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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to 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 list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.

2. Therefore, 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 April – 30 June 2007.

II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:

International Day for Biological Diversity, Montreal, 22 May 2007

4. On May 22, together with the rest of the world, the Secretariat celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), under the theme “Biodiversity and Climate Change”. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Mayor of Montreal, organized a special ceremony at the Montreal Botanical Garden, with the participation of four Ministers from the Governments of Quebec and Canada, a number of dignitaries, the Executive Secretaries of the sister Conventions, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well as representatives of the Biodiversity-related Conventions and members of the diplomatic corps accredited in Montreal. The special event, which opened with a tree planting ceremony, also provided an opportunity for the invited dignitaries, including the members of the Canadian Friends of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other Partner organizations, to say a few words on the importance of and inter-linkages between biodiversity and climate change. A youth delegation representing the HabitatNet Program presented the “Youth Accord on Biodiversity”. Also, the winners of this year’s IBD children’s painting competition received their prizes, which were presented by the Executive Secretary of the CBD, the Ambassador of Norway in Ottawa and Ms. Leger from Biodome Montreal.

5. In its efforts to raise awareness on IBD 2007, a special webpage on the event was created by the Secretariat. Thanks to the financial support from the Government of Norway, the Secretariat was able to prepare a variety of outreach materials, which were widely distributed in advance of the celebration. A special report on the celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2007 by all Parties and organizations is currently being prepared by the Secretariat.

6. In the margins of the IBD 2007 celebrations, and thanks to the support from UNEP, the Secretariat launched its newly enhanced website. A record number of 900,000 hits to the website were recorded within one day after its launch.

Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Canadian universities and research institutions, 22 May 2007

7. On the occasion of the IBD celebrations, the members of the Steering Committee of the Canadian universities and research institutions held a meeting at the Joke Waller-Hunter conference

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room in the Secretariat office, with the objective of taking stock of the progress achieved. The meeting also provided an opportunity for a joint meeting with some representatives from the Biodiversity-related Conventions that were taking part in the IBD celebrations in Montreal.

CBD Linnaeus Lectures, Montreal, 23 May 2007

8. In celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Carolus Linnaeus, on 23 May, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity seized the occasion to launch the *CBD Linnaeus Lectures*. The inaugural lecture gathered guests, including: a representative of the Ambassador of Sweden in Ottawa, the heads of UNFCCC and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, other organizations and members of the diplomatic corps accredited in Montreal. Two key presentations made were: (1) Mr. Peter Bridgewater on “What would Linnaeus have thought about climate change?” and (2) Mr. Yvo de Boer on “Climate Change Challenges”. It is planned that lectures will be organized on a regular basis at the margins of major meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The next lecture is envisaged to take place in the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held in Bonn, Germany in May 2008.

World Environment Day celebrations, 5 June 2007

9. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, for the first time in its history, celebrated the World Environment Day (WED) by organizing events in Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver. In Montreal, at the Secretariat office, with the participation of several members of the diplomatic corps accredited in Montreal, UNEP’s *Global Outlook on Ice and Snow* publication was launched, copies were distributed and the video new release was presented. In Ottawa, the launch took place at the Offices of the International Joint Commission, and gathered representatives from offices/organizations, such as: International Development Research Centre, UNESCO Canadian Commission, the Defence Science Advisory Board, the Ministry of Public Safety, the Norwegian Embassy, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Canadian Centre for Antarctic Research, the Canadian Polar Commission and the UNA-Canada. The publication was also launched at the margins of a symposium at the Carleton University. In Vancouver, two launch events took place, i.e. (1) at the Aquatic Ecosystems Research Laboratory, in collaboration with the University of British Columbia; and (2) at the Telus Whistler Conference Centre in conjunction with the Whistler Municipal Council.

10. Joining the WED celebrations in Berlin, the Executive Secretary issued a statement on biodiversity and climate change to the G8 Summit.

Informal Host Country Committee meeting, 22 June 2007

11. At the initiative of the Secretariat, an informal host country committee was established during a working lunch hosted by Montréal International on 22 June. The informal committee consists of high-level officials, including representatives from: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa, Ministère des relations extérieures et Ministère de l’environnement et du développement durable du Québec, the City of Montreal, Jardin Botanique de Montréal, Montréal International, as well as the Canadian CBD and SBSTTA Focal Points. The main issues during the meeting were: office space, the rent, the elements of a long-term strategic partnership, the role of Canada as the Chair of the G8 in 2010 and the celebration of the International Year on Biodiversity in 2010. It was agreed that the informal committee will meet once every six months. The next meeting is planned to be held before the end of 2007.

The Secretariat also organized and serviced other meetings, namely:

12. South and West Asia sub-regional workshop on the review of, capacity building for the implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas, 2-4 April 2007, Dehradun, India; Second International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations involved in Biosafety

Education and Training, 16-18 April 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Second meeting of the Advisory Group for the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, 30 April – 3 May 2007, Montreal, Canada; “Climate change and biodiversity - recent activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity”, CBD side event in the margins of UNFCCC SBSTA 26, 12 May 2007, Bonn, Germany; Familiarization seminar with the staff of the Montreal Botanical Garden, 15 May 2007, Montreal, Canada; Familiarization seminar with the staff of the *Biodôme de Montreal*, 17 May 2007, Montreal, Canada; Conference organized by *Équiterre*, in collaboration with CBD, as part of the International Day for Biological Diversity celebrations entitled “*Mission Antarctique: La Terre vue de la mer, Conférence de Jean Lemire sur les changements climatiques et la biodiversité*”, 22 May 2007, Montreal, Canada; Joint CBD/UNDP/Equator Initiative/AVEDA event, in the margins of the sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 22 May 2007, New York, U.S.A.; Fourth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity, 28 May – 1 June 2007, Rome, Italy; World Environment Day celebrations in Vancouver, Ottawa and Montreal, 5 June 2007 and launch of the UNEP publication *Global Outlook: Ice and Snow*; Meetings by teleconference of the task force on the Cities and Biodiversity initiative, 18 June 2007, Montreal, Canada; and co-organized the Eastern Europe sub-regional workshop on the review of and capacity building for the implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, 17 – 21 June, Isle of Vilm, Germany.

REPRESENTATION

13. During the first quarter of 2007, 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.

MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

LOI with GTZ, 14 May 2007

14. A Letter of Intent was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) for the purpose of enhancing the mutual efforts to protect the environment and biodiversity, to promote the rational and sustainable use of natural resources, but most especially to promote information and communication activities that facilitate participation by all actors working in sustainable development.

MOU with MKI Travel and LOI with Laval University, 22 May 2007

15. In the margins of IBD celebrations, a three-year contract was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the MKI Travel and Conference Management Incorporation. Through this agreement MKI has undertaken to contribute to the neutralization of carbon emissions from air travel through measures outlined in the agreement.

16. In signing a Letter of Intent with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Laval University became the newest member of the Partnership of Canadian Universities and Research Institutions.

MOU with BMZ, 5 June 2007

17. An MOU was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) on 5 June 2007, in Berlin, Germany. The objective of the MOU is to enhance mutual cooperation on issues of common interest

relation to the three objectives of the Convention on Biological and in particular on areas relating to communication, education and public awareness and capacity development for NBSAPs, on access and benefit sharing and on protected areas.

MOU with Countdown 2010 Secretariat, 11 June 2007

18. In the margins of the Countdown Partners Assembly meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Countdown 2010 Secretariat. The agreement provides a framework and guiding tool for cooperation between the two institutions. Potential areas of collaboration identified, but not limited to, are: raising public awareness on the 2010 Biodiversity Target, engagement of stakeholders, collaboration in support of the Post Paris Process, building on the outcomes of the IUCN Conference on Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation in 2006, the Countdown 2010 will act as focal point for the CBD in Europe, collaboration on the Countdown 2010 Readiness and Comprehensive Assessments, and explore means to build on the momentum created by the 2010 target and develop action plan beyond 2010.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

19. In the second quarter of 2007, the Executive Secretary held meetings with heads and senior officials from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions, with the aim of promoting and enhancing collaborative partnership and further increase public awareness on the work of the Convention and the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

20. The Executive Secretary met with senior United Nations officials, including: the United Nations Secretary-General, the Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme, the Regional Director of UNEP-RONA, the Executive Secretary of UNFCCC, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, senior representatives from UNESCO and FAO Headquarters, the Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York, the Executive Director of Secretary General's High-Level Panel on System-wide Coherence, the Director of UNEP-WCMC, the Director of UNITAR, and representatives from the UNEP-DTIE office. Relevant CBD staff met with the Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Division in FAO.

21. Meetings were held with representatives of different organizations, including: SustainAbility, Sustainable Finance, the Business and Biodiversity Offset Program (BBOP), CABI, Price Water House Coopers, Global Reporting Initiative, *Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie (IEF)*. Discussions were also held with senior staff from the *École des Hautes Études Commerciales Montréal*.

22. Several officials visited the Secretariat office and gave presentations, including: the Director of Science at the David Suzuki Foundation, the Head of the Public Awareness Unit of Bioversity, a senior staff from the Victoria University of Wellington, a senior staff from the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, the Environmental Operations & Policy Adviser in the Energy and Environment Group of UNDP, the IUCN Senior Gender Adviser.

23. Representatives from Governments paid a visit to the Secretariat during the second quarter of the year, including: the Consul General of Japan, the Minister of Environment and Tourism of Algeria, the Citizenship and Immigration Liaison Advisor from the Protocol Office in Ottawa, a Senior Scientist of the New Zealand Department of Conservation. Several officials from the Hainan Province on a study tour also went to the Secretariat and gave a presentation.

24. During his mission to Germany in April, the Executive Secretary met with senior officials from the Government of Germany, including: the Federal Environment Minister, the Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Environment Ministry, the Director General of the Federal Environment Ministry of Germany, the President of the Federal Agency for the Conservation of Nature, the Mayor of Bonn, and the Deputy Director General of BMZ Commission for Liaison with International Organizations. Discussions were also held with German NGOs.

25. The Executive Secretary participated as a panel member in the ministerial session of the BIO International Conference, held in Boston in May 2007. Co-panel members included Ministers from South Africa, Thailand, Argentina and New Zealand. The Executive Secretary met with the CEO of the BIO, as well as participated in steering committee meetings of the Global Industry Coalition and the ABIA.

26. The Executive Secretary participated and delivered a statement at the CSD-15 meeting in New York. In the margins of the CSD-15 meeting, the Executive Secretary held bilateral meetings with Ministers from the following Governments: Algeria, United Arab Emirates, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Sweden, Norway, New Zealand and Monaco. The Executive Secretary was invited to a breakfast meeting with the Ministers attending the CSD-15. Meetings were also held with several senior UN officials, such as: the newly appointed Under Secretary General for General Assembly and Conference Management, the Chief of Regional Commissions in New York, newly appointed Head of the Information Department of the U.N., the Assistant Administrator of the UNDP, the Head of the African Bureau of UNDP, the Vice President of the World Bank, the CEO of the GEF, the Executive Director of UNEP, senior UN staff on issues related to administration and personnel.

27. On 11 June, the Executive Secretary addressed the participants at the opening plenary of the Countdown 2010 Partners Assembly in Brussels, Belgium, highlighting the far-reaching implications of the Potsdam Initiative and the Heiligendamm G8 Summit results. While in Brussels, the Executive Secretary held bilateral meetings with the IUCN Regional Director for Europe and Special Advisor, as well as with the Director of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, the Director of the European Network of Science Centres and Museums, the Chair of the CBD CEPA-IAC, the EC SBSTTA focal point, the former DG of the EU and a number of partners interested on possible CBD collaboration through a photo exhibit and film festival. It should be noted that the Executive Secretary was elected to serve in the Countdown 2010 Advisory Board for a period of three years.

28. At the margins of the meeting on Biodiversity and Climate Interactions: Adaptation, Mitigation and Human Livelihoods, which was held on 12-13 June, in UK, the Executive Secretary gave a keynote presentation as well as participated as a panel member during a lunchtime event. In relation to the IYB 2010, discussions were held with the President of the Royal Society on possible joint activities. Bilateral meetings were held with the UK Minister of Biodiversity, Landscape and Rural Affairs.

29. During the last week of June 2007, the Executive Secretary participated and made a presentation on "Global Alliance for Life on Earth" at a meeting held at the United States Library of Congress and organized by the Institute for Policy Innovation. During this mission in Washington, the Executive Secretary met with the President and CEO of Defenders of the Wildlife, and subsequently with representatives from major international US NGOs, which included the Friends of the Earth, Nature Conservancy, Center for Biological Diversity, IUCN, WWF, among others. Other people in attendance were the Deputy Director of RONA and the Special Adviser of the UNEP Executive Director in Washington in charge of NGOs. The Executive Secretary also had an opportunity to hold meetings with: the Director of RONA, the Assistant Director of the Legal Research at the Law of the Library of Congress, representatives of the private sector from the BIO and other pharmaceutical companies. A meeting was also held with the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, together with CBD Focal Points and other senior staff to discuss

mainly the issue of U.S. accession. Further discussion on the accession and other matters is expected to take place during the upcoming CBD meetings in Paris.

30. The Executive Secretary gave interviews to a number of media organizations during the second quarter of 2007. During the month of April, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by Radio Canada on the occasion of Earth Day; had a telephone interview by the Algerian newspaper *El watan*; was interviewed by *Deutsche Welle* radio in Berlin and also held a press conference on COP-9 meeting. In May, on the occasion of IBD celebrations, a press conference was held with the Minister of Environment of Canada at the Montréal Botanical Garden. A press conference on IBD was also held in the margins of the UNPFII meeting in New York. *TierrAmérica*, *Le Devoir* and *Métro* newspapers also interviewed the ES on IBD. In June, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by an Environmental reporter of BBC as well as by *Radio Algiers* on climate change and biodiversity.

31. In April, the Executive Secretary contributed an article on “Earth climate warming caused human activities” in the UNEP-MAP’s publication *MedWaves*, Issue 57. In June, the Inter Press Service featured the joint article of the Executive Secretaries of the CBD and UNFCCC on “15 Years after the Rio Earth Summit, Practical Action is Needed”. A joint article with the CEO of the Global Environment Facility was also featured.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Personnel arrangements

32. During the period April – June 2007 under the Convention, there were 28 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP. The Secretariat finalized and sent to UNEP its recommendations for the remaining 6 vacant posts. Additionally, 4 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

33. Under the Convention there were 23 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 3 vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 6 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

34. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol there were 2 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. The secretariat finalized and sent to UNEP its recommendations for the 2 vacant posts. Under the Protocol there were 2 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget.

There were 8 interns working at the Secretariat during the period April-June 2007.

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

(b) Financial Arrangements

37. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,160,677 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$7,250,487 of which \$2,085,899 were 2007 pledges paid in 2006, and \$5,164,588 were pledges paid in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

38. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2007, the total pledged for 2007 amounts to US\$1,156,329 of which \$1,143,329 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$303,584. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

39. As at 30 June 2007, pledges totalling US\$656,769 have been made in 2007 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$400,873 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$347,910. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

40. As at 30 June 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,201,029 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,764,579, of which US\$822,886 was received in advance of 2007 and US\$941,693 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

41. As at 30 June 2007, no Parties have so far pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

42. As at 30 June 2007, two 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\$93,103 have been received in 2007, of which US\$77,230 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$68,216. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

43. In keeping with Decision VIII/5D of the Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Trust Fund) has been established. As at 30 June 2007 the Government of Spain has pledged 250,000 Euros in support of the PoW on Article 8(j) of the SCBD with a focus on participation of indigenous and local communities in development of an international regimes on ABS.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS
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VII/5: Programme of Work on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity

44. In response to decision VII/5 and, in particular, its Annex I, Operational objective 2.1 (f) , initial discussions were held with the Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Division of the FAO on 8 June 2007 in Rome, and potential area of collaboration were identified, e.g. information document, sharing of technical documents through website link, and the side event at the SBSTTA 13 as well as joint publication on the effects of fish and invertebrate stock enhancement on marine and coastal biological diversity at the species and genetic levels, upon the availability of the necessary funding.

VIII/21: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Deep Seabed Genetic Resources Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction

45. In response to decision VIII/21, a first draft report on “the options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats” was prepared and forwarded on 1 June 2007 to the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea for their review and comments.

