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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. The Executive Secretary has therefore, prepared this joint-Quarterly Report, which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 31 March and 1 April to 30 June 2008.

II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:

Sixth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, 21-25 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland

4. The sixth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing (WGABS-6) was held at the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland from 21-25 January 2008, gathering more than 530 participants. The meeting focused on the main components of the international regime, including fair and equitable sharing of benefits, access to genetic resources, compliance, traditional knowledge and genetic resources, and capacity building. Considerable progress was made with regard to the working document on the international regime. The outcome of the meeting will be forwarded to the COP-9 meeting for consideration.

5. A capacity-building training workshop and a briefing of African delegates organized by GTZ preceded the ABS meeting on 18-19 January as well as a two-day informal consultation chaired by the two Co-Chairs of the Working Group on 19-20 January. The meeting was also preceded by the second meeting of the informal consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization on 20 January.

6. A COP Bureau meeting was convened on 20 January 2008, and subsequent meetings of the Bureau took place daily throughout the week.

7. The ABS Working Group meeting provided an opportunity for a representative from the Kalash-Indigenous Survival Programme of Pakistan to present to the Executive Secretary a hand-woven tapestry for inclusion in the CBD Museum for Nature and Culture.

COP-MOP Bureau meetings, 20 & 23 January 2008

8. The Bureau of the COP-MOP convened meetings in Geneva, taking advantage of the presence of most of the Bureau members attending the ABS meeting. The COP-MOP Bureau discussed the preparations for and organizational matters relating to the COP-MOP 4 and the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol.

Informal consultations with Donors

9. On 26 January, the Secretariat held an informal consultative meeting with donors to discuss the draft 2009-2010 budgets for the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Biosafety Protocol. The second consultative meeting with donors took place on 16 February in Rome to further discuss the budget documents and make suggestions and comments prior to the COP-MOP 4 and COP 9 meetings.

Second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 11-15 February 2008, Rome, Italy

10. The second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held on 11-15 February 2008 at the headquarters of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, Italy. Gathering more than 467 participants, the meeting adopted two heavily bracketed draft decisions, on the implementation of the programme of work and financial resources for its implementation, for consideration by the COP-9 meeting.

11. The meeting was opened by the Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO, Ambassador Mr. José Antônio Marcondes de Carvalho, representing the COP-8 President. Opening statements were made by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Aldo Cosentino, Director-General for Nature Protection of the Italian Ministry of the Environment, Mr. Jan Heino, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO, and His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia. The meeting also saw the participation of Ms. Marcela Aguiñaga Vallejo, Minister of the Environment of Ecuador, and Mr. Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada, Secretary for the Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico.

12. The meeting was preceded by a one-day training workshop with the participation of 70 delegates, organized by the friends of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas. A poster session was also held which saw more than 25 posters displayed.

13. A press conference gathering more than 40 participants was held on 12 February to launch the CBD brochure "The Value of Nature: Ecological, Economic, Cultural and Social Benefits of Protected Areas" as well as two CBD Technical Series.

14. Prior to the meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas, a COP Bureau meeting was convened on 10 February to discuss the organization of the meeting. The Bureau met daily throughout the duration of the week.

15. A working lunch with high-level government representatives on 11 February 2008 and a side event on Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA) – Status and Perspectives on 12 February 2008 were organized. Furthermore, the Secretariat took part in the side event on Strengthening National Capacity to Implement the Programme of Work: Activities since WGP1 and a Potential Plan of Action through to COP-10, co-organized with TNC, IUCN-WCPA, WWF and WCS on 13 February 2008.

Thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, 18-22 February 2008, Rome, Italy

16. The thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) was held on 18-22 February 2008, back-to-back with the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas. Gathering 696 delegates, it is noted that the meeting had the largest number of participants in the history of SBSTTA. The meeting was opened by Mr. Asghar Fazel, Chair of SBSTTA, followed by opening remarks by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, Mr.

Alfredo Scanio, Minister of Environment of Italy, Mr. Dario Esposito, Councillor for the Environment, City of Rome, on behalf of the Mayor of Rome, Walter Veltroni, and Mr. James Butler, Deputy Director-General of FAO. Professor Rosalia Arteaga Serrano, Executive Director of the Fundación Natura Regional for Ecuador and Colombia addressed the delegates and delivered a keynote presentation.

17. The meeting carried out an in-depth review of the work programmes on agricultural biodiversity and forest biodiversity. The meeting also considered scientific and technical issues of relevance to the implementation of the 2010 biodiversity target. The meeting adopted seven recommendations with bracketed text, with the exception of invasive species, on the following issues: forest biodiversity, marine and coastal biodiversity, inland waters biodiversity and biodiversity and climate change, as well as new and emerging issues, for consideration by the COP-9 meeting.

18. The meeting was preceded by a SBSTTA Bureau meeting on 17 February. Subsequent meetings of the SBSTTA Bureau were held throughout the meeting. A training workshop also preceded the meeting, which was organized by the Secretariat, with the participation of 50 delegates, on issues on the SBSTTA agenda. A poster session was held in the margins of the meeting, with more than 53 posters on display.

19. The meeting gave an opportunity for the representatives from the Government of Turkmenistan to present a hand-woven tapestry for the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture.

20. A joint meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau and the Bureau of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was held in the margins of the SBSTTA meeting. A similar joint meeting was also convened with the International Treaty on Plant and Genetic Resources. Furthermore, a working lunch with the SBSTTA Bureau members and incoming members took place on 22 February 2008.

21. An informal meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity was convened on 19 February 2008. The Secretariat also took part in a number of side events, including: Follow-up on the consultative process towards an IMOSEB; Regional forest cooperation—reaching the 2010 biodiversity target and the UNFF global objectives on forests by 2015; Strengthening the knowledge base for implementation of the CBD - presentation of the outcomes from the fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity; and UNEP-GEF projects on conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity, among others.

Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol, 12-19 March 2008, Cartagena, Colombia

22. The fifth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-Ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol was held in Cartagena, Colombia on 12-19 March 2008, with the participation of more than 261 participants. The two Co-Chairs, Ms. Jimena Nieto Carrasco and Mr. Rene Lefeber, opened the meeting, followed by opening statements from Mr. Juan Lozano Ramirez, Minister of the Environment, Housing and Territorial Development of Colombia, as well as Mr. Charles Gbedemah of the Secretariat, on behalf of the CBD Executive Secretary. The Working Group, being the last one as mandated in decision BS-1/8, agreed on certain core elements, reduced the number of options for operational text and categorized the remaining options in a way that reflects the main choices for elaborating international rules and procedures on liability and redress. It was agreed that a three-day inter-sessional meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs should be convened prior to the COP-MOP 4 meeting to further negotiate the core elements.

23. The attendance of a delegation from the Kobe University in Japan at the meeting provided an opportunity for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies in Kobe University and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 12-16 May 2008

24. The fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 4) was held on 12-16 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany, gathering more than 2000 participants, the largest gathering ever on biosafety.

25. The meeting was opened by Ambassador Raymundo Santos Rocha Magno, on behalf of Ms. Marina Silva, Minister of the Environment of Brazil and President of the Conference of the Parties, and then followed by Ms. Ursula Heinen, Parliamentary State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection. Opening remarks were also made by: Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller, on behalf of Mr. Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaflaf, CBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Alexander Schink, State Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment and Conservation, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, and Jochen Flasbarth, Director General, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources at the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. Other Parties and observers also addressed the plenary.

26. The meeting adopted 18 decisions with regard to: the Compliance Committee; handling packaging, transport and identification of living modified organisms; the Biosafety Clearing-House; capacity building; notification requirements; socioeconomic considerations; cooperation with other organizations; public awareness and participation; risk assessment and risk management; monitoring and reporting; financial mechanism and resources; the roster of biosafety experts; assessment and review; subsidiary bodies; liability and redress; and the budget.

27. The COP-MOP 4 meeting was preceded by a meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau on 11 May 2008 to discuss the organization of the meeting. Daily COP-MOP Bureau meetings were held throughout the duration of the week. Also preceding the COP-MOP 4 meeting were the following: a two-day training workshop for the Biosafety Clearing-House mechanism as well as a meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the Liability and Redress to further negotiate the proposed rules and procedures on liability and redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 19-30 May 2008

28. The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9) was held on 19-30 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany, under the slogan "One Nature – One World – Our Future". The meeting was the largest gathering of the Conference of the Parties to date, with the participation of more than 4000 participants. Ambassador Raymundo Santos Rocha Magno, on behalf of Ms. Marina Silva, Brazilian Environment Minister and outgoing COP President, opened the meeting and addressed the plenary, after which handed over the COP Presidency to Germany. The newly elected COP-9 President, Mr. Sigmar Gabriel, German Federal Minister for the Environment, delivered opening remarks, followed by statements from Ms. Bärbel Dieckmann, Mayor of Bonn, and Mr. Eckhard Uhlenberg, Minister for the Environment and Conservation, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. Other statements made at the plenary, included: a video message by Mr. Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director, Mr. Yvo de Boer, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, UNCCD Executive Secretary, and Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaflaf, CBD Executive Secretary .

29. The COP adopted 36 decisions on a wide range of items, which included: agricultural biodiversity, including biofuels and biodiversity; the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation; invasive alien species; forest biodiversity; incentive measures; the ecosystem approach; progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan and towards the target to reduce significantly the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010 and relevant Millennium Development Goals; and financial resources and the financial mechanism. Other substantive and strategic issues included: access and benefit-sharing; Article 8(j) and related provisions; technology transfer and cooperation; monitoring, assessment and indicators; biodiversity and climate change; biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands; protected areas; biodiversity of inland waters; marine and coastal biodiversity; island biodiversity; the Global Taxonomy Initiative; liability and redress; cooperation with other conventions and engagement of stakeholders; operations of the Convention; scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism; guidance to the financial mechanism; and communication, education and public awareness. The meeting also addressed administrative matters and the budget for the biennium 2009-2010.

30. For the first time ever, the Conference of the Parties adopted a decision on the date and venue of its next meeting. Mr. Ichiro Kamoshita, Minister for Environment of Japan, addressed the participants and conveyed that the Government of Japan was deeply honoured to be hosting the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in the city of Nagoya. The meeting will coincide with the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity.

31. The high level segment of COP-9 was held at the World Conference Centre in Bonn on 28-30 May 2008, with the participation of 157 countries at the ministerial level and 37 at the deputy-minister or state-secretary level, as well as other organizations. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Sigmar Gabriel, German Federal Minister for Environment. The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of: Ms. Angela Merkel, Federal Chancellor of Germany; Mr. Srgjan Kerim, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations; Mr. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission; Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and Mr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. A message from the United Nations Secretary General was read out by the UNEP Executive Director.

32. The COP 9 meeting was preceded by a meeting of the COP Bureau on 18 May 2008 to discuss the organization of the meeting. Daily COP Bureau meetings were held throughout the duration of the two-week meeting. Also preceding the COP 9 meeting were the following: Capacity building Workshop for Women on CBD processes in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 17 May; the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 17-18 May; the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 17-18 May; the Asia and the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 17-18 May; and the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee meeting on 18 May. Other meetings organized were: the Open-ended Workshop of the Informal Advisory Committee for Communication, Education and Public Awareness on 24 May and the Biodiversity Training Workshop for Journalists attending COP 9 on 25-26 May.

33. A series of briefings took place prior to the COP 9 meeting, with the Executive Secretary briefing representatives of the diplomatic corps in Montreal, as well as the representatives from the Permanent Missions in New York.

34. The COP 9 meeting provided an opportunity for representatives from Chad, China, New Zealand, Peru, Saint Lucia and Yemen to present to the Executive Secretary contributions to the CBD Museum for Nature and Culture. An Egyptologist attending the meeting donated Papyrus scrolls to the Museum.

International Day for Biological Diversity, 22 May 2008

35. On 22 May, to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), a special event was organized by the Secretariat, in the margins of the COP 9 meeting. Highlighting the importance of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity to food security, nutrition and human well-being, the theme for this year's IBD is "Biodiversity and Agriculture". Dr. Robert Watson, U.K. Chief Scientific Adviser, delivered a keynote presentation on findings of the report of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD). Statements were also made by: Ms. Barbel Dieckmann, Mayor of Bonn; Mr. Bakary Kante, on behalf of the UNEP Executive Director; Mr. Sergio Zelaya, on behalf of the UNCCD Executive Secretary; Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, on behalf of the COP-9 President; Mr. James Butler, FAO Deputy Director-General; Mr. Emile Frison, Director-General of the Bioversity International Director-General, and Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary. The message issued by the United Nations Secretary General on the occasion of IBD was also read out.

36. An information kit was prepared to raise awareness about IBD 2008, which contained: a booklet on the theme available in English, French and Spanish; a poster and logos available in the six official languages of the United Nations; as well as a CD containing messages from the Secretary-General and the CBD Executive Secretary both reflecting the theme of this year's celebration. The information kit also included an online educational web portal for primary school students and five accompanying lesson plans for educators.

37. The Secretariat also took part in the IBD celebrations at the Montreal Botanical Gardens on 22 May, and 23-25 May as part of the Botanical Garden's Great Gardening Weekend. Many events were organized throughout the week, which included films, activities and shows. The CBD Secretariat also ran an interactive kiosk on biodiversity to raise awareness about the IBD and the work of the CBD.

Second CBD Linnaeus Lectures, 23 May 2008

38. Following the success of its inaugural session launched last year, on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Swedish scientist Carolus Linnaeus, with the aim of highlighting major issues of relevance to biodiversity, the second CBD Linnaeus Lectures was held on 23 May 2008, in the margins of the COP-9 meeting in Bonn, Germany. The two keynote speakers during the event were: Mr. Klaus Töpfer, former UNEP Executive Director, who made a presentation entitled "Biodiversity challenges and responses in a warming planet"; and Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, who made a presentation on the global food crisis.

Second meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions, 25 May 2008

39. The members of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions held its second meeting on 25 May 2008, in the margins of the COP-9 meeting. The members reported on the progress made since their first meeting in July 2007, and further discussed options for enhancing cooperation among the scientific advisory bodies of biodiversity-related conventions. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in the margins of the IUCN World Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

World Environment Day, 5 June 2008

40. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity joined the international community in celebrating the World Environment Day (WED), with the theme "CO2 Kick the Habit: Towards a Low Carbon Economy", by hosting an event at the Secretariat office with the participation of representatives from the diplomatic corps in Montreal, as well as the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda

to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77, the Permanent Representative of Brazil to ICAO, the Chief of the UNCCD Liaison Office in New York and a representative of the Mayor of Montreal. The World Environment Day celebration was preceded by the raising, for the first time, of the United Nations flag in front of the entrance of the World Trade Centre building, which houses the Secretariat officegg

Meeting of the Canadian Universities Partnership on Biodiversity, 5 June 2008

41. The third meeting of the Canadian Universities Partnership on Biodiversity was held at the CBD Secretariat office on 5 June 2008, following the World Environment Day celebrations. The objective of the meeting was to present the partnership agreement and the proposed activities for 2008-2009, as well as to further strengthen communication between the Canadian universities and research institutions and the Secretariat on biodiversity-related issues.

Business and biodiversity seminar, 11 June 2008

42. Representatives of Canadian businesses met in Montreal on 11 June for a one-day seminar to review their business links with biodiversity and to consider the establishment of a Canadian business forum for biodiversity. The meeting, jointly organized by the CBD Secretariat, IUCN and professional services firm Deloitte, was held at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) and attracted more than sixty-five senior figures from industries ranging from oil and gas, mining, water, power, fisheries, finance and agri-business as well as representatives from government, environmental NGOs and international organizations. The meeting took place with the participation of Ms. H el ene Latouche, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Analysis, Ministry for International Relations, Government of Quebec. Concurrently, at the invitation of International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA), the CBD Secretariat participated in a stakeholder dialogue designed to help shape the direction and content of the IPIECA Strategic Plan, held in San Francisco on 11-12 June 2008.

Hosting of the meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, 25-26 June 2008

43. The second meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP) was held on 25-26 June 2008 at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal. The BIP is coordinated by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and implemented in close coordination with the CBD Secretariat. Holding the meeting at the Secretariat enabled partner organizations working on the individual indicators adopted by the Convention to get a clearer understanding of the links between the BIP and the preparations of the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook. This meeting was crucial for determining the progress of the Partnership, as well as clarifying the expectations vis- a-vis the Partnership over the next two years in the run up to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10).

44. **The Secretariat also organized and serviced other meetings, namely:** Sub-regional workshop for Francophone Africa on protected areas programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 7-10 January 2008, Libreville, Gabon; Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia, 14-18 January 2008, Singapore City, Singapore; Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC), 28-29 January 2008, Bonn, Germany; Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Southern and Eastern Africa, 4-8 February 2008, Rustenburg, South Africa; Fourth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities, 11-13 February 2008, New Delhi, India; Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety, 14-15 February 2008, New Delhi, India; Priority Activity 10 of the Programme of Work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness: Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education, 17-19 March 2008, Paris, France; Opportunities and challenges of responses to climate change for

Indigenous and Local Communities, their Traditional Knowledge and Biological Diversity, 25-28 March 2008, Helsinki, Finland; Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Central America, 26-27 March 2008, Mexico City, Mexico; Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South America, 31 March - 4 April 2008, Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil; Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms (7-9 April 2008, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) and the Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Europe (26-30 April 2008, Isle of Vilm, Germany).

REPRESENTATION

45. During the first and second quarters of 2008, the Secretariat took part in and contributed to 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

ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity

46. A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity and the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the opening of the Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia, held in Singapore City, Singapore in January 2008. The agreement establishes a collaborative partnership for and share resources in the areas of research, capacity-building and training, public education and awareness, exchange of information, policy development and coordination, technical and scientific cooperation and other areas of mutual interest for conservation and sustainable development of biodiversity in Southeast Asia.

Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences of the Tokyo University

47. An agreement was signed between the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences of the Tokyo University and the Convention on Biological Diversity with the aim of providing a framework for an internship programme for students of the School at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies of the Kobe University

48. The objective of the agreement is to provide a framework for an internship programme and other academic activities for students of the GSCIS in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The signing of the agreement took place in the margins of the Liability and Redress meeting in Cartagena, Colombia.

Bioversity International

49. In the margins of the COP-9 meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Bioversity International was signed. With the agreement aimed to strengthen collaboration, Bioversity International will contribute staff time to support the work of the CBD in areas of mutual relevance which shall include support for, but not limited to, the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, the programme of work on forestry, support for the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, work on access and benefit-sharing and indicators of biodiversity.

United Nations Development Programme

50. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Development Programme on 27 May 2008 with the aim of better integrating the objectives of the Convention into development and significantly reduce the loss of biodiversity by 2010. Areas of cooperation include: knowledge, policy advice, advocacy, and technical support, relative to all aspects of the internalization of biodiversity considerations in development practice, in particular poverty reduction, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, as well as on issues related to climate change and biodiversity.

State of Parana

51. Underlining its commitment in reducing the environmental footprint of its operations, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Parana on 27 May 2008, in the margins of the COP-9 meeting. To offset CBD greenhouse gas emissions from 2008 to 2010, the State of Parana, through its Riparian Forest Program, will plant about 100,000 native trees covering approximately 100 hectares in the next two years in the State of Parana.

Bern Convention

52. To further strengthen partnership, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity signed an enhanced Memorandum of Cooperation with the Bern Convention, in the margins of the COP-9 meeting. With a view to advancing implementation of the threefold objective of the Convention, the agreement will also provide support in the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target.

COMIFAC

53. The side event organized by the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) on 28 May 2008, in the margins of the COP-9 meeting, provided an opportunity for the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and COMIFAC, with the view of strengthening sustainable forest management in Central Africa, through capacity building for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral development planning and poverty reduction strategies, and production of informational materials on lessons learned and good practices from the Congo basin countries' experiences.

Alpine Convention and Carpathian Convention

54. On 29 May 2008, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alpine Convention and Carpathian Convention, with a view of promoting synergies through exchanges of experiences and best practices on issues of mutual relevance. The agreement also aims to promote, in the framework of the Mountain Partnership, participatory sustainable mountain development with all the relevant stakeholders, including: youth, women, NGOs, local authorities, local communities and the private sector.

Higashiyama Botanical Gardens in Nagoya

55. In June 2008, the Higashiyama Botanical Gardens signed an agreement with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, making it the newest member of the Consortium of Scientific Partnership on Biodiversity. In the context of the agreement, it is envisaged that the Higashiyama Botanical Gardens, in promoting the effective implementation of Convention and its Protocol, will organize a training seminar for the COP-10 participants.

Nagoya City University

56. To further promote the effective implementation of the Convention and its Protocol, the Secretariat signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nagoya City University in June 2008. The partnership focuses on the mobilization of the Nagoya academia for COP-10.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

57. During the first quarter of 2008, the Executive Secretary held meetings with senior representatives from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions with the aim to further strengthen cooperation as well as promote public awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

58. The Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of several United Nations officials at the Secretariat headquarters, including: the Director of UNEP Regional Office for North America, the UNDP/GEF Principal Technical Advisor on Biodiversity, the FAO Senior Agricultural Officer, and the United Nations External Auditors. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of the Chair and representatives of the Group of 77, the Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, as well as a senior staff from the Geo-Media GbR. The Director of the TVE International also visited the Secretariat and gave a presentation to the Secretariat staff. Representatives from NGO alliance, Greenpeace and ETC Group also visited and met with Secretariat staff.

59. Government representatives paid a visit to the Secretariat, including: the the Ambassador of France to Canada, the Permanent Representative of Brazil to ICAO, the Co-Chair and ABS Focal Point for Canada, senior representatives from Aichi Prefecture, Nagoya in Japan and the Manager for International Environment and Climate Change in the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The Consul General of Chile also paid a visit to the Secretariat to meet with relevant staff with regard to the Preparatory meeting for Asia and the Pacific for COP-9.

60. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of the following: a Researcher from Collège de France in Paris and the Chair of Canada Research in Ethno-ecology and Biodiversity Conservation, representatives from the Japanese private company Convention, and also volunteer students from Boston involved in Éco-quartier programme in Montreal.

61. In January 2008, the Executive Secretary paid a one-day visit to Brunei Darussalam and held meetings with the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Vice Minister of Development, and with around 100 representatives of different Brunei stakeholders. It was agreed that Brunei Darussalam will send a letter of accession to be the 191st Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Executive Secretary was interviewed by journalists from the Brunei Times and Borneo Bulletin as well as by the Brunei TV.

62. The mission to Brunei was followed by travel to Singapore whereby the Executive Secretary attended and delivered an opening statement at the first regional workshop for Asia and Pacific on NBSAPs, attended by 40 participants representing 23 countries. The opening ceremony witnessed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat and the Asian Center on Biodiversity. While in Singapore, the Executive Secretary also met with the CEO of the Singapore National Parks and the Chairman of the Board chaired by one of the richest women in the world, as well as with the Singapore Minister of National Development. The Executive Secretary also made a keynote presentation at the Singapore Environmental Council annual lecture, with the participation of more than 300 participants on climate change and biodiversity, which was followed by a one-hour question-and-answer session, chaired by Ambassador Tommy Koh, the Chairman of the Rio Preparatory Committee. The Executive Secretary was interviewed by journalists from the Singapore Straits Times and a Chinese newspaper.

63. In the margins of the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with the following: senior officials from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, the FAO Assistant Director General, Knowledge and Communication Department; the Senior Executive Officer from the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality; the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; and NGO representatives attending the meeting, a senior staff from USAID.

64. The meeting of SBSTTA 13 provided an opportunity for the Executive Secretary to meet with the following: the French Ambassador for Environment; the Director General of Bioversity International; the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD; the Director Land and Water Division, Natural Resource Management and Environment Department, FAO; senior staff from the United Nations University; the Aichi-Nagoya Delegation and NGO representatives attending SBSTTA 13 meeting.

65. In March 2008, the Executive Secretary met with the Deputy Assistant Minister on Global Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada, as well as other senior Canadian officials during his mission to Ottawa.

