ecoregion of Montenegro
 Morocco: Mainstreaming GE concerns in Morocco's National Human Development Initiative through capacity development at local level
 Namibia: Strengthening Capacity to Implement the Global Environmental Conventions in Namibia
 Nicaragua: Mainstreaming the Multilateral Environmental Agreements into the Country's Environmental Legislation
 Panama: Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into the tourism and fisheries sectors in the Archipelagos of Panama
 Regional (Africa): Conservation, domestication and mainstreaming of Medicinal, Oil-bearing, Aromatic and Pesticidal Plants (MOAPPs) in Agricultural Landscapes in West Africa
 Regional (Africa): Demonstration of a Regional Approach to Environmentally Sound Management of PCB Liquid Wastes and Transformers and Capacitors Containing PCBs
 Regional (Africa): Demonstration of Sustainable Alternatives to DDT and Strengthening of National Vector Control Capabilities in Middle East and North Africa
 Regional (Asia): Combating Desertification in South Asia: the Agriculture-Environment Nexus
 Regional (Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam): Development & Application of Decision-Support Tools to Conserve & Sustainable
 Use Genetic Diversity in Indigenous Livestock & Wild Relatives
 Regional (India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand): Conservation and Sustainable Use of Cultivated and Wild Tropical Fruit Diversity: Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods, Food Security and Ecosystem Services
 Regional (Latin America): Sustainable Land Management in the Transboundary Gran Chaco American Ecosystem

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Russia: Building the capacity of the Russian Federation to implement the Stockholm Convention on POPs and develop a National Implementation Plan
Seychelles: Prevention and control of introduction and spread of Invasive Alien Species
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
Tajikistan: Mainstreaming the globally significant agrobiodiversity into production sectors and rural development
Turkey: Strengthening Protected Area Network of Turkey: Catalyzing Sustainability of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas

Medium-sized projects (MSPs) received and reviewed:

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
Jordan: Developing policy-relevant capacity for implementation of the Global Environmental Conventions in Jordan
Latvia: Developing Capacities in Education and Research for Strengthening Global Environmental Management in Latvia
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Lithuania: Capacity Building for Systematic Global Environmental Mainstreaming by Improved Cross-sectoral Policy Planning and Programming
Philippines: Strengthening Coordination for Effective Environmental Management (STREEM) Regional (CIS): Global Environmental Mainstreaming into the Poverty Reduction Strategies by Applying Strategic Environmental Assessment
Romania: Strengthening Capacity to Integrate Environment and Natural Resource Management for Global Environmental Benefits
Tajikistan: Environmental Learning and Stakeholder Involvement as Tools for Global Environmental Benefits and Poverty Reduction
Uzbekistan: Strengthening National Capacity in Rio Convention Implementation through Targeted Institutional Strengthening and Professional Development

Full projects (FP) received and reviewed:

Global: Small Grants Program (Third Operational Phase, Year 3)
Guatemala: Maya Biosphere Reserve

**ANNEX XI - LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
(as at 31 December 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
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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
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

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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
24 - 25 July 2006	Brainstorming meeting of SBSTTA Chairs on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body	Paris, France

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
26 July 2006	Meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)	Paris, France
26 July 2006	Meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)	Paris, France
8-9 September 2006	First Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners	Richmond, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
15 September 2006	First meeting of the Heads of Agency Task Force to Support the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Gland, Switzerland
23-25 October 2006	Liaison Group Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	Dublin, Ireland
6 - 8 November 2006	Brainstorming session on South-South cooperation	Montreal, Canada
20 - 21 November 2006	Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI-CM-07)	Montreal, Canada
20 - 23 November 2006	Regional Synergy Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Biological Diversity of Agro-Systems within Dry and Sub-Humid Lands	Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda
23- 24 November 2006	Meeting of the Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC)	Geneva, Switzerland
11 - 12 December 2006	Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC)	Montreal, Canada
12 - 15 December 2006	African Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use	Nairobi, Kenya
12 - 16 December 2006	Workshop on the Application of the Ecosystem Approach to Protected Areas in Small Islands	Bangkok, Thailand
14 - 16 December 2006	Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and Information Exchange (Latin America and the Caribbean Region)	Quito, Ecuador