46. The SCBD also provided information to the Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs regarding conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity, for the sixty-second session, on oceans and the law of the sea, with particular focus on : (1) environmental impacts of anthropogenic activities on marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction; (2) coordination and cooperation among States as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations and bodies for the conservation and management of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction; (3) the role of area-based management tools; and (4) genetic resources beyond areas of national jurisdiction.

VIII/22: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity: Enhancing the Implementation of Integrated Marine and Coastal Area Management

47. In response to decision VIII/22, as part of CBD’s partnership with INFO/RAC of Mediterranean Action Plan, an agreement was reached that INFO/RAC will provide an operational modality for knowledge sharing on the IMCAM experiences and lessons learned in Mediterranean region. The same agreement was also made with the WWF-Mediterranean for the sharing of IMCAM experiences and lessons learned.

VII/7: Global Biodiversity Outlook

48. In response to the requests contained in decision VII/7, paragraph 5 and VIII/14, paragraph 18 (a), the Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/5 (“Global Biodiversity Outlook: Lessons learned from the preparation of the second edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook and proposals on the scope and focus of the third edition”), to be considered by SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2.

VII/9: Implications of the Findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

49. To facilitate the further consideration of and appropriate reaction to decision VIII/9, and in particular its paragraphs 22 and 23, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/4 on the “Implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment on the work of the Convention” to be considered by SBSTTA-12.

50. The Secretariat discussed opportunities for capacity-building on the preparation of national/sub-regional assessments and scenarios linked to ongoing activities. Pending the availability of funding, a workshop for Central America will be supported in the second half of 2007 to expand activities of the GLOBIO Consortium, particularly the Netherlands Environment Assessment Agency, in Nicaragua.

VI/22, VII/1 and VIII/19: Forest Biological Diversity

51. In response to decisions VI/22, VII/1 and VIII/19 the following activities were carried out:

52. The Secretariat participated in a workshop from 8-11 May, 2007 which was organized by the German Academic Institute and funded by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation. The

purpose was to review and identify the information gaps regarding forest protected areas and to prepare for the AHTEG.

53. The Secretariat organized the fourth AHTEG meeting on the in-depth review of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity for 28 May to 1 June, 2007 at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, Italy. The number of participants from Asia and Pacific and Oceania was increased to provide a more complete bio-geographical representation to the Group. This was done pursuant to decision VIII/19 C paragraph 2.

54. At the AHTEG a procedural report on future actions for the in-depth review of the forest biodiversity programme of work was adopted (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG FBD.REV/4/3). The report included a table for addressing information gaps in the working draft document, as well as draft conclusions and recommendations for improved implementation.

55. In response to the request of the COP in decision VIII/19A paragraph 4, several areas of collaboration were discussed during the AHTEG, such as the preparation for the Forest Resources Assessment 2010; the FAO report on world forest genetic resources; and use of FAO data and expertise for the in-depth review.

56. The Executive Secretary invited the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests to prepare a joint analysis of areas for joint collaboration, following the adoption of a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests at the 7th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

VIII/2: Biological Diversity of Dry and Sub-Humid Lands

57. In response to decision VIII/2 a new case studies database was launched with the launch of the new CBD website.

58. Furthermore, to strengthen collaboration with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, a statement was issued on the occasion of the World Day to Combat Desertification on 16 June, 2007 and a representative of the CBD Secretariat attended two workshops on synergies: (i) the Conference on Desertification, Climate Change, and Biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area on 23 June, 2007 in Sassari, Italy and (ii) the International Conference on Desertification and Security on 26 June, 2007 in Berlin, Germany.

59. Moreover, in response to decision VIII/2, the following information document has been prepared for SBSTTA 12: Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-Humid Lands: Existing sources of information, and projects, processes and programmes generating such information, for a comprehensive global-level assessment of the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/15).

VIII/23: Agricultural Biological Diversity

60. In response to decision VIII/23, in particular its section A and D, paragraph 4, the following activities were carried out:

61. A representative of the CBD Secretariat attended the eleventh session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture from June 11 to 15, and a statement by the Executive secretary was issued on the occasion. The participation of the CBD representative served to strengthen collaboration with FAO and Bioversity International concerning a host of issues related to

implementation of the joint CBD/FAO work plan for the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity.

62. A funding proposal for a high level meeting on agriculture and biodiversity was submitted to the Canadian Government. Given that the objectives of this fall 2007 workshop are to synthesize available information and address barriers to implementation of the Convention when considering agriculture and biodiversity in national sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, policies and programmes, the workshop will be geared primarily towards agriculture sector and environment policy makers. We will also invite high-level officials from key partner organisations active in the interface between agriculture and biodiversity, for instance UNEP, FAO, CGIAR, Bioversity International, GEF, IFAD, IDRC, GTZ, as well as relevant academics and NGOs.

63. As an input to the in-depth review process, the Secretariat prepared a detailed preliminary analysis of information on the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity contained in the 127 Third National Reports that were submitted to the CBD as of May 1st, 2007.

64. An outline of the SBSTTA-13 pre-session document "In-Depth Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Work on Agricultural Biodiversity" was prepared and disseminated to colleagues at FAO for comments and suggestions.

65. The Secretariat has prepared a draft outline for consultation of a new outreach booklet on "Biodiversity and Agriculture", the official theme for the 2008 International Day for Biological Diversity celebrations. This booklet is part of a larger IBD initiative to organize a number of joint events on this theme together with the CGIAR, FAO, IUCN, UNDP and UNESCO.

VII/4 and VIII/20: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

66. In relation to inland waters, climate change, CEPA and cooperation linkages the Secretariat organized an expert meeting on Biodiversity, water, wetlands and climate change, 23 – 24 March 2006, in collaboration with the Ramsar Convention Secretariat, Gland, Switzerland, as reported in the last quarter. The report of the workshop was finalized during the current reporting period. A joint press release between the Secretariats of the CBD and Ramsar Convention was released on 22 May 2007 launching the report on the occasion on International Day for Biological Diversity. Subsequently the Secretariat prepared a poster providing the main messages of the meeting, which was printed for first use at SBSTTA 12.

VIII/3: Global Taxonomy Initiative

67. In response to this decision VIII/3 paragraph 11(e) the following activities were carried out:

68. The initiation of the Linnaeus lecture series, which began on May 23, 2007 and will continue at the margins of major meetings, honouring Linnaeus' contribution to science and the CBD's partnership with Sweden.

69. A booklet is being written and designed describing the content of the Linnaeus lectures, statements of various heads of organizations, information on Carl Linnaeus and case studies linking taxonomy and climate change.

70. The Secretariat is beginning research and planning to jointly establish a Linnaeus prize, with Sweden, for scientists that bridge science and policy in the fields of conservation and sustainable use.

71. In response to this decision VIII/14, paragraph 18 (b), the synthesis of information in national reports was updated to include 127 reports in the analysis of questions relevant to the GTI.

VII/10: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

72. In line with the Strategic Plan of the Convention and the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Convention up to 2010, the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties decided to undertake an in depth review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation at its ninth meeting of the Conference of Parties to be held in 2008 (Decision VII/31).

73. In response to this decision, the Secretariat has prepared, reviewed and finalised background documents for SBSTTA 12 on the in depth review of the Strategy. In developing these documents, the secretariat has liaised with key partners such as UNEP-WCMC and members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation. Six Information documents have been finalised and are now available on the website. Further plans have been made for an additional document: the Gran Canaria Declaration on climate change and plant conservation, to be submitted by Botanic Gardens Conservation International. In addition, the secretariat has liaised with Plantlife International to provide additional material on the mid term and final review of the European Strategy for Plant Conservation to be availed at SBSTTA 12.

74. The Secretariat working closely with members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation has made plans for four side events to be held SBSTTA 12. These are: national experiences in the implementation of the GSPC (SCBD, GPPC, JNCC-UK); climate change and plant conservation (SCBD, BGCI); Regional experiences in implementing the GSPC – The European Strategy for Plant Conservation (Plantlife International, SCBD); A proposal for developing a toolkit to assist Parties in the implementation of the Strategy and publication of a global plant biodiversity outlook (SCBD, UNEP-WCMC, GPPC). In addition, the Secretariat has provided input into the planning of a side event on Taxonomy 2010 and beyond with BioNET International.

75. The Secretariat has organised for four plenary presentation on the GSPC at SBSTTA 12 on progress in the implementation of the GSPC (FAO); Monitoring implementation of the Strategy, enhancing collection of quantitative data (UNEP-WCMC); case studies on enhancing sustainable use in implementing the Strategy (Chinese Academy of Sciences) and Climate Change and plant conservation (University of York, UK)

VII/11: Ecosystem Approach

76. In response to the refined multi-year programme of work, Annex II of decision VIII/10, the following information documents have been prepared for SBSTTA 12: (i) an analysis of information available from the third national reports (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/1); (ii) a review of recent activities of major partners, initiatives and organizations in the application and/or further refinement of the ecosystem approach (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/2); (iii) examples of the application of the ecosystem approach in the programmes of work of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/3); (iv) consideration of the relevance of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to the application of the ecosystem approach (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/4); (v) barriers to the application of the ecosystem approach (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/5); (vi) the ecosystem approach sourcebook and case study database (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/6; and (vii) the findings of a workshop on the ecosystem approach, protected areas and customary practice in small islands held from 12 to 16 December 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/7).

77. In addition, the Secretariat has developed a training module on the Ecosystem Approach to be used first on 01 July 2007 immediately prior to SBSTTA 12.

VIII/27: Invasive Alien Species

78. In response to decision VIII/27, paragraph 71, the Secretariat has continued preparation of the in-depth review on invasive alien species, and is actively collecting information on organizations' activities and integrating submissions from Parties.

18. The Secretariat participated in the second session of the Committee on Phytosanitary Measures -- the governing body of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), with whom the CBD has strong cooperation on the issue of invasive alien species. A brief statement was made to the CPM itself and a longer presentation was made on CBD-IPPC cooperation at a special side event, focussing on the issue of addressing invasive alien species, in particular animal, that are not pests of plants. This follows the mandate from COP to consult with IPPC as well as FAO, WTO and OIE, in particular, on this issue, and follows a similar presentation to an informal meeting at WTO's Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures and consultations with the respective secretariats.

79. The synthesis of national reports was updated to include 127 reports in the analysis of relevant questions on invasive alien species.

VII/26 and VIII/16: Cooperation with other Organizations, Initiatives and Conventions

80. In response to decisions VII/26, paragraph 2, VIII/16, paragraphs 12 and 15, the Secretariat continued preparations for the First Meeting of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions. Documentation and logistical arrangements for this meeting have been finalized.

VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity

81. In response to decision VII/27, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a) Continued 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) Continued compilation of case-studies and best practices on linking mountain biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

VIII/24: Protected Areas (Marine and coastal)

82. In response to decision VIII/24, following progress was made:

83. A draft synthesis report on the best available scientific studies on priority areas for biodiversity conservation in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction was prepared and is being finalized for peer-review.

84. A list of participants to the expert workshop on ecological criteria and bio-geographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection was finalized and approved by COP Bureau members. Logistics arrangements for the workshop are being made in collaboration with the hosting government.

85. An interactive map (IMAP) of High Seas Marine Protected Areas (HSMPAs) and key habitat distribution and a draft report were prepared and are now under review and refinement.

86. The Secretariat accepted offers to serve as a lead coordinator for the 'UN-Oceans Task Force on Marine Protected Areas and Other Area-Based Management Tools' as well as the 'Working Group on Marine Biodiversity and Network of Marine Protected Areas' of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coast and Islands, and initiated works on their operationalization, in collaboration with relevant partners.

VII/28 and VIII/24: Protected Areas

87. In response to requests in decisions VII/28 and VIII/24, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a) Convened South and West Asia Sub-regional Workshop on the Review of, and Capacity-building for, the Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, in Dehradun, India from 2-4 April 2007;
- b) Sponsored organization of ASEAN Sub-regional Workshop on the Review of, and Capacity-building for, the Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas in Sabha Malaysia from 24-27 April 2007, in collaboration with IUCN-WCPA South East Asia programme and BirdLife International regarding organization;
- c) Convened Eastern Europe sub-regional workshop at the Isle of Vilm from 17-21 June 2007 in collaboration with WWF and the BfN German Nature Conservancy;
- d) Held discussions with GTZ, WWF, IUCN-WCPA, TNC, WCS regarding organization of sub-regional implementation and capacity-building workshops in Africa, Latin America and Central Asia regions;
- e) Arranged reprinting of CBD Technical Series No 18 on action guide and 24 on ecological gap analysis;
- f) Developed in collaboration with TNC quick guides on (i) Protected Area Management Effectiveness (ii) Marine Ecological Gap analysis (iii) Protected Area System Master Planning (iv) Capacity Action Planning for protected areas; and
- g) Held extensive discussions with the Global Coordinator of the UNDP/GEF project on supporting country actions for the implementation of CBD programme of work on protected areas, to finalize information kit and grant applications. Made arrangements for launching the project formally on 10 July 2007 at Paris during the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.
- h) Participated in a Board meeting for the M.Sc. Programme on Management of protected areas organized by the University of Klagenfurt, and the graduation ceremony of the first group of students. The Secretariat also disseminated the call for application for the next session starting in September 2007.
- i) Initiated some discussions on possible collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Territory of Italy, in preparation for the second meeting of the working group on protected areas and on other issues of mutual interest.

VIII/28: Impact Assessment: Voluntary Guidelines on Biodiversity-Inclusive Impact Assessment

88. In response to decision VIII/28, in particular its paragraphs 8a and 12a, the following activities were carried out:

89. The Secretariat pursued discussions with key partners, including UNDP, the Netherlands Commission on Environmental Assessment, and IAIA about collaboration and approaches for capacity building on biodiversity and impact assessment. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is also a key element of a series of training events organized by the Secretariat on preparation and implementation of NBSAPs. The first training session will be held back-to-back with WGRI-2, followed by a regional workshop for Anglophone Africa in September.

90. The Secretariat contributes to the preparation of online training material on SEA, which is being put together by UNDP. Advice will focus on the biodiversity aspects of the tutorials.

VIII/30: Biodiversity and Climate Change

91. In response decision VIII/30, an options paper was presented to the Joint Liaison Group which convened on 7 June, 2007. The paper was welcomed by the Secretariats and the chairs of the subsidiary bodies of all three Rio Conventions and the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) provided written comments to the Secretariat of the CBD.

92. In support of enhanced cooperation on adaptation and mitigation, as noted in the preamble to decision VIII/30, the CBD responded to two requests for submissions on the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change: (i) information on existing and emerging assessment methodologies and tools for adaptation; and views on lessons learned from their application; opportunities, gaps, needs, constraints and barriers; possible ways to develop and better disseminate methods and tools; and training opportunities, and (ii) adaptation approaches, strategies, practices and technologies for adaptation at the regional, national and local levels in different sectors, as well as on experiences, needs and concerns.

93. Also in response to the preamble to decision VIII/30, adaptation and mitigation, within the framework of the CBD were presented in a side event at the twenty-sixth meeting of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies on 12 May, 2007 in Bonn, Germany. The Secretariat to the CBD also named a Nairobi work programme focal point within the Secretariat in response to the request from UNFCCC.

94. Furthermore, in response to decisions VIII/30 and VIII/2, the following information documents have been prepared for SBSTTA 12: Biodiversity and Climate Change – Good Practice Examples for the Integration of Climate Change Activities within the Programmes of Work of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/14).

95. In addition, the Secretariat has developed a training module on biodiversity and climate change to be used first on 01 July 2007 immediately prior to SBSTTA 12.

VIII/15: Monitoring and Indicators and Framework for Monitoring Implementation of the Achievement of the 2010 Target and Integration of Targets into the Thematic Programmes of Work

96. In response to decision VIII/15, paragraph 2 the Secretariat continued to liaise with the Secretariat of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (2010BIP) and with individual organizations

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working on specific indicators. The first meeting of the 2010BIP Steering Group will be held back-to-back with SBSTTA-12 in Paris.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

VII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism

97. The Secretariat took part in the *Explanatory Workshop in Linking Tourism and Conservation: A Finance Initiative for Protected Areas*, May 12-13 2007 in Arendal, Norway, and a keynote presentation focused on the positive contribution of tourism to the implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas. As a follow up to the workshop, three project proposals were developed:

- one focuses on setting up a framework application to identify and disseminate best practices on the contribution of the tourism sector to protected areas,
- the second proposes to measure the economic contribution of tourism to protected areas as a means to convince decision makers of the importance of allocating sufficient resources for their protection as assets;
- and the third will work with resort developers, investors, governments and other players to create optimal conditions for win-win situations where sustainable tourism development leads to the creation, establishment and management of new and additional protected areas.