66. A number of CBD publications were issued between January and March 2008, including: Year in Review 2007; the two issues of the Business.2010 newsletter - Volume 3, Issue 1 on "The 3rd Objective of the Convention – Views on access and benefit-sharing from the plant science, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, horticultural and seed industries" and Volume 3, Issue 2 on "Food, Feed, Fiber & Fuel - an overview of biodiversity and agribusiness"; CBD Technical Series # 34 - Abstracts of Poster Presentations at the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity; CBD Technical Series # 35 - Abstracts of Poster Presentations at the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas; CBD Technical Series # 36 - "Protected Areas in today's world: their values and benefits for the welfare of the planet" and CBD Brochure: Benefits of Protected Areas.

67. During the second quarter of 2008, meetings were held with senior representatives from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions with the aim to further strengthen cooperation as well as promote public awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

68. The Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of the GEF Executive Coordinator of the Environment Department at The World Bank, the joint UNCCD-CBD Liaison Officer, and the Vice President of Montreal International. Staff members from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat also visited and made a presentation about GBIF and its relevance to the CBD.

69. In preparation for the biodiversity meetings in Bonn, the Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of the two ABS Co-Chairs as well as the Chairs of the two Working Groups of COP-MOP. Representatives of the NGO Alliance also visited the Secretariat.

70. Government representatives paid a visit to the Secretariat, including: the Consul General of Algeria in Montreal, as well as the Senior Executive Officer, Directorate for Nature at the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality in Netherlands who gave a presentation on the 2008-2011 Biodiversity Policy Programme of the Netherlands.

71. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of several students from Concordia University, who are part of a senior undergraduate seminar in international environmental governance.

72. In April, the Executive Secretary was invited as guest speaker at a meeting organized by the BioFrankfurt, a network established to promote biodiversity at local level, in Frankfurt, Germany. In the margins of the meeting, the Executive Secretary met with senior officials of KfW, including the Chairman of Board, to discuss collaboration. The Executive Secretary attended a special meeting of the parliamentarians of the CBD/CSU on COP-9, with the participation of the German Chancellor, the President of Madagascar and the Vice President of Colombia, as well as the CEO of the Global Environment Facility. The Executive Secretary had a working lunch with the Chair Lady of the Environmental Committee of the Bundestag and the BMU Secretary of State. While in Frankfurt, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by one of the leading national newspaper, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.

73. At the kind invitation of the Minister for Environment, Natural Resource and Transport of Seychelles, the Executive Secretary attended and delivered an opening statement at the first high-level African workshop on Access and Benefit-Sharing, held in Mahé, Seychelles, on 10-12 April 2008, with the support of GTZ. The meeting provided an opportunity to brief the participants on the challenges facing COP-9 and what is expected from the Ministers. It also adopted a common African position on ABS, and took note of the views expressed by Ministers in attendance of the need for the structure the CBD to be adjusted to the new phase of implementation. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Minister for Environment of Seychelles to offer an artwork as a contribution to the CBD Museum on Nature and Culture. In the margins of the meeting, the Executive Secretary held bilateral meetings with Ministers attending the meeting, as well as with the Director General of BMU-Germany. The Executive Secretary was interviewed by a local TV and Radio in Seychelles.

74. In April, the Executive Secretary traveled to Nairobi to take part in the first ever UNEP Executive Management Retreat, with the participation of all Divisional and Regional Directors and MEAs, and with the attendance of Professor Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace laureate, at the opening ceremony. The Executive Secretary made a presentation on the environmental challenges in a changing world, and also chaired the session on capacity building. The Executive Secretary attended the awards ceremony of UNEP's first Baobab Staff awards, with live video links to the Geneva, Paris and Bangkok offices. While in Nairobi, meetings were held with: UNEP Executive Director, UNEP Deputy Executive Director, and all UNEP Regional Directors. A joint TV interview with the UNEP Executive Director on COP was conducted by a German journalist who is preparing a movie for the COP-9 meeting. Meetings were also held with the Committee of Permanent Representative of Japan to UNEP on COP 10, as well as the team leader of China-Africa cooperation in the context the CBD South-South initiative.

75. At the seventh session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Executive Secretary delivered a statement and presented the report of the inter-agency task force on indigenous issues chaired by the Secretariat, as well as took part in a press conference with the Chair of the Permanent Forum. The Executive Secretary attended the launching of the book "Sustaining Life" on 23 April in New York, with the participation of the United Nations Deputy Secretary General and Professor Jeffrey Sachs. While in New York, meetings were held with: the United Nations Assistant Secretary General on Policy Planning, the Officer-in-charge of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, the Secretary of ECOSOC, and the Permanent Representative of Andorra to the United Nations in New York.

76. The Executive Secretary was invited as a special guest to attend the third meeting of the G-77 Panel of Eminent Experts on a development platform for the South. The meeting, comprising 20 eminent experts including the former President of Sri Lanka and the former Prime Minister of Jamaica, was opened and closed by the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda. Bilateral meetings were held with: the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Chair of the G-77, as well as with the former president of Sri Lanka.

77. In May, at the invitation of the Under-Secretary General for Communication and Public Information of the UN, the Executive Secretary participated as a guest speaker at the United Nations seminar focusing on Art as a Vehicle for Changing Attitudes Toward the Environment. Meetings were held with: the Director of the Bureau of Environment of UNDP, with the UNESCO representative in New York in charge of culture, as well as with Executive Director of the Natural World Museum. The Executive Secretary also held discussions with the artists attending the meeting, with the view of inviting them to contribute to the IYB and the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture.

78. In June, the Executive Secretary was invited by the Ambassador of Norway to the United Nations as a panelist at the event on "The Arctic: A barometer for Global Climate Change", organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations and by the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, at the occasion of the International Polar Year. Prior to the event, a meeting was held with the panelists at the Norwegian Permanent Mission. Meetings were also held with: Ambassador of Norway, the United Nations Chief of the Treaty Section, with the UNDP Director of the Bureau of Environment, the Chair and the Executive Secretary of the G-77, and the President of the United Nations General Assembly.

79. Two weeks following COP-9, the Executive Secretary was invited to visit and deliver a keynote address at the "Kick-off seminar for the success of COP-10", organized in Nagoya by the Ministry of Environment of Japan in collaboration with the Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion. The meeting was opened by the Parliamentary Minister of Environment, as well as the Governor and Mayor of Nagoya. A song on COP10 was performed during the meeting by 191 children. A press conference was held covered by four TV channels of Nagoya as well as major newspapers. The Executive Secretary also delivered a keynote presentation at the Asahi Forum on COP-10. Bilateral meetings were held with: the Parliamentary Minister of Environment, the Governor and Vice-Governor of the Aichi Prefecture, representatives of local NGOs. While in Nagoya, two agreements were signed: with the Higashiyama Botanical Garden, with a view of organizing training workshop for COP-10 participants; and with the Nagoya University with a focus on the mobilization of the Nagoya academia for COP-10. A briefing conference was held at the Nagoya City Guest House, with the participation of the Deputy Mayors. While in Tokyo, the Executive Secretary was invited to be a keynote speaker, together with Governor of Chiba Prefecture, at the seventh G8 Dialogue Series, organized by the United Nations University, in Tokyo. Meetings were held with the Vice Rector of the UNU and NGO representatives based in Tokyo. The Executive Secretary also had an opportunity to meet with the Japanese Minister of Environment as well as other senior officials at the Ministry. Discussions were also held with senior staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Industry. The Executive Secretary also met with the members of the Nippon Keidaren Committee and also with the Vice President of JICA. Interviews were held with major newspapers and TV.

80. The Executive Secretary paid a visit to Manila, Philippines in June 2008 to finalize the work plan for 2008-2010 with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, in the context of the Memorandum signed in January 2008. The elements of the work plan were then submitted to the Ambassadors of the ASEAN accredited to Manila, with the participation of senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines, held on 20 June. While in Manila, the Executive Secretary met with the Minister of Environment of Philippines, as well as with Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, the principal author of the Wildlife Conservation Act and Founder of the Philippine Deer Foundation. Discussions were also held with representatives of the civil society, which was followed by a press conference. The Executive Secretary also met with the Los Baños Scientific community, with the participation of the Mayor. A visit to the the International Rice Research Institute was organized. Four bilateral interviews with media included Japanese newspaper accredited in Manila, as well as with local Philippine newspapers.

81. At the invitation of the Minister of National Development of Singapore, the Executive attended the World Cities Summit, held in Singapore City on 23-25 June 2008, coinciding with the East Asia

Summit Conference on Liveable Cities and the First Singapore Water Week. The joint opening session was held with the participation of the Prime Minister of Singapore. The Executive Secretary was a member of the panel in the session on Biodiversity and Cities, with the participation of the Deputy Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City of Korea, as well the CEO of National Parks of Singapore. In the margins of the Summit, meetings were held with the Minister of National Development, the Director of the National Biodiversity Center, the CEO of the National Parks as well as with Professor Tommy Koh. He also met with the Deputy Mayor of Nagoya, the Deputy Mayor of Busan, the Mayor of Wellington of New Zealand and the Vice Minister of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei Darussalam. The Executive Secretary also met with the Head of the Environmental Office of the ASEAN Secretariat and the representative of the Asian Development Bank. Interviews were held with the Straits Times Journal and the Singapore Press Holdings.

82. In the last week of June, at the invitation of Airbus, the Executive Secretary paid a one-day visit to the Airbus Headquarters in Toulouse. A meeting was held with senior officials and heads of relevant programmes/units, as well as with the Senior Vice president of Public Affairs and Communication. The Executive Secretary made a presentation on the biodiversity challenges and results of COP-9 as well as preparation of COP-10, including the International Year of Biodiversity and the Green Wave initiative. Elements of a Memorandum of Understanding, revolving around support to the Green Wave initiative, as well as the Billion Tree Campaign signature and the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity was discussed and a draft agreement shall be prepared in due course. The signing of the agreement is scheduled to take place in the margins of the Farnborough International Airshow, to take place in Farnborough, U.K. the following month.

83. Apart from those previously mentioned, a number of other media-related events took place during the first quarter of 2008. The Executive Secretary was interviewed by the Green Magazine as well as by a special correspondent from BNA, Inc. The Executive Secretary contributed an article to the January 2008 issue of the GTZ publication *Akzente* entitled “Biodiversität und Entwicklung: Zwei Seiten einer Medaille (Two sides of a medal). In February 2008, the Executive Secretary attended the International Conference: “100 Days to the U.N. Biodiversity Conference, Bonn 2008 – Civil Society’s Demands to CBD Parties” and took part in the press conference in the margins of the event. He also took part in the “Planète Nature” RTBF (Television Belge) show on biodiversity, via satellite from Belgium in March 2008.

84. During the second quarter of 2008, the Executive Secretary contributed an opinion editorial piece in the “UNU G8 Think Piece” on: “Biodiversity and Climate Change: A little known truth the G8 should know” and also to the *ASIAN Geographic* No.53 Issue 3/2008 on “Broken Symbiosis: Assessing the Climate Change Threat to Biodiversity”. During the biodiversity meetings in Bonn in May 2008, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by: *Deutsch Welle*, Deutschlandradio, Reuters Berlin, *Deutsche Welle* French Programme, Radio France, Channel Africa, *TAZ* (German newspaper), Channel 3 Algerian National Radio (in Arabic and French), *Tokyo Shimbun* newspaper, Parana State Television Network, and Nikkei Ecology, among others. Also, daily press briefings and press conferences were held during the COP-MOP 4 and COP 9 meetings.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Personnel arrangements

85. During the period January – June 2008, there were 33 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There were no vacant posts. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

86. Under the Convention there were 24 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 2 vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 5 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources, and there is 1 vacant post under recruitment.

87. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol 4 Professional staff members were regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There was 1 General Service staff member regularized on a post funded by the core budget and 1 vacant post which has been advertised.

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

(b) Financial Arrangements

89. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2008, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,523,616 for 2008 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$7,121,035 of which \$1,539,696 were 2008 pledges paid in 2007, and \$5,581,339 were pledges paid in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

90. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2008, the total pledged for 2008 amounts to US\$1,761,960 of which \$1,688,236 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2008 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$412,533. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

91. As at 30 June 2008, pledges totalling US\$830,392 have been made in 2008 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$733,618 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2008 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$342,644. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

92. As at 30 June 2008, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,718,732 for 2008 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,119,022, of which US\$433,082 was received in advance of 2008 and US\$685,940 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

93. As at 30 June 2008, five Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). To date US\$464,661 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

94. As at 30 June 2008, five 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\$320,543 have been received in 2008, of which US\$150,772 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2008 and prior years to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$222,114. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

95. As at 30 June 2008 pledges have been received from the following donors to 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**): Canada (CAD 30,000), Finland (EUR 8,000) and Germany (EUR 32,404). The total pledged contributions of US\$93,066 have been received. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS
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VII/4, VIII/20 and IX/19: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

96. In activity 1.1.10(a) of the programme of work (decision VII/4), the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to review existing information on the allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions, including the relevant guidelines and technical papers on this topic, and to prepare advice for the Conference of the Parties. A summary of relevant information and guidance was prepared for SBSTTA 13 in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/5, resulting in recommendation XIII/4. Paragraph 3 (b) and (c) of this recommendation, referring to this subject matter, are in brackets. In response to requests from several Parties and partners, the Executive Secretary prepared for COP 9 a detailed information document on this subject in order to inform further deliberations at that meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/4).

97. A member of the Secretariat attended the 14th meeting of the Scientific & Technical Review Panel (STRP), 28 January - 1 February 2008, Gland, Switzerland. Most of the subjects discussed were directly relevant to the CBD and the implementation of this, and other, programmes of work. Some outcomes of particular relevance were:

- a. The workshop on climate water, wetlands, biodiversity and climate change (co-organised with Ramsar in March 2007) significantly increased interest at Ramsar on climate change, the result being that a draft resolution on this issue will be presented at Ramsar COP-10 to be held in Changwon, Republic of Korea, 28 October - 4 November 2008. The workshop report is being prepared for publication as a joint CBD-Ramsar Technical report;
- b. Existing CBD guidance on impact assessment was brought to the attention of the STRP and will be better incorporated into Ramsar guidance;
- c. CBD guidance on genetically modified organisms was also sought by STRP;
- d. CBD work on soils in DSHL, regarding impacts on water retention, will be further considered; and,
- e. Ramsar STRP, with guidance from the Secretariat, identified the following emerging issues for potential further work - climate change, biofuels and restoration.

98. In response to recommendation XIII/4 of SBSTTA, which contains bracketed text relating to the relationships between the CBD and the Ramsar Convention and the issue of the allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions, the Executive Secretary prepared for COP 9 a detailed information document on this subject in order to inform further deliberations at that meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/4). At COP 9, meetings were held with the Ramsar Secretariat and a number of Parties to resolve the relevant issues. This resulted in the successful removal of brackets in recommendation VIII/4 and thereby improved the outcome adopted in decision IX/19.

99. At COP 9 the Secretariat co-organised and chaired side events on:

- a. Improving Cooperation in International Watercourses to Achieve Biodiversity Targets (in collaboration with the Ramsar Secretariat and WWF);
- b. Wetlands, biodiversity and climate change: win-win response options (in collaboration with the Ramsar Secretariat and Wetlands International); and,
- c. Trans-boundary Conservation and Conflict Resolution (in collaboration with the University of Vermont).

100. On the margins of COP 9, the Secretariat held a half-day meeting on mobilising support for the in-depth review of the programme of work, to be considered at COP 10, which was attended by The Nature Conservancy, WWF, Wetlands International, Conservation International, the IUCN and delegations from Parties.

101. A member of the Ramsar Secretariat visited the CBD Secretariat from 25 to 27 June 2008. Discussions were held on responses to relevant decisions of COP 9 and activities to be undertaken under the joint work plan by the Ramsar STRP and at Ramsar COP 10.

VII/9, VII/31 and IX/3: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

102. In response to the requests of COP 7, SBSTTA 12 and COP 9, the Secretariat undertook the following activities:

- a. Prepared an electronic version of the Plant Conservation Report, as recommended by SBSTTA 12 (XII/2) outlining the progress made in achieving the sixteen outcome targets of the Strategy (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/25);
- b. Liaised with various stakeholders, including Planta Europa and the network for Plant Conservation in Europe, to finalize the new European Strategy for Plant Conservation, which was submitted as an information document to COP 9 (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/31);
- c. Together with various members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, hosted two side events at COP – one to launch the BGCI report on Climate Change and Plant Conservation, and the other to present the findings of the in-depth review of the GSPC;
- d. Held various meetings with partners of the GSPC (IUCN, Plantlife, BGCI, Bioversity International and others) to develop options for fast tracking the implementation of the Strategy until 2010; and,
- e. Negotiated with potential partners in the GPPC to finalize the printing of the Plant Conservation Report.

VII/11 and VIII/10: Ecosystem Approach

103. The ninth Meeting of the Conference of Parties considered SBSTTA recommendation XII/1, contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/9/2, and a progress report, contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/9/20, resulting in COP decision IX/7.

104. The Secretariat prepared a workplan for 2008 – 2009 outlining activities to be undertaken for the implementation of decision IX/7. In this context, discussions were held with Peter Bos, Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, on progress in implementation of activities funded through the Letter of Intent with the Netherlands.

VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity

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

- a. Continued to compile information on examples of successful collaboration between mountain dwellers and communities living in areas adjacent mountains to illustrate the upland-lowland contract;
- b. Continued to compile case-studies and best practices on linking mountain biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty alleviation; and,
- c. Held discussions with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, GMBA, MRI, and ICIMOD on preparing for the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity by SBSTTA 14 and COP 10.

VII/28 and VIII/24: Protected Areas

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

- a. Prepared a draft strategy paper on protected area recommendations providing explanations of the bracketed text and possible compromise formulations for consideration by the Chair of the contact group;
- b. Serviced the working group, contact group and friends of the Chair group on protected areas during COP 9 and facilitated a clean consensus decision;
- c. Prepared the Spanish and French versions of the brochure on *The Value of Nature: Ecological, Economic, Cultural and Social Benefits of Protected Areas* for policy-makers, and launched the document at a side event during COP 9;
- d. In collaboration with PoWPA Friends, prepared and submitted to the EC a proposal for professional development to support implementation of the PoWPA, seeking 2.4 million Euros;
- e. Prepared a project proposal for consideration by the Government of Germany for implementing the LifeWeb initiative;
- f. Interacted with Government of India and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, seeking financial assistance for organizing regional capacity-building and review workshops on PoWPA;
- g. Interacted with the Government of Ecuador for organizing the Latin American regional workshop on protected areas;
- h. Held discussions with UNEP –WCMC on the modalities for developing a streamlined and harmonized reporting format for implementing PoWPA and on the development of a user-friendly website on protected areas;

- i. Interacted with the Global Coordinator of the UNDP/GEF project on supporting country actions for the implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas, and provided comments on the third round of proposals received;
- j. Held discussions with Peter Bos, Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, on progress in implementation of activities funded through the Letter of Intent with the Netherlands;
- k. Organized, on the margins of the second meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (25-26 June 2008), a presentation by Dr. Charles Besançon, Head of the Protected Areas Programme at UNEP-WCMC, on the new version of the World Database on Protected Areas.

VIII/1: Island Biodiversity

107. Facilitated the adoption of decision IX/21 at COP 9, which recognizes the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) and its role as an open platform, and highlights the need for more resources to be invested in regional systems of protected areas. The decision also recognizes the contribution of New Zealand, which will host a workshop to set up regional nodes to support the dissemination of lessons learned in the Pacific Invasives Initiative, and requests the Executive Secretary to revise and expand cooperation with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

108. Together with The Nature Conservancy, the Secretariat organized a side event on May 23 to provide information on GLISPA. The Secretariat was also involved in The Nature Conservancy's high-level dinner event on May 27, 2008, which benefited from the presence of President Remengesau of Palau, GEF Chairperson Monique Barbut and several ministers of State. The Caribbean Challenge was officially launch at this event, which was hosted by the Prime Minister of the Bahamas.

VIII/2 and IX/17: Biological Diversity of Dry and Sub-Humid Lands

109. In response to decisions VIII/2 and IX/17, calling for enhanced collaboration with between the CBD and the UNCCD, the following activities were carried out:

- a. A consultative workshop on the achievement of the 2010 target in dry and sub-humid lands was held at the margins of SBSTTA13 in order to identify obstacles to the achievement of the target and priority activities to overcome these obstacles.
- b. In support of strengthened collaboration with the UNCCD, within the framework of the joint work programme, a number of joint activities were proposed to the Global Mechanism. The priority activity on payments for ecosystem services in dry and sub-humid lands was selected for initial consideration.
- c. Written comments were submitted to the UNCCD Interagency Task Force on Reporting for consideration by participants at the first meeting of the task force; and,
- d. The Executive Secretary attended the High-level Dialogue on the UNCCD 10-year Strategic Plan.

110. In response to decision IX/17, which calls for the compilation of best practices and case studies, the following activities were carried out:

- a. Bilateral meetings were held with UNCCD staff concerning mobilization of case studies; and,

- b. Bilateral meetings were held with staff of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction regarding joint activities on drought.

VIII/3 and IX/22: Global Taxonomy Initiative

111. In response to decision VIII/3, the following activities were carried out:
- a. To support the in-depth review of the programme of work at SBSTTA 13, information on the status of progress about outcome-oriented deliverables referred to in the programme of work on the Global Taxonomy Initiative (decision V/9) was collected from GTI Coordination Mechanism members and relevant organisations. This information was reflected in an information document for COP 9 (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/33);
 - b. In preparation for eventual consideration at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Global Taxonomy Initiative, in consultation with the Coordination Mechanism of the Global Taxonomy Initiative, developed specific taxonomic, outcome-oriented deliverables. These were presented to the Parties in the annex of UNEP/CBD/COP/9/20/ADD2;
 - c. No. 30 in the CBD Technical Series, *Guide to the Global Taxonomy Initiative*, was published;
 - d. The Secretariat co-organized and participated in a number of side events during COP 9 including: “Completing the Catalogue of Life: The Role of Mega-diverse Countries and Regional Organisations with Species 2000/Catalogue of Life Partnership”, on 21 May 2008; and, “An ABS Regime for Non-Commercial Biodiversity Research: Roundtable Discussion on Sharing the Benefits of Research with Consortium of Barcode of Life”, on 26 May 2008; and,
 - e. The Secretariat attended the 24th meeting of the BioNET Fund Supervisory Board on 16 June 2008, at CABI, Egham, the UK.
112. In response to decision IX/22, the following activities were carried out:
- a. The eighth meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism was held on 31 May 2008 in Bonn. Discussions on a GTI special fund and additional outcome-oriented deliverables were held to coordinate existing and potential taxonomy-related projects during the period 2008-2010; and,
 - b. The Secretariat met with representatives of the GBIF to create an online registry of repositories of biological collections, and to support capacity-building in taxonomy through GBIF projects.

VIII/9 and IX/15: Follow-up to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

113. In response to recommendation XII/3, wherein SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to undertake, on the basis of views provided by Parties and relevant organizations, a detailed assessment of the use and impact of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and to contribute to the preparation of a coherent international multi-agency strategy for follow-up to the MA, the Secretariat:

- a. Prepared a pre-session document on the use and impact of the MA for COP 9 (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/13);
- b. Participated in a meeting organized by the IMoSEB Secretariat in Paris (28-29 March 2008) which led to the preparation of a concept note on an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder approach to strengthening the intergovernmental science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/37). The note builds on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the consultative process towards an International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity with a view to forming a single process;
- c. Liaised with the United Nations University in preparing an analysis of the use and impact of the sub-global assessments under the MA (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/26); and,
- d. Participated in a meeting of the provisional steering group for a Biodiversity Observation Network under the Group on Earth Observations (Geneva, 14-16 January 2008).