98. In July and August, a web-based dialogue on Tourism and Protected Areas will be set up through the travel portal Planeta.com, to further develop the proposals and set up implementation mechanisms.

99. Following the Arendal workshop, the Secretariat also participated in the *Global Ecotourism Conference*, May 14-16 2007 in Oslo, Norway and moderated the session on *Ecotourism and its Impacts on Wildlife*. The workshop was an opportunity to review the achievements of the ecotourism community, as well as assessing various global challenges and developing partnerships to further promote the principles of ecotourism and sustainable development.

100. In an effort to enhance the outreach of the Secretariat, work was advanced on the new Biodiversity and Tourism Portal in preparation for an upcoming workshop series on Indigenous People and Tourism. To further enhance outreach, the Secretariat also distributed, to all CBD focal points and tourism experts associated with the Secretariat, the User's Manual on the CBD guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development.

VIII/5: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

101. In April, 2007, preparations were finalised for the 2nd meeting of the Advisory Group to Article 8(j) and related provisions which was held 30 April to 3 May 2007. The Secretariat also finalised and widely distributed the first Article 8(j) newsletter (Pachamama), which is a tool for enhanced participation for indigenous and local communities in the Convention. The Secretariat revised and updated the Article 8(j) web-pages and started translation into Spanish. The Secretariat participated in the 6th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, which included taking on responsibilities for preparing for and hosting the annual Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues which will be held in Montreal in September, facilitating an international media event on indigenous and local communities and climate change and creating a photographic exhibition at United Nations Headquarters on indigenous and local communities highly vulnerable to climate change. The

exhibition will travel to Paris in August for the last quarter of 2007, where it will be part of the exhibition for the UNESCO General Conference before going to Bonn, Germany for COP 9.

102. During the 6th session of the UNPFII to Secretariat also participated in a joint side vent with UNDP, the Equator Initiative and Aveda regarding indigenous entrepreneurship. The Secretariat is also collaborating with UNESCO on a side event on ILCs and climate change, which will take place during the General Conference in October.

103. This quarter was also a period of intense preparations for the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions (Montreal, October 2007). A total of 12 working documents and 16 information documents are being prepared, including 3 reports by consultants. Furthermore during this period a project proposal was prepared for consideration of the Government of Spain focussed an international expert seminar on indigenous and local communities and the international regime on ABS which is planned also for September, as well as enhanced indigenous and local community participation in the 5th meetings of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and the Working Group on Access and benefit Sharing and the 6th meeting of the Working Group on ABS. The Secretariat also participated in an IUCN conference “Ecological Integrity and a Sustainable Society” in Halifax, Canada 23-26 June.

VIII/29: Liability and Redress

104. Following notification 2006-032 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 11 submissions of Parties and Governments and 13 submissions of relevant organizations on these issues. In the beginning of April 2007 a reminder was sent to Parties and other Governments (see notification 2007-041), indicating that submissions will be still welcomed at earliest convenience and if possible prior to 15 September 2007. The incoming submissions are made available on the website of the Secretariat under <http://www.cbd.int/liability/legislations.shtml>. Moreover, the Secretariat has started the preparation of a synthesis report for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

VIII/4: Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing

105. During this period, the Secretariat carried out preparations for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 8 to 12 October 2007

106. Agendas for the fifth and sixth meetings of the Working Group (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/1, UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/6/1) were prepared in close collaboration with the co-chairs. The latter held consultations with the Secretariat in May, on the occasion of the International Biodiversity Day, in connection with the preparations for WGABS-5.

107. Further to approval of the agendas by the Bureau, the annotated agenda for the fifth meeting of the Working Group was prepared in consultation with the co-chairs (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/1/Add.1).

108. Notifications inviting Governments, indigenous and local communities, relevant organizations and stakeholders were sent out along with the agendas for both meetings of the Working Group on ABS inviting the nomination of representatives for their participation in the fifth meeting of the Working Group.

109. In addition, research and drafting of the following pre-session documents and preparation of information documents for the fifth meeting of the Working Group were carried out:

- UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/3: Analysis of gaps;
- UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/4: Overview of recent developments at national, regional and international levels relating to access and benefit-sharing;
- UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/5: Report on the legal status of genetic resources in national law, including property law, where applicable in a selection of countries;
- UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/6: Strategic Plan: future evaluation of progress – the need and possible options for indicators for access to genetic resources and in particular for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources: compilation of views and information provided by Parties;
- UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/5/INF/1: Compilation of submissions provided by Parties, Governments, indigenous and local communities, international organisations and relevant stakeholders regarding existing legal and other instruments at national, regional and international levels relating to access and benefit-sharing;
- UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/INF/2: Compilation of information provided by Parties on experiences in implementing Article 15 of the Convention and measures taken to support compliance with prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms;
- UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/INF/3: Analytical study on administrative and judicial remedies available in countries with users under their jurisdiction and in international agreements.

110. The database on access and benefit-sharing measures and the database on capacity-building projects for access and benefit-sharing were updated.

VIII/10: Operations of the Convention

111. 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 compiled eight submissions of relevant international organizations so far. The submissions are meant to provide information on measures taken as well as constraints encountered regarding the use of specific guidelines and principles.

112. The Secretariat prepared proposals on guidance for the future review and retirement of decisions of the Conference of the Parties, a draft policy for procedures for admission of bodies and agencies to meetings of the Convention, as well as an information document on the organization of work of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies available as part of the documentation for the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention.

VIII/25 and VIII/26: Incentive Measures

113. The Secretariat participated in a workshop on the economics of ecosystem services, which was organized by the DIVERSITAS EcoSERVICES subprogramme on 22-23 May 2007 in Paris. Initiated by an invitation of the Secretariat to cooperate in the implementation of decisions VIII/25 and VIII/26 on valuation and ecosystem services, the purpose of the workshop was to review the state-of-the-art in the valuation of ecosystem services and in their economic management, and to identify (i) key lessons learnt and recommendations for the work of the CBD and of UNEP, and, in conjunction, (ii) steps ahead for the implementation of the research plan of the ecoservices sub-programme, including by reflecting on the implications of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment's (MA) treatment of ecosystem services for both valuation and policy. Policy documents will be developed on these issues and submitted to the

Secretariat as a contribution to the preparatory process for the in-depth review of the work on incentive measures, to be undertaken by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

114. The Secretariat participated in the twenty-first meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB), held on 20-21 June 2007 in Paris, with a view to provide input and comments to the work of the group from a CBD perspective and to coordinate upcoming activities. Opportunities for coordination were identified under the upcoming review of implementation of a OECD Council recommendation on the application of economic instruments in biodiversity policies, because of the potential synergies with the information already provided in the CBD third national reports as well as the potential usefulness of the OECD report for the in-depth review of the work on incentive measures as well as the further work on incentive measures under the CBD. The group decided to aim having the OECD report ready as an information document for COP-9, for consideration under the in-depth review. They requested the OECD secretariat to use the material inter alia from the CBD third national reports to "pre-fill" the questionnaire for the review, and, so as to maximize usefulness for future CBD work, they decided to bring the structure of the questionnaire fully in line with CBD thematic programmes of work and the programme of work on protected areas.

115. The Secretariat represented the Convention in the meetings of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE) in Regular and Special Session, which took place from 2-4 May 2007. The CTE had invited a number of MEAs including the CBD for informal consultations on regular procedures for information exchange, an element of its work on paragraph 31 (ii) of the Doha work programme, and the Secretariat briefed delegates on CBD experiences with, and suggestions for improvements of, procedures for information exchange with the WTO.

VIII/12: Transfer of Technology and Technology Cooperation

116. The Secretariat continued the preparations for the upcoming Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation. Based on nominations received, experts were selected and a notification was sent communicating the results of the selection process (see notification 2007-073). The meeting will be co-hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-DTIE) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and will take place on 10-12 September 2007, in Geneva.

117. The Secretariat attended the fourth annual meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Cooperation Network on biotechnology (UN-Biotech), which took place on 23 May 2007 in Geneva, with a view to strengthen the profile of the Convention's pertinent work on technology transfer and biosafety in the network.

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The Second International meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and Training, Kuala Lumpur, 16 – 18 April 2007

118. Pursuant to COP-MOP decisions regarding measures to strengthen human resources for the effective implementation of the Protocol, the Secretariat organised the second international meeting of academic institutions and organizations involved in biosafety education and training which was held 16-18 April 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meeting was attended by 63 participants from 56 institutions. It was organised in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and with support from the Danish Government (through the BiosafeTrain project), the Swiss Government and the Biosafety Interdisciplinary Research Network (RIBios) based at the University of Geneva. It was hosted by the Government of Malaysia through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the University of Malaya.

119. The main focus of the meeting was to:

120. Identify strategies and mechanisms for enhancing formal education and training in biosafety, in particular the development of new degree and diploma-granting programmes and/or expansion of existing ones; and

121. Discuss measures for promoting South-South and North-South cooperation between institutions involved in biosafety education and training.

122. In addition, participants reviewed the progress made in implementing the conclusions and recommendations of the first meeting which was held October 2004 in Geneva. Furthermore, participants shared information about their ongoing or planned biosafety education and training programmes and collaborative partnerships. The meeting also heard more detailed case study presentation on the experiences and lessons learned from six initiatives implemented by UNIDO, RIBios, the BiosafeTrain Project, UNESCO University Education Twinning and Networking Scheme (UNITWIN), GenØk and the Program for Biosafety Systems (PBS).

123. The main output of the meeting was an agreement to develop, at the regional level, networks of academic institutions involved in biosafety education and training. As an initial step, each region will collect and share information on existing academic programmes relevant to biosafety, identify key players (including individual and institutions) and review the countries' training needs in biosafety. The information collected will be made available to the Secretariat and to the respective National Focal Points. Some regions plan to organize follow-up regional consultative meetings to discuss options for developing academic programmes in biosafety and possible institutional arrangements for collaboration. A number of other recommendations were also made regarding actions/mechanisms needed to develop academic programmes in biosafety including core elements of post graduate biosafety courses, curriculum development processes and delivery mechanisms.

124. In response to the recommendations of the meeting, the Secretariat will:

- Make the report of the meeting available to all National Focal Points (NFPs); and
- Request NFPs to initiate discussions with relevant authorities in their respective countries, such as the Ministries of Education, in order to facilitate the development of biosafety academic programmes at the national level.

125. The report of the meeting is available on the website of the Secretariat at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=BETAIO-02>.

BS-III/4: Risk Assessment and Risk Management

126. The Secretariat collaborated with Canada Norway Workshop on Risk Assessment for Emerging Applications of Living Modified Organisms (fish, tress, pharmacrops and viruses), held in Montreal, Canada, 4 – 6 June 2007. The workshop addressed the available guidance on risk assessment of fish, tress, pharmacrops and viruses and identified gaps in information and science. The workshop also addressed the appropriateness of current models for risk assessment when applied to these emerging applications. It is expected that the report of the workshop would be submitted to the fourth Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Protocol as an information document.

127. The Secretariat continues to appeal to Parties, other Governments and donor organisations to make funds available to the Executive Secretary to enable the Secretariat hold regional workshops on capacity-building and exchange of experiences on risk assessment and risk management of LMOs for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. Preparations for the content of the workshops are however advanced.

BS-I/6, BS-III/8 AND BS-III/10: Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms

128. Pursuant to paragraph 11 of decision BS-III/10, the Secretariat is currently collecting submissions from Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations regarding (i) their experiences in the use of sampling and detection techniques and (ii) the need for and modalities of developing acceptable criteria for harmonizing the sampling and detection techniques of LMOs.

Green Customs Train-The-Trainer Workshop, 15-18 May 2007, Shanghai, China

129. In May 2007, the Secretariat conducted a training session on LMO identification and documentation requirements under Article 18.2 of the Biosafety Protocol at the Green Customs Train-the-Trainer Workshop, which was held in Shanghai, China. It was organized by the UNEP-coordinated Green Customs Initiative of which the CBD is a member. The workshop was attended by 26 participants from 8 countries. Participants were selected from the Asia-Pacific regional training centres of the World Customs Organization (WCO).

BS-I/5, BS and BS-III/3: Capacity Building**East and Central Africa Regional Consultation on Biosafety, 24 –25 May 2007, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

130. The Secretariat participated in the consultation which was aimed at enabling key country biosafety stakeholders in East and Central Africa Region to fully consult each other on the range of biosafety collaborative activities that could be undertaken at the sub regional level to enhance the implementation of national biosafety frameworks (NBFs).

131. There were represented 25 participants from 14 out of the countries in the region. The consultation ended very successfully with all stakeholders now on an even keel as to the status of NBFs in the region, the problems facing each country as well as common constraints. There was an agreement that the region needs to move forward jointly to address common issues. The participating countries have resolved to maximize use of their limited human and material resources to facilitate the development of an effective regional platform for collaboration on biosafety issues. These sub regional activities will focus on cost effectiveness, economy of scale, common visions and priorities of the countries in the sub region, including better sustainability and higher replication.

132. A mechanism made up of a working group of 5 countries was established to move the process forward.

133. A major constraint identified as impeding the development of NBFs, was the mode of allocation of funds within the Resource Allocation Frameworks (RAF) of the GEF. The mode as it currently exists limits the necessary funds for developing the necessary capacity for the implementation of the Protocol.

Third Global National Project Coordinators Meeting for the Biosafety Implementation Projects, 28th May – 1st June 2007, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

134. The meeting assembled 42 participants made up of National Project Coordinators from the implementation phase of the UNEP/GEF biosafety projects, some donors and observers to discuss challenges and share experiences.

135. Among issues discussed were: Effective coordination among key line Ministries that support CPB, Effective budgeting for results, outputs and impacts, Communications with Implementing agencies, Iterative experience sharing as a component of capacity building, Regional perspectives in biosafety capacity building and BCH development as an integral part of the implementation project.

136. The following were noted as strategies for developing NBF sustainability:

- Development of national biosafety strategy, including national biosafety capacity building strategy and action plan.
- Institutional: Designation of competent authorities and creation of national coordination mechanism, recognized in regulatory framework.
- Financial: Management costs incorporated into national accounts and budgets to provide financial sustainability for biosafety policy.
- Environmental: through development of national regulatory systems that incorporate principles and requirements of CPB into national legislation and sustainable development policy.
- National implementation and operation of NBFs supported through capacity building (institutional and human resources).
- Regional cooperation and south-south cooperation can help build a critical mass of scientific and other expertise in each region for benefit of region as a whole.
- Whenever expressed by participating countries, participation of political/economic regional and sub-regional organizations should be sought to promote mainstreaming and sustainability.

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

137. As part of the implementation of the multi-year programme of work in the development and operation of the BCH, and in response to a number of recommendations made by the Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC) at its second meeting in Geneva on 23 and 24 November 2006, the Secretariat has published a new set of documentation for the version 3.0 of the BCH Interoperability Services including several Quick Starts in VBA, C#, VB.NET, JAVA, PYTHON and PERL, diagrams, articles and tools.

138. 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.

139. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also provided assistance to capacity-building projects for the Biosafety Clearing-House, such as the UNEP-GEF Project on “Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) of the Cartagena Protocol”, particularly through provision of technical assistance and support for regional and national training programmes.

140. Furthermore, the Secretariat launched two new initiatives to help countries develop their National Biosafety Clearing-House (NBCH); Hermes and the BCH Ajax Plug-in. Hermes is a complete Content Management System (CMS) solution, hosted and maintained by the Secretariat, which provides the building blocks for implementing a NBCH interoperable with the Central Portal of the BCH. The BCH Ajax Plug-in is a module which can be integrated into any existing national website in order to make it interoperable with the Central Portal of the BCH.

BS-II/6 and BS-III/6: Cooperation with Other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives

Contribution to the Seventh Session of The Codex Inter-Governmental Task Force on Foods Derived from Biotechnology, Chiba, Japan 24 - 28 September 2007.

141. With regards to COP-MOP decisions on cooperation, the Secretariat provided to the Codex Secretariat a written submission on the CBD's activities that are of direct relevance to the work of the Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Taskforce on Foods Derived from Biotechnology. These included follow-up to COP-MOP decisions on the following issues: 1) detailed identification requirements for documentation accompanying LMOs-FFP (decision BS-III/10); 2) the need for and modalities of developing standards with regard to identification, handling, packaging and transport practices for the transboundary movement of LMOs (paragraph 3 of Article 18 of the Protocol) in consultation with other relevant international bodies (decision BS-III/9); and 3) risk assessment and risk management of LMOs (decision BS-III/11).

BS-II/13: Public Awareness and Participation (Article 23)

142. The second issue of a bi-annual newsletter on biosafety, known as the Biosafety Protocol News, has been published on the 26th June 2007. The newsletter is designed to promote awareness about the Protocol and its processes and to increase the engagement of biosafety stakeholders. This second edition features national level experiences and lessons learned in the development of National Biosafety Frameworks and the Biosafety Clearing House.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol

As of 30 June 2007, with the recent ratifications of Gabon in the last quarter, 141 Parties to the CBD have acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website: <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/default.aspx>

OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

VIII/6: Communication, Education and Public Awareness

143. The Programme of work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) was advanced in this quarter as a result of actions related to the Short list of Priority Activities from Annex II of Decision VIII/6. These are listed below.

144. In support of Priority Activity 5 the creation of toolkits, and as a result of a partnership with the CEC of IUCN, and the financial support of the government of the Netherlands, the Secretariat was pleased to post the toolkit for CEPA on the website of the Secretariat. The toolkit will be distributed by CEC and the SCBD later this summer.

145. As part of its commitments under Priority Activity 7, the building of a Global Network for CEPA, the webpage for the Programme of work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness was revised to include the toolkit and to focus on the shortlist of priority activities. The Collaboration portal for the IAC was also reactivated and is the basis for an online meeting.

146. In support of Priority Activity 8, the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), and as a result of the generous funding of the Government of Norway, the Secretariat provided extensive support to global celebrations for IBD under the theme of Biodiversity and Climate Change. An outreach kit was created that included a booklet on Biodiversity and Climate Change, fact sheets on the relationship between biodiversity, climate change and the Millennium Development Goals, postcards, bookmarks and a poster on the theme. Included in the kit was the latest issue of Gincana magazine – on climate change and biodiversity. This kit was dispatched to all Parties, to partner organizations and others. A video on the theme of biodiversity and climate change was also created.

147. In further support to this, the Secretariat also provided support to the creation and broadcast of two episodes in the BBC World television series “The Earth Report.” The episodes, “All of a Quiver” and “Adopt, Adapt and Survive,” were broadcasted in April and looked at the ways that biodiversity is adapting to climate change, methods of facilitating this, and the impact of this on the livelihoods of the poor. BBC World is a global network and attracts over 200 million viewers.

148. As a result of these activities, there were more celebrations across the globe than ever before. 63 Parties – one third of the Parties to the Convention reported holding activities. This was further supplemented by the participation of 18 partner organizations ranging from UNDP, to the regional offices of UNEP. Notable was the holding of a press conference and photo exhibition on indigenous and local communities vulnerable to climate change at UN headquarters in the margins of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

149. In Montreal, the Secretariat organized a high-level event on 22 May at the Montreal Botanical Gardens. Thanks to the partnership of the City of Montreal, the Botanical Gardens and the Federal government, a day-long event brought over 200 VIPs to the Gardens. Participants included Yvo de Boer, the head of the UNFCCC, the Federal Minister of the Environment, the Hon. John Baird, the Hon. Michael Fortier, Federal Minister for Quebec, the Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, the Hon. Line Beauchamp and the Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Gérald Tremblay. Messages were received from the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the present and incoming presidents of the Conference of the Parties, Ms. Marina Silva and Mr. Sigmar Gabriel, the CEO of the Global Environment Facility, Ms. Monique Barbut.

150. The school outreach programme of the Secretariat was extremely successful this year, with the mobilization of volunteers to deliver presentations. More schools in the Montreal area were reached than ever before.

151. In Decision VIII/6, the Secretariat was also asked to contribute to public awareness of the importance of Taxonomy to the Convention. In support of this the Secretariat commemorated the 300 anniversary of Linnaeus, credited by many to be the founder of modern taxonomy, with a lecture at the offices of the Secretariat on 23 May. Guests included Peter Bridgewater and Yvo de Boer and representatives of the government of Sweden. This is planned to be a yearly event.

152. As an advance contribution to the celebrations of the International Year for Biodiversity and the communication of the 2010 biodiversity target, the Secretariat worked with IUCN, GTZ and GEO-Magazine in Germany to produce a photo exhibition on the 2010 biodiversity target. The exhibition, using the awarded-winning photography of GEO-magazine, was launched on World Environment Day in Berlin, Germany and will tour Europe for the next year before being released to the world at COP-9.

153. During the Quarter, the Secretariat also released a number of publications including 4 volumes in the technical series, Gincana magazine and newsletters for business, youth and indigenous people.

VIII/17: Private-Sector Engagement

154. On 10-12 April, the Secretariat participated in a technical meeting in London (UK) on biodiversity offsets organized by the Business and Biodiversity Offset Program (BBOP), a partnership of over 50 companies, governments, conservation experts and financial institutions to develop, test, and disseminate good practice on biodiversity offsets. The meeting discussed draft methodologies to guide developers in the planning and design of biodiversity offsets. BBOP is expected to showcase progress on offsets at COP-9.

155. On 5 April, the Secretariat participated in the first workshop of the newly-launched biodiversity & ecosystem services work stream of the UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI). The meeting, hosted by KPMG in London (UK), convened about 30 participants representing financial institutions, inter-governmental organisations as well as NGOs. The workshop provided steps forward for achieving the Work Streams deliverables in 2007 (see <http://www.unepfi.org/events/2007/london/index.html> for more information). As part of the Advisory Group of the work stream, the Secretariat will be working closely with UNEP FI in the months to come. An issue of Business.2010, the Secretariat business newsletter, will be published on the financial services sector on the occasion of the UNEP FI annual roundtable, in October 2007.

156. The Secretariat has also been invited to join the Steering committee of the Natural Value Initiative (NVI), led by UNEP FI and Fauna & Flora International (FFI), to refine and expand the Biodiversity Benchmark initially developed by Insight Investment and FFI. The second edition of the original Benchmark was launched at COP-8 and a benchmark for the food and beverages sector is expected to be launched at COP-9. Meetings will be held in the UK and Brazil to discuss the tool with the business community, and others, over August and September 2007.

157. On 9 May, the Secretariat participated, as an observer, in the Advisory Board meeting of the BioTrade Facilitation Programme in Geneva, Switzerland. This meeting took place in the context of the launch, on 8 May, of the Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT) which brings together organizations from various industries — including cosmetics and health-care, ornamental and fashion goods that are working in the field of native biodiversity.

158. On 11 May, the Secretariat participated in the second meeting of the ad-hoc working group on biodiversity agreements and economic issues. The meeting, organised by the UNCTAD BioTrade Programme, in Geneva (Switzerland), convened representatives from the secretariats of CITES, Ramsar and the Global Mechanism of UNCCD to discuss a joint work plan for 2007. On 5-8 June, the Secretariat attended CITES CoP-14 and, as part of this, the Secretariat participated in a panel on business engagement in MEAs with Hon. Serapio Rukundo (Minister of State for Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Republic of Uganda), the CITES Secretariat and UNCTAD.

159. On 11 May, the Secretariat also participated in a meeting on business engagement in biodiversity-related conventions, with a focus on the sector of natural ingredients for the cosmetics and food industries. The meeting, convened by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) in Geneva, Switzerland, was organized on the margins of Vitafoods International, the largest and nutraceutical event in Europe.

160. On 22 May, on the occasion of International Biodiversity Day, the Secretariat published the second issue of its business and biodiversity newsletter for 2007. The issue, which focused on "business, biodiversity and climate change" contained 18 articles, including contributions from UNEP, UNFCCC, Deutsche Bank, Honda, SustainAbility Ltd, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, and the World Bank. The government of Japan also provided an overview of business engagement in the context of the revision of its National Biodiversity Strategy. This can be downloaded at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/news-biz-2007-05-low-en.pdf>.

161. On 11 June, the Secretariat participated in the Countdown 2010 Partners meeting, which convened a number of companies and business associations (Brussels, Belgium) -- see <http://www.countdown2010.net/> for more information.

162. The Secretariat was invited, on 14 June, to take part in a panel on business and biodiversity, as part of Green Week (Belgium, Brussels) -- see http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/conference_day03.html for more information. This event took place in the context of the European Commission's efforts to develop a business and biodiversity initiative. In the run-up to this, Portugal is organizing a conference in November 2007 and the Secretariat has been invited to join the organizing committee.

IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

DECISION VIII/8 - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS STRATEGIC PLAN

163. The main focus of the Secretariat's activities over the past 3 months concerning follow up to this decision has been with preparation for the second meeting of the ad hoc open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Strategic Plan. Documentation prepared for the meeting in follow-up to decision VIII/8 includes:

- UNEP/CBD/WG RI/2/2 Status of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan focussing on implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and availability of financial resources -- an overview
- UNEP/CBD/WG RI/2/2/Add.1 Synthesis and analysis of obstacles to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, lessons learned from the review, effectiveness of policy instruments and strategic priorities for action
- UNEP/CBD/WG RI/2/3 Guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans

- UNEP/CBD/WG RI/2/INF/3 Capacity building: report on activities of the Secretariat and partner organizations to facilitate and provide technical support for the implementation of the Convention
- UNEP/CBD/WG RI/2/INF/6 Input to the Process of Revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010
- UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/7 Status of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans
Compilation of Submissions
- UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/9 National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: A Meta-Analysis of Earlier Reviews
- UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/10 Review of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Implementation of the Convention: A Bibliography
- UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/11 UN Reform Processes on International Environmental Governance and System-Wide Coherence and Other UN Initiatives Relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity

164. In addition, significant time has been devoted to pre-registration and corresponding with Parties, NGOs, International Organizations, and Indigenous and Local Communities regarding participation in WGRI and SBSTTA as well as organization of side events.

165. To further enhance the capacity of Parties to implement the Convention a training session focusing on NBSAP preparation and updating has been organized for Sunday 8 July 2007 in advance of WGRI-2 in collaboration with UNEP/GEF and UNDP. With the support of UNEP_GEF and through collaboration with the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies, a series of training modules was developed on NBSAPS and the mainstreaming of biodiversity. The modules are currently available for review at: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/guidance-tools/training-modules.shtml>

166. In cooperation with GTZ an online poster generation tool was developed, and Parties and observers have been invited to submit posters on NBSAPs and the linkages to the 2010 Biodiversity Target to be displayed at the poster session which will be opened on July 9 during the reception for WGRI-2. Posters submitted can also be viewed at: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/wgri-02/poster-session.shtml> Based on the experience of the WGRI_2 poster session, all Parties will be invited to prepare NBSAP-related posters for display at COP-9.

167. The ITS Division has liaised with donors with respect to funding for sub-regional capacity building workshops and training events on NBSAPs, meetings which were mandated by COP Decision VIII/8. We have liaised with regional partners on timing and hosting of several of these workshops. An information document was prepared for WGRI-2: UNEP/CBD/WG RI/2/INF/2 Regional and Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshops on Implementing NBSAPS and Mainstreaming Biodiversity

DECISION VIII/11 - SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM

168. The most important activity of the second quarter of 2007 was the preparation of the new version of the Convention website (www.cbd.int) launched on the occasion of the International Biodiversity Day (22 May 2007). This new website is a major milestone for the clearing-house mechanism as a facilitator of information exchange. A permanent effort will be required not only to maintain the website up-to-date, but also to improve its quality and make it available in several languages. It is hoped that additional resources will be made available to achieve these goals.

169. In the context of objective 2.5 of the strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism on common formats, protocols and standards, the Secretariat participated in a Biodiversity

Conservation Standards Workshop held in Gland, Switzerland, on 19 April 2007. The workshop was jointly organized by the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS). The purpose of the workshop was to stimulate a collaborative effort to improve international standardization in the domain of biodiversity conservation. The goal of the partnership is to contribute to the establishment of a solid foundation for a global biodiversity information infrastructure, with special reference to the conservation of nature, species loss and ecosystem integrity. The Secretariat also attended the follow-up workshop in Arlington, Virginia, on 26 June 2007.

170. Since 1999, the Belgian CHM national focal point has been involved in a partnership with African countries to strengthen their capacity to implement their national clearing-house mechanisms. In order to define the right support strategy for the forthcoming five years, the Belgian CHM organized a brainstorming workshop which was held in Brussels, Belgium, on 2-3 May 2007. African partner countries as well as other partners, including the Secretariat were invited to provide feedback, share their experiences and make recommendations for the further development of national clearing-house mechanisms.

171. Background documents have been prepared for the forthcoming meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM-IAC) to be held in Paris on 7 July 2007. Those documents provide, *inter alia*, a status of the implementation of the programme of work, and a proposed strategic vision for contributing to the enhanced implementation phase of the Convention.

DECISION VIII/14 - NATIONAL REPORTING

172. As of end of June 2007, a total of 131 third national reports had been received.

173. An updated synthesis of information contained in 127 third national reports had been prepared and is presented in the document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/2/INF. 1 and its three addenda for consideration at the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation (Paris, France, July 9-13, 2007).

174. The Secretariat worked with UNDP and UNEP in developing and finalizing a medium-sized project proposal for funding the preparation of the fourth national report (entitled as "Preparation of National Assessments of Progress Towards the 2010 Targets"). This MSP will be presented to the GEF for consideration and approval in July.

175. As of end of June 2007, a total of 80 country profiles have been approved and updated by Parties and 73 of them were made available on the country web pages of the new website of the Convention. In addition, some draft country profiles have been posted on the new website of the Convention. A reminder was sent in April to some countries that had not updated their profiles or submitted profiles (in case of those countries that had never submitted any national report or other documents such as NBSAPs).

176. After some consultations, some countries have agreed to contribute example chapters to a sample report of the fourth national report (requested in paragraph 18 (d) of decision VIII/14), which may be made available to Parties by March 2008.

177. The Secretariat is still developing a reference manual in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC to help Parties prepare the fourth national report.

178. As a part of redesigning and launching the website of the Convention, the webpage on national reporting had been redesigned and launched.

179. A proposal on national reporting harmonization among related conventions at national and global level was prepared and presented for consideration by a meeting of the Joint Liaison Group in June 2007. Meanwhile, work on harmonizing reporting on inland waters ecosystems is continuing.

180. A training module on national reports had been prepared for training workshops for national focal points as well as a side event on the fourth national report during the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation.

181. As noted under the section on Scientific, Technical and Technological Matters, in response to the requests contained in decision VIII/14, paragraph 18 (a), the Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/5 (“Global Biodiversity Outlook: Lessons learned from the preparation of the second edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook and proposals on the scope and focus of the third edition”), to be considered by SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2. The Secretariat has also prepared an information note on containing a detailed plan for the preparation of GBO-3. This note will be made available to WGRI and subsequently Parties and organizations will be invited to comment on the plan before it is finalized. A number of organizations have been invited to nominate members for the GBO-3 Advisory Group.

DECISION VIII/16 - COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES

182. The Secretariat liaised closely with UNDP, UNEP, UNU-IAS and other organizations in the in-depth review of NBSAPs and the preparation of training materials as well as training sessions on the margins of WGRI-2.

VIII/18: Further Guidance to the Financial Mechanism and VIII/13: Review of Implementation of Financial Resources and Financial Mechanism

183. The document on options and draft strategy for resource mobilization has been finalized for WGRI-2. Three additional information documents provide a comprehensive compilation of information concerning environmental funds and national submissions as well as a synthesis of national information concerning the availability of financial resources.

184. The Secretariat provided inputs on how Rio marker information has been used under the Convention since 2002. OECD Secretariat informed that the Working Group on Statistics would discuss issues related to the Rio Markers in July, 2007.

185. A special issue of GINCANA Finance and Biodiversity has been initiated. Inter-American Development Bank, South Africa, United Kingdom have already advised that they would contribute to that special issue.

186. The Secretariat attended the Expert Group Meeting on Management of Environmental Funds organized by the Latin American and the Caribbean Network on Environmental Funds (RedLAC) in Lima, Peru, from 9-11 May 2007.

187. A working document on streamlining the guidance provided to the financial mechanism has been finalized for consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation.

188. After an open and transparent international tendering process, Stratos inc. was selected as the independent evaluator to carry out the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. Responses to the survey on the effectiveness of the financial mechanism have been received from Slovenia, Germany, Belgium, Egypt, and Denmark.