114. In response to decision IX/15 (and IX/11), wherein the COP requested the Executive Secretary to continue to carry out the tasks specified in paragraph 3 of SBSTTA recommendation XII/3 (para. 5), and to continue collaborating with the Biodiversity Observation Network with a view to promoting coherence in biodiversity observations with regard to data architecture, scales and standards, observatory network planning and strategic planning for its implementation (para. 11), the Secretariat:

- a. Held discussions with GBIF on the preparation of an inventory of interoperability mechanisms; and,
- b. Prepared a draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat of the Group on Earth Observations to frame collaboration on the Biodiversity Observation Network.

Decisions VIII/14 and IX/10: Global Biodiversity Outlook

115. In decision VIII/14 (para. 11), the COP decided that the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO 3) would be prepared for publication at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2010.

116. In WGRI recommendation II/4 on the status of national reporting and proposals on the scope and format of the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook, the Executive Secretary was requested to revise the proposed preparation plan for GBO-3 in accordance with views expressed at WGRI-2, as well as additional submissions after that meeting.

117. In response to these requests, the Secretariat finalized the preparation plan for GBO-3 (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/15) and presented the details at a side event, held jointly with UNEP-WCMC during SBSTTA-13 (FAO, Rome, 17 February 2008). The Secretariat also held discussions with UNEP-WCMC concerning the preparation of a funding proposal for GBO-3 to be submitted to the European Commission (EC). A pledge of € 400,000 has been received for this activity.

118. In decision IX/10 (para. 1), the Parties welcomed the scope and format, work plan, communication strategy and financial plan for the development of GBO 3 and requested the Executive Secretary to proceed with the preparations for GBO 3 on the basis of this plan. In accordance with these provisions the Secretariat:

- a. Held discussions with partner organizations on progress made with the indicators to be used for GBO 3, including discussions with the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen (TFRN) under the UN-ECE Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution, FAO, UNEP/GEMS-Water, GBIF and the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program;
- b. Held discussions with the European Commission and UNEP/WCMC concerning a grant for GBO 3 under the EC Thematic Programme for Environment and sustainable management of Natural Resources, including energy (ENRTP);
- c. Serviced the discussions on GBO 3 during COP 9;
- d. Organized and serviced the first meeting of the GBO-3 Advisory Group (24 May 2008);
- e. Updated the GBO-3 web pages;
- f. Hosted the second meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership at the Secretariat (25-26 June 2008), which brought a clear understanding of the contribution of the partnership to the preparation of GBO 3;
- g. Continued to work on preparations for GBO 3, including by collecting and compiling relevant material and preparing an outline and sample pages on indicators; and,
- h. Held discussions with Peter Bos, Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, on progress in the development of regional scenarios for GBO 3, which are supported through the letter of intent with the Netherlands.

VIII/15: Monitoring Implementation of the Achievement of the 2010 Target

119. In decisions VII/30 and VIII/15 the Parties adopted a framework for assessing progress towards the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target, decided that this framework should be used in preparing GBO-3, and invited Parties and others to make use of the framework in establishing targets and indicators at the national level.

120. In response to these provisions, the Secretariat organized a workshop on integrating targets and indicators into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (16 February 2008, FAO, Rome). The workshop brought together 45 participants from some 20 countries to exchange experiences.

VIII/16 and IX/27: Cooperation with Other Conventions, Organizations and Initiatives

121. The Secretariat continued to collaborate with a wide range of partners. The Secretariat participated in the Science meeting of DIVERSITAS (Paris, 25-28 March 2008) and provided information on opportunities for closer collaboration with the CBD. The Secretariat also organised and participated in a great number of side events held on the margins of COP 9, including “Interlinkages between biological and cultural diversity: towards a joint UNESCO-CBD Secretariat Programme”, and “International Polar Year and the Convention on Biological Diversity”.

122. A number of formal meetings were organised on the margins of COP 9, including:

- a. The second meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions (25 May 2008); and,
- b. The sixth meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (31

May 2008).

123. The Consortium of Scientific Partners, in collaboration with the Botanical Gardens of the University of Bonn, organized training workshops for COP 9 participants on Sunday 25 May 2008. Topics included plant conservation in botanical gardens, the GSPC, the UNEP-IUCN Issue-based Modules and the Barcoding of Life initiative. The training sessions were followed by a visit of the Botanical Gardens of the University of Bonn.

124. *Greening of the operations of the Secretariat and the Secretary general's carbon-neutral UN* : The Brazilian State of Parana developed an MoU with the Secretariat to offset all carbon emissions between COP 9 and COP 10 (approximately 10,200 tons of carbon equivalent) resulting from its operations by restoring the threatened Atlantic Rain Forest along riverine ecosystems in 5 municipalities.

125. *Promoting Engagement of Parliamentarians* : Aware of the importance of biodiversity and acknowledging the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the CBD, the Environment Committee of the German Parliament exceptionally held its session in Bonn on 27 May 2008 at the margins of COP 9. On this occasion, the Executive Secretary has called upon all Parties to nominate Parliamentarian delegates to participate in a meeting with the German parliamentarians on 27 May 2008 in order to further promote the role of parliamentarians in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. The Bonn Declaration on Parliamentarians and Biodiversity, demonstrating the commitment of parliamentarians toward the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, was adopted at this meeting.

126. Through the Canadian Universities Partnership on Biodiversity, the Secretariat met with the partner universities on 5 June 2008 to finalize the partnership framework document and plan for activities to be held in 2009-2010.

VIII/19 and IX/5: Forest Biological Diversity

127. Six information documents related to the in-depth review of the programme of work on forest biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/3) were posted prior to SBSTTA 13 (respectively UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10):

- a. "Background document on in-depth review on forest biodiversity";
- b. "Potential environmental, social and cultural impacts of genetically modified trees";
- c. "Compilation of views on the potential impacts of genetically modified trees";
- d. "Cross-sectoral toolkit for the conservation and sustainable management of forest biodiversity";
- e. "Sustainable use of wildlife based resources: the bushmeat crisis"; and,
- f. "Integration of climate change impact and response activities".

128. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XIII/2, "Potential environmental, social and cultural impacts of genetically modified trees" and "Compilation of views on the potential impacts of genetically modified trees" (respectively UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/6 and 7) were brought to the attention of COP 9 as documents UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/27 and 28.

129. Two volumes in the CBD Technical Series (numbers 33 and 39) were published: *The Bushmeat Crisis* and *Cross-sectoral Toolkit for Forest Biodiversity*, based, respectively, on documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/8 and 9.

130. The Secretariat participated in a strategic dialogue hosted by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) in Bonn, Germany, 13-15 February, 2008, with the aim to strengthen cooperation with CPF members (VIII/19), and to generate support amongst CPF members for the implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity (VI/22). The Secretariat also attended a meeting of the CPF held on 17 April in Rome/Italy, hosted by FAO, with the view to elaborate a coordinated response of the forest sector to climate change, including on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD). The Secretariat also ensured that COP-9 decisions regarding forest biodiversity were sent to the members of the CPF.

131. A member of the Secretariat staff participated in a number of relevant workshops on enhancing the consideration of forest biodiversity aspects within activities of relevant organizations, e.g. the FAO Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2010 launch and FRA Advisory Group meeting, 3-8 March, 2008.

132. The Secretariat attended the Asia-Pacific Forestry Week in Hanoi, Viet Nam, from 19-24 April, and presented the CBD programme of work on forest biodiversity and SBSTTA recommendations to COP 9 to the Regional Forestry Commission.

133. The Secretariat attended the North American Forestry Commission meeting in Puerto Rico, from 9 to 13 June, and presented the CBD programme of work on forest biodiversity and COP-9 decisions, in particular the request to the Executive Secretary to facilitate, in collaboration with UNFF, FAO and other CPF members, a series of thematic and/or regional workshops for capacity building (IX/5).

134. A consultant was contracted to support the Secretariat in the development of proposals for sub-regional capacity-building workshops (IX/5), in consultation with UNFF and FAO.

VIII/21, VIII/22 and IX/20: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity

135. A pre-session document, "Marine and coastal biodiversity: Options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats, and ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection" (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/4) was prepared by the Secretariat and considered by SBSTTA 13, resulting in recommendation XIII/3 in the annex to the document UNEP/CBD/COP/9/3. Consideration of this recommendation by COP 9 resulted in decision IX/20.

136. In response to decision VIII/21, the information document "Options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats" (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/13) was prepared by the Secretariat, in cooperation with the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, and considered by the 13th meeting of the SBSTTA.

137. In response to decision VIII/24, two information documents, "Synthesis and review of the best available scientific studies on priority areas for biodiversity conservation in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction" (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/11) and "Development of an interactive map and review of spatial databases containing information on marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction" (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/12), were prepared by the Secretariat and considered by SBSTTA 13.

138. The Secretariat co-organized with the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) a side event on the margins of COP 9 entitled, "Marine Biodiversity and the International Year of the Reef", in celebration of International Year of the Reef (IYOR) 2008 (26 May 2008).

139. The Secretariat also organized an informal discussion meeting on the preparation of the in-depth review of the implementation of programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity on 26 May 2008 on the margins of COP 9. The follow-up activities, including the preparation of terms of reference, are underway in collaboration with UNEP.

140. The Secretariat prepared a workplan for 2008 – 2009, including activities to be undertaken in support of implementation of decision IX/20.

141. In addition, the Secretariat:

- a. attended and made a presentation at the Strategic Planning Workshop on Global Oceans Issues in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction in the context of Climate Change (Nice, France, 23 – 25 January);
- b. attended and provided technical inputs to the First Working Group Meeting on Marine Spatial Management Guidelines and Principles (UNESCO-IOC, Paris, France, 18-20 March 2008);
- c. attended and co-chaired several meetings at the 4th Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands – Advancing Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management in the Context of Climate Change (3 – 12 April, 2008, Hanoi, Vietnam,);
- d. attended the 2nd Meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (28 April – 2 May 2008, UN Headquarters, New York, USA);
- e. attended the 5th Meeting of the UN-Oceans (2 – 3 June 2008, IOC-UNESCO, Paris, France); and,
- f. reviewed and provided comments on the World Bank draft report *Gap Analysis for Valuation of Marine Ecosystem Services*.

VIII/23 and IX/1: Agricultural Biological Diversity

142. In response to decision VIII/23, in support of the in-depth review of the programme of work at SBSTTA 13, four information documents were finalised:

- a. Synthesis of information from the third national reports on the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/1);
- b. Input for the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity - Integration of climate change impact and response activities (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/2);
- c. Applicability of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity to the Sustainable Use of Agricultural Biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/4); and,
- d. In collaboration with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), a review of the feedback from farmers on the programme of work

(UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/17), as well as launch of preparation of an issue brief on biodiversity and agriculture for IFAP members.

143. At COP 9, the Secretariat co-hosted, together with the FAO, a side event on agricultural biodiversity.

144. In response to decision IX/1, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a. updated its workplan for 2008-2010, the website was updated, and consultations were held with the FAO regarding preparation of an updated CBD-FAO joint work plan;
- b. participated in the kick-off meeting on soil biodiversity organized by the Joint Research Center of the European Commission in Ispra, Italy (19-20 June, 2008). The meeting considered proposals on possible joint work in the EU on soil biodiversity in the context of the CBD International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity.

VIII/27 and IX/4: Invasive Alien Species

145. In response to decision VIII/27, the following activities were carried out:

- a. A Secretariat staff member attended the European Conference on Invasive Alien Species on 15-16 January 2008, in Madrid, Spain. An overview presentation was made outlining the results of consultations with relevant international organisations including, the International Plant Protection Convention, the World Organisation for Animal Health and others regarding the gaps and inconsistencies of international frameworks on invasive alien species. In addition, information from the European Community on experiences in addressing the threats of invasive alien species was collected for the in-depth review (Decision VII/31 on the multi-year programme of work); and,
- b. The Executive Secretary and three staff members from the Secretariat attended the joint meeting of the Secretariats of the International Plant Protection Convention and the Convention on Biological Diversity on 17 February 2008, in Rome, Italy, on the margins of SBSTTA 13. The Joint Programme of Work between the two Secretariats was reviewed and the following possible areas of collaboration were proposed:
 - i. Promoting collaboration at the national level among NPPOs and agencies responsible for biodiversity-related issues;
 - ii. Addressing gaps in the international regulatory framework for invasive alien species;
 - iii. Development of standards of mutual interest under the IPPC and development of guidance and standards under the CBD and the Biosafety Protocol;
 - iv. Terminology;
 - v. Capacity-building and technical assistance; and,
 - vi. Mechanisms for sharing information through the International Phytosanitary Portal, the clearing house mechanism of the CBD, and the Biosafety Clearing-House.

146. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XIII/5, the following activities were carried out:
- a. From 9 to 11 April, 2008 the Secretariat organized a workshop on best practices for pre-import screening of live animals in collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme and other relevant organizations, in South Bend, Indiana, USA. The results of the workshop were made available as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP9/INF/32/Add.1) for the in-depth review of ongoing work on alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species to COP 9;
 - b. In partnership with the Global Invasive Species Programme and other relevant organizations, the Secretariat co-organized and participated in a side event on 19 May 2008 during COP 9 entitled, “Invasive Species: Regional and International Initiatives in Support of CBD Implementation”;
 - c. The Secretariat, including staff of STTM and OMG, organized a meeting during COP 9 to collate information for the development of tools and educational materials for International Day for Biological Diversity 2009, which will focus on the theme of invasive alien species; and,
 - d. The Secretariat held discussions on the margins of the second meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (25-26 June 2008) with Sarah Simons, Director of the Global Invasive Species Programme, and Stas Burgiel, The Nature Conservancy, on the coordination of activities and the renewal of the joint programme of work 2008-2010.
147. In response to decision IX/4, the following activities were carried out:
- a. The Secretariat met with two officers from the GEF during and after COP 9 to discuss the development of regional/global projects to integrate existing information systems on invasive alien species, and provided feedback to the relevant organizations regarding further development of the project proposals; and,
 - b. The Secretariat, including staff of STTM and the Clearing-house Mechanism, met with representatives of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) on 19 and 20 June 2008 to develop an intelligent global portal for invasive alien species.

VIII/28: Impact Assessment

148. In response to decision VIII/28, the following activities were carried out:
- a. The Secretariat delivered a presentation on scientific assessment processes and impact assessment at McGill University’s International Master Course on Environmental Assessment on 2 April 2008; and,
 - b. The Secretariat provided guidance to the Ramsar Secretariat in view of a possible endorsement of the voluntary guidelines for biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment by Ramsar’s COP 10.

VIII/30 and IX/16: Biodiversity and Climate Change

149. In response to decision VIII/30 and the requests to the Executive Secretary in SBSTTA recommendation XII/5, the following activities were carried out:

- a. To support the in-depth reviews on forest biodiversity and agriculture biodiversity, background documents containing information on the enhanced integration of climate change impact and response activities within the programmes of work of the Convention

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were prepared for SBSTTA 13 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/3) and (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/10);

- b. Priority activities to promote synergies, including activities for the Secretariats of the Rio Conventions and for Parties, were proposed and discussed (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/7);
- c. The Secretariat participated in a number of relevant workshops on enhancing the integration of climate change considerations within implementation of the Convention at international, regional and national levels; and,
- d. The Secretariat participated in the steering committee meeting for the third World Climate Conference to be convened by the World Meteorological Organization in August or September, 2009.

150. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XIII/6, the Secretariat prepared draft terms of reference for a possible Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on biodiversity and climate change which were shared with the Secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, with additional input solicited from Parties (Notification 2008-035). Views were incorporated into the final draft presented as UNEP/CBD/COP/9/20/ADD3.

151. In response to COP decisions VIII/30 and XI/16, calling for enhanced synergies among biodiversity, climate change and desertification / land degradation, the following activities were carried out:

- a. Requests for funding / calls for hosts for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group were sent to the United Kingdom (for 2008), Finland (for 2009) and Belgium, all of which expressed an interest in funding the meetings;
- b. A statement highlighting the results of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties was distributed to Parties attending the twenty-eighth Subsidiary Body Meetings of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
- c. A side event on adaptation, biodiversity and climate change was held on the margins of COP 9 and two side events, one on adaptation, biodiversity and climate change and a second on co-benefits from reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation we held on the margins of the twenty-eighth Subsidiary Body Meetings of the UNFCCC;
- d. A joint staff meeting with staff members and the Executive Secretaries from the UNFCCC, CBD and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held on the margins of COP 9; and,
- e. The Secretariat participated in the Tunisia – GTZ workshop on synergies, as well as the Athens meeting on climate change in global policy.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

VII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism

152. Following the first workshop on *Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web Based Technologies* that took place in November 2007 in Quebec, Canada, an article summarizing the workshop was published in Pachamama, May 1 2008, available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/news-8j-02-02-low-en.pdf>. The second workshop of the series is being organized in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Region Environment Programme (SPREP) and the New Zealand Tourism Research Institute (NZTRI) of Auckland University of Technology (AUT), and will focus on South Pacific islands. The second workshop is planned to take place in Apia, Samoa 3-5 November 2008.

153. In order to further raise tourists' awareness of their potential to contribute to sustainable development, the SCBD Tourism web site is promoting the "Green Passport-Holidays for a living planet" a global campaign including green travel tips for international tourists that has been developed and launched by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in line with the Marrakech Process for Sustainable Tourism.

CBD Guidelines On Biodiversity and Tourism Development

154. On 22 May, during COP 9, the Secretariat collaborated with the Ecological Tourism in Europe (OETE) in organizing a side-event on the implementation of the CBD Guidelines On Biodiversity and Tourism Development. The event introduced the experiences made within the GEF-UNEP Project 'Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity through Sound Tourism Development in Biosphere Reserves in Central and Eastern Europe', implemented from March 2005 until May 2008 in mountain ecosystems in the three Biosphere Reserves Babia Gora (Poland), Aggtelek (Hungary) and Šumava (Czech Republic). The project is a model case for the implementation of the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development and demonstrates the ways in which local development related to tourism can contribute to the conservation goals of protected areas.

155. The Secretariat is supporting the United Nations Foundation and Rainforest Alliance in further developing a set of Global Baseline Criteria for sustainable tourism based on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development. The initiative is linked to the Sustainable Tourism Stewardship Council (STSC), a global platform for sustainable tourism certifiers in which the CBD Secretariat acts as an advisor. The partnership will become a Type II Partnership with UN DESA.

156. The Secretariat is continuing to encourage the implementation of the CBD Guidelines through partnerships between the private sector and park agencies, notably in cooperation with Brazil (Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservacao de Biodiversidade), New Zealand (Department of Conservation), South Africa (SANParks). Outcomes will be used as case studies for the Programme of work on Protected Areas, and are also a concrete example of North-South-South triangular cooperation arrangements for tourism. The Secretariat also continues to update and collect case studies on the implementation of the guidelines.

VIII/4 and IX/12 : Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing

157. During this period, the Secretariat organized and serviced the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 21 to 25 January 2008.

158. Following this meeting, the report of the meeting was completed and made available on the CBD website. In addition, as requested by the Working Group on ABS, written submissions by Parties

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and observers related to the main components of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing made at the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing were compiled and made available as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/16) for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

159. In addition, a compendium of the side-events held during WG-ABS 5 and WG-ABS 6 was prepared by the Secretariat, made available on the CBD website and printed for distribution at COP 9.

160. The Secretariat also participated in the Capacity Building and Briefing of African Delegates prior to WG-ABS 6, held on 19 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland and organized under the umbrella of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity-Development Initiative for Africa, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the CBD.

161. The Secretariat also organized informal open-ended and bilateral consultations for the co-chairs of the Working Group on ABS on 19 and 20 January 2008, prior to WG-ABS 6, at the International Environment House, in Geneva, Switzerland.

162. The Secretariat contributed to preparations for COP 9 on the issue of access and benefit-sharing.

163. The Secretariat prepared a publication entitled “Access and Benefit-sharing in Practice: Trends in Partnerships Across Sectors” which was distributed at COP 9 as CBD Technical Series No 38. This publication is based on studies previously made available for the Working Group on ABS as information documents.

164. Prior to COP 9, on 16 May 2008, the Secretariat participated in a briefing of the African Group organized under the ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa.

165. The Secretariat serviced the COP 9 negotiations on ABS which lead to the adoption of COP decision IX/12 on access and benefit-sharing which provides a roadmap to 2010.

166. Following the COP, the Secretariat undertook the planning process for the next biennium regarding the work programme on access and benefit-sharing in order to implement the COP decision and support the negotiation process of the international regime on ABS.

VIII/5 and IX/13: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

167. During this period, the Secretariat carried out final preparations for and facilitation of the sixth meeting of the Working Group on ABS, held in Geneva Switzerland from 21 to 25 January 2008. This also included the funding the participation of 25 indigenous and local community representatives through the Convention’s voluntary fund for ILCs.

168. The Secretariat also participated in the WIPO IGC (21-29 February 2008) and provided an update on activities of mutual interest as well as participated in a side vent on the development of a TK toolkit. The Secretariat also participated in a side event at the WIPO IGC and a capacity building workshop organized by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property. Whilst in Geneva, the Secretariat also participated in an OHCHR and ILO meeting (IASG) on the Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples.

169. Thanks to the generous invitation of the Brazilian Indigenous Institute for Intellectual Property (INBRAPI), the Secretariat participated also in the second edition of the International Indigenous Caucus on Access and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity, held in Brasilia, Brazil, from 25 to 27 March 2008, as a preparatory meeting to the Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9)

to the CBD, which takes place in Bonn, Germany in May 2008. The workshop brought together some 70 indigenous peoples representatives from the various Brazilian regions, many of whom attended COP 9.

170. During January the Secretariat also continued to liaise with donors and in particular the Government of Spain and the Government of Finland. As a result of discussions and project proposals the Government of Spain is in the process of providing an additional 500,000 Euros for the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions, which will include an L2 position for Article 8(j) and ABS. In particular the Spanish Government requested the Secretariat to support a capacity building initiative for indigenous women in the Latin American and Caribbean region to assist them in their preparations for COP 9, to be held in April 2008. During this time period the Secretariat finalized an MOU with the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network (LAC region) and prepared for and participated in the workshop, which was held in Panama, from 7 to 9 April with the participation of 40 indigenous women from the Latin American region.

171. Furthermore the Government of Finland provided resources (60,000 Euros) to facilitate an International Expert Meeting on Responses to Climate Change for Indigenous and Local Communities and the impact on their Traditional Knowledge related to Biological Diversity, The Arctic Region, Helsinki, Finland, 25-28 March 2008. Hence during this period the Secretariat developed in partnership with the Government of Finland an agenda and documentation for the meeting and facilitated the selection process for ILCs and experts as well as facilitating the meeting. The report of the meeting provided input into an UNU TK Centre Expert meeting on Ips and CC (2-4 April 2008), as well the 7th session of the UNPFII whose theme was also climate change.

172. To further these proposals, during this quarter, an MOU was progressed with the Fundacion para la Promocion del Conocimiento Indigena for the LAC capacity building workshop and close consultation were held with the Government of Finland to advance planning for the Arctic regional expert meeting. In November a notification (SCBD/SEL/OJ/SG/61053 (2007-153)) was issued to encourage indigenous and local communities and experts on climate change to apply.

173. In early April (2-4th) the Secretariat participated in an Expert Meeting on Indigenous peoples and Climate Change, facilitated by the UNU TK Centre, in partnership with the UNPFII. The workshop was held in Darwin, Australia.

174. The Secretariat participated in the 7th session of the UNPFII in New York, at Headquarters from 21-25 April. The theme of the 7th session was "indigenous peoples as stewards of bio-cultural heritage and climate change". In particular, the Executive Secretary presented the report of the annual meeting of the Interagency Support Group on Indigenous People's Issues (IASG), at the opening of the meeting, as well as participated in the high-level opening press conference of the UNPFII. During the Forum, the Secretariat, as the current chairperson of the IASG, facilitated daily agency meetings to promote coordination, cooperation and planning amongst agencies working on indigenous issues and in particular matters relevant to the CBD.

175. In May, the Secretariat focused on and facilitated the work of COP 10, and in particular, the programme officer for 8(j) facilitated a high profile public event with the private sector (AVEDA) and indigenous peoples, held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn on 29th May, at which the Executive Secretary presented. The officers for 8(j), as well as facilitating WG II of the COP on issues relevant to 8(j), also provided support to the ABS negotiations, liaised on a daily basis with indigenous and local community participants, including the IIFB and conducted training for women (in particularly ILC women) and training for journalists.

176. In early June, the Secretariat participated and presented at the 2008 Global Katoomba Meeting XII – Global Environmental Conference – theme "Developing an infrastructure for the planet" – focus – payment for ecosystem services – eco-markets (Washington, 9-10 June 2008).

177. The Secretariat also participated in the Consultation with Representatives of Indigenous and Local Communities and Associated Experts, facilitated by Business and Biodiversity Offset Program (BBOP) (11 June 2008).

178. Lastly, in June, the Secretariat advanced planning for the new biennium, finalized the proposals for the 8(j) grant from Spain and developed an umbrella MOU with Spain for formalize our ongoing cooperation

VIII/25 and IX/6 : Incentive Measures

179. The work of the Secretariat in this period focused primarily on the preparations for, and servicing of, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the finalization of the documentation for the COP 9.

180. In the month of January, the Secretariat participated in the first review meeting organized by the UNEP/IUCN regarding the project on developing international payments for ecosystem services (IPES) on 28-29 January 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland. The objective of the meeting was to provide technical expertise and the CBD perspective on the review of draft chapters for the study on developing international payments for ecosystem services, disseminate initial results, seek comments for further improving the drafts, and more importantly, explore the options of a potential international framework for IPES. The meeting considered the following: conceptual issues, issues of scope, measurement issues, demand for and supply of ecosystem services and the international implementation.

181. The Secretariat attended the Regional Workshop of the World Trade Organization on Trade and Environment for Caribbean Countries on 4-6 February 2008 in Bridgetown, Barbados. The objective of the meeting was to enhance awareness of the importance of biodiversity as well as knowledge of the CBD and the Cartagena Protocol among trade officials; and encourage dialogue among trade and environment officials presented at the workshop; by: (i) presenting an overview of the CBD with a focus on programme areas of relevance to the sub-region, in particular islands, marine and coastal biodiversity, and tourism, as well as provisions and work of relevance to international trade and the WTO; (ii) presenting an overview of CBD provisions and work related to trade-related intellectual property rights; (iii) reporting on relevant trade-related work by floor interventions as appropriate.

182. The Secretariat attended the Workshop “The Economics of the Global Loss of Biological Diversity” on 5 – 6 March 2008 in Brussels, Belgium. The Secretariat’s goal was to represent and provide input from the CBD perspective. The objective of the workshop was to support and reinvigorate work towards the planned “Stern-like” report on the economic cost of biodiversity loss, as part of the so-called Potsdam initiative of G8+5 environmental ministers. The process has been so far moving slowly, mainly because of the protracted search for a study leader. With Mr. Pavan Sukhdev, this study leader has now been identified and one important objective of the workshop was to generate new momentum, to bring the study leader together with the research community, to present preliminary results of studies already commissioned (on ecosystem accounting, by the European Environment Agency; on forest values by IUCN, and on the UK Marine Bill, by Salman Hussain), and to discuss the way forward. The preliminary results and the future work process have been presented at the ministerial segment of COP 9, by German environmental Minister Gabriel and European Environmental Commissioner Stavros Dimas. The final study shall be ready before COP-10 so as to create momentum for this meeting.

183. The Secretariat participated in the 22nd meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB) on 25 March 2008 as well as the joint OECD WGEAB and AIXG Workshop: Incentives to Capture Climate Change and Biodiversity Benefits from Reducing Deforestation on 26 March 2008 in Paris, France. The Secretariat briefed the Working Group on preparations for COP- 9, in particular for the in-depth review of the work on incentives as well as provide input and comments to OECD work. The OECD WGEAB reviewed the state of implementation

of the OECD Council recommendation on the use of economic instruments in biodiversity policies, discussed proposed work on payments for ecosystem services and the programme of work for 2008-2009. Roundtables were held on recent developments as well as on PES schemes. Delegates were briefed on the preparatory process for the in-depth review of the work on incentive measures by COP 9, including the pertinent documentation. The workshop reviewed linkages, synergies and possible limitations in realizing biodiversity benefits within REDD schemes, including by reviewing practical experiences from Mexico, Bolivia, Madagascar, and Indonesia.

184. The Secretariat attended the UNEP inter-divisional consultation on developing the resource efficiency/sustainable consumption and production thematic priority, as part of UNEP's strategy 2008-2012 on 29-30 April 2008 in Paris, France. The CBD objective was to highlight linkages with relevant work under the Convention and ensure that development of the thematic priority is supportive of CBD implementation. UNEP's newly-adopted Medium Term Strategy (MTS) identifies Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production (RE/SCP) as one of six cross-cutting thematic priorities to guide the organization's future work. The informal inter-divisional consultation brought together some 25 colleagues from various UNEP divisions, including regional offices, with a view to review the first draft strategy for this thematic priority, and in particular: (i) undertake a RE/SCP needs assessment, based in particular on input from the regional offices; (ii) undertake a gap analysis, and (iii) define future directions and activities. The CBD was the only MEA represented.

185. During the month of June 2008 the focus was mainly on the preparation of the calendar of meetings and the work plans for the next biennium that emerged from the decisions of COP-9 in the areas of technology transfer and technology cooperation, incentive measures and environment and trade.

186. The Secretariat represented the Convention at the second international review meeting: "UNEP project on integrated assessment of trade-related policies and biological diversity in the agriculture sector" held from 1 to 3 June 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland. The objective of the meeting was to assess progress made since the last international meeting in November 2007 and to identify remaining challenges and provide further technical assistance and advice to country teams in conducting the assessments. Under this 4-year UNEP initiative funded by the European Union and Sweden, impacts of trade-related policies on agricultural biodiversity are being assessed in six ACP countries (Jamaica, Mauritius, Cameroon, Uganda, Madagascar, and Papua New Guinea) in different sectors. The assessments are undertaken by national institutions in close cooperation with national government ministries and regional partners. The Secretariat is represented in the core advisory group and the international steering committee of the project, and is actively participating in this project as it assists countries directly in implementing Article 14 of the Convention in conjunction with the request of the Conference of the Parties to assess the impacts of trade liberalization on biodiversity.

187. The Secretariat also participated in the first national review meeting of the Cameroon assessment: UNEP project on integrated assessment of trade-related policies and biological diversity in the agriculture sector held from 4 to 6 June 2008 in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The CBD objective was to review progress and provide technical assistance and advice to the Cameroon research team. As part of the UNEP 4-year project to assess the impacts of trade liberalization on biodiversity in six ACP countries (responding to requests by COP to have such assessments undertaken), the Cameroon assessment looks into the impacts on biodiversity of the recent expansion of the cacao sector. Meetings are currently held in the countries in order to review the intermediate results of the work undertaken so far, and to provide guidance for the further work.

OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

VIII/6: Communication, Education and Public Awareness

NGOs

188. To assist NGOs in their final preparations for COP-9, Secretariat staff members delivered presentations and answered questions at the Civil Society CBD Capacity-Building Day and Preparatory Session in Bonn, Germany.

189. At COP 9, the CBD launched a new newsletter for civil society. The newsletter aims to provide a forum for civil society organizations (CSOs), help raise the visibility and awareness of CSOs as partners in the Convention, promote active partnerships involving civil society, and become a valuable communication tool for civil society and CBD Parties.

CEPA (Children and youth)

190. The Secretariat, in partnership with the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, launched *The Green Wave*. *The Green Wave* is a global campaign to educate children and youth about biodiversity. It leads up to the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010 and contributes to annual IBD celebrations worldwide. It builds on the 2007 project “20+10 Schools and Trees for Biodiversity” initiated by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation working with the Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (OERC) of the Republic of Palau.

191. *The Green Wave* was officially launched in Bonn, Germany by a local kindergarten class, the Minister of Environment of Germany, Mr. Sigmar Gabriel, the Executive Secretary to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, the Mayor of Bonn, Bärbel Diekmann, and the President of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Dr. Beate Jessel. Over 40 celebrations were held in 20 countries on all continents. Plans are underway to grow the campaign in 2009, including through corporate sponsorship.

192. As part of its outreach to children and youth, the Secretariat supported several children and youth conferences and events in Bonn before and during MOP 4 and COP 9. Secretariat staff delivered keynote addresses, moderated special sessions and supported cultural events.

193. The Secretariat continues to support Montreal-area activities for children and youth. Staff members ran biodiversity and biosafety-themed activities at a children’s Earth Day event. Staff members also delivered several presentations to university student groups visiting the Secretariat.

194. The Secretariat participated at the Tunza International Children’s Conference on the Environment in Stavanger, Norway. The CBD delivered the keynote address on biodiversity, and launched the beginning of the 2009 *Green Wave* campaign.

International Biodiversity Day (IBD)

195. The Secretariat launched its first educational module for children and teachers on biodiversity and agriculture – the 2008 theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity. The module comprises of an online educational web portal for primary school students and five accompanying lesson plans for educators. The module has been designed to engage students in a variety of fun and active exercises reflecting the principles of education for sustainable development.

196. Supported by the Secretariat, the Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) coordinated IBD celebrations in seven Canadian cities. Secretariat staff also volunteered at the Montreal activities, held during the Great Gardening Weekend at the Botanical Gardens.

VIII/17 and IX/26 : Private Sector Engagement / Promoting Business Engagement

197. *Newsletter on business and biodiversity* – The Secretariat published 3 issues of *Business.2010* focusing on Access and Benefit-sharing (January 2008, released on the occasion of the Sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing); agribusiness (February 2008, released on the occasion of Thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and as a contribution to the International Day for Biological Diversity); and business-related activities at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (April 2008). To facilitate access, the content of all issues were also made available on the CBD website as separate html pages.

198. *Engagement with business schools* – The Secretariat collaborated with the Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, the Center for Responsible Business at Haas, and the Net Impact Club to develop a seminar on Environmental Strategy in Business for MBA students over January – April 2008. The Secretariat also participated in the McGill Business Conference for Sustainability (February 2008). Starting in January, the Secretariat welcomed an intern from HEC Montreal business school.

199. *Good practice and other business and biodiversity initiatives* – Prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat posted online a draft training module on business engagement, in line with other training material developed by the Secretariat, UNEP and UNU for CBD focal points, biodiversity managers and other national stakeholders. The Secretariat also posted on the CHM examples of good practice guidance and ‘business case’ material. As a member of the Steering Committee of the UNEP FI/FFI/FGV “Natural Value Initiative”, the Secretariat continued to provide input into the development of a bio-dependency and impact assessment toolkit for investments in the food and beverages sector. The Secretariat was invited to become a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the UNDP 2008 Equator Prize.

200. *Meetings* – The Secretariat chaired the “Business and Ecosystems: Innovation, opportunities and challenges for the private sector” a satellite workshop to the second conference on Co-Operation on Health And Biodiversity (Galway, Ireland, February 2008). The Secretariat partnered with GreenPower Conferences in the organization of a conference on “Biodiversity & Ecosystem Finance” (New York, 27-28 March 2008). On 11 June, the Secretariat co-organized with Deloitte and IUCN, in Montreal, a Canadian business and biodiversity seminar, with the participation of senior representatives of companies, business associations and environmental groups. The Secretariat participated in a stakeholder dialogue designed to help shape the direction and content of the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) Strategic Plan (San Francisco, 11-12 June).

201. *Business at COP-9* – The Secretariat partnered with the host government, UNU-IAS, UNEP to organize a ‘Business and Biodiversity Forum’ at COP-9, a collection of side events and a training session. In order to help delegates, the Secretariat also published a Guide to business related events at COP-9.

IX/25 : South-south Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development

202. Following a brainstorming meeting of experts on South-South Cooperation on biodiversity, in November 2006, in cooperation with the Chairman of the Group of 77, decision IX/25 acknowledged the role of South South Cooperation in protecting biodiversity and called for the development of a multi-year Plan of Action which will be developed through a meeting in Montreal later this year.

IX/28 : Promoting Engagement of Cities and Local Authorities

203. Following on the adoption of the Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity in Brazil, in March 2007, through an initiative of the Mayor of Curitiba in collaboration with mayors and

representatives of 24 cities, including Bonn, Montreal and Nagoya, the role of cities in protecting biodiversity has been acknowledged through decision IX/28 by the ninth Conference of the Parties. This initiative will strengthen the engagement of cities and local authorities in addressing the challenges of the 2010 biodiversity target and in implementing the Convention.

204. On 21 May, the Secretariat made a presentation at the ERFURT Conference: Urban Biodiversity and Design, and on 26 May, an open side-event on Cities and Biodiversity Open focused on the critical role of local governments in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and presented developments at the local level such as results of the Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity adopted in March 2007 in Brazil, and the "Local Action for Biodiversity" (LAB) programme, started jointly by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and IUCN (Countdown 2010) in 2006.

205. The Mayor's Conference on Local Action for Biodiversity was organized jointly by the Secretariat and ICLEI in Bonn on 27-28 May 2008. A meeting between delegates to the Conference of the Parties and mayors during the high-level segment also allowed them to contribute to this item.

IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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

Capacity-Building Workshops on implementing NBSAPs and mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, strategies, and programmes

206. In line with COP Decision VIII/8 and WGRI Recommendation 2/1, five regional and sub-regional workshops on progress in developing, updating and implementing NBSAPs and mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, strategies and programmes have been organized during the first half of 2008:

- a. South, East and South-east Asia (Singapore, January, 2008);
- b. Southern and Eastern Africa (South Africa 4-7 February, 2008);
- c. Mesoamerica (Mexico, 26-27 March 2008);
- d. South America (Brazil, 31 March – 4 April); and,
- e. Europe, (Germany, 26-30 April 2008).

In total, 73 Parties participated in these five workshops. These workshops have been funded by the governments of Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, and the UK, with the additional support of host governments as well as UNEP. A webpage on the workshops has been developed, and provides access to all documents as well as country presentations: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops.shtml>.

207. Participants in the workshops comprised officials responsible for the development and/or implementation of NBSAPs, nominated by CBD national focal points, as well as a number of experts in biodiversity mainstreaming into sectors and national development policies, ecosystem approach, and communication.

208. The workshop programmes have included the following elements:

- a. national presentations of the state of implementation followed by question and answer periods and discussions;

- b. complementary presentations at different levels of government (global, regional/sub-regional, sub-national, local);
- c. examples from countries on mainstreaming; training by experts on specific topics needed to implement the Convention (for example, Strategic Environmental Assessment, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, Communication, Education and Public Awareness);
- d. briefings on the preparation of the fourth national reports;
- e. small group discussions, panel discussions, and interactive exercises; and,
- f. field trips illustrating opportunities and challenges in biodiversity mainstreaming.

209. Evaluations were carried out at the end of each workshop and these were generally highly positive. Participants welcomed the opportunity, for the first time in meetings under the Convention, to engage in focused learning and information exchange on implementation issues with their counterparts in neighbouring countries.

210. COP-9 document [UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/Rev.1](#) outlines the main conclusions of the first four workshops including lessons learned on the role NBSAPs have played in the implementation of the Convention, the second generation NBSAPs, approaches to mainstreaming, integration of biodiversity into spatial planning, the development of sub-national BSAPs, stakeholder participation, the role of regional processes and mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation, and the importance of communication strategies for NBSAPs.

211. Following discussion on the review of the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan, the Conference of the Parties re-affirmed the importance of the workshops in COP Decision [IX/8](#).

COP-9 Side Event and Publication on Mainstreaming and the NBSAP workshops

212. A brochure entitled *Mainstreaming Biodiversity: Workshops on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans* was launched at a side event on the workshops at COP-9. This 29 page publication provides an overview of the results of the five workshops as well as case studies on NBSAPs and best practices in 5 cross-cutting issues central to mainstreaming biodiversity:

- targets, indicators, assessment and monitoring
- communication, awareness, and stakeholder engagement
- integration of biodiversity into local planning
- mainstreaming biodiversity into economic sectors
- mainstreaming biodiversity into national development and poverty eradication policies

Preparation for Up-Coming Workshops

213. In line with COP Decision [IX/8](#), capacity-building workshops for Central Africa (22 – 25 September, Limbé, Cameroon) and West Africa (29 September – 3 October, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso) are under preparation with notifications to Parties dispatched. The workshops will focus on the implementation and up-dating of NBSAPs and challenges, priorities, and approaches in mainstreaming biodiversity into sustainable development and poverty reduction. Workshops are also planned for the Caribbean, Pacific region, and Central Asia, later in the year.

Letters to Parties Requesting Updated Information on NBSAPs under Development

214. To date, 160 Parties (84% of all Parties) have completed their NBSAPs or equivalent instruments. Updated information on Parties with completed NBSAPs, revised NBSAPs, and NBSAPs under development can be found at the following page: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>. COP Decision IX/8 urges all Parties to develop NBSAPs and to adopt existing strategies, plans or programmes prior to COP-10 where the Conference of the Parties will assess progress towards the achievement of the 2010 Target and implementation of the Strategic Plan, of which effective National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans are a key element. Letters have been sent to:

- 15 Parties¹ with NBSAPs under development, requesting information on the status of the NBSAP and asking that the relevant documents be sent to the Secretariat.
- Letters to all new Parties² requesting an update on plans to develop and adopt the NBSAP by 2010.

215. Letters to 4 Parties³ that have not provided the Secretariat any information on the status of their NBSAP requesting this information.

Biodiversity for Development and Poverty Eradication and the Millennium Development Goals

216. In line with COP Decisions VII/32, VIII/8 and subsequently IX/8, and IX/9 a number of activities were conducted during the first half of 2008 to integrate biodiversity into work to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and broader work on development and poverty eradication.

217. Following the earlier recommendation of the Secretary General that the 2010 target be incorporated into the framework for the MDGs, indicators have been developed and, together with the new target 9a, included in the framework. This was published in early 2008. Further information can be found at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mdg/Host.aspx?Content=Indicators/OfficialList.htm>.

218. The mainstreaming of biodiversity concerns into national sustainable development and poverty eradication plans and strategies is a main element of the NBSAP workshops. An intern from Yale University is currently examining issues related to biodiversity and poverty with a view to contributing to the Global Biodiversity Outlook and to discussions on this matter regarding the updating of the Strategic Plan in line with decision IX/9.

219. A Biodiversity for Development Initiative was officially launched during the high-level segment of COP-9 at a Panel Discussion co-chaired by H.E. Ms. Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul, German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, and Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary. The panel was comprised of government ministers from 5 countries and also was honoured by the participation of H.E. President Tommy Esang Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau.

220. The initiative will engage multi-lateral and bi-lateral development agencies as well as Regional Economic and Social Commissions and organizations who can support the mainstreaming of biodiversity into economic and development sectors. This initiative has received generous support from the French and German governments including the secondment of two staff to the SCBD. In line with relevant COP-9 Decisions, a work plan has been completed.

221. Additionally, two newsletters on Biodiversity for Development were published and six mobile panels on the subject were produced and displayed during COP-9. These will be used also at future CBD meetings. ITS staff collaborated in the Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day which was held

¹ Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Malta, Myanmar, Nauru, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates

² Montenegro, Timor-Leste

³ Cyprus, Kuwait, Libya, Saint Kitts and Nevis

during COP-9 and organized by the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group of IIED. The morning session focused on integrating biodiversity concerns into international donor support and sustainable development programmes. A presentation was made by Mr. Pavan Sukhdev on the EU Commission and German government commissioned study “The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity.” The afternoon sessions focused on project and community-based work in this area.

Revision and Updating of the Strategic Plan

222. At its tenth meeting, in October 2010, the Conference of the Parties will adopt a new Strategic Plan for the Convention and a new Biodiversity Target. At COP-9, the Conference of the Parties agreed on the process for the revision of the Strategic Plan (Decision IX/9). COP took note of the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/add.1) and invited further submissions from Parties and observers. A notification requesting submissions was dispatched to Parties following COP-9 (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2008/ntf-2008-076-sp-en.pdf>). Further information is available at the following webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/strategic-plan/post-2010.doc>.

COP-9

223. The team coordinated with other colleagues in the Secretariat to prepare the following documents for COP-9:

- UNEP/CBD/COP/9/4 Report of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on the Work of Its Second Meeting
- UNEP/CBD/COP/9/13 Follow-Up to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
- UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/REV1 Implementation of the Convention and Its Strategic Plan
- UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/ADD1 Updating and Revision of the Strategic Plan
- UNEP/CBD/COP/9/15 Global Biodiversity Outlook - Considerations for the preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

224. During COP-9, team members supported negotiations in WG-II and WG-I and held side events on the NBSAP workshops, 4th National Reports, and a high-level event on the Biodiversity for Development Initiative. Additionally, a poster session on NBSAPs and the 2010 Target, featuring 43 submissions, was displayed in the main lobby during the full 2 weeks.

VIII/11 and IX/30: Scientific and Technical Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism

225. During the first half of 2008, the Secretariat participated in the following workshops related to the Clearing-House Mechanism:

- a. The CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC Secretariats organized a workshop on increased synergies between the secretariats on education, communications and web tools on 31 January and 1 February 2008 in Bonn. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss suggested priority actions of the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) on communications, education and web tools.
- b. A UNEP Workshop on Knowledge on Knowledge Management among Biodiversity-Related Convention was held from 7 to 9 March 2008 in Cambridge, UK, at the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre. This workshop discussed UNEP's work in the field of knowledge management by taking stock on the activities completed and by brainstorming the future dimension of this programme.
- c. The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), in cooperation with Viet Nam Environment Protection Agency (VEPA) conducted a Sub-regional Workshop on Mechanism for

Biodiversity and Data Sharing and Harmonization on 11-15 March 2008 in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

- d. The Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN) Data Providers Workshop was held on 2-5 June in Athens, Georgia, USA. Participants learned how to use the pilot version of the GISIN protocol to share information on invasive species and held technical discussions on how to enhance it.
226. Several web portals were designed or enhanced to increase outreach and information exchange:
- a. Web portals were designed for the COP 9 and COP-MOP 4 meetings (www.cbd.int/cop9 and www.cbd.int/mop4).
 - b. A web portal was designed in preparation for the forthcoming International Day for Biological Diversity (22 May 2008), with the theme "Biodiversity and Agriculture". The portal is available at www.cbd.int/ibd/2008. An additional portal was also created specifically to reach out to children and youth (www.cbd.int/ibd/2008/youth).
 - c. A web portal has been created for the Green Wave (<http://greenwave.cbd.int>) which is an initiative targeting children in schools around the world to raise awareness about biodiversity, and the need to reduce its loss. The Green Wave contributes to UNEP's Billion Tree Campaign.
 - d. Progress was made in the preparation of the web portal promoting the CHM network (www.chm-cbd.net). New services such as feeds and Google maps were implemented to enhance the visibility of and share information between national CHM websites.
 - e. A web portal on the fourth national report (www.cbd.int/nr4) was established to support Parties in the preparation of their national reports. This portal was designed in collaboration with UNDP/GEF which provided financial support, guidance and content, including on-line database of approved GEF funding requests for the fourth national report.
227. In addition, activities were undertaken to streamline the Secretariat's operations. The infrastructure of the CBD website was maintained and enhanced as follows:
- a. As usual, on-going updates and maintenance were carried out on a daily basis.
 - b. Some progress was made in the website translation in French and Spanish. A meeting was held with representatives of the Government of the Quebec Province of Canada to discuss potential further support for French translation.
 - c. The user interface of several interactive modules of the website was redesigned to improve usability and consistency, in particular the modules handling meeting documents, national reports, NBSAPs and newsletters.
 - d. The photo gallery was promoted and enhanced with the photos of the joint calendars of the Rio Conventions.

228. The Several additional tools were developed to support the CBD work programmes and the operations of the Secretariat:

- a. A news feed aggregator has been implemented to facilitate the compilation of daily news for dissemination to subscribers.
- b. A CD-ROM version of the incentive measures section of the CBD website was prepared. This tool includes an off-line version of the incentive measure database.
- c. A CD-ROM version of the web portal for the International Day for Biological Diversity was prepared.
- d. Some enhancements were made to the SCBD registration system to support bar code scanning at security checkpoints.