189. The Secretariat attended the thirty-first meeting of the GEF Council Meeting held from 11-15 June 2007. The meeting adopted new focal area strategy for biodiversity, new project cycle, new approach to applying incremental cost principles, and the first work program for GEF-4.

190. The Secretariat provided inputs to the GEF document "Relations with Conventions" prepared for the thirty first meeting of the GEF.

191. Project proposals received from GEF and reviewed were:

Belize: Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Coordinating Multi-sectoral Environmental Policies and Programmes

Bhutan: Enhancing Global Environmental Management in Bhutan's Local Governance System

Brazil: Biodiversity Conservation to Contribute to the Development of Rio Grande do Sul State

China: Ningxia/Yinchuan Integrated Ecosystem Management Project

China: Shaanxi Qinling Mountains Integrated Ecosystem Development Project

Dominican Republic: Integrated Management of the Coastal and Marine Zone of the Samana Region

Ecuador: Management of Chimborazo's Natural Resources

Ghana: Establishing and Effective and Sustainable Structure for Implementing Multilateral Environment Agreements

Global: Conservation and Management of Pollinators for Sustainable Agriculture, through an Ecosystem Approach

Global: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Cultivated and Wild Tropical Fruit Diversity: Promoting Sustainable Livelihood, Food Security and Ecosystem Services

Global: GEF Public Private Partnership Initiative

Jamaica: Piloting Natural Resource Valuation within Environmental Impact Assessments

Lao People's Democratic Republic: Meeting the Primary Obligations of the Rio Conventions through Strengthened Capacity to Implement Natural Resources Legislation

Myanmar: Development of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

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

Peru: Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation through the National Protected Areas

Philippines: Mindanao Rural Development Program Phase II - Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Conservation Component

Philippines: Strengthening Coordination for Effective Environmental Management (STREEM)

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

Sri Lanka: Participatory coastal Zone Restoration and Sustainable Management in the Eastern Province of post-tsunami Sri Lanka

ANNEX 1 - MEETINGS
Meetings in 2007

MEETINGS - APRIL TO JUNE 2007

1 - 5 April 2007	Workshop to enhance the capacity of MEA negotiators and prepare for CBD COP negotiations, organized by BfN, UNEP and CBD - Isle of Vilm, Germany
4 April 2007	First workshop of the UNEP Finance Initiative Biodiversity and Ecosystems workstream - London, U.K.
10 April 2007	Meeting with representatives from the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics - Paris, France
10 - 12 April 2007	Business and Biodiversity Offsets Program meeting - London, U.K.
10 - 12 April 2007	Marine Protected Areas Summit organized by IUCN-WCPA - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
12 April 2007	Emergency preparedness briefing with representatives from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) - Ottawa, Canada
10 - 13 April 2007	European regional preparatory meeting for the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12) of the CBD - Isle of Vilm, Germany
12 - 13 April 2007	First meeting of the Friends of the United Nations Environment Organization - Agadir, Morocco
12 - 13 April 2007	Conference on international environmental law, organized by the American Law Institute and American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
13 April 2007	Various meetings with representatives from SustainAbility, DEFRA, Sustainable Finance and the Business and Biodiversity Offset Program (BBOP) - London, U.K.
16 April 2007	Meeting with the Consul General of Japan in Montreal - Montreal, Canada
16 April 2007	Meeting with the representative of CABI - Montreal, Canada
16 April 2007	Meeting with representatives from GTZ on the preparation of the International Day for Biological Diversity celebrations in Vietnam
17 April 2007	Visit of Mrs. Lorena Aguilar Revelo, IUCN Senior Gender Adviser - Montreal, Canada
19 April 2007	Biodiversity Conservation Standards Workshop, jointly organized by IUCN and OASIS - Geneva, Switzerland
19 April 2007	Opening of the on-campus training session of the UNIDO Biosafety Diploma course - University of Malaya, Malaysia
19 April 2007	Presentation on the "Agenda of environmental law research in support to the enhanced phase of implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity" at the Research workshop of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law - Ottawa, Canada
19 April 2007	Presentation on Climate Change and Biodiversity at the University of Ottawa - Ottawa, Canada

19 - 20 April 2007	International Conference in Defence of the Quality of the Night Sky and the Right to Observe the Stars - La Palma, Spain
19 - 20 April 2007	Expert Consultation on Proposed Knowledge Base on Genetically Modified Agricultural Products - Ames, Iowa, U.S.A.
22 April 2007	Interview with Radio Canada on the occasion of Earth Day - Montreal, Canada
22 - 24 April 2007	International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) General meeting - Tokyo, Japan
23 April 2007	Visit of several officials from the Hainan Province (China) on a study tour in Canada, to present a project on payments for the ecosystem services (PES), with support by CIDA and IUCN - Montréal, Canada
23 April 2007	Telephone interview with Mr. Hamid Tahri from the Algerian newspaper <i>El watan</i> , (article to be published on 26 April 2007)
23 - 27 April 2007	UNEP-GEF BCH Training Workshop for Regional Advisors - New Delhi, India
24 April 2007	Meeting with Dr. Hans Peter Schipulle, Deputy Director General BMZ Commission for Liaison with International Organizations - Bonn, Germany
25 April 2007	Interview with Deutsche Welle radio as well as a press conference on COP-9 - Berlin, Germany
25 - 26 April 2007	Meeting with the Director General of the Federal Environment Ministry of Germany and the President of the Federal Agency for the Conservation of Nature - Bonn, Germany
26 April 2007	Biodiversity and Tourism Network presentation, CBD main conference room (Secretariat office)
26 April 2007	Meeting with the Federal Environment Minister of Germany - Berlin, Germany
26 April 2007	Meeting with representatives from German NGOs - Berlin, Germany
26 April 2007	Meeting with Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Environment Ministry of Germany - Berlin, Germany
27 April 2007	Meeting with the Mayor of Bonn - Bonn, Germany
30 April - 1 May 2007	Participate in the Selection and Interviewing Skills Workshop, organized by the Human Resources Unit at the United Nations Headquarters - New York, U.S.A.
1 May 2007	Expert panel on International Environmental Governance - New York, U.S.A.
2 May 2007	Meeting with representatives from the IUCN Environmental Law Centre - Montreal, Canada
2 - 3 May 2007	Brainstorming Workshop on the Belgian Partnership for the Clearing-House Mechanism - Brussels, Belgium
2 - 4 May 2007	Undertake training in IMIS Personnel Module, provided by the IMIS Training Unit at the United Nations Headquarters - New York, U.S.A.
2 - 4 May 2007	WTO Committee on Trade and Environment meeting, and its Special Session - Geneva, Switzerland
3 - 4 May 2007	Visit of Professor Ben Bell from the Victoria University of Wellington - Montreal, Canada
4 May 2007	Meeting with MEA representatives, UNEP and WTO staff - Geneva, Switzerland

7 - 8 May 2007	Meet with relevant staff at the FAO Headquarters, in preparation for the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas - Rome, Italy
7 - 8 May 2007	Participate and address the 2007 BIO International Convention, as well as take part as panel member in the Ministerial session of the conference - Boston, U.S.A.
7 - 18 May 2007	Twenty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - Bonn, Germany
8 May 2007	Tree planting ceremony in support of the UNEP campaign <i>Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign</i> at the Ottawa City Hall - Ottawa, Canada
9 May 2007	Meet with relevant staff at the UNEP-DTIE office, in preparation for the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity - Paris, France
9 May 2007	Advisory Board meeting of the Union of Ethical BioTrade - Geneva, Switzerland
9 - 11 May 2007	High Level Segment of the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development - New York, U.S.A.
9 - 11 May 2007	International Expert workshop on "A global network of protected forest areas under the CBD: opportunities and challenges" - Freiburg, Germany
10 May 2007	Vitafoods Discussion Forum - Geneva, Switzerland
10 - 11 May 2007	Meet with relevant staff at the UNESCO Headquarters, in preparation for the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity - Paris, France
11 May 2007	Joint UNCTAD and IFC Workshop on business engagement in biodiversity-related conventions with a special focus on the sector of natural ingredients for cosmetics, food and pharmaceutical industries - Geneva, Switzerland
11 May 2007	Meeting of the <i>Ad hoc</i> MEA Working Group - Geneva, Switzerland
12 May 2007	Presentation of NBSAPs at the "Making NAPAs work: process and implementation lessons" side event organized by the Government of Germany, in the margins of UNFCCC SBSTA 26 - Bonn, Germany
12 - 13 May 2007	Keynote presentation on GRID/Arendal Event "Linking Tourism and Conservation" and Project Development Meeting - Arendal, Norway
14 May 2007	Presentation to the UNESCO Institute of Statistics staff - Montreal, Canada
14 - 16 May 2007	Moderate the session on ecotourism and biodiversity at the Global Ecotourism Conference - Oslo, Norway

15 and 17 May 2007	Training of the Montreal Biodome staff on the work of the CBD - Montreal, Canada
15 May 2007	Participate in the opening of the indigenous cultural exhibition, in the margins of the sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues - New York, U.S.A.
15 - 18 May 2007	Attend and serve as resource person for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety the Green Customs Train-the-Trainers Workshop on MEA-related trade controls - Shanghai, China
16 May 2007	Meeting with Mr. Louis-Noël Jail from the <i>Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie</i> (IEPF) of the <i>Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie</i> (OIF) - Montréal, Canada
16 May 2007	Meeting with representatives from the <i>École des Hautes Études Commerciales Montréal</i> - Montreal, Canada
17 May 2007	Statement by the Executive Secretary delivered at the sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues - New York, U.S.A.
17-18 May 2007	<i>Conserver, exploiter, partager. Les enjeux de la mise en œuvre de la Convention sur la diversité biologique</i> , Colloque du CEDRIE - Montréal Botanical Garden, Montréal, Canada
18 May 2007	Visit and presentation made by Dr. David Towns, Senior Scientist of the New Zealand Department of Conservation - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
22 May 2007	Press conference on the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, in the margins of the sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, concerning indigenous and local communities highly vulnerable to climate change - New York, U.S.A.
22 May 2007	Press conference with the Minister of Environment of Canada, at the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity - Montreal, Canada
22 May 2007	Interviews with <i>Tierramérica</i> , <i>Le Devoir</i> and <i>Metro</i> newspapers
22 May 2007	Presentation at the International Day for Biological Diversity celebration - Nagoya, Japan
22 May 2007	Presentation on the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity celebration at the Millennium Seed Bank - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, United Kingdom
22 May 2007	Signing of the agreement between the CBD Secretariat and the MKI Travel and Conference Management Inc., in the margins of the celebrations for the International Day for Biological Diversity - Montreal, Canada
22-23 May 2007	Attend the DIVERSITAS EcoSERVICES Working Group meeting - Paris, France
23 May 2007	Visit and presentation made by Mr. Faisal Moola, Director of Science at the David Suzuki Foundation - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
24-25 May 2007	Attend the UNEP-GEF East and Central Africa Regional consultation - Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
25 May 2007	Meeting with the Secretary General and other senior representatives of the United Nations - New York, U.S.A.
25 May 2007	Meeting with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme - New York

25 May 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of the Secretary General's High-Level Panel on System-wide Coherence - New York, U.S.A.
25 May 2007	Meeting with the Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York - New York, U.S.A.
28-31 May 2007	Attend the third meeting of the National Project Coordinators, Implementation of NBF Projects - Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
4 June 2007	Opening speech at the Workshop on risk assessment of LMO, arranged by Norway and Canada - Montreal, Canada
5 June 2007	Participate as a speaker in a high-level panel discussion on the importance of preventing biodiversity loss and climate change, on the occasion of World Environment Day, and delivery of a statement on biodiversity and climate change by the ES, addressed to the G-8 on behalf of UNEP, UNDP, Countdown 2010, and Equator Initiative - Berlin, Germany
5 June 2007	Inauguration of a 2010 photo exhibit prepared by GTZ and GEO magazine – Berlin, Germany
5 June 2007	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the SCBD and the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development – Berlin, Germany
5-7 June 2007	Attend the joint BP-INFO-PAP/RAC NFPs meeting - Palermo, Italy
6 June 2007	Participate on the panel on MEAs and business engagement (side event), in the margins of the CITES COP-14 - The Hague, Netherlands
7 June 2007	Seventh meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions - Bonn, Germany
8 June 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of UNITAR, Geneva, Switzerland
8 June 2007	Meeting with the Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Division in FAO - Rome, Italy
8 June 2007	Meeting with representatives from the Secretariat of the Global Reporting Initiative - Amsterdam, Netherlands
11 June 2007	Participated in the Countdown 2010 Partners Assembly - Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Signature of Memorandum of Understanding between Countdown 2010 Secretariat and the SCBD - Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Meeting with the Director, IUCN Brussels Office - Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Meeting with the Director of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Resources - Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Meeting with the Director of the European Network of Science Centres and Museums – Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Meeting with senior officials of the European Union – Brussels, Belgium
11 – 15 June 2007	Participated in GEF Council Meeting and GEF NGO Consultation - Washington D.C., U.S.A.
12 – 13 June 2007	Participated at a Royal Society and UK Global Environmental Change Committee Biodiversity sub-committee workshop: Biodiversity – Climate Interactions: adaptation, mitigation and human livelihoods – London, U.K.

12 June 2007	Media interview with Environmental Reporter of BBC – London, U.K.
12 June 2007	Meeting with the Director of UNEP – WCMC – London, U.K.
13 June 2007	Presentation on the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Private Sector, on the occasion of the General Assembly of the Chamber of Commerce of the East of Montreal (CCIEIM) - Biodôme, Montreal, Canada
14 June 2007	Participate in the Business and Biodiversity panel, as part of the Green Week Conference - Brussels, Belgium
11 – 15 June 2007	Attended the eleventh session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
20 – 21 June 2007	21 st meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB) - Paris, France
23-27 June 2007	Conference on “Ecological Integrity and Sustainable Society” - Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
23 June 2007	Conference on Desertification, Climate Change and Biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area - Sassari, Italy
24 June 2007	Participate in the Steering Committee of the Global Forum and Special Friends - New York, U.S.A.
24 June 2007	Interview with Radio Algiers on climate change and biodiversity
25 June 2007	Meeting with various NGOs in the United States, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
25 – 29 June 2007	Attend and make a presentation at the panel discussion of the eighth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea - New York, U.S.A.
25-29 June 2007	Meeting of the Task Team on Administrative Arrangements for the UNEP Administered Convention Secretariats - Geneva, Switzerland
26 June 2007	Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation Standards, organized by IUCN and OASIS, and hosted by Conservation International - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
26 June 2007	Conference on Desertification and Security - Berlin, Germany
26 June 2007	Meeting with the Assistant Secretary of State as well as other senior officials from the U.S. Department of State - Washington D.C., U.S.A.
26 June 2007	Presentation on “Global Alliance for Life on Earth” at a meeting held at the United States Library of Congress and organized by the Institute for Policy Innovation - Washington D.C., U.S.A.
27 – 29 June 2007	International Network on Traditional Knowledge: Climate Change, Desertification, Environmental Conflicts and Migrations - Florence, Italy
28 – 29 June 2007	Eschborn Dialogue on Capacity Development - Eschborn, Germany

ANNEX II

Status of implementation of the agreed Administrative Arrangements

I Personnel Arrangements

192. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 29 regularized Professional staff members and 25 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 11 vacant posts, (8 professional and 3 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 6 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 II respectively).

193. There were 8 Interns working at the Secretariat during the period under review: Mr. Kieran Noonan-Mooney from Canada, working on Forests Biodiversity with STTM; Ms. Nancy Beaulne from Canada, working with Education and Public Information; Ms. Patrycja Ochman from Canada, working on Traditional Knowledge with SEL; Ms. Geneviève Leblanc from Canada, working on the Cooperation with Universities Programme under OMG; Ms. Marie Martinez from France, working on Protected Areas with STTM; Ms. Robin Campbell from Canada, working on Indigenous Knowledge with SEL; Ms. Patty Abou-Jaoudé from Canada, working with Administration, and Mr. Iman Mesdoua from Algeria, working on Research in the Office of the Executive Secretary.

II Contributions and Funds

194. During the second quarter of 2007, three new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. WWF pledged CHF 20,000 for the Sub-Regional Anglophone African Workshop on Protected Areas; Italy pledged US\$ 3,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review and Implementation of the programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, and US\$10,000 was received from the Nature Conservancy for the Sub-Regional Anglophone African Workshop on Protected Areas.

195. For 2007 a total of US\$1,156,329 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,143,329 or 99% has been collected as at 30 June 2007. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

196. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2007 is US\$8,160,677. Of this amount, US\$6,791,958 or 83% has been received as at 30 June 2007. A total of US\$458,529 has also been collected in 2007 as advance payments for 2008 and future years. Additionally, US\$1,070,000 has been pledged and US\$204,000 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2007. US\$1,062,327 has also been collected in 2007 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

197. As at 30 June 2007 a total of US\$656,769 has been pledged for 2007 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Sweden (SEK 200,000); Spain (Euros 175,000); Iceland (US\$ 1,979); Germany (Euros 38,325); Norway (NOK 550,000); UK (GBP 35,000); Denmark (US\$ 30,000 & DKK 150,000); Finland (Euros 15,000); Ireland (Euros 50,000) and Switzerland (CHF 50,000).

198. As at 30 June 2007, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2007 amounted to US\$400,873 or 61% of the total pledged for 2007. Additionally, US\$119,839 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$347,910 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2007 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

199. As at 30 June 2007, a total of fifty-three (53) countries have paid US\$1,764,197 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 80.2% of pledges for 2007. A total of US\$382 has also been collected in 2007 as advance payments for 2008 and future years. US\$287,449 has also been collected in 2007 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

200. As at 30 June 2007, no pledges and/or contributions were made to the Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2007. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

201. As at 30 June 2007, the Governments of Iceland and Norway have pledged a total of US\$93,103 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\$77,230 or 83% 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

202. COP-8 approved a budget of US\$11,012,400 for the BY Trust Fund for 2007. As at 30 June 2007, a total of US\$5,409,583 was spent or committed. This represents 49.1% of the approved amount.

203. COP/MOP-3 approved a budget of US\$2,615,000 for the BG Trust Fund for 2007. As at 30 June 2007 a total of US\$789,326 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 30.2% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

204. At present the following eleven posts are funded by UNEP from the programme support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Administrative Officer (P-3); Programme Management Officer Biosafety (P-3); Associate Finance Officer (P-2); Personal Assistant to the ES (P-2); 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

April - June 2007

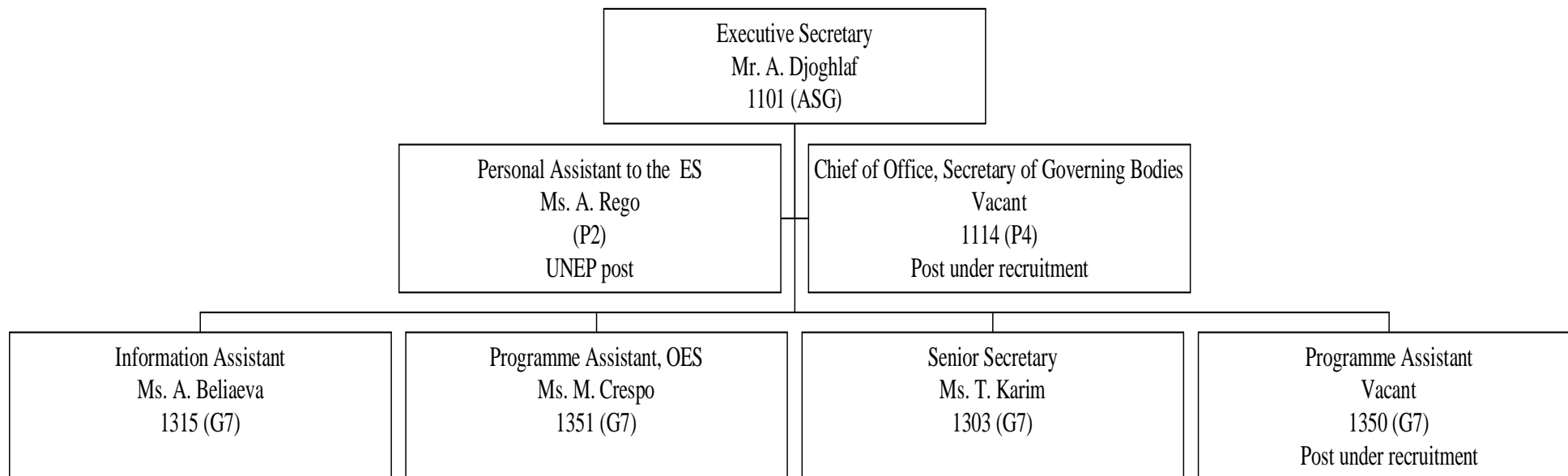
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaf
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
BGL 1101	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Recruitment in progress
1106	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)	Recruitment in progress
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. T. Christophersen
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Office of the Executive Secretary	Recruitment in progress
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)	Post advertised
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Recruitment in progress
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	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (BS)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo

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)	Recruitment in progress
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
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Recruitment in progress
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
	P3	Programme Management Officer (RMCS)	Recruitment in progress (Post funded by UNEP)
	P2	Personal Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Recruitment in progress
1139	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. T. Karim
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. L. Boutin
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Recruitment in progress
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	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. N. Annual
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva

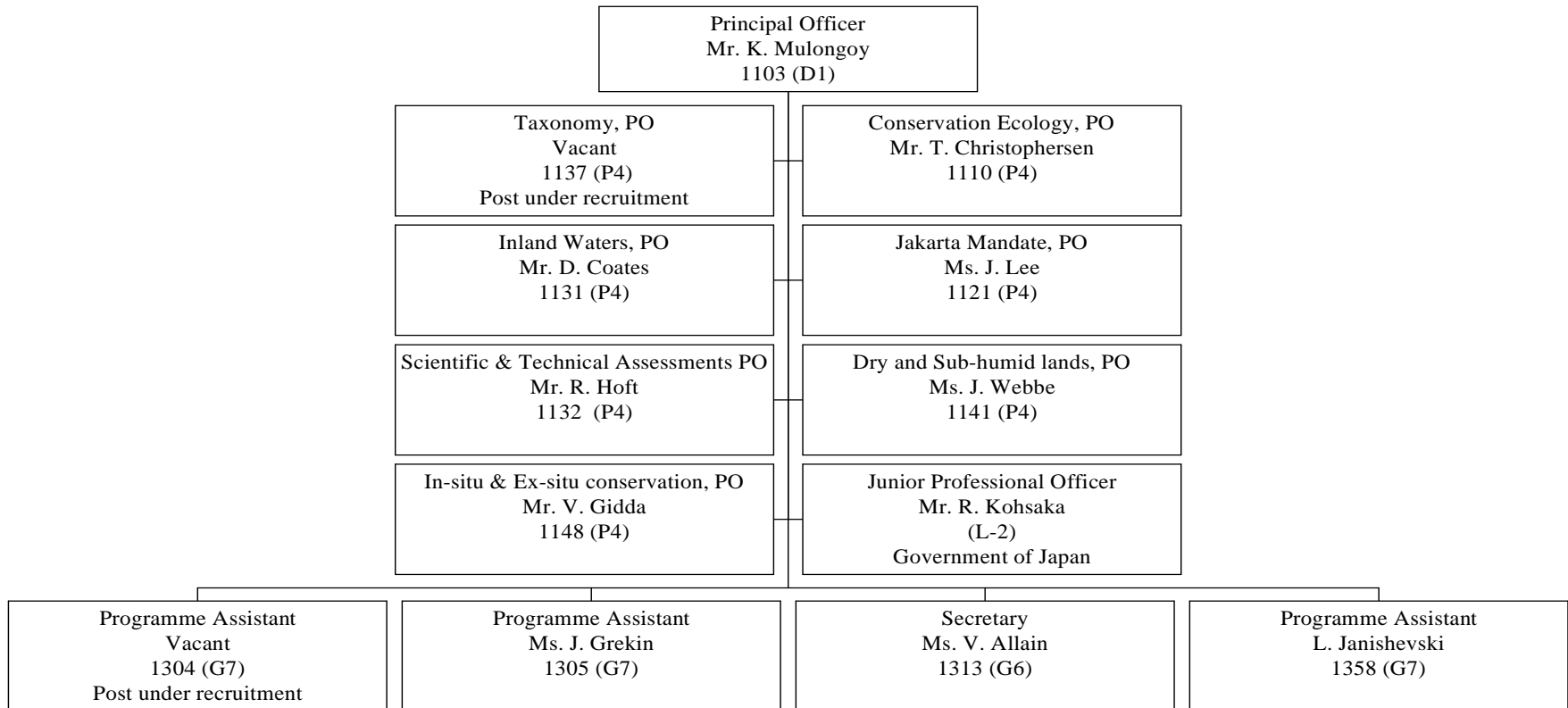
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1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Post advertised
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	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)	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)	Ms. C. Robichaud
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**