229. Work was carried out to service the ninth Conference of the Parties (COP 9) and its CHM-related events:

- a. The draft note of the Executive Secretary on the Clearing-House Mechanism was discussed by the CHM-IAC members in a lunch-time meeting held at the margins of SBSTTA-12 in Rome on 21 February 2008. Comments were taken into account in finalizing the note as document UNEP/CBD/COP/9/23 entitled "Proposals for the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism". Based on feedback and experience, the document reviewed the current challenges in the implementation of this strategic plan and proposed to position the CHM as a provider of on-line services facilitating the implementation of the Convention. Further to this background which also included a draft decision, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision IX/30.
- b. A CHM-IAC meeting was held on Sunday 18 May 2008 in Bonn. The meeting focused on the implementation of the proposals contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/9/23. The report is available at www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chmiac-2008-01.
- c. A COP 9 side event on the latest developments of the CHM was organized on Wednesday 21 May 2008 in Bonn in coordination with several Parties (Germany, European Commission, Morocco and Belgium) which shared their experiences. The side-event was well-attended by around 50 participants.
- d. COP 9 Decisions are available on-line at www.cbd.int/decisions and their content has been uploaded in a searchable database.

VIII/14: National Reporting

230. The deadline for submission for the fourth national reports is 30 March 2009. A notification was sent to all Parties in April 2008 reminding them of the deadline of submission of the fourth national report (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2008/ntf-2008-052-nr-04-en.pdf>), informing them about the tools available to assist them (see below) and highlighting the importance of the report for the purpose of assessing progress towards the 2010 target, notably through the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. Two follow-up email messages have been sent since.

231. A portal for the fourth national reports has been launched (<http://www.cbd.int/nr4/>) and is being developed further particularly to assist countries in undertaking assessments of progress towards the 2010 Target and preparing the fourth national reports.

232. To complement the guidelines for the fourth national report an number of additional tools have been produced. These include:

-- A reference manual for the preparation of the fourth national report has been finalized and made available to all Parties (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/nr/nr-04/nr-04-ref-manual-en.doc>). The manual provides more detailed suggestions for the preparation of the fourth national report, with a list of relevant materials and web links provided.

-- A guidebook to assist countries in undertaking assessments of progress towards the 2010 Target has been developed by UNDP and UNU IAS, with inputs from the CBD Secretariat (<http://www.cbd.int/nr4/guidelines/2010-guide.shtml>).

233. Following requests from the Secretariat in line with COP decision VII/14, Sample chapters of the fourth national report have been submitted by Australia, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Finland, Rwanda, South Africa, Thailand and the United Kingdom (<http://www.cbd.int/nr4/guidelines/sample/>). These sample chapters and power point presentations to introduce some countries' approaches have been made available on the website of the Convention.

234. A side event was organized during COP 9 to promote the preparation of the fourth national reports, through introducing relevant tools and national experience and approaches in preparing the sample chapters. All the regional workshops on NBSAP capacity building organized prior to COP 9 also covered the preparation of the fourth national report.

235. Each of the Capacity Building workshops on NBSAPS and Biodiversity mainstreaming have incorporated a session on the fourth national report to provide further guidance to Parties and to highlight how the reporting process and NBSAP revision can be mutually supportive. Additionally, discussion is ongoing with Japan with a view to organizing a regional workshop on national reporting for South, East and Southeast Asia late this year to facilitate the preparation of the fourth national reports of these countries as well as to strengthen their capacities in monitoring, reviewing and reporting on implementation of the Convention.

236. Assistance was provided to some countries in accessing the funds for the preparation of the fourth national report. Email messages and reminders were sent to all the eligible countries encouraging them to move quickly to get the funds for the preparation of the fourth national report. The aforementioned portal provides information on the status of requests for funding (<http://www.cbd.int/nr4/gef/projects/>).

237. Inputs were provided to work related to harmonization of national reporting among the biodiversity-related conventions, in particular proposals for joint reporting with the Ramsar Convention and harmonized reporting with the UNCCD as well as the Joint Liaison Group proposal for harmonizing reporting.

**VIII/18 : Further Guidance to the Financial Mechanism;
VIII/13 : Review of Implementation of Financial Resources and Financial Mechanism;
IX/11 : Review of implementation of Articles 20 and 21; and,
IX/31 : Financial resources and the financial mechanism and guidance to the financial mechanism**

238. Two informal consultations on the development of a resource mobilization strategy were organized in Geneva, on 20 January 2008, and in Rome, on 16 February 2008.

239. The following working documentation for COP-9 has been prepared and/or finalized:

- a. In-depth review of the availability of financial resources (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/16)

- b. Draft strategy for resource mobilization (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/16/Add.1)
 - c. Draft message on finance and biological diversity to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/16/Add.2)
 - d. Third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/17)
 - e. Report of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/9)
 - f. Elements for the four-year (2010-2014) framework for programme priorities related to utilization of GEF resources for biodiversity, as well as recommendations to the process of formulating and consolidating guidance to the financial mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/24)
240. The following information documentation for COP-9 has been prepared and/or finalized:
- a. Status and trends of biodiversity finance (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/5)
 - b. Terms of reference of the mid-term review of the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/17)
 - c. Draft strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's objectives: Submission from the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/14)
 - d. Menu of options and flexible framework of activities and initiatives for the Parties and relevant organizations (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/19)
 - e. Report of the experienced independent evaluator (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/20)
 - f. Compilation of the past guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Global Environment Facility (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/15)
 - g. Compilation of the submissions on the four-year framework of programme priorities related to utilization of GEF resources for biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/41)
241. The following decisions were adopted by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
- I. Decision IX/11: Review of implementation of Articles 20 and 21, including:
 - a) In-depth review of the availability of financial resources
 - b) Strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's three objectives of the Convention
 - c) Message on biological diversity and finance to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
 - II. Decision IX/31: Financial resources and the financial mechanism and guidance to the financial mechanism
 - a) Third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism
 - b) Input to the fifth replenishment of the financial mechanism
 - c) Additional guidance to the financial mechanism

BIOSAFETY

THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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BS-II/9 and BS-III/11: Risk Assessment and Risk Management

242. The Secretariat organized, in collaboration with the Government of Malaysia and the support of the Governments of Netherlands, Norway and Spain, the Asia Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 7 to 9 April 2008. The workshop was attended by 40 delegates from 21 countries and 7 representatives from organizations involved in risk assessment and risk management of LMOs. The main outcome of the meeting was a set of recommendations for the consideration of the fourth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol regarding priorities for capacity building for the effective implementation of risk assessment and risk management at the national/regional levels, with emphasis on the application of risk assessment principles on the emerging biotechnology applications, human and financial resources, guidance material on risk assessment and networking among risk assessment experts in the region. The report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RWCBAS-01>.

243. The Secretariat also participated and made a presentation on Risk Assessment of LMOs at the science symposium “Plant Risk Assessment Challenges for the 21st Century: New Crops and New Uses”, organized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, in Ottawa, Canada, 12-14 March 2008.

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

244. During the period under review, BCH activities focused on Programme Elements 1 to 4 of the Multi-year programme of work for the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH). In order to improve the ease of reporting information, a revamping of the registration section of the BCH was initiated and is currently on-going (Programme element 1: Structure and function of the central portal). The main focus of this activity is the review and establishment, as appropriate, of common formats for reporting information (section C3(b) of the Modalities of operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House).

245. The Biosafety unit hosted an intern from the University of Montreal who undertook a deep analysis of the information provided by countries and published in the BCH. This analysis resulted in targeted communications to a large number of BCH National Focal Points identifying missing information and occasionally incompleteness of the data submitted (Programme element 2: Information content and management).

246. A revamping of the scientific registries on LMOs, Genes and Parental organisms contained in the BCH was also initiated with the scope of ensuring the completeness of the archives maintained by the SCBD as a reference source for Parties.

247. Under Programme element 4 (Capacity-building and non-Internet accessibility), the Secretariat in collaboration with the UNEP-GEF Project on BCH held four regional workshops directed at BCH National Focal Points in Cairo, Egypt (for the African and Asian sub-regions). A special workshop, targeted at BCH-NFPs, was also organized by the Secretariat prior to the COP-MOP4 in Bonn, Germany, May 9-10, 2008) with the financial support of the UNEP-GEF.

BS-III/3, BS-IV/4: Capacity Building

248. The Secretariat organized, in collaboration with the Government of India and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), the fourth coordination meeting for Governments and organizations implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities in New Delhi, India from 11-13 February 2008. The meeting was funded by the Government of Norway and ICGEB. A total of 39 participants from 18 countries and 11 organizations attended. The main outcome of the meeting was a set of recommendations for the fourth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol regarding measures for improving capacity-building for addressing socio-economic considerations in decision-making regarding living modified organisms and for implementation of identification and documentation requirements under Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Protocol. The report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSCMCB-04>

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250. Furthermore, the Secretariat organized the fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety back-to-back with the fourth coordination meeting from 14-15 February 2008. It was attended by 22 participants from 13 governments and 7 organizations. The meeting made recommendations to the COP-MOP 4 regarding measures for further improvement of the roster of experts on biosafety and for further development of the preliminary set of indicators for monitoring implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol. The report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSLGCB-05>.

251. In March 2008, the Secretariat attended and made a presentation on “Biosafety capacity evaluation” at the workshop on capacity evaluation tools related to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, which was organised by the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva on 31 March 2008. More than 200 participants attended, including delegates from the WTO’s SPS Committee, 15 developing country officials and presenters from relevant organizations (FAO, IPPC, OIE, IICA, World Bank and UNIDO). The objective of the workshop was to increase awareness and knowledge about the purpose and scope of the tools developed by international organizations to evaluate capacity in the areas of food safety, animal and plant health, as well as the experiences and results of their practical application. The report of the workshop is available at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/wkshop_march08_e/r48_e.doc.

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

252. The fifth meeting of the Working Group on Liability and Redress took place from 12 to 19 March 2008 in Cartagena, Colombia. At this meeting, the Working Group revised the working draft on the elaboration of options for rules and procedures in the context of Article 27 of the Protocol. The group agreed to some core elements and reduced options for operational text identified pertaining to liability and redress. These are contained in annex II to the report of the meeting in document [UNEP/CBD/BS/WG-L&R/5/3](http://www.cbd.int/doc/bs/wg-l&r/5/3).

253. The Working Group further constituted a Friends of the Co-Chairs group comprising a balanced number of representatives from each region. The Friends of the Co-Chairs group met from 7 to 10 May 2008 in Bonn and continued, in accordance with its mandate, the negotiations on the rules and procedures on liability and redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on the basis of annexes I and II of the report of the fifth meeting of the Working Group. The result of the work of the Friends of the Co-Chairs group was submitted to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol as document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/4/11/Add.1.

BS-II/13 & BS-IV/17: Public Awareness and Participation

254. The Secretariat co-organised and facilitated, together with the Aarhus Convention Secretariat, the international workshop on access to information, public participation and access to justice regarding GMOs, which was held on 19-20 May 2008 in Cologne, Germany, immediately after the fourth meeting of Parties to the Protocol.. More than 80 participants, including National Focal Points for the Biosafety Protocol, attended. The participants shared experiences, good practices and lessons learned regarding access to information, public participation and access to justice with respect to GMOs and identified the most pressing needs and challenges in respect of these issues and possible measures to address them.

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

255. The Secretariat participated in the fourth meeting of the Partners of the Green Customs Initiative which was held at the offices of the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics in Paris from 23 to 25 January 2008. The meeting was attended by representatives of other Partners in the Initiative including CITES, the UNEP Division of Environmental Laws and Conventions, the Rotterdam Convention, the World Customs Organization, the UNEP Ozone Secretariat, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons as well as UNEP-DTIE. Amongst other things, the Partners presented the relevant activities they had undertaken during 2007 and developed a work plan for the Green Customs Initiative for 2008.

256. The CBD Secretariat also organized and conducted a side event on “The Green Customs Initiative and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety” in conjunction with the Secretariat of the Green Customs Initiative during the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol

257. As of 30th June 2008, with the recent ratifications of Guinea, Myanmar, Guyana and Surinam, 147 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>.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I - MEETINGS

January to June 2008

8 January 2008	'A billion trees for the planet' event organized by the City of Montreal – Montreal, Canada
8 January 2008	Teleconference with Germany, ABS Co-Chairs
10 January 2008	Participate as UNEP Expert for the Day on the issue of Marine and Coastal biodiversity
11 January 2008	Meet with the Brunei Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, the Vice Minister and the Ministry in charge of biodiversity, as well as meet with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Vice Minister of Development, and around 100 representatives of different stakeholders - Brunei Darussalam
11 January 2008	Held interviews with journalists of the Brunei Times and Borneo Bulletin as well as Brunei TV - Brunei Darussalam
12 January 2008	Deliver a presentation to various stakeholders in Brunei on the Convention on Biological Diversity - Brunei Darussalam
14 January 2008	Meet with representatives from different organizations in preparation for upcoming meetings (in association with CBD) on business and biodiversity, , Ottawa, Canada: National Resources-Canada, Environment Canada, Export Development Canada, Forest Products Association of Canada, Parks Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Mining Association of Canada, and Tourism Industry Association of Canada
14 January 2008	Teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs on final preparations for WG-ABS6
14 January 2008	Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation with ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity - Singapore City, Singapore
14-16 January 2008	GEO Biodiversity Observation Network Workshop - Geneva, Switzerland
15 January 2008	Meeting with the Singapore Minister of National Development - Singapore City, Singapore
15-16 January 2008	Attend the European Invasive Alien Species Conference - Madrid, Spain
16 January 2008	Keynote speaker at the Singapore Environment Lecture - Singapore City, Singapore
16 January 2008	Interview with a journalist from the Singapore Straits Times as well as from a Chinese newspaper - Singapore City, Singapore
16-18 January 2008	Participate in the Workshop on a Gender Plan of Action - Chavanne-de-Bogis, Switzerland
18 January 2008	Attend the BioNET Fund Supervisory Board meeting - London, U.K.
18-19 January 2008	Participate in the Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-6 Meeting - Geneva, Switzerland
21 January 2008	Deliver a lecture in biodiplomacy series: on "The future of biodiversity: the road to Nagoya 2010 and beyond" - United Nations University, Yokohoma, Japan
21-22 January 2008	Meet with representatives of the UNEP/GEF Team on Capacity Building Projects - Geneva, Switzerland
23 January 2008	Meeting with the delegation of Italy, attending ABS-6 – Geneva, Switzerland

23-25 January 2008	Attend the Strategic Planning Workshop on Global Ocean Issues in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction in the context of Climate Change - Nice, France
23-25 January 2008	Take part in the Fourth meeting of the Partners to the Green Customs Initiative - Paris, France
24 January 2008	Meeting with the delegation of Japan, attending ABS-6 - Geneva, Switzerland
24 January 2008	Meeting with the Director of the Group on Earth Observations - Geneva, Switzerland
24 January 2008	Meeting with Senior Advisor, Consortium for the Barcode of Life, Smithsonian Institute - Geneva, Switzerland
25 January 2008	Meeting with the Head of Delegation of Switzerland attending ABS-6 - Geneva, Switzerland
28 January 2008	Meeting with Prof. Dr. Jessel, Head of BfN - Bonn, Germany
28-29 January 2008	Visit to Germany to meet with representatives from the Federal Ministry for the Environment as well as with officials from UNOV Security in preparation for the COP-MOP 4 and COP 9 meetings - Bonn, Germany
28-29 January 2008	Participate in the meeting of the UNEP-IUCN Payments for Ecosystem Services Review - Geneva, Switzerland
28-30 January 2008	Attend the Australian-Swiss Region-Led Initiative (RLI) on regional input in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests - Geneva, Switzerland
28 January–1 February 2008	Attend the 14 th Meeting of the Ramsar STRP - Gland, Switzerland
30 January 2008	Meeting with Mr. John Herity, Director of IUCN Canada Office - Montreal, Canada
30 January 2008	Participate in the Hass Business School Seminar - Berkeley, California, U.S.A.
30 January 2008	Meet with representatives from BMU with regard to COP-9 press issues - Bonn, Germany
30 January 2008	Represent CBD at a lecture on Negotiating Nature: Insights in the Process of a CBD Conference of the Parties - Bonn University, Germany
31 January 2008	Meeting via teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs
31 January - 1 February 2008	Participate in a workshop on increased synergies between the secretariats of the CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC on communications and outreach - Bonn, Germany
4-6 February 2008	Take part in the meeting of the International Organizing Committee for the Third World Climate Conference - Geneva, Switzerland
4-6 February 2008	Participate in the WTO Trade and Environment Regional Workshop for Caribbean Countries - Bridgetown, Barbados
4 February – 14 March 2008	Participate in the e-Discussion on Achieving Sustainable Development, hosted by MDGNet, organized by UN-DESA and UNDP (online discussion)
5 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Thierry Lefèvre, researcher from <i>Collège de France</i> (Paris) and Prof. Dr. Thora Martina Herrmann, Chair of Canada Research in Ethnecology and Biodiversity Conservation - Montreal, Canada
5 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Felipe Adrián Vázquez-Gálvez, Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) - Montreal, Canada
6-8 February 2008	Attend the 61 st Council of the Federation of International Civil Servants Association - Torino, Italy

7-8 February 2008	Participate and deliver a statement at the International Conference: "100 Days to the U.N. Biodiversity Conference, Bonn 2008 - Civil Society's Demands to CBD Parties" - Berlin, Germany
8 February 2008	Press conference, in the margins of the International Conference: "100 Days to the U.N. Biodiversity Conference, Bonn 2008 - Civil Society's Demands to CBD Parties" - Berlin, Germany
8 February 2008	Interview with Mr. Marcus Frabken of the Green Magazine - Berlin, Germany
11 February 2008	Attend the side event organized by the Federal Government of Germany on 'The Lifeweb Initiative' - A Global Initiative on Protected Areas - Rome, Italy
12 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Peter Bos, Senior Officer, Directorate for Nature, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality - Rome, Italy
13 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Jan Heino, FAO Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department - Rome, Italy
13 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Peter Hilliges of the <i>Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau</i> (KfW) - Rome, Italy
14-16 February 2008	Participate in the meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests - UNFCCC Secretariat, Bonn, Germany
16 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Shakeel Bhatti - Rome, Italy
17 February 2008	Joint IPPC-CBD Secretariat meeting - Rome, Italy
17 February 2008	Meet with the Aichi-Nagoya delegation attending SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Side event "Follow up of the consultative process towards an IMOSEB" - in the margins of SBSTTA-13, Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Side event "Regional forest cooperation- reaching the 2010 biodiversity target and the UNFF global objectives on forests by 2015", in the margins of SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Side event "Strengthening the knowledge base for implementation of the CBD - Presentation of the outcomes from the Fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity", in the margins of SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Christian Mersmann, Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Joint informal meeting of the Bureaux of SBSTTA-13 and the Eleventh regular session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Meet with Ambassador Steffanini of France attending SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meet with NGOs, , Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meeting with Mr. Shakeel Bhatti - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Side event "UNEP GEF projects on conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity", in the margins of SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meeting with Mr. Parviz Koochafkan, Director Land and Water Division, Natural Resource Management and Environment Department, FAO - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Emile Frison, Director General of Bioversity International - Rome, Italy

20 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Christoph Bail, United Nations University - Rome, Italy
21 February 2008	Joint informal meeting of the Bureaux of SBSTTA-13 and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources - Rome, Italy
22 February 2008	Meet with NFP for Japan, Ms. Horiuchi - Rome, Italy
22-23 February 2008	Workshop in preparation of the 12th session of the Intergovernmental Committee of WIPO - Chateau de Bossey, Switzerland
25-29 February 2008	Twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore - Geneva, Switzerland
24-28 February 2008	Participate in the workshop on Ecotourism and Sustainable Development - San Salvador, El Salvador
25-28 February 2008	Take part in the second International Conference on Health and Biodiversity - Galway, Ireland
26 February 2008	Visit and meeting with Ambassador Raymundo Magno, Permanent Representative of Brazil to ICAO, and two senior staff representatives - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
26 February 2008	Interview via telephone with Mr. Eric Lyman, Special correspondent, BNA, Inc.
26 February 2008	Meet with representatives from the <i>Museums Nature Montréal</i> regarding IBD 2008 - Biodôme de Montréal, Canada
26-27 February 2008	Attend the Consultative Stakeholder meeting of the upcoming Programme for Capacity-Building for Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries - Brussels, Belgium
26-27 February 2008	Participate in the OHCHR-IASG Meeting - Geneva, Switzerland
26-28 February 2008	Take part in the United Nations Inter-Agency Security Management Network meeting - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
27 February 2008	Meet with Mrs. Tebib - Montreal, Canada
29 February 2008	Participate in a COHAB-2 Satellite Workshop on Business and Ecosystems: Innovation, opportunities and challenges for the private sector - Shannon, Ireland
3-14 March 2008	Participate as an expert in the UNEP-GEF Regional Training Workshop on the Biosafety Clearing-house for Africa, Asia and CEE - Cairo, Egypt
5-6 March 2008	Attend the international workshop on "The Economics of the Global Loss of Biological Diversity", organized by the European Commission and the German Federal Ministry of Environment - Brussels, Belgium
6-7 March 2008	Take part in the International Workshop on Biodiversity and Climate Change - Beijing, China
7-9 March 2008	Participate in the UNEP Workshop on Knowledge Management among Biodiversity-related Conventions - UNEP-WCMC Office, Cambridge, U.K.
11-14 March 2008	Attend the Sub-regional Workshop on Mechanism for Biodiversity Data-Sharing and Information - Hanoi, Vietnam
12 March 2008	Meet via teleconference with UNEP Nairobi regarding the UNEP Executive Management Retreat
12 March 2008	Deliver a presentation entitled " <i>Faire carrière à l'ONU dans le domaine de l'environnement</i> " at the ACNU-Grand Montréal Forum sur les opportunités d'emploi à l'ONU - Montreal, Canada
12-14 March 2008	Attend the CFIA Canada – Science Symposium on Plant Risk Assessment Challenges for the 21 st Century: New Crops and New Uses - Ottawa, Canada

13 March 2008	Visit of Ms. Linda Collette, Senior Agricultural Officer at FAO
13 March 2008	Meet with Mr. Dever, Scientific Advisor at the French Embassy in Ottawa - Ottawa, Canada
13 March 2008	Visit of Mr. Robert Lamb, Television Trust for the Environment TVE - Montreal, Canada
14 March 2008	Meet with the ABS Co-Chair to discuss follow up of the sixth meeting of the <i>Ad hoc</i> Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing - Montreal, Canada
14 March 2008	Meet with representatives of IUCN on biodiversity for development - Montreal, Canada
14 March 2008	Meet with Mr. Suhel Al-Janabi, GeoMedia / German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) - Montreal, Canada
14 March 2008	Meet with Ms. Jessica Dempsey (NGO Alliance), Mr. Eric Darier (Greenpeace) and Mr. Jim Thomas (ETC Group) - Montreal, Canada
17 March 2008	Deliver a statement and take part in the Jewish-Canadian Youth Model United Nations conference (luncheon) - Montreal, Canada
17 March 2008	Meet with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada - Ottawa, Canada
18 March 2008	Meeting via teleconference with the Chairs of COP-9 Working Groups I and II
18 March 2008	Meet with the Consul General of Chile in Montreal on the preparation of the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory meeting for COP-9 - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
18-20 March 2008	Attend the first meeting of the Working Group on Marine Spatial Management Guidelines and Principles” - UNESCO-IOC office, Paris, France
19 March 2008	Guest speaker on biodiversity challenges at the Gala organized by <i>La Fondation québécoise en environnement</i> - Montreal, Canada
19-20 March 2008	Participate in the Equator Initiative Board meeting - New York, U.S.A.
20 March 2008	Meet with Mr. Walter Erdelen, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences - Paris, France
20 March 2008	Visit of the Chair and representatives of the Group of 77 to the Secretariat - Montreal, Canada
20 March 2008	Visit of His Excellency Mr. Daniel Jouanneau, Ambassador of France to Canada - Montreal, Canada
20 March 2008	Meeting with a private company CONVENTION from Japan on COP-10 - Montreal, Canada
25 March 2008	Participate in the meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB) - Paris, France
25 March 2008	Visit of senior officials of the Aichi-Prefecture and Nagoya to the Secretariat - Montreal, Canada
25-27 March 2008	Participate as a speaker in the second meeting of the "International Indigenous Caucus on Access and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity" - Brasilia, Brazil
25-28 March 2008	Participate in the Scientific Committee of DIVERSITAS - Paris, France
25 March- 7 April 2008	Visit of the External Auditors from the United Nations Board of Auditors - Montreal, Canada
25-27 March 2008	Deliver a statement and participate at the second meeting of the International Indigenous Caucus on Access and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity - Brasilia, Brazil
26 March 2008	Meet via teleconference with the Chair of COP-9 Working Group I
26 March 2008	Attend and deliver presentations at the OECD Workshop of biodiversity and climate experts on reducing deforestation: linkages, synergies and limitations

	- Paris, France
27 March 2008	Visit of Ms. Amy Fraenkel, Director, UNEP Regional Office for North America
27 March 2008	Participate as a speaker in « <i>Le Colloque sur les plantes exotiques envahissantes</i> » at the Montreal Botanical Gardens - Montreal, Canada
27 March 2008	Presentation at the McGill University on the topic “Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility Dialogue” - Montreal, Canada
27-28 March 2008	Attend and deliver the welcoming address at the opening session of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Finance Conference - New York, U.S.A.
28 March 2008	Take part in the « <i>Planète Nature</i> » RTBF (<i>Télévision Belge</i>) show on biodiversity, via satellite from Belgium - RDI/SRC studio, Montreal
28-29 March 2008	Take part in the discussion on IMoSEB and MA follow up - Paris, France
31 March 2008	Meet with senior representatives from the Finnish Environment Ministry - Helsinki, Finland
2 April 2008	Meet with Ms. Louise-Esther Fortin, Ministère des relations internationales du Québec - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
2 April 2008	Meet via teleconference with the two ABS co-Chairs
2-4 April 2008	Participate in the International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change - Darwin, Australia
2-6 April 2008	Attend the Third Conference of the School of Athens and take part in the panel on biodiversity and disaster management and biodiversity and climate change - Athens, Greece
3 April 2008	Brief the Ambassadors of G-77, JUSCANZ and EU on the preparation of MOP-4 and COP-9 - New York, U.S.A.
3 April 2008	Meet with the President and the Executive Secretary of the G-77 - New York, U.S.A.
4 April 2008	Meet with the United Nations External Auditors
7 April 2008	Visit of Steve Gorman, Executive Coordinator, World Bank/GEF
7 April 2008	Meet via teleconference with the Chairs of the COP-9 Working Groups I and II
7-9 April 2008	Take part and act as presenter at the Indigenous Training Workshop on the CBD process and enhanced preparation for COP-9 - Kuna Yala, Panama
7-11 April 2008	Participate in the Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands: Advancing ecosystem management and integrated coastal and ocean management in the context of climate change, organized by Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands - Hanoi, Vietnam (To also attend the pre-conference on 6 April 2008)
7-15 April 2008	Attend the UNEP Training Course on Sustainable Management for the Iraqi - Damascus, Syria
8 April 2008	Deliver a statement on the occasion of the KfW and BioFrankfurt Evening on “Achievements of the CBD and Challenges of COP 9 and Beyond” - Frankfurt, Germany
8 April 2008	Meet with representatives of KfW - Frankfurt, Germany
9 April 2008	Meet with Ms. Petra Bierwirth, Chairwoman of the Committee on Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the German Bundestag - Berlin, Germany
9-11 April 2008	Attend the expert workshop on Preventing Biological Invasions: Best Practices in Pre-import Risk Screening for Species of Live Animals in International Trade - University of Notre Dame, Indiana, U.S.A.
9 April 2008	Attend and address the International Conference on the Conservation of biological diversity at the German Parliament with the Chancellor of Germany - Berlin, Germany

10 April 2008	Meet with NGO representatives - Montreal, Canada
10-12 April 2008	Participate and contribute to the Meeting of African Leaders on Access and Benefit-Sharing in preparation for the High-Level Segment of COP-9 - Mahé, Seychelles and meetings with the Ministers of Environment attending the meeting
12 April 2008	Interview with local Seychelles TV and Radio stations - Mahé, Seychelles
12 April 2008	Participate in the Symposium on Environmental Economics for Sustainable Development at the Université de Sherbrooke à Longueuil - Montreal, Canada
14-18 April 2008	Participate in the UNEP Retreat for MEAs - Nairobi, Kenya
15 April 2008	Meet with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme and deliver a presentation on COP-9 - Nairobi, Kenya
15 April 2008	Attend the Baobab Awards Ceremony - UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya
15-16 April 2008	Attend the preparatory meeting organized by a consortium of partners (WWF, IUCN, Wetlands International, FIBA) for COP-9 - Banjul, The Gambia
17 April 2008	Meeting on UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative - Nairobi, Kenya
17 April 2008	Attend the CPF strategic meeting on forests and climate change at FAO - Rome, Italy
17 April 2008	Meet with FAO staff to discuss COP-9 side events - Rome, Italy
18 April 2008	Meet with Regional Directors of UNEP - Nairobi, Kenya
18 April 2008	Represented (by Ramsar) at the Bystroe Canal Project - Bucharest, Romania
19 April 2008	Take part in the Montreal Children's Library Earth Day Children's Event - Montreal, Canada
20-25 April 2008	Attend the first Asia Pacific Forestry Week, and Asia Pacific Regional Forestry Commission meeting and take part in the panel discussion to regional forest activities - Hanoi, Vietnam
21 April 2008	Take part as a panelist for the opening press conference of the UNPFII - New York, U.S.A.
21-25 April 2008	Attend and address the opening plenary of the Sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues - New York, U.S.A.
22 April 2008	Meet with the United Nations Assistant Secretary General of Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning in the Office of the Secretary General - New York, U.S.A.
22 April 2008	Meet with the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations - New York, U.S.A.
22-23 April 2008	Attend the Inception Workshop on BIGMAP-CABI Compendium on GM Agriculture and Biosafety - Iowa, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the UNEP Deputy Executive Director - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the Director of UNEP New York Office - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the Executive Secretary of the Group of 77 - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the Director of Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Andorra to the United Nations - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Attend the launch of the publication "Sustaining Life: How Human Health Depends on Biodiversity" - New York, U.S.A.
24 April 2008	Attend a luncheon organized by Les Conseils des Relations Internationales de Montreal (CORIM), with guest Her Excellency Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Quebec Minister of International Relations and Minister Responsible for La Francophonie, to speak on the theme: "Politique internationale du Québec: bilan et perspectives d'avenir" - Montreal, Canada

24 April 2008	Meet with Chair, Independent Panel on Safety and Security of U.N. Personnel and Premises Worldwide - New York, U.S.A.
25 April 2008	Meet with the Officer-in-charge of the United Nations Forum on Forests - New York, U.S.A.
28 April – 2 May 2008	Attend the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction - New York, U.S.A.
29-30 April 2008	Participate in the Group of 77 Panel of Eminent Experts on a Development Platform for the South, - St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda
29-30 April 2008	Atelier organisé par le GTZ (Tunisie) en vue de préparer une nouvelle composante d'un projet de coopération tuniso-allemande qui devrait porter sur la synergie entre les trois conventions - Tunis, Tunisia
1-2 May 2008	Visit of Ms. Nandhini Iyer Krishna, UNCCD-CBD Liaison Officer in New York - Montreal, Canada
1-2 May 2008	Take part in the ASEAN Pre-CBD COP-9 Workshop - Manila, Philippines
5 May 2008	Participate and deliver an opening statement at the sixteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development - New York, U.S.A.
5 May 2008	Visit of Consul General of Algeria in Montreal - Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
5 May 2008	Visit of Vice President, Montreal International - Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
6 May 2008	Meet via teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs, COP-9 Chairs of the Working Groups and representatives from the German Federal Ministry of Environment
7 May 2008	Visit and meeting with the two ABS Co-Chairs - Montreal, Canada
7-9 May 2008	Take part in the Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety - Bonn, Germany
8 May 2008	Take part in the panel on "Confronting Environmental Intolerance – Art, Action and Human Security" in the margins of the "Art Changing Attitudes toward the Environment" seminar series - New York, U.S.A.
8 May 2008	Meeting via teleconference with the Chair of Working Group II for COP-9
8 May 2008	Biodiversity panelist at Environment Canada-AIRD scenarios workshop - McGill University, Montreal, Canada
10-11 May 2008	Take part in the Africa Union Preparatory Meeting of African Delegates to the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, COP-MOP 4 - Bonn, Germany
12-16 May 2008	Took part in several press conferences: opening of COP-MOP4; briefing on Liability and Redress; briefing on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification; briefing CBD Secretariat: Risk Assessment; and closing of COP-MOP 4
12-16 May 2008	Interviews during COP-MOP 4 with a number of media organizations, including Deuschwelle Radio, Deutschlandradio, Reuters Berlin, and Deuschwelle French Programme, among others
12-16 May 2008	Bilateral meetings held with heads of delegation/senior representatives from Governments attending the COP-MOP 4 meeting
12-16 May 2008	Bilateral meetings held with heads and/or representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, international and non-governmental organizations attending the COP-MOP 4 meeting

12 May 2008	Meeting with the Minister Frau Ursula Heinen, Deputy Minister, German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, in her capacity as COP-MOP 4 President
12 May 2008	Took part in the Planet of Diversity Conference
12 May 2008	Side event: Training and the BCH Regional Advisors
13 May 2008	Side event "Biodiversity Research – Safeguarding the Future"
13 May 2008	Participate in the Policy Dialogue "Climate Change, biodiversity and food security in marine environments"
13 May 2008	Reception hosted by the Council of the European Union
14 May 2008	Participate in a public panel on Addressing Climate Change: A challenge for International Cooperation
14 May 2008	Opening remarks at the International Youth Conference "Biodiversity on the Edge"
14 May 2008	Biodiversity on the Edge - International Youth Conference for the Protection of Biological Diversity
14 May 2008	Attend the European Parliament hearing, as well as participate in an interview, on biodiversity and climate change
15 May 2008	Meeting with Mr. Abdul-Hakim Elwaer, Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
15 May 2008	Meeting with Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Director, UNEP/DGEF
15 May 2008	Meet with Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
16 May 2008	Deliver opening remarks at the "CBD Alliance - CBD Capacity Building Day"
16 May 2008	Side Event on Planet Diversity - Presentation of Results and the Bonn Manifesto
16 May 2008	Address at the COP 9 IIFB Preparatory Meeting
18 May 2008	Naturathlon – The Course of the World
18 May 2008	Business and Biodiversity Forum Inaugural session
18 May 2008	Consultations with the ABS Working Group Chairs
19 May 2008	Greenpeace 'Kids for Earth Event
19 May 2008	Concert on the occasion of the 9th COP - LIVE NATURE
19-30 May 2008	Bilateral meetings held with heads and/or representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, international and non-governmental organizations attending the COP 9 meeting
19-30 May 2008	Bilateral meetings held with heads of delegations/senior representatives from Governments attending the COP 9 meeting
19-30 May 2008	Interviews during COP 9 with a number of media organizations, including: Radio France, Channel Africa, local German newspapers, <i>Tokyo Shimbun</i> newspaper, Channel 3 Algerian National Radio in Arabic and French, State of Parana TV Network, Nikkei Ecology, among others
19-30 May 2008	Took part in several press conferences: opening and closing of COP 9, greening of COP 9, International Day for Biological Diversity, launching of CBD publication on ABS, among others
19-30 May 2008	Took part in several press briefings: on reducing the loss of biodiversity by 2010, on agricultural biodiversity, and the signature of agreement with the State of Parana, among others
20 May 2008	LifeWeb Initiative Side Event
20 May 2008	Side Event: Progress in implementing the global strategy for plant conservation and launch of the plant conservation report
21 May 2008	International Year of the Planet Earth and the CBD Side Event

21 May 2008	International Polar Year Side Event
21 May 2008	Meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions
21 May 2008	Reception - Integrating biodiversity Conservation into Agricultural production
21 May 2008	Launch of 'Sustaining Life' publication
22 May 2008	Breakfast Meeting with Minister Gabriel, ABS Co-Chairs, Working Group Chairs and Jochen Flasbarth
22 May 2008	Meeting with representatives of the Business Community attending COP-9
22 May 2008	Opening of the Countdown 2010 Assembly
22 May 2008	Launch of the Green Wave initiative
22 May 2008	International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity
22 May 2008	International Day for Biological Diversity: A business perspective
22 May 2008	Side Event on Best Practices for Development, Implementation and Evaluation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Mainstreaming Biodiversity- Findings from Regional Workshops on NBSAPs
23 May 2008	Signature of Memorandum of Understanding with the Bern Convention
23 May 2008	Side Event on the Programme of Work of Protected Areas
27 May 2008	High Level Dialogue with Parliamentarians
24 May 2008	Opening remarks at the Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day
24 May 2008	GBO-3 Advisory Group meeting,
24 May 2008	UNEP Biodiversity Forum meeting
24 May 2008	Quick Time Film Festival Aware Ceremony
26 May	Side event on Cities and Biodiversity, followed by media event
26 May	International Year of the Reef side event
26 May	Launch of Nature Inc, a new series putting an economic value on biodiversity
26-28 May	Mayors Conference: Local Action for Biodiversity
27 May	High Level Policy Dialogue on theme "Coping with Today's Global Challenges in the Context of the Strategy of the UNCCD"
27 May	International Youth Summit - Go4 BioDiv
27 May	Heart of Borneo : Bridging Conservation and Sustainable Development in Three Countries, Side Event
27 May	Two Practical Tools to Help In The National Implementation of ABS: A Folder and an Electronic Presentation Templates (Quebec)
27 May	High level panel discussion on Biodiversity for Development and Poverty Alleviation
27 May	Global Island Partnership Event: A celebration of island leadership: Voluntary Commitments to Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods on Islands
28 May	Opening of the High Level Segment of COP-9
28 May	Official Luncheon with German Chancellor Angela Merkel
28 May	Signature of WWF Commitments on Forests
28 May	Side Event: High Level Window on COP10: Biodiversity in Japan's Satoyama and Satoumi (Traditional Rural Landscapes)
28 May	Signature of COMIFAC Memorandum of Understanding
29 May	Meeting of a Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for Environment
29 May	Side event: Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Biological Diversity, organized by AVEDA
29 May	Big Win for Dinaric Arc high-level event
29 May	Side event: The Alpine Ecological Network – A Contribution to the Global Network of Protected Areas
29 May	Signature of Memorandum of Cooperation with Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention

29 May	Side event: Natura 2000 – Europe’s practical commitment to the 2010
30 May	Heads of Agency Task Force Breakfast meeting
31 May	Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group meeting
31 May	Meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism
June 2008	Attend a meeting on soil biodiversity, organized by the Joint Research Center of the European Commission - Ispra, Italy
2-3 June 2008	Participate in the United Nations Ocean Meeting - Paris, France
2-5 June 2008	Participate in the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN) Data Providers Workshop - Athens, Georgia
4 June 2008	Attend the UNEP Initiative on assessing trade impacts on biodiversity in six APC countries National Review Meeting - Yaoundé, Cameroon
4 June 2008	Panelist at “The Arctic – A Barometer for Global Climate Change” event, organized by the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, together with the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations - New York, U.S.A. (also met with the panelists at the Norwegian Mission prior to the event)
4 June 2008	Held meetings in New York with: Ambassador Johan Lovald of Norway, the Chief of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, the President of the United Nations General Assembly, the Special Assistant of the newly-elected President of the United Nations General Assembly, the President of the Group of 77, as well as the Executive Secretary of the Group of 77
4 June 2008	Working lunch with the UNDP Director of Environment and Energy - New York, U.S.A.
9 June 2008	Meet with the Mayor of Montreal - Montreal, Canada
9 June 2008	Luncheon meeting hosted by the Premier of Quebec - Montreal, Canada
9-12 June 2008	Attend the FAO Forestry Commission Meeting for North America - San Juan, Puerto Rico
11 June 2008	Visit of students from Concordia University - Montreal, Canada
11 June 2008	Business and Biodiversity Seminar – Université de Montréal, Québec
11-12 June 2008	Attend the IPIECA stakeholder engagement meeting - San Francisco, U.S.A.
12 June 2008	Meet representatives from the Ministère du Développement durable, de l’Environnement et des Parcs du Québec - Quebec City, Canada
14 June 2008	Deliver a keynote statement at the Kick Off seminar for the success of COP-10 held in Nagoya, organized by the Ministry of Environment of Japan in collaboration with the "COP10 promotion Committee" of Aichi prefecture and the city of Nagoya - Nagoya, Japan, also took part in a press conference at the end of event covered by all the 4 TV channels of Nagoya as well as major newspaper
14 June 2008	Meet with representatives of NGOs based in Nagoya - Nagoya, Japan
15 June 2008	Deliver a keynote presentation at the Asahi Forum on COP10 - Nagoya, Japan
15 June 2008	Held bilateral meetings with the Parliamentary Minister, with the Governor and the Vice-Governor of Aichi as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on the preparation of COP-10 - Nagoya, Japan
16 June 2008	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Higashiyama Botanical Gardens, as well as with the Nagoya City University - Nagoya, Japan
16 June 2008	Briefing on COP-10 with Deputy Mayors - Nagoya, Japan
16 June 2008	Deliver a presentation on Nagoya challenges at the G8 Dialogue Series organized by United Nations University - Tokyo, Japan
16 June 2008	Held bilateral meeting with the Vice-Rector of the United Nations University - Tokyo, Japan
16 June 2008	Meet with representatives of NGOs based in Tokyo - Tokyo, Japan

17 June 2008	Held bilateral meeting with the Minister of the Environment, and other senior officials from the Ministry - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Meet with relevant Directors of all Japanese Ministries, including the Ministry of Industry - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Meet with the Director General and the Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Meet with all the members of the Nippon Keidaren Committee - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Three interviews with major newspapers and TV - Tokyo, Japan
17-21 June 2008	Take part in the Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment - Stavanger, Norway
18 June 2008	Meet with the Vice President of JICA - Tokyo, Japan
18 June 2008	Attend the opening of the Madagascar exhibit at the Montréal Biodôme - Montreal, Canada
19-22 June 2008	Meet with the Executive Director and other senior officials of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the CBD and ACB - Manila, Philippines
19-20 June 2008	Visit of senior staff members from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility - Montreal, Canada
19-20 June 2008	Visit of Peter Bos, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Netherlands - Montreal, Canada
20 June 2008	Meet with Philippine Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, as well as with Philippine Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, principal author of the Wildlife Conservation Act and founder of the Philippine Deer Foundation - Manila, Philippines
21 June 2008	Meet with more than 30 representatives of civil society, and held a press conference with over 50 foreign and Filipino journalists. The Executive Secretary also met the Los Baños science community, comprising over 20 partners, with the participation of the Honourable Caesar Perez, the Mayor of Los Baños - Manila, Philippines
21 June 2008	Held four bilateral interviews with local Philippine media, with the participation of a Japanese newspaper accredited in Manila - Manila, Philippines
23 June 2008	Meet with the CEO of the National Parks of Singapore - Singapore City, Singapore
24 June 2008	Took part in the "World Cities Summit", and participated as panelist in the session on "Biodiversity in Sustainable Cities" - Singapore City, Singapore
24-25 June 2008	Meet with Minister Mah, the Director of the National Biodiversity Center, as well as Professor Tommy Koh - Singapore City, Singapore
24-25 June 2008	Meet with the Deputy Mayor of Nagoya and the Deputy Mayor of Busan, Mayor of Wellington and the Vice Minister of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei - Singapore City, Singapore
24-25 June 2008	Held interviews with <i>The Straits Times</i> and the <i>Singapore Press Holdings</i>
25-26 June 2008	Hosting of the second meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership – CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
26 June 2008	Presentation by Charles Besançon, Head of the Protected Areas Programme at UNEP-WCMC on the advances made on the World Database on Protected Areas - Montreal, Canada
26-27 June 2008	Participate via teleconference at the First Meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force on UNCCD Reporting Guidelines - Bonn, Germany
27 June 2008	Meeting with officials of AIRBUS - Toulouse France
28 June-5 July 2008	Take part as a resource person in the UNITAR training workshop on Wetlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change – Kushiro, Japan

ANNEX II

Status of implementation of the agreed Administrative Arrangements

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 37 regularized Professional staff members and 25 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 3 general service vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 5 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

II Contributions and Funds

2. During the first two quarters of 2008, twelve pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Norway pledged NOK 400,000 towards the 6th Meeting of ABS, Italy pledged EUR 14,000 for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas and the SBSTTA-13 Meeting and EUR 25,000 for the GLIPSA Meeting, Japan pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the GBO-3, Fundacion Biodiversidad pledged EUR 600 towards the Greening of CBD, Germany pledged EUR 9,452 towards the Project Proposal Green Wave and EUR 525,441 for COP-9 Meeting, IEPF pledged CAD 15,679 for the African Regional Preparatory Workshop on ABS, Netherlands pledged US\$ 380,000 and EUR 146,979 regarding Letters of Intent, Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the translation of Protected Areas Publications and GEF pledged US\$ 150,000 for the development of South-South Plan of Action.

3. For 2008 a total of US\$1,761,960 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,688,236 or 96% has been collected as at 30 June 2008. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

4. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2008 is US\$8,523,616. Of this amount, US\$7,052,500 or 83% has been received as at 30 June 2008. A total of US\$68,535 has also been collected in 2008 as advance payments for 2009 and future years. Additionally, US\$1,040,400 has been pledged and US\$208,080 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2008. US\$150,075 has also been collected in 2008 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

5. As at 30 June 2008 a total of US\$830,392 has been pledged for 2008 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Denmark (DKK 400,000); Norway (NOK 900,000); Ireland (EUR 50,000); Canada (CAD 170,000); Finland (EUR 17,000); Sweden (SEK 600,000) and Germany (EUR 130,000).

6. As at 30 June 2008, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2008 amounted to US\$733,618 or 88% of the total pledged for 2008. Additionally, US\$435,703 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$342,644 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2008 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 30 June 2008, a total of seventy-six (76) countries have paid US\$1,117,389 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 65% of pledges for 2008. A total of US\$1,633 has also been collected in 2008 as advance payments for 2009 and future years. US\$45,884 has also been collected in 2008 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 30 June 2008, five Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena

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Protocol on Biosafety, **(BH Trust Fund)** in 2008. To date US\$464,661 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

9. As at 30 June 2008, the Governments of Norway, Spain, Finland, France and Sweden have pledged a total of US\$320,543 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\$150,772 or 47% has so far been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

10. COP-8 approved a budget of US\$11,390,600 for the BY Trust Fund for 2008. As at 30 June 2008, a total of US\$8,594,606 was spent or committed. This represents 75% of the approved amount.

11. COP/MOP-3 approved a budget of US\$2,108,100 for the BG Trust Fund for 2008. As at 30 June 2008 a total of US\$1,244,576 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 59% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. 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).

13. UNEP has also approved the creation of two new General Services posts – Administrative Assistant (G-6) and Finance Assistant (G-6) to be funded from the programme support funds. They are presently under recruitment.