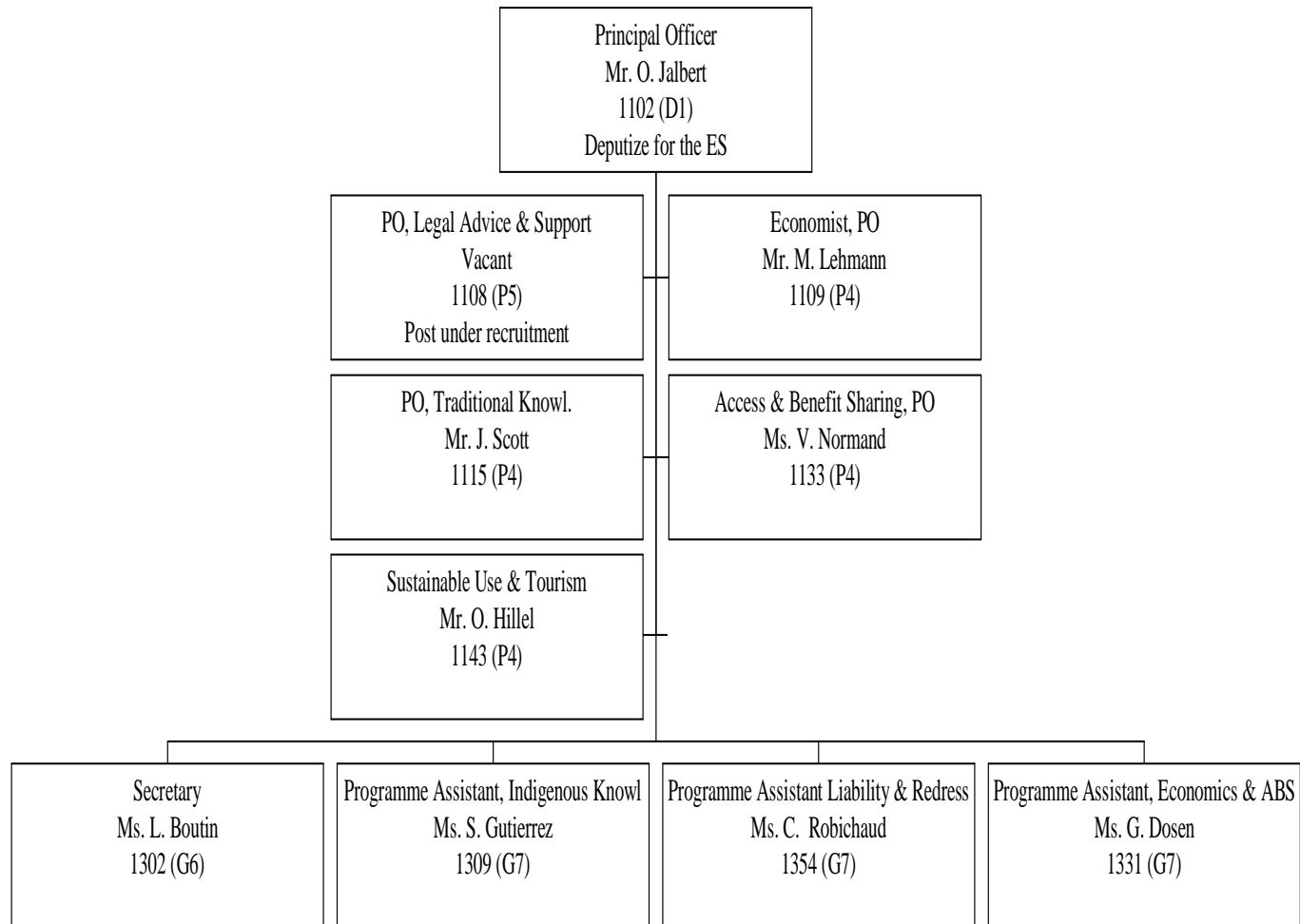
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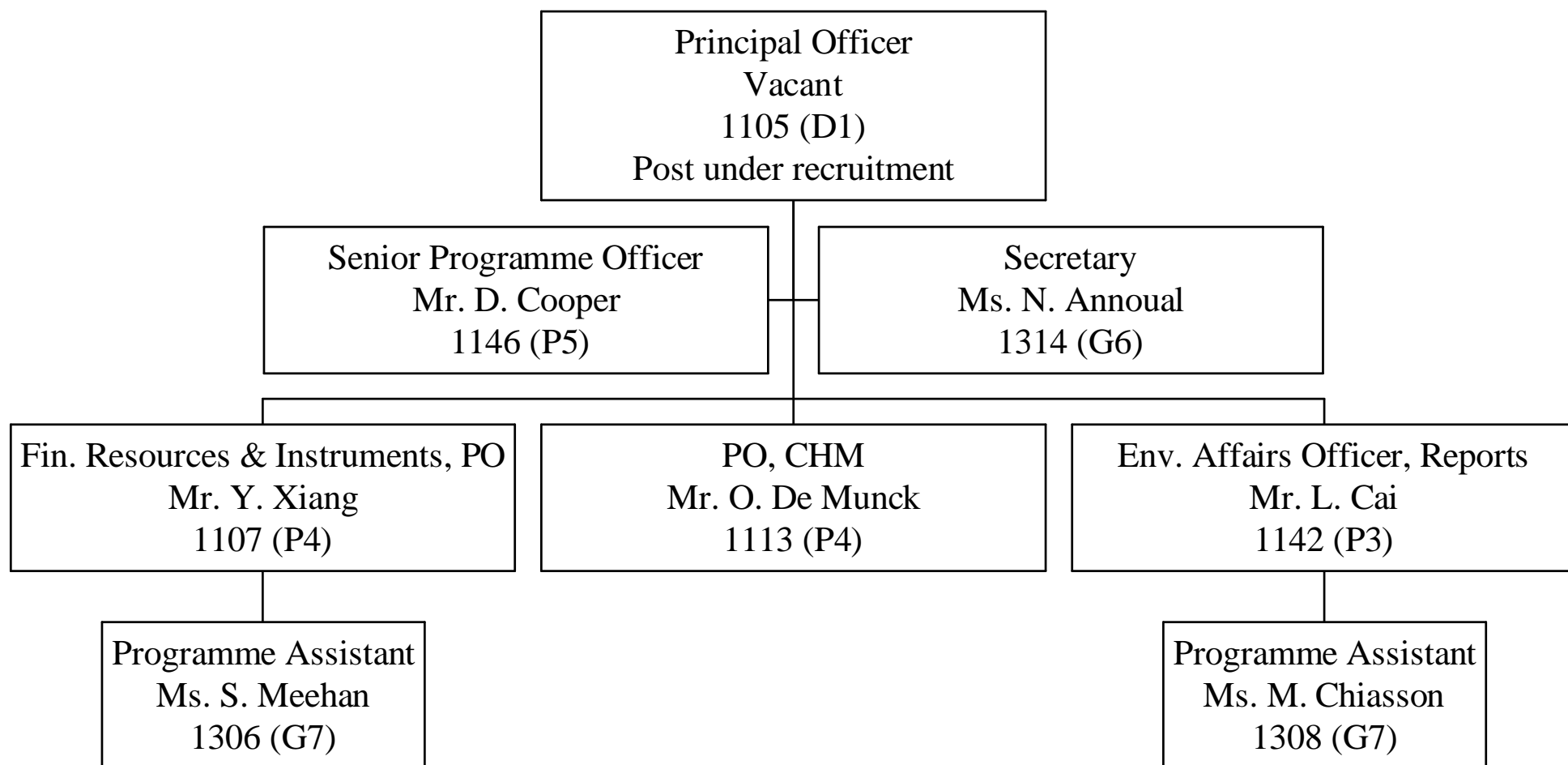
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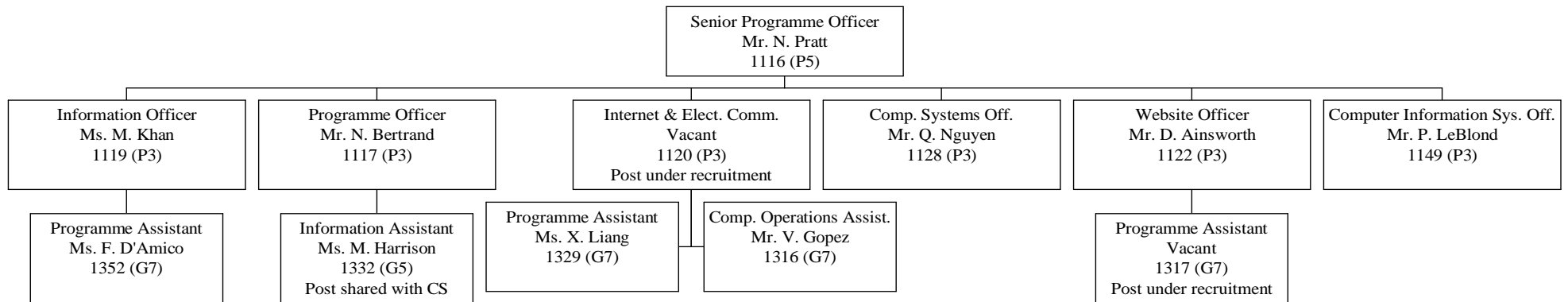
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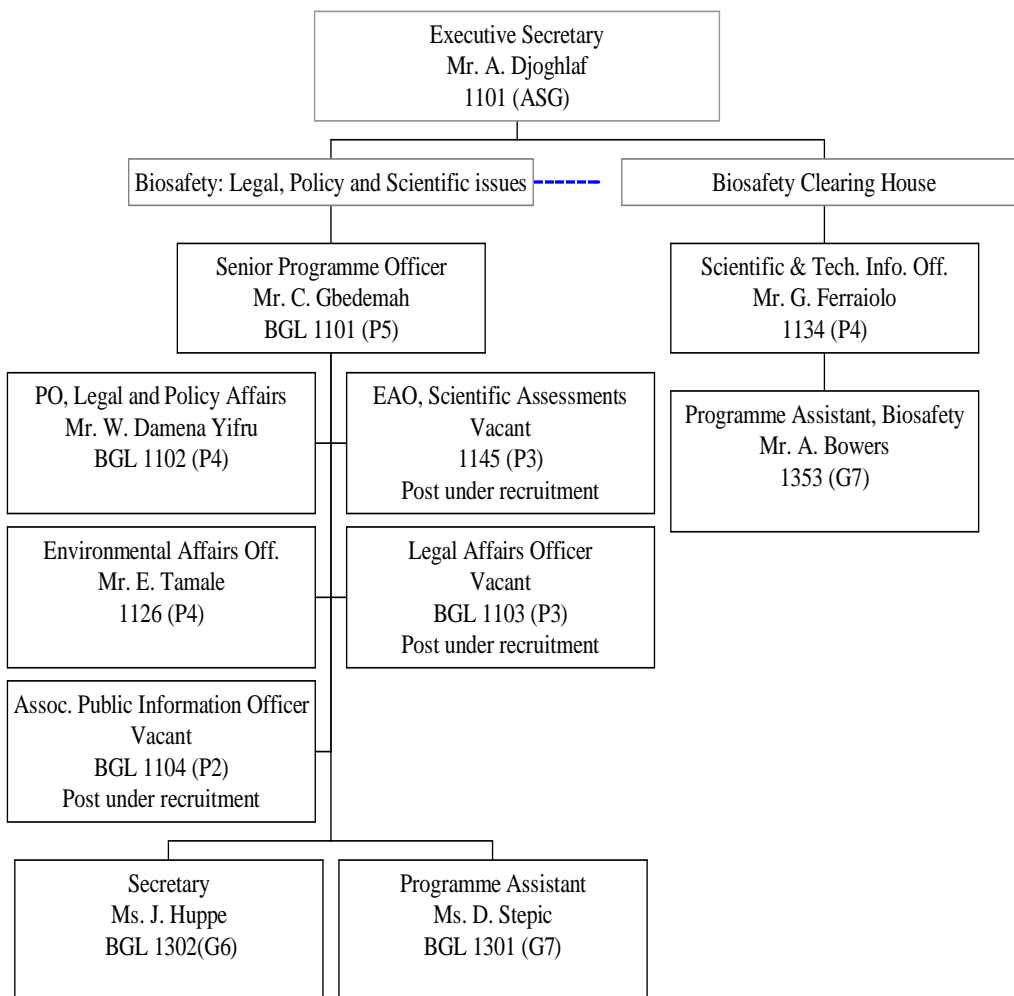
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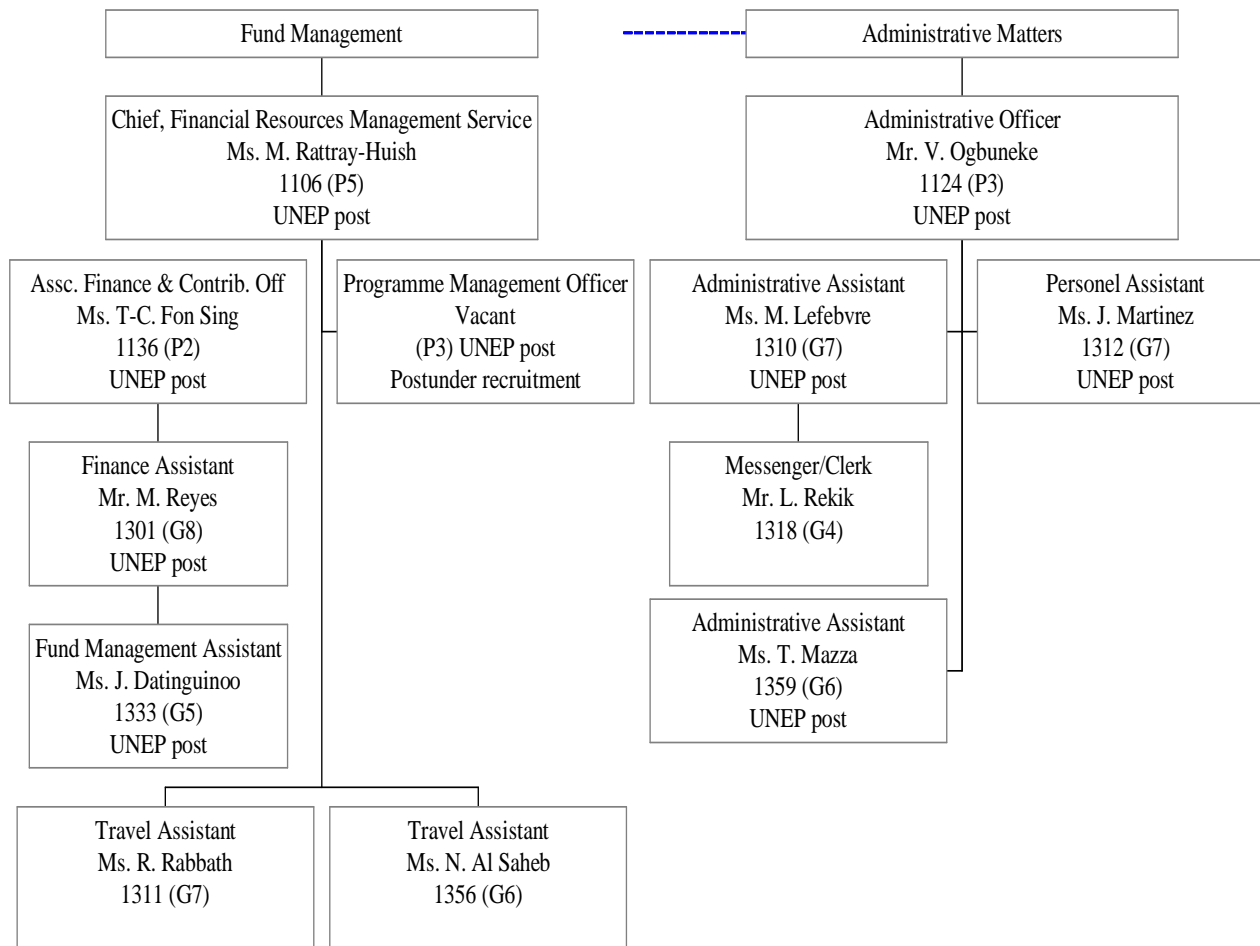
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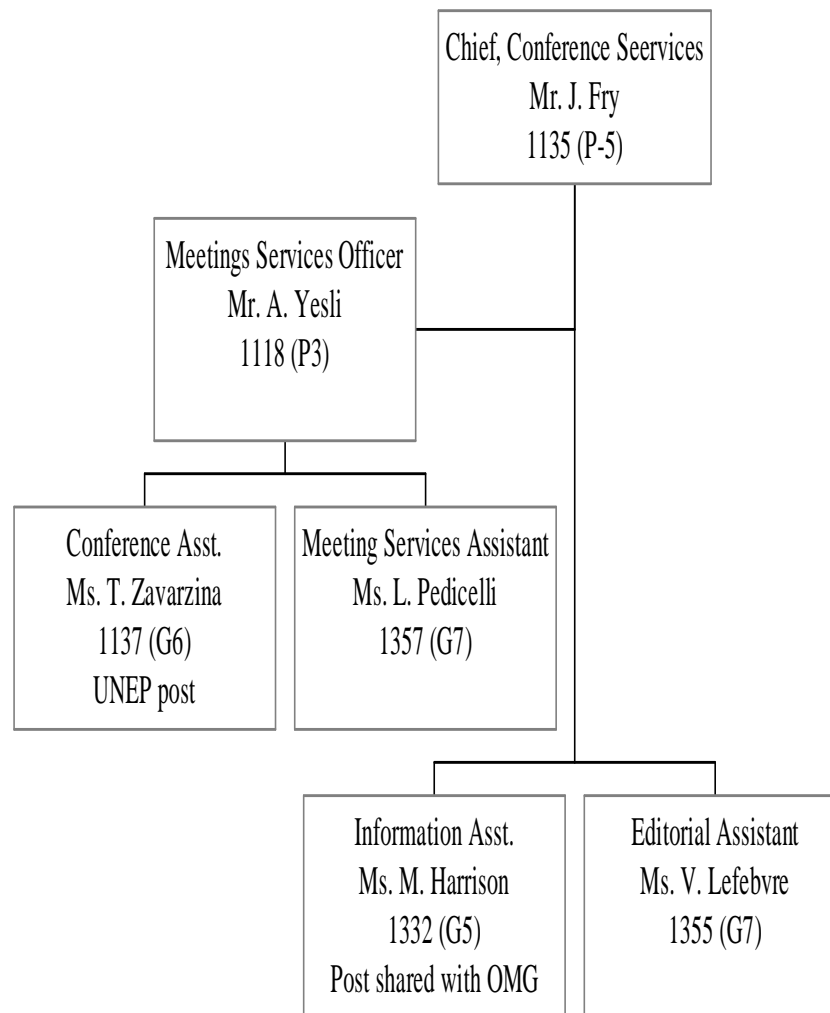
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Resource Management



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 March 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Canada	21,592			1/		21,592
Canada			120,909	9/	120,909	0
EEC	59,065			2/		59,065
EEC	296,443			13/	205,250	91,193
EEC			41,914	17/	41,914	0
Germany	17,159			3/		17,159
IBRD			10,000	12/	10,000	0
Italy	50,000			4/		50,000
Italy			3,000	16/		3,000
Spain	25,000			5/		25,000
Spain	323,050			6/	323,050	0
Spain			810,636	11/	810,636	0
Spain	102,912			14/	102,912	0
Sweden	13,287			7/		13,287
Sweden	13,288			8/		13,288
Sweden			144,217	10/	144,217	0
The Nature Conservancy			10,000	18/		10,000
WWF			15,653	15/	15,653	0
Total	921,796	0	1,156,329		631,212	1,143,329

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

- 2/EEC pledged Euros 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006
- 3/Germany pledged Euros 55,000 towards the support of organisation of the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006
- 4/Italy pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006
- 5/Spain pledged US\$ 25,000 for Capacity Building Experts Meeting on the Biosafety Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001
- 6/Spain pledged Euros 250,000 in support of Implementation of Programme of Work on Article 8(j)
- 7/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002
- 8/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006
- 9/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 140,000 towards the Biodiversity and Climate Change Activities
- 10/Sweden pledged SEK 1,000,000 for Various Approved Activities
- 11/Spain pledged Euros 625,000 for Additional Approved Activities
- 12/IBRD pledged US\$ 10,000 to support Tree Planting Activities that offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 13/EEC pledged Euros 225,000 towards Various Approved Activities
- 14/Spain pledged EUR 80,000 for the ABS Group of Technical Experts, Lima, Peru, January 2007
- 15/WWF pledged CHF 20,000 towards the Sub-Regional Anglophone African Workshop on Protected Areas
- 16/Italy pledged US\$ 3,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review and Implementation of the programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, Rome, Italy, 28 May -1 June 2007
- 17/EEC pledged Euros 31,356 towards Various Approved Activities
- 18/The Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the Anglophone African Sub-Regional Workshop on Protected Areas, Cape Town, South Africa, 12-16 August 2007

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 March 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments		Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Denmark	40,000		1/				40,000
Denmark			11/	30,000			30,000
Denmark			13/	27,076			27,076
EC	138,340		6/		95,783		42,557
Finland			12/	20,492			20,492
Germany			8/	51,100		51,100	0
Iceland			7/	1,979		1,979	0
Ireland			14/	67,204			67,204
Norway			9/	91,973		91,973	0
Spain			5/	226,978		226,978	0
Sweden	9,457		2/				9,457
Sweden			4/	28,843		28,843	0
Switzerland	24,056	0	3/		24,056		0
Switzerland			15/	40,984			40,984
UK		0	10/	70,140			70,140
Total	211,853	0		656,769	119,839	400,873	347,910

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

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

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

4/Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the participation costs to the 6th Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing

5/Spain pledged EUR 175,000 towards the participation of Delegates in CBD Meetings

6/EEC pledged EUR 105,000 towards the participants costs to the Article 8(j), the ABS and the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas Meetings

7/Iceland pledged US\$ 1,979 towards the participation of Delegates in CBD Meetings

8/Germany pledged EUR 38,325 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

9/Norway pledged NOK 550,000 for participation in activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity

10/UK pledged GBP 35,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working

- Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 11/Denmark pledged US\$ 30,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 12/Finland pledged EUR 15,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 13/Denmark pledged DKK 150,000 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 14/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the 5th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing
- 15/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

ANNEX VI

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 31 March 2007**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	211				0	211	211
Albania	0	527			527	0	0	0
Algeria	0	8,008			16,371	0	(8,363)	(8,363)
Angola		105	2,173			0	(2,068)	(2,068)
Antigua & Barbuda		316	646			0	(330)	(330)
Argentina	379,377	100,736				379,377	100,736	480,113
Armenia	0	211			211	0	0	0
Australia		167,752	167,752		175,177	0	(175,177)	(175,177)
Austria		90,514	90,514			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	527			527	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	1,370			2,800	0	(1,430)	(1,430)
Bahrain		3,161	3,161		3,301	0	(3,301)	(3,301)
Bangladesh	31	816		31	816	0	0	0
Barbados		1,054	1,054		1,100	0	(1,100)	(1,100)
Belarus	38,081	1,897		5,000	1,897	33,081	0	33,081
Belgium	111,577	112,643		111,577		0	112,643	112,643
Belize	0	105				0	105	105
Benin		211	494			0	(283)	(283)
Bhutan		105	105			0	0	0
Bolivia	1,678	948				1,678	948	2,626
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	316			646	0	(330)	(330)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Botswana		1,264	5,168			0	(3,904)	(3,904)
Brazil	136,643	160,481				136,643	160,481	297,124
Bulgaria	0	1,791			1,791	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	935	211				935	211	1,146
Burundi	791	105				791	105	896
Cambodia		211	431			0	(220)	(220)
Cameroon		843	1,349			0	(506)	(506)
Canada	0	296,411			296,411	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,641	105				3,641	105	3,746
Central African Rep.	6	105				6	105	111
Chad		105	25			0	80	80
Chile		23,498	7,981			0	15,517	15,517
China	0	216,328			216,328	0	0	0
Colombia		16,333	80		16,644	0	(391)	(391)
Comoros	2,899	105				2,899	105	3,004
Congo	18	105				18	105	123
Congo Dem.Rep	5,492	316				5,492	316	5,808
Cook Islands	203	105				203	105	308
Costa Rica	7,164	3,161				7,164	3,161	10,325
Cote d'Ivoire		1,054	7			0	1,047	1,047
Croatia	0	3,899			3,899	0	0	0
Cuba	29,365	4,531				29,365	4,531	33,896
Cyprus	0	4,110			4,110	0	0	0
Czech Republic		19,283	19,283			0	0	0
Denmark		75,657	75,657		78,976	0	(78,976)	(78,976)
Djibouti	301	105				301	105	406
Dominica	234	105				234	105	339
Dominica Rep.	0	3,688				0	3,688	3,688

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Ecuador	1,563	2,002		1,563		0	2,002	2,002
EEC	0	204,018				0	204,018	204,018
Egypt	24,398	12,645		19,851		4,547	12,645	17,192
El Salvador	4,473	2,318				4,473	2,318	6,791
Equatorial Guinea	189	211				189	211	400
Eritrea	25	105		25	467	0	(362)	(362)
Estonia		1,264	1,264		1,320	0	(1,320)	(1,320)
Ethiopia	0	421			421	0	0	0
Fiji		421	4,365			0	(3,944)	(3,944)
Finland		56,163	56,163			0	0	0
France		635,392	635,392			0	0	0
Gabon		948	25,327			0	(24,379)	(24,379)
Gambia	104	105				104	105	209
Georgia	22,078	316		20,311		1,767	316	2,083
Germany	0	912,731			912,731	0	0	0
Ghana	1,768	421				1,768	421	2,189
Greece	55,319	55,847		55,319		0	55,847	55,847
Grenada	0	105				0	105	105
Guatemala		3,161	3,161			0	0	0
Guinea	905	316				905	316	1,221
Guinea-Bissau	2,420	105				2,420	105	2,525
Guyana	104	105				104	105	209
Haiti	2,467	316		2,467		0	316	316
Honduras	3,083	527				3,083	527	3,610
Hungary		13,277	13,277			0	0	0
Iceland		3,583	7,282			0	(3,699)	(3,699)
India	20	44,362				20	44,362	44,382
Indonesia	13,908	14,963				13,908	14,963	28,871
Iran	31,921	16,543				31,921	16,543	48,464

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Ireland		36,880	36,880			0	0	0
Israel	0	49,209				0	49,209	49,209
Italy		514,742	514,742			0	0	0
Jamaica		843	843			0	0	0
Japan	0	1,795,354			1,795,354	0	0	0
Jordan	2,236	1,159		1,148		1,088	1,159	2,247
Kazakhstan	2,841	2,634				2,841	2,634	5,475
Kenya		948	0			0	948	948
Kiribati		105	193			0	(88)	(88)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	61	1,054				61	1,054	1,115
Korea, Rep. of	49,148	189,248		49,148	189,248	0	0	0
Kuwait	0	17,070				0	17,070	17,070
Kyrgyzstan	301	105				301	105	406
Lao PDR	15	105		15	215	0	(110)	(110)
Latvia		1,581	1,581		1,651	0	(1,651)	(1,651)
Lebanon	3,687	2,529				3,687	2,529	6,216
Lesotho		105	216			0	(111)	(111)
Liberia	736	105				736	105	841
Libya	30,394	13,909				30,394	13,909	44,303
Liechtenstein	0	527			527	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,529	2,529			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	8,114			8,114	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	626	632				626	632	1,258
Madagascar	32	316		32	677	0	(361)	(361)
Malawi	25	105				25	105	130
Malaysia	15	21,390				15	21,390	21,405
Maldives	0	105			215	0	(110)	(110)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Mali		211	449			0	(238)	(238)
Malta	0	1,475			1,475	0	0	0
Marshall Island	0	105				0	105	105
Mauritania	1,730	105				1,730	105	1,835
Mauritius	0	1,159			1,159	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	198,415			198,415	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States*	0	105				0	105	105
Moldova, Rep. of		105	105			0	0	0
Monaco		316	646			0	(330)	(330)
Mongolia	0	105				0	105	105
Morocco	21,697	4,952		21,697		0	4,952	4,952
Mozambique		105	56		141	0	(92)	(92)
Myanmar	808	816				808	816	1,624
Namibia	0	632				0	632	632
Nauru	3,019	105				3,019	105	3,124
Nepal		421	89			0	332	332
Netherlands	0	178,078				0	178,078	178,078
New Zealand		23,287	23,287		24,318	0	(24,318)	(24,318)
Nicaragua	0	105				0	105	105
Niger	2,755	105				2,755	105	2,860
Nigeria		4,426	9,048			0	(4,622)	(4,622)
Niue	203	105		86		117	105	222
Norway		71,547	71,547			0	0	0
Oman		7,376	7,376		7,703	0	(7,703)	(7,703)
Pakistan		5,795	5		5,741	0	49	49
Palau		105	207			0	(102)	(102)
Panama	2,681	2,002		1,215		1,466	2,002	3,468
Papua New Guinea	0	316				0	316	316
Paraguay	11,518	1,264				11,518	1,264	12,782

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Peru	66,877	9,694		16,610		50,267	9,694	59,961
Philippines	21,532	10,010		8,907		12,625	10,010	22,635
Poland		48,576	48,576			0	0	0
Portugal		49,525	1,026		49,525	0	(1,026)	(1,026)
Qatar		6,744	6,744			0	0	0
Romania	0	6,322			6,322	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	115,909				0	115,909	115,909
Rwanda		105	86			0	19	19
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,070	105				2,070	105	2,175
Samoa	25	105				25	105	130
San Marino	0	316			316	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	572	105				572	105	677
Saudi Arabia	0	75,130			75,130	0	0	0
Senegal		527	3,500			0	(2,973)	(2,973)
Seychelles		211	496			0	(285)	(285)
Sierra Leone	297	105				297	105	402
Singapore*		40,884	40,884		42,694	0	(42,694)	(42,694)
Slovak		5,374	5,374			0	0	0
Slovenia		8,640	8,640		9,023	0	(9,023)	(9,023)
Solomon Is.	2,420	105				2,420	105	2,525
South Africa		30,769	30,769		32,130	0	(32,130)	(32,130)
Spain	0	265,537			265,537	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	0	1,791				0	1,791	1,791
St. Lucia	14	211		14	426	0	(215)	(215)
St.Kitts &Nevis	0	105				0	105	105
Sudan	6,753	816				6,753	816	7,569
Suriname	1,922	105		1,905		18	105	123

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Swaziland	0	211				0	211	211
Sweden	104,166	105,161		104,166		0	105,161	105,161
Switzerland		126,130	126,080			0	50	50
Syria	19	4,004				19	4,004	4,023
Tajikistan		105	419		133	0	(447)	(447)
Thailand	0	22,023				0	22,023	22,023
Togo	0	105				0	105	105
Tonga		105	98		107	0	(100)	(100)
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,318			2,318	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	3,372				0	3,372	3,372
Turkey	0	39,198			39,198	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	0	527				0	527	527
Tuvalu		105	608			0	(503)	(503)
U. K.	0	645,613			645,613	0	0	0
Uganda		632	1,894			0	(1,262)	(1,262)
Ukraine	26	4,110				26	4,110	4,136
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		632	18,119			0	(17,487)	(17,487)
United Arab Emirates	45	24,762		45	24,692	0	70	70
Uruguay	9,759	5,058		4,749		5,010	5,058	10,068
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,475		1,447		10,512	1,475	11,987
Vanuatu	0	105				0	105	105
Venezuela	23,015	18,019				23,015	18,019	41,034
Viet Nam	4,470	2,213				4,470	2,213	6,683
Yemen	7,052	632				7,052	632	7,684
Serbia	5,833	2,002				5,833	2,002	7,835
Zambia		211	677			0	(466)	(466)
Zimbabwe	1,424	738				1,424	738	2,162
Sub Total	1,301,634	8,160,677	2,085,899	427,327	5,164,588	874,307	910,190	1,784,497

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
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Additional Contributions								
Canada	635,000	816,000		635,000		0	816,000	816,000
USA	0	50,000				0	50,000	50,000
Quebec	0	204,000			204,000	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,936,634	9,230,677	2,085,899	1,062,327	5,368,588	874,307	1,776,190	2,650,497

ANNEX VII

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
as at 30 June 2007**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	0	176				0	176	176
Algeria	0	2,658			2,658	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	0	105				0	105	105
Armenia	0	70				0	70	70
Austria		30,037	30,037			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	230	177				230	177	407
Bahamas	0	455				0	455	455
Bangladesh	371	220				371	220	591
Barbados		350	350			0	0	0
Belarus	0	629			629	0	0	0
Belgium	57,161	37,380		9,246		47,915	37,380	85,295
Belize	0	35				0	35	35
Benin		71	71			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	35				0	35	35
Bolivia	0	315				0	315	315
Botswana		420	420			0	0	0
Brazil	0	53,256				0	53,256	53,256
Bulgaria	0	594			594	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	128	70		128		0	70	70
Cambodia	0	70				0	70	70
Cameroon	510	280				510	280	790
Cape Verde	25	36				25	36	61

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Chad		33				0	33	33
China	77,822	72,998		77,822	72,998	0	0	0
Colombia		5,420	71		5,477	0	(129)	(129)
Congo	21	36				21	36	57
Costa Rica	0	702				0	702	702
Croatia	0	1,294			1,294	0	0	0
Cuba	2,742	1,504				2,742	1,504	4,246
Cyprus	0	1,364				0	1,364	1,364
Czech Republic		6,399	6,399			0	0	0
Congo, Democratic Republic	141	106				141	106	247
Denmark	0	25,107				0	25,107	25,107
Djibouti	63	35				63	35	98
Dominica	63	35				63	35	98
Dominican Republic	682	1,254				682	1,254	1,936
Ecuador	559	664		559		0	664	664
Egypt	353	420				353	420	773
El Salvador	0	769				0	769	769
Eritrea	48	35				48	35	83
Estonia	0	420			420	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	140				0	140	140
European Community	62	54,877				62	54,877	54,939
Fiji	0	140				0	140	140
Finland		18,638	18,638			0	0	0
France		210,855	210,855			0	0	0
Gabon		135				0	135	135
Gambia	63	35				63	35	98
Germany		302,889	302,889			0	0	0
Ghana	255	140				255	140	395
Greece	33,803	18,533		33,803		0	18,533	18,533

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Grenada	63	35				63	35	98
Guatemala	0	1,050				0	1,050	1,050
Hungary	21	4,406		21	4,406	0	0	0
India	0	14,721				0	14,721	14,721
Indonesia	0	4,984				0	4,984	4,984
Iran	10,014	5,490				10,014	5,490	15,504
Ireland		12,239	12,239			0	0	0
Italy		170,817	170,817			0	0	0
Japan	0	482,921			413,932	0	68,989	68,989
Jordan	702	385		324		378	385	763
Kenya	0	315				0	315	315
Kiribati		35	35			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	638	350				638	350	988
Kyrgyzstan	27	36				27	36	63
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		220	220			0	0	0
Latvia		525	525			0	0	0
Lesotho		35	98			0	(63)	(63)
Liberia	63	35				63	35	98
Libya	4,960	4,616				4,960	4,616	9,576
Lithuania		839	816			0	23	23
Luxembourg	0	2,693			2,693	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	235	213				235	213	448
Madagascar		105	110			0	(5)	(5)
Malaysia		7,098	7,083			0	15	15
Maldives	0	35				0	35	35
Mali	128	70		128	62	0	8	8
Malta	0	371				0	371	371
Marshall Islands	63	35				63	35	98
Mauritania	34	35				34	35	69
Mauritius		385	364			0	21	21

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Mexico		65,844	989		64,855	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	35				0	35	35
Montenegro	16	36				16	36	52
Mozambique		35	35			0	0	0
Namibia		212	45			0	167	167
Nauru	63	35				63	35	98
Netherlands		59,095	1,961			0	57,134	57,134
New Zealand	0	7,801				0	7,801	7,801
Nicaragua	0	35				0	35	35
Niger	63	35				63	35	98
Nigeria		1,469	1,469			0	0	0
Niue	63	35		35		28	35	63
Norway		23,743	3,737			0	20,006	20,006
Oman	0	2,448				0	2,448	2,448
Palau	63	35				63	35	98
Panama	1,212	664				1,212	664	1,876
Papua New Guinea	80	107				80	107	187
Paraguay	765	420				765	420	1,185
Peru	5,868	3,217				5,868	3,217	9,085
Philippines	0	3,377				0	3,377	3,377
Poland	0	16,120				0	16,120	16,120
Portugal	0	16,435			16,435	0	0	0
Qatar	0	1,270				0	1,270	1,270
Republic of Moldova	0	35				0	35	35
Romania	0	2,098				0	2,098	2,098
Rwanda		35	35			0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis		35	63			0	(28)	(28)
Saint Lucia		71	142			0	(71)	(71)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	63	35				63	35	98

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Samoa	0	35			35	0	0	0
Senegal	165	175				165	175	340
Serbia	338	681				338	681	1,019
Seychelles	20	70				20	70	90
Slovakia		1,783	1,783			0	0	0
Slovenia		2,867	2,867			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	63	35				63	35	98
South Africa	18,623	10,211			10,211	18,623	0	18,623
Spain	0	88,118			88,118	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		594	594			0	0	0
Sudan	232	220				232	220	452
Swaziland	40	72				40	72	112
Sweden		34,898	4,931		29,401	0	566	566
Switzerland		41,856	41,831			0	25	25
Syria	0	1,329				0	1,329	1,329
Tajikistan	63	35				63	35	98
Thailand	5,123	7,487				5,123	7,487	12,610
Togo	63	35				63	35	98
Tonga	0	35			35	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	647	769				647	769	1,416
Tunisia	0	1,119				0	1,119	1,119
Turkey	0	13,008			13,008	0	0	0
Uganda		210	296			0	(86)	(86)
Ukraine	0	1,364				0	1,364	1,364
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	214,246			214,246	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	383	210		383	185	0	25	25
Venezuela	10,907	5,979				10,907	5,979	16,886
Viet Nam	0	734				0	734	734
Yemen	138	215				138	215	353

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Zambia		70	70			0	0	0
Zimbabwe	10	247				10	247	257
Sub Total	237,120	2,201,029	822,886	122,449	941,693	114,672	436,450	551,122
Additional Contributions								
Canada	165,000			165,000			0	0
Grand Total	402,120	2,201,029	822,886	287,449	941,693	114,672	436,450	551,122

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 March 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Canada	6,757			1/			6,757
EC	26,350			3/	18,244		8,106
Switzerland	40,102			2/	40,102		0
Total	73,209	0	0		58,346	0	14,863

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

2/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

3/EEC pledged EUR 20,000 in Support to 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 March 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
EEC	11,813			1/			11,813
EEC	131,752			5/	91,222		40,530
Iceland			1,979	6/		1,979	0
Norway			15,873	4/			15,873
Norway			75,251	7/		75,251	0
Spain	29,586			2/	29,586		0
Spain	99,024			3/	99,024		0
Total	272,175	0	93,103		219,832	77,230	68,216

1/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

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

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

4/Norway pledged NOK 100,000 for the travel of Delegates to the 3rd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 19-23 February 2007

5/EEC pledged EUR 100,000 towards the participation Costs to the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol

6/Iceland pledged US\$ 1,979 towards the Biosafety Liability and Redress Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 19-23 February 2007

7/Norway pledged NOK 450,000 towards the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 22-26 October 2007

ANNEX X

**LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
(as at 30 June 2007)

2006

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

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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
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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
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

2007

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
22 - 25 January 2007	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance	Lima, Peru
19 - 23 February 2007	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol	Montreal, Canada
1 - 2 March 2007	Fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Lusaka, Zambia
5 - 7 March 2007	Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
19 - 20 March 2007	Roundtable on the Interlinkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change	Montreal, Canada
26 - 28 March 2007	Mayors' Meeting on the Contribution of Cities to the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Curitiba, Brazil
2 - 4 April 2007	South and West Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on the review of, and Capacity-Building for, the implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Dehradun, India
16 - 18 April 2007	Second International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations Involved in Biosafety Education and Training	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
30 April - 3 May 2007	Advisory Group for the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
28 May - 1 June 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	FAO, Rome, Italy