Appendix 1
Staffing Table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

January – June 2008

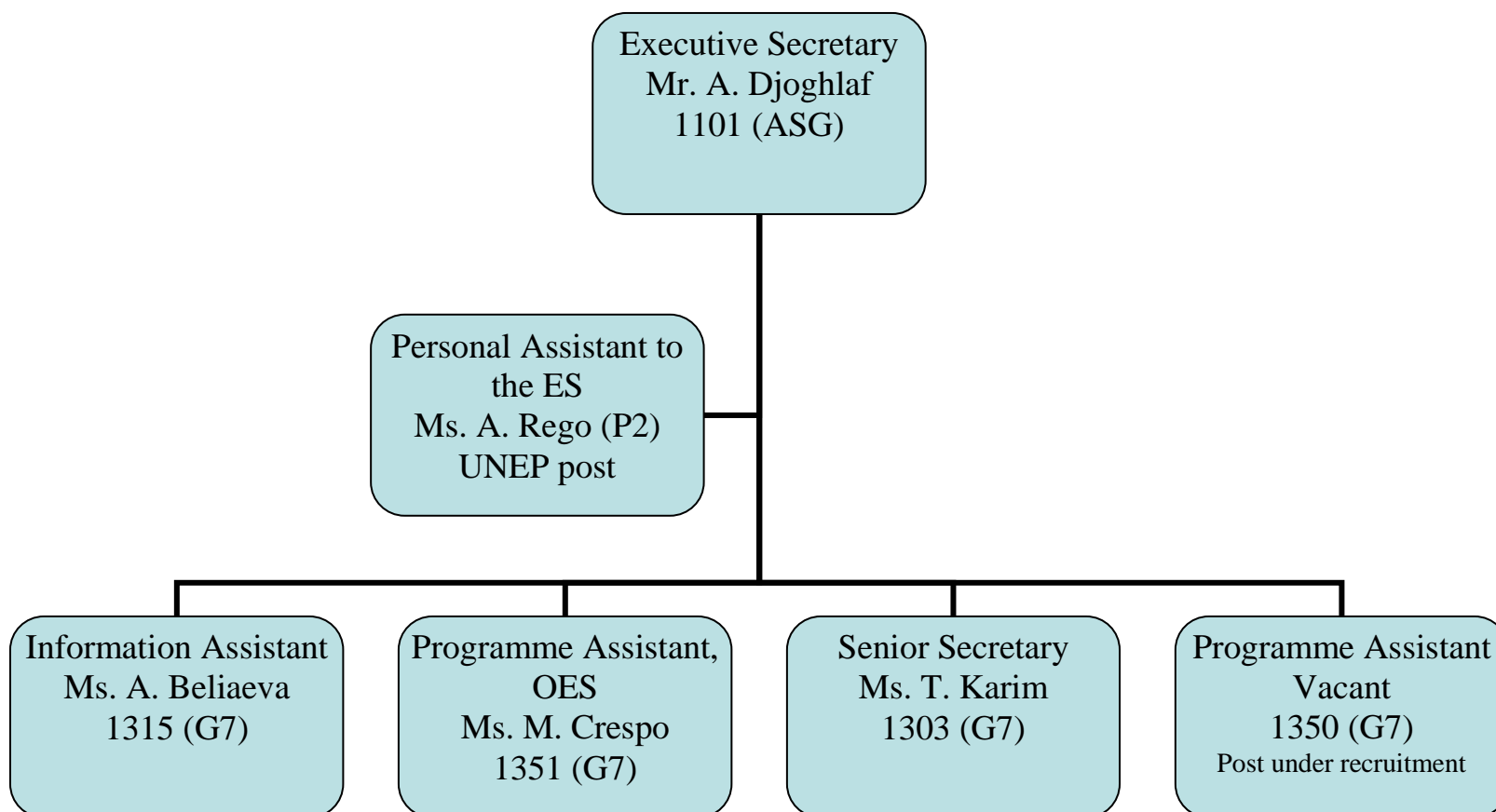
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaif
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
BGL 1101	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. Lyle Glowka
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	Ms. D. Kayser
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	Programme Officer (OMG)	Mr. N. Bertrand
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	M. M. Khan
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Mr. F. Vogel
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. Ogbunike (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Garforth
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
1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. J. Webbe
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. O. Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
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)	Mr. I. Ahmed (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)	Ms. U. Nilsson
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)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (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)	Recruitment in progress
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G7	Programme Assistant (OMG)	Mr. J. Hedlund
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik

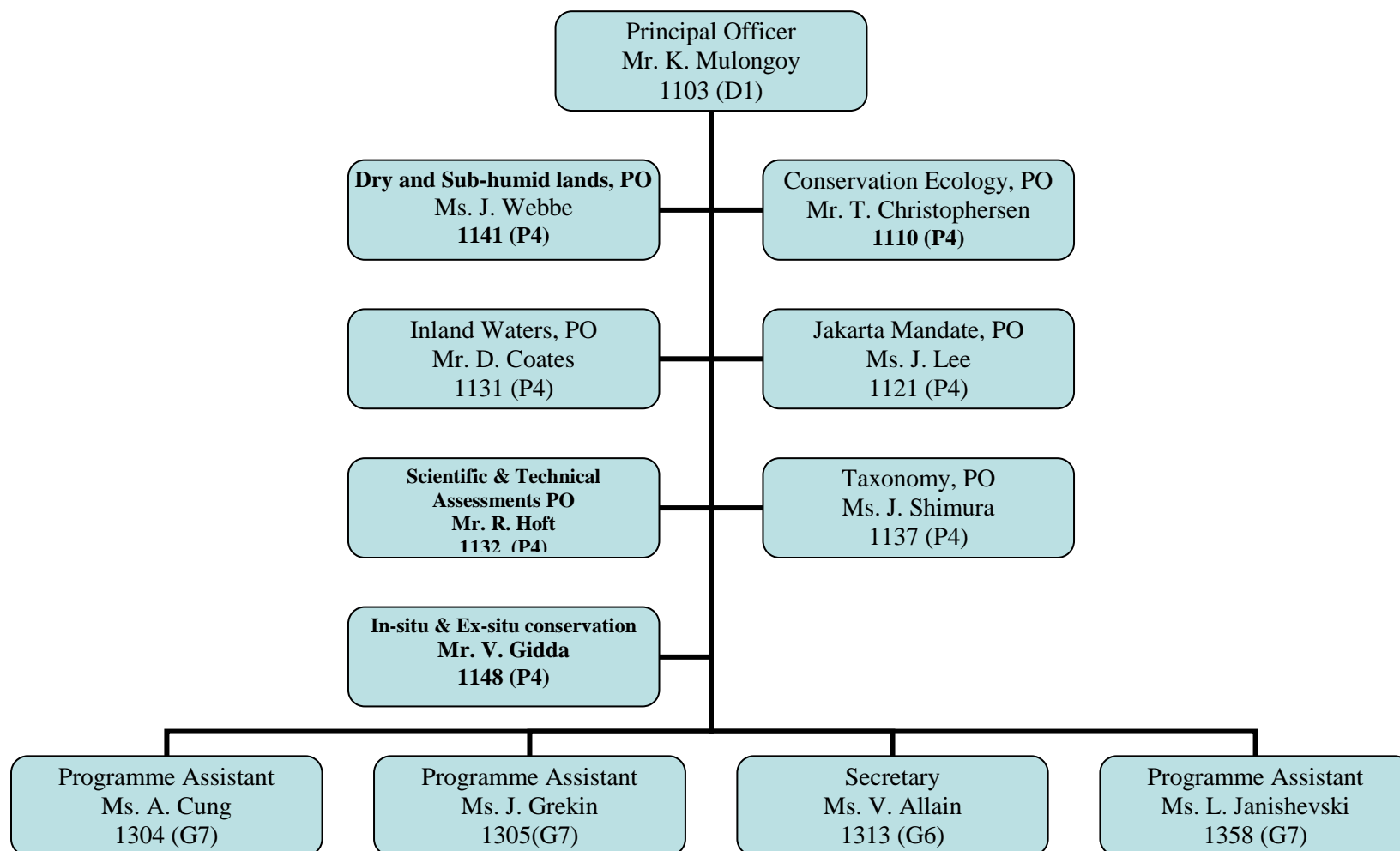
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Recruitment in progress
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Recruitment in progress (Post funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Recruitment in progress
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
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ANNEX III
ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF THE CBD SECRETARIAT

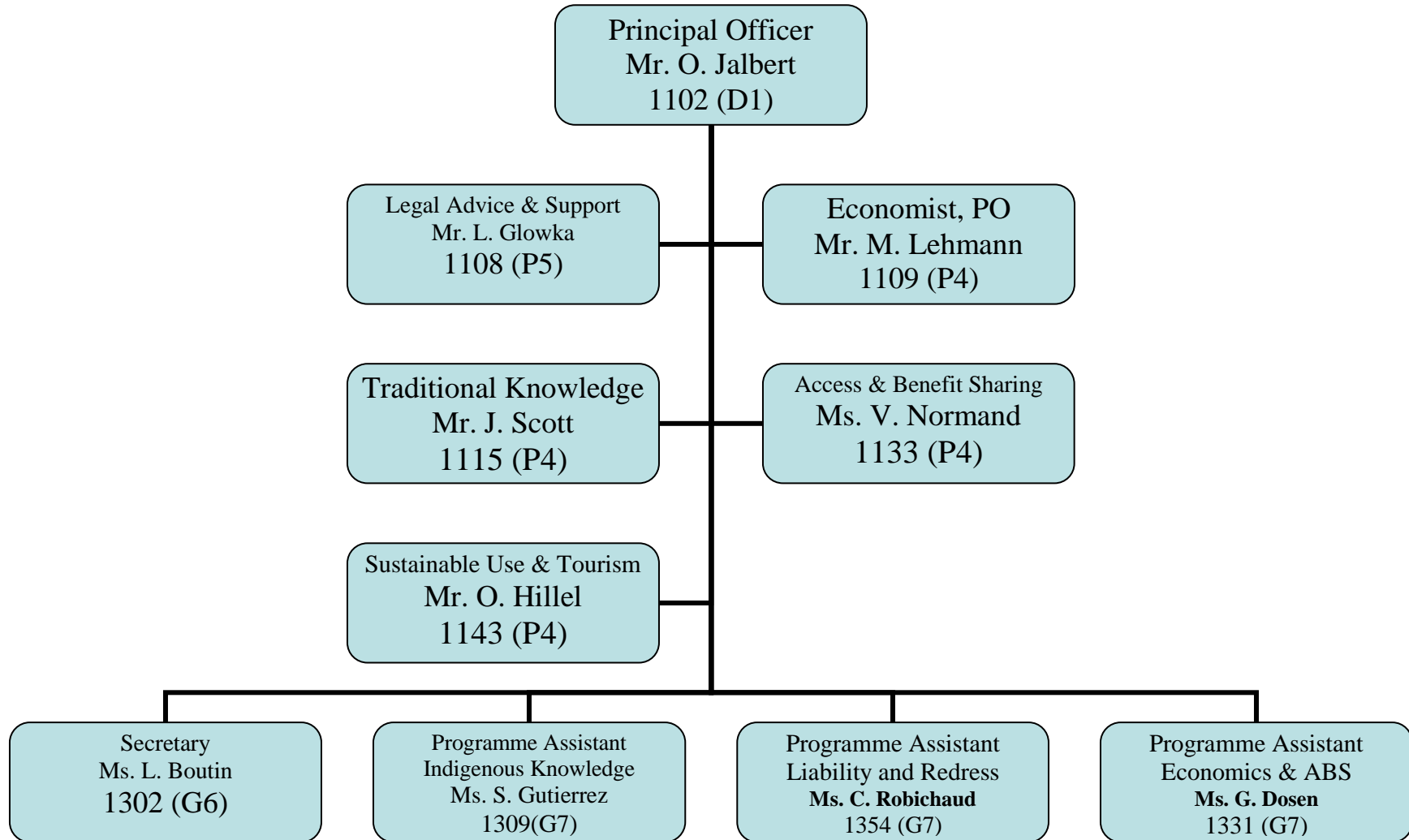
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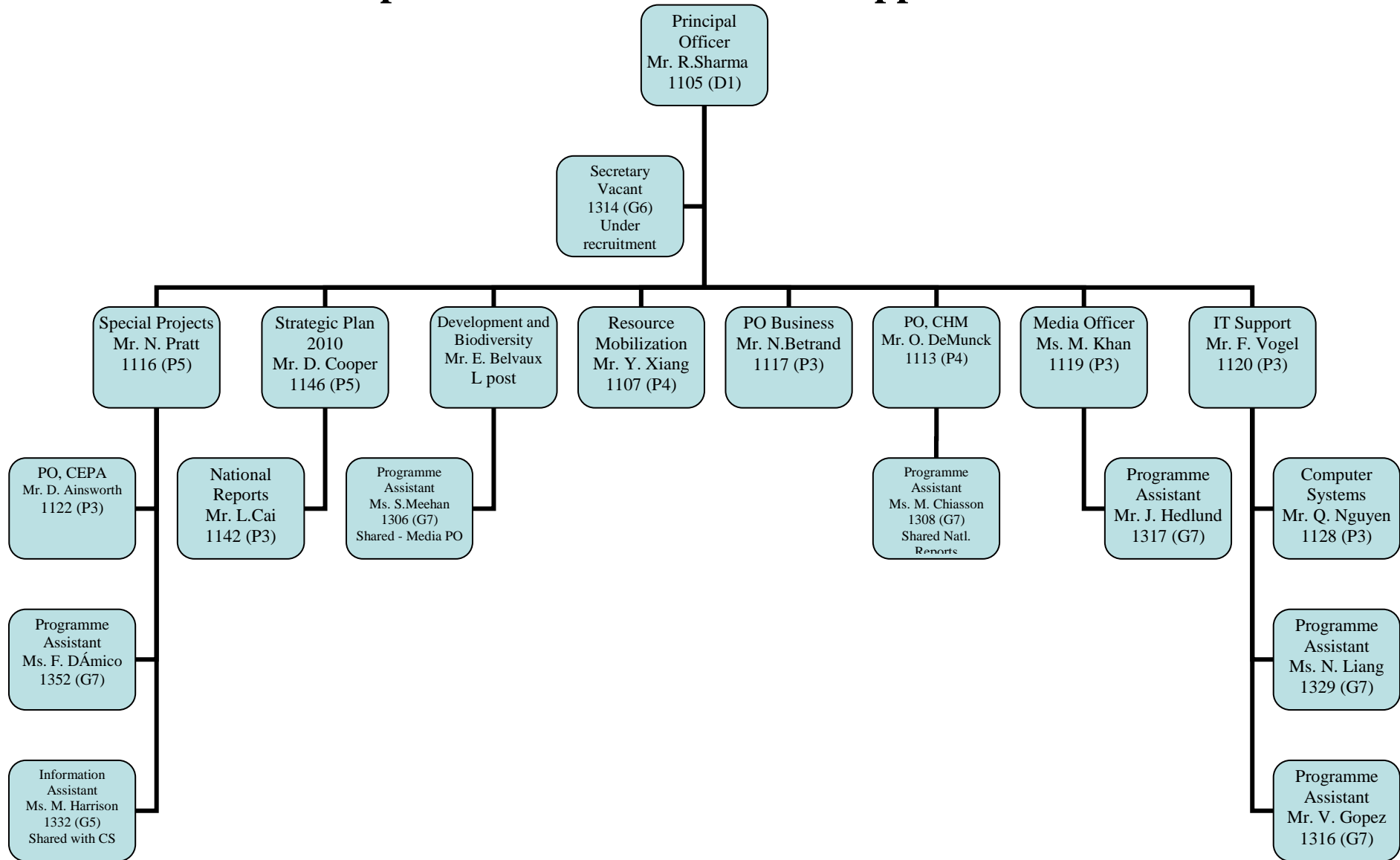
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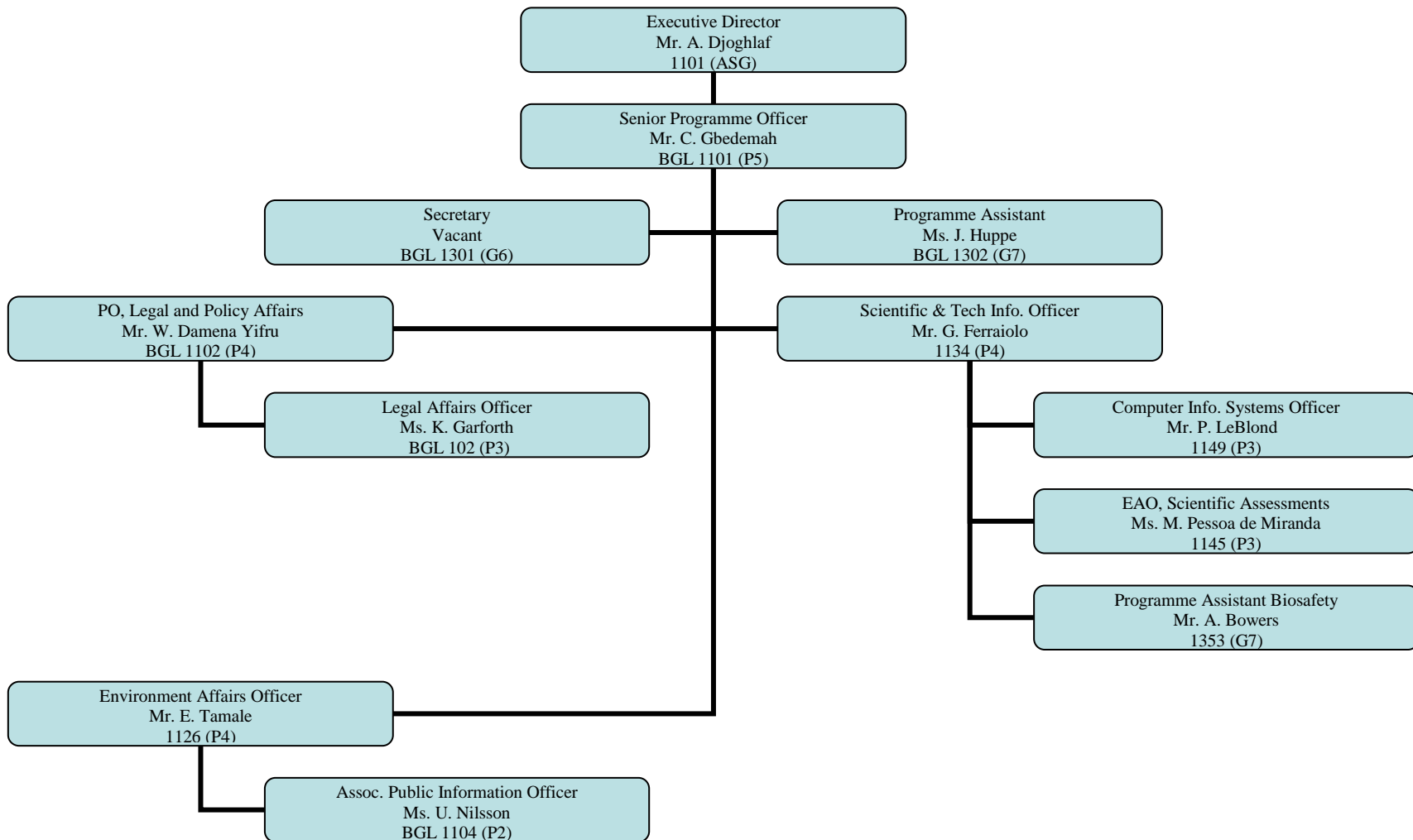
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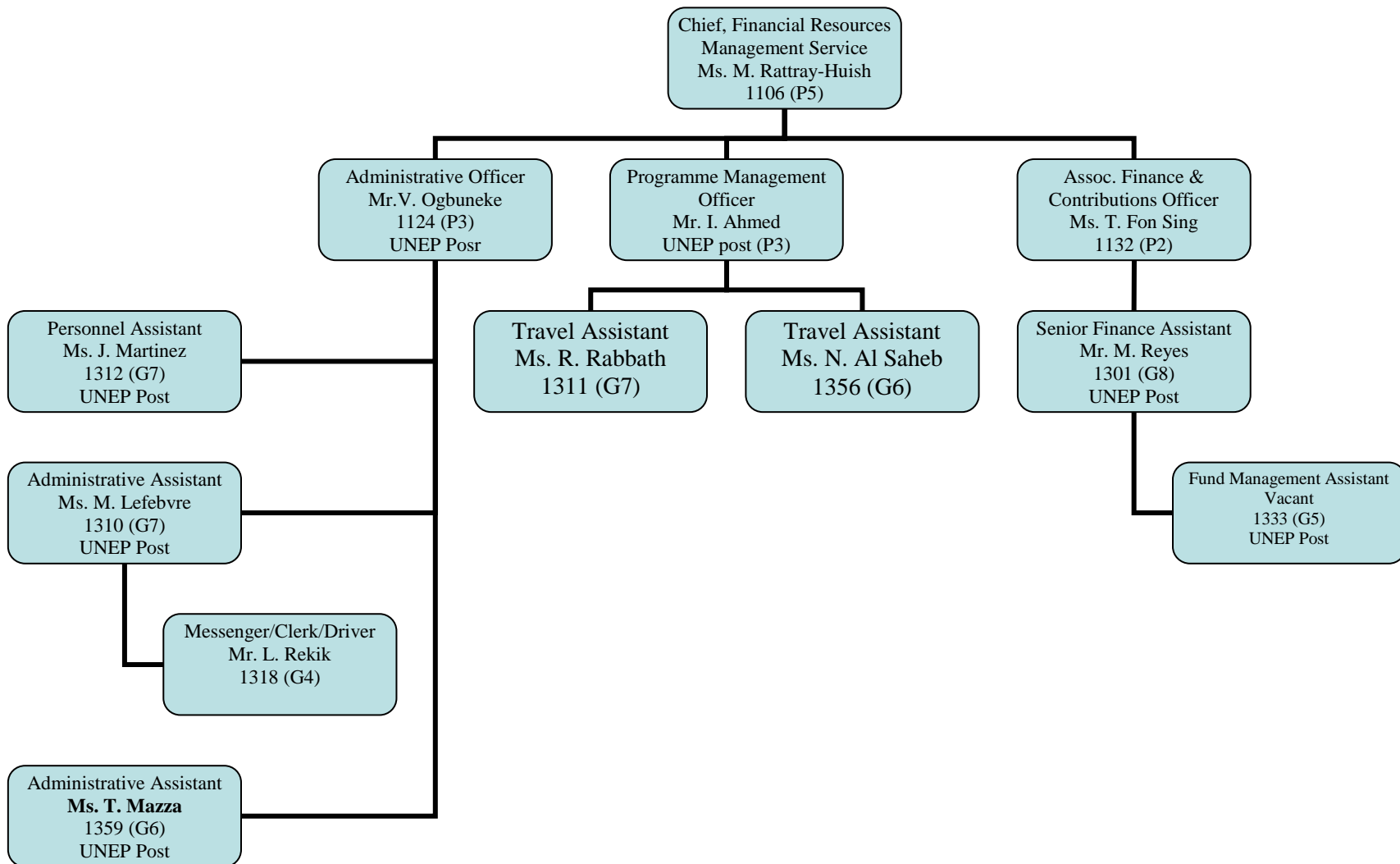
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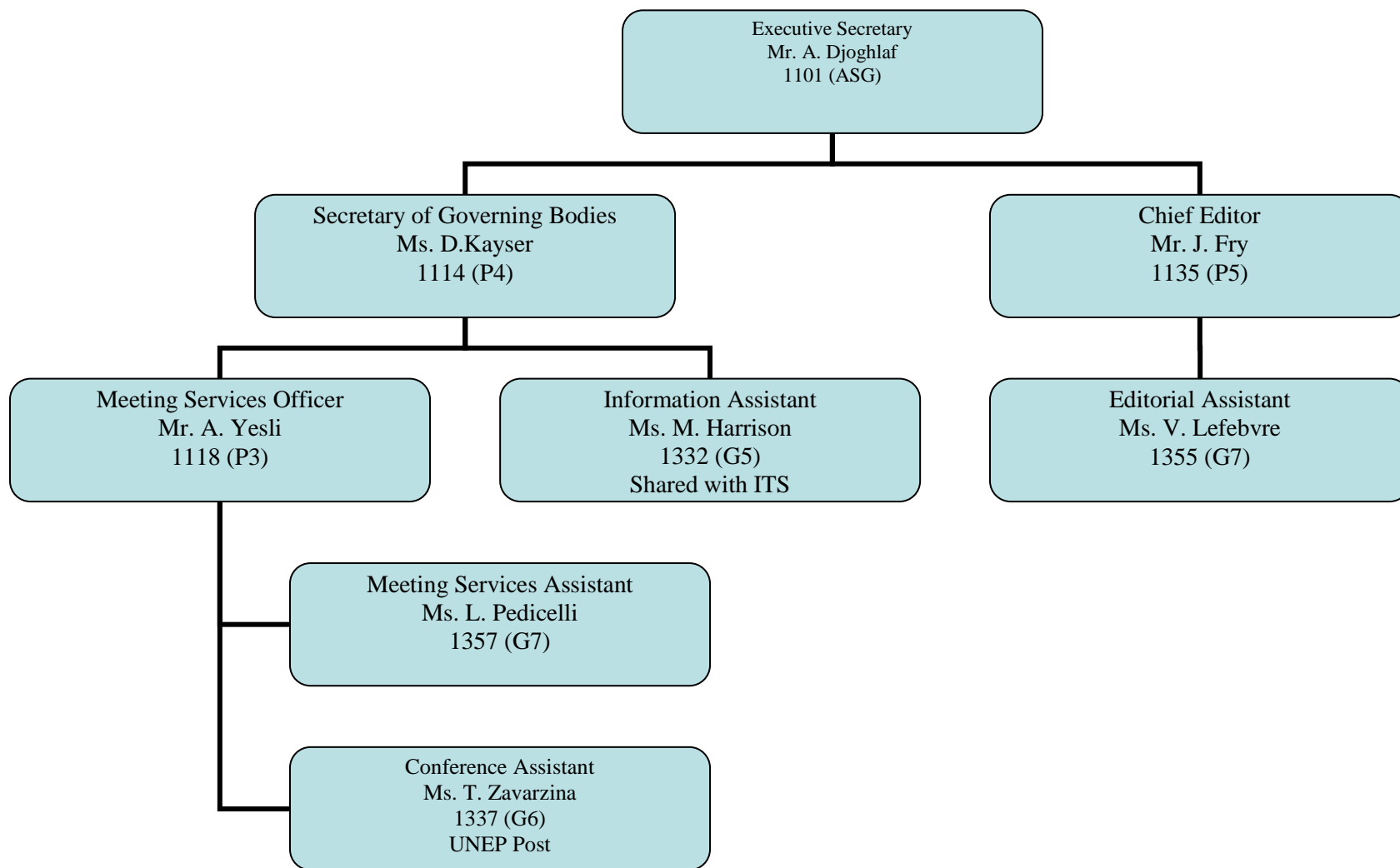
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Resource Management



Conference Services



ANNEX IV

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)

Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Canada	21,592			2/			21,592
Canada	127,202			10/	127,202		0
EC	59,065			3/			59,065
EC	91,193			4/			91,193
EC	324,484			5/	249,725		74,759
Fundacion Biodiversidad			908	15/		908	0
GEF			150,000	22/		150,000	0
Germany	30,000			1/	30,000		0
Germany			14,909	16/		14,909	0
Germany			819,689	21/		819,689	0
Italy	50,000			6/			50,000
Italy			20,710	12/			20,710
Italy			36,982	13/			36,982
Institute of Energy & Environment			16,032	17/			16,032
Japan			10,000	14/		10,000	0
Nature Conservancy			6,000	20/		6,000	0

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COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Netherlands			380,000	18/		380,000	0
Netherlands			231,828	19/		231,828	0
Norway	15,626			7/			15,626
Norway			74,902	11/		74,902	0
Sweden	13,287			8/			13,287
Sweden	13,288			9/			13,288
Total	745,736		1,761,960		406,927	1,688,236	412,533

1/Germany pledged US\$ 100,000 towards GBO-3

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

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

4/EC pledged Euros 225,000 towards Various Approved Activities

5/EC pledged EUR 220,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

6/Italy pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006

7/Norway pledged US\$ 200,000 towards the Regional Consultation on ABS and Enhanced Mainstreaming of Biodiversity

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

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

10/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 132,000 towards Various Approved Activities

11/Norway pledged NOK 400,000 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008

12/Italy pledged EUR 14,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas Meeting and the SBSTTA 13 Meeting, Rome, Italy, February 2008

13/Italy pledged EUR 25,000 towards the GLIPSA Meeting

14/Japan pledged US\$ 10,000 towards GBO-3

15/Fundacion Biodiversidad pledged EUR 600 towards the Greening of CBD

16/Germany pledged EUR 9,452 towards the Project Proposal Green Wave

17/IEPF pledged Cdn\$ 15,679 towards the convening of the African Regional Preparatory Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing,

Geneva, Switzerland, 18-19 January 2008

18/Netherlands pledged US\$ 380,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007

19/Netherlands pledged EUR 146,979 being final payment regarding 2006 Letter of intent

20/Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the translation of Protected Areas Publications

21/Germany pledged EUR 525,441 towards the COP-9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

22/GEF pledged US\$ 150,000 towards the development of South-South Plan of Action

ANNEX V

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)

Status as at 30 June 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments		Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Canada	37,736		1/				37,736
Canada			11/	170,307		170,307	0
Denmark	40,000		2/				40,000
Denmark	27,076		3/				27,076
Denmark			8/	84,383		84,383	0
EC	32,425		4/				32,425
EC	530,973		5/		435,703		95,270
Finland			12/	26,480		26,480	0
Germany			14/	202,492		202,492	0
Ireland			10/	77,500		77,500	0
Norway	3,906		6/				3,906
Norway			9/	172,456		172,456	0
Sweden	9,457		7/				9,457
Sweden			13/	96,774			96,774
Total	681,573	0		830,392	435,703	733,618	342,644

1/Canada pledged CAD 40,000 towards the 5th Meetings of the Access and Benefit-Sharing and of the Article 8(j), Montreal, Canada, October 2007

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

3/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

4/EC pledged EUR 80,000 towards the participants costs to the Article 8(j), the ABS and the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas Meetings

5/EC pledged EUR 360,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

6/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Developing Countries

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

8/Denmark pledged DKK 400,000 towards the participation of Developing Countries in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

- 9/Norway pledged NOK 900,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for CBD Meetings
- 10/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 11/Canada pledged CAD 170,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 12/Finland pledged EUR 17,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 13/Sweden pledged SEK 600,000 towards the COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 14/Germany pledged EUR 130,000 towards the High Level Segment of COP-9

ANNEX VI

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

As at 30 June 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	211	220		211	220	0	0	0
Albania	0	550			550	0	0	0
Algeria		8,363	8,363			0	0	0
Angola		110	2,068			0	(1,958)	(1,958)
Antigua & Barbuda		330	330			0	0	0
Argentina	0	105,194				0	105,194	105,194
Armenia	0	220				0	220	220
Australia		175,177	175,177			0	0	0
Austria		94,521	94,521			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	550			550	0	0	0
Bahamas		1,430	1,430			0	0	0
Bahrain		3,301	3,301			0	0	0
Bangladesh	0	852			847	0	5	5
Barbados		1,100	1,100			0	0	0
Belarus	33,081	1,981				33,081	1,981	35,062
Belgium	112,643	117,628		112,643	117,628	0	0	0
Belize	105	110				105	110	215
Benin		220	283			0	(63)	(63)
Bhutan		110	110			0	0	0
Bolivia	1,678	990			990	1,678	0	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina		330	330			0	0	0
Botswana		1,320	3,904			0	(2,584)	(2,584)
Brazil	85,881	167,584				85,881	167,584	253,465

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Brunei Darussalam*	0	1,615				0	1,615	1,615
Bulgaria	0	1,871				0	1,871	1,871
Burkina Faso	1,146	220		713		433	220	653
Burundi	896	110				896	110	1,006
Cambodia		220	220			0	0	0
Cameroon		880	506			0	374	374
Canada	0	309,530			309,530	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,746	110				3,746	110	3,856
Central African Rep.	111	110				111	110	221
Chad*		110	2			0	108	108
Chile	0	24,538				0	24,538	24,538
China	0	225,903				0	225,903	225,903
Colombia		17,056	391			0	16,665	16,665
Comoros	3,004	110				3,004	110	3,114
Congo	123	110				123	110	233
Congo Dem.Rep	5,808	330				5,808	330	6,138
Cook Islands	308	110				308	110	418
Costa Rica	10,325	3,301				10,325	3,301	13,626
Cote d'Ivoire	1,047	1,100				1,047	1,100	2,147
Croatia	0	4,071			4,071	0	0	0
Cuba	33,896	4,732		4,700		29,196	4,732	33,928
Cyprus	0	4,291			4,291	0	0	0
Czech Republic		20,137	20,137			0	0	0
Denmark		79,006	78,976			0	30	30
Djibouti	406	110				406	110	516
Dominica	339	110				339	110	449
Dominica Rep.	3,688	3,851				3,688	3,851	7,539
Ecuador	0	2,091			2,002	0	89	89
EEC	0	213,048			213,008	0	40	40
Egypt	0	13,204			26,408	0	(13,204)	(13,204)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
El Salvador	0	2,421				0	2,421	2,421
Equatorial Guinea	400	220				400	220	620
Eritrea		110	362			0	(252)	(252)
Estonia		1,320	1,320			0	0	0
Ethiopia		440	440			0	0	0
Fiji		440	3,944			0	(3,504)	(3,504)
Finland		58,649	58,649			0	0	0
France	0	663,515			663,515	0	0	0
Gabon		990	24,379			0	(23,389)	(23,389)
Gambia		110	442			0	(332)	(332)
Georgia	2,084	330		2,084	329	(0)	1	1
Germany	0	953,129			953,129	0	0	0
Ghana	2,189	440				2,189	440	2,629
Greece	0	58,319				0	58,319	58,319
Grenada	105	110		105	110	0	0	0
Guatemala	0	3,301				0	3,301	3,301
Guinea	1,221	330				1,221	330	1,551
Guinea-Bissau	2,525	110				2,525	110	2,635
Guyana		110	429			0	(319)	(319)
Haiti	316	330				316	330	646
Honduras	3,087	550				3,087	550	3,637
Hungary	0	13,865				0	13,865	13,865
Iceland		3,741	3,699			0	42	42
India	0	46,325				0	46,325	46,325
Indonesia		15,625	15,625			0	0	0
Iran	48,464	17,276				48,464	17,276	65,740
Ireland		38,513	38,513			0	0	0
Israel		51,387	51,387			0	0	0
Italy		537,525	537,525			0	0	0
Jamaica		880	880			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Japan	0	1,874,818			1,874,818	0	0	0
Jordan	1,088	1,210		1,088	1,210	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	5,475	2,751		2,634	2,751	2,841	0	2,841
Kenya		990	990			0	0	0
Kiribati		110	88			0	22	22
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,115	1,100				1,115	1,100	2,215
Korea, Rep. of	0	197,624				0	197,624	197,624
Kuwait	0	17,826				0	17,826	17,826
Kyrgyzstan		110	110			0	0	0
Lao PDR		110	110			0	0	0
Latvia		1,651	1,651			0	0	0
Lebanon	6,216	2,641				6,216	2,641	8,857
Lesotho		110	111			0	(1)	(1)
Liberia	841	110		841	110	0	0	0
Libya	44,303	14,525				44,303	14,525	58,828
Liechtenstein	0	550			550	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,641	2,641			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	8,473			8,473	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR		660	660			0	0	0
Madagascar		330	361			0	(31)	(31)
Malawi		110	110			0	0	0
Malaysia		22,337	22,337			0	0	0
Maldives		110	110			0	0	0
Mali		220	238			0	(18)	(18)
Malta	0	1,541			1,541	0	0	0
Marshall Island	105	110				105	110	215
Mauritania	1,835	110				1,835	110	1,945
Mauritius	0	1,210			1,210	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	207,197			207,197	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States	105	110				105	110	215

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Moldova, Rep. of	0	110				0	110	110
Monaco		330	330			0	0	0
Mongolia		110	110			0	0	0
Montenegro	165	110		165	110	0	0	0
Morocco	4,952	5,172				4,952	5,172	10,124
Mozambique		110	110			0	0	0
Myanmar	1,624	852		1,624	374	0	478	478
Namibia	632	660				632	660	1,292
Nauru	3,124	110				3,124	110	3,234
Nepal	332	440				332	440	772
Netherlands	0	185,960			185,960	0	0	0
New Zealand		24,318	24,318			0	0	0
Nicaragua	105	110				105	110	215
Niger	2,860	110				2,860	110	2,970
Nigeria		4,622	4,622			0	0	0
Niue	222	110				222	110	332
Norway	0	74,714			74,714	0	0	0
Oman		7,703	7,703			0	0	0
Pakistan		6,052	5,687			0	365	365
Palau		110	102			0	8	8
Panama	1,485	2,091			2,091	1,485	0	1,485
Papua New Guinea	316	330				316	330	646
Paraguay	12,782	1,320				12,782	1,320	14,102
Peru	59,961	10,123				59,961	10,123	70,084
Philippines	22,635	10,453		22,635	1,784	(0)	8,669	8,669
Poland		50,726	50,726			0	0	0
Portugal		51,717	1,026		50,691	0	0	0
Qatar		7,042	7,042			0	0	0
Romania		6,602	6,602			0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	121,039			121,039	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Rwanda		110	110			0	0	0
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,175	110				2,175	110	2,285
Samoa	130	110				130	110	240
San Marino	0	330			330	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	677	110				677	110	787
Saudi Arabia	0	78,455				0	78,455	78,455
Senegal		550	2,973			0	(2,423)	(2,423)
Seychelles		220	285			0	(65)	(65)
Sierra Leone	402	110				402	110	512
Singapore		42,694	42,694			0	0	0
Slovak		5,612	5,612			0	0	0
Slovenia		9,023	9,023			0	0	0
Solomon Is.		110	110			0	0	0
South Africa		32,130	32,130			0	0	0
Spain	0	277,290				0	277,290	277,290
Sri Lanka	1,791	1,871				1,791	1,871	3,662
St. Lucia		220	215			0	5	5
St.Kitts &Nevis		110	110			0	0	0
Sudan	7,569	852				7,569	852	8,421
Suriname		110	1,597			0	(1,487)	(1,487)
Swaziland	211	220				211	220	431
Sweden	0	109,816				0	109,816	109,816
Switzerland		131,713	131,688			0	25	25
Syria	0	4,181			4,181	0	0	0
Tajikistan		110	447			0	(337)	(337)
Thailand	0	22,997				0	22,997	22,997
Togo		110	92			0	18	18
Tonga		110	100			0	10	10
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,421			2,421	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Tunisia		3,521	3,521			0	0	0
Turkey	0	40,933			40,933	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	527	550		527		0	550	550
Tuvalu		110	503			0	(393)	(393)
U. K.	0	674,189			674,189	0	0	0
Uganda		660	1,262			0	(602)	(602)
Ukraine	4,136	4,291				4,136	4,291	8,427
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		660	17,487			0	(16,827)	(16,827)
United Arab Emirates	70	25,858			25,833	70	25	95
Uruguay	5,058	5,282				5,058	5,282	10,340
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,541			1,541	11,959	0	11,959
Vanuatu	105	110		105	110	0	0	0
Venezuela		18,816	17,731			0	1,085	1,085
Viet Nam		2,311	2,311			0	0	0
Yemen	7,684	660				7,684	660	8,344
Serbia		2,091	2,091			0	0	0
Zambia		220	966			0	(746)	(746)
Zimbabwe	2,162	770				2,162	770	2,932
Sub Total	589,442	8,523,616	1,539,696	150,075	5,581,339	439,367	1,402,581	1,841,948

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	832,320				0	832,320	832,320
Quebec	0	208,080			208,080	0	0	0
Grand Total	589,442	9,564,016	1,539,696	150,075	5,789,419	439,367	2,234,901	2,674,268

* New Party effective 27 July 2008

ANNEX VII

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

As at 30 June 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	176	133		176	133	0	0	0
Algeria		1,991	1,991			0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	105	79				105	79	184
Armenia	70	52				70	52	122
Austria		22,498	22,498			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	407	135				407	135	542
Bahamas	455	340				455	340	795
Bangladesh	591	165				591	165	756
Barbados		262	262			0	0	0
Belarus	0	471			471	0	0	0
Belgium	25,974	27,998			27,998	25,974	0	25,974
Belize	35	26				35	26	61
Benin	0	54				0	54	54
Bhutan		26	26			0	0	0
Bolivia	315	236				315	236	551
Botswana		314	314			0	0	0

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Brazil	0	39,889				0	39,889	39,889
Bulgaria	0	445				0	445	445
Burkina Faso	70	52		70	405	0	(353)	(353)
Cambodia		52	52			0	0	0
Cameroon	790	210				790	210	1,000
Cape Verde	61	28				61	28	89
Chad*	0	28				0	28	28
China	0	55,884				0	55,884	55,884
Colombia		4,060	129			0	3,931	3,931
Congo	57	28				57	28	85
Costa Rica	702	827				702	827	1,529
Croatia	0	969			969	0	0	0
Cuba	4,246	1,126				4,246	1,126	5,372
Cyprus	0	1,021			1,021	0	0	0
Czech Republic		4,793	4,793			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	247	81				247	81	328
Denmark	25,107	18,805				25,107	18,805	43,912
Djibouti	98	26				98	26	124
Dominica	98	26				98	26	124
Dominican Republic	15	969				15	969	984
Ecuador	0	498				0	498	498
Egypt	773	314		773	314	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	576				0	576	576
Eritrea	83	27		83	27	0	0	0
Estonia		314	314			0	0	0
Ethiopia		105	105			0	0	0
European Community	0	41,155			41,120	0	35	35
Fiji	140	105				140	105	245
Finland		13,960	13,960			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
France	0	157,932			157,932	0	0	0
Gabon	135	248				135	248	383
Gambia	98	26				98	26	124
Germany		226,866	226,866			0	0	0
Ghana	395	105				395	105	500
Greece	0	13,881				0	13,881	13,881
Grenada	98	26				98	26	124
Guatemala		788	788			0	0	0
Guinea		64				0	64	64
Guyana		14				0	14	14
Hungary	0	3,300				0	3,300	3,300
India		11,026	11,006			0	20	20
Indonesia	0	3,751			3,751	0	0	0
Iran	15,504	4,112				15,504	4,112	19,616
Ireland		9,167	9,167			0	0	0
Italy	0	127,943			128,730	0	(787)	(787)
Japan	0	362,164				0	362,164	362,164
Jordan	378	288		378	288	0	0	0
Kenya	315	236		315	236	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	26			26	0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	988	262				988	262	1,250
Korea, Republic of	0	47,020				0	47,020	47,020
Kyrgyzstan		28	28			0	0	0
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0	165				0	165	165
Latvia		393	393			0	0	0
Lesotho		26	63			0	(37)	(37)
Liberia	98	26		98	26	0	0	0
Libya	9,576	3,457				9,576	3,457	13,033
Lithuania		629	629			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Luxembourg	0	2,017			2,017	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR		163	163			0	0	0
Madagascar		79	81			0	(2)	(2)
Malaysia		5,317	5,307			0	10	10
Maldives		26	26			0	0	0
Mali	8	52				8	52	60
Malta	371	386		371	386	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	98	26				98	26	124
Mauritania	69	26				69	26	95
Mauritius	21	288		21	288	0	0	0
Mexico		49,318	49,318			0	0	0
Mongolia	35	26				35	26	61
Montenegro	52	28				52	28	80
Mozambique	0	26			26	0	0	0
Myanmar		166				0	166	166
Namibia	167	160		167	160	0	0	0
Nauru	98	26				98	26	124
Netherlands		44,263	44,263			0	0	0
New Zealand	7,801	5,915				7,801	5,915	13,716
Nicaragua		26	26			0	0	0
Niger	98	26				98	26	124
Nigeria	0	1,100				0	1,100	1,100
Niue	63	26		63	7	0	19	19
Norway	20,006	17,784		20,006	17,784	0	0	0
Oman		1,833	1,833			0	0	0
Palau	98	26				98	26	124
Panama	1,876	498		1,876	124	0	374	374
Papua New Guinea	187	83				187	83	270
Paraguay	1,185	314				1,185	314	1,499
Peru	9,085	2,410				9,085	2,410	11,495

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Philippines	3,377	2,618				3,377	2,618	5,995
Poland	22	12,074				22	12,074	12,096
Portugal	0	12,310				0	12,310	12,310
Qatar	1,270	1,764				1,270	1,764	3,034
Republic of Moldova	35	26				35	26	61
Romania		1,571	1,571			0	0	0
Rwanda		26	26			0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis		26	28			0	(2)	(2)
Saint Lucia		54	71			0	(17)	(17)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	98	26				98	26	124
Samoa	0	26				0	26	26
Saudi Arabia	3,778	19,361		3,778	19,361	0	0	0
Senegal	340	131				340	131	471
Serbia		526	526			0	0	0
Seychelles		52	52			0	0	0
Slovakia		1,336	1,336			0	0	0
Slovenia		2,148	2,148			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	98	26				98	26	124
South Africa	0	7,648			7,648	0	0	0
Spain	0	66,001			66,001	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		445	445			0	0	0
Sudan	452	165				452	165	617
Suriname		14				0	14	14
Swaziland		55	55			0	0	0
Sweden	566	26,139		566	26,139	(0)	0	(0)
Switzerland		31,351	31,326			0	25	25
Syria	0	995			995	0	0	0
Tajikistan	98	26				98	26	124
Thailand	0	5,786			5,786	0	0	0
Togo	98	26				98	26	124

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Tonga	0	26				0	26	26
Trinidad and Tobago		576	576			0	0	0
Tunisia	0	838			838	0	0	0
Turkey	0	9,743			9,743	0	0	0
Uganda		157	86			0	71	71
Ukraine	1,364	1,021				1,364	1,021	2,385
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	160,472			160,472	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	25	157				25	157	182
Venezuela	16,886	4,479		16,886	4,479	0	0	0
Viet Nam	734	550				734	550	1,284
Yemen	353	166				353	166	519
Zambia		52	435		52	0	(435)	(435)
Zimbabwe	257	187		257	187	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	159,369	1,718,732	433,082	45,884	685,940	113,485	599,710	713,195

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	0					0	0
Grand Total	159,369	1,718,732	433,082	45,884	685,940	113,485	599,710	713,195

ANNEX VIII

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

Status as at 30 June 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
EC	8,106			1/		8,106
EC	58,997			2/	48,412	10,585
Germany			29,586	6/		29,586
Germany			233,214	9/	233,214	0
ICGEB			21,866	4/	21,866	(0)
Netherlands			45,000	8/		45,000
Netherlands			200,000	10/	200,000	0
Norway	13,482			3/		13,482
Norway			9,581	5/	9,581	0
Spain			36,982	7/		36,982
Total	80,585	0	576,229		48,412	464,661

1/EC pledged EUR 20,000 in Support to the Biosafety Clearing House

2/EC pledged EUR 40,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

3/Norway pledged US\$ 173,000 towards the Capacity Building and Outreach for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

4/ICGEB pledged EUR 15,000 towards the Biosafety Meeting, New Delhi, India, February 2008

5/Norway pledged NOK 50,000 towards the 4th Coordination Meeting, New Delhi, India

6/Germany pledged EUR 20,000 towards the 5th AHTEG on Liability & Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

7/Spain pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Capacity Building/Risk Assessment workshops

8/Netherlands pledged US\$ 45,000 towards the participation of Developing Countries in the Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability & Redress

9/Germany pledged EUR 149,496 towards the COP/MOP 4 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 12-16 May 2008

10/Netherlands pledged US\$ 200,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007

ANNEX IX

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BI)

Status as at 30 June 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
EC	11,813			1/			11,813
EC	40,530			2/			40,530
Finland			7,731	5/		7,731	0
Finland			15,462	9/		15,462	0
France			22,189	6/		22,189	0
Norway			28,743	3/		28,743	(0)
Norway			76,647	7/		76,647	0
Spain			110,947	4/			110,947
Sweden			58,824	8/			58,824
Total	52,343	0	320,543		0	150,772	222,114

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

3/Norway pledged NOK 150,000 towards the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

4/Spain pledged EUR 75,000 towards the 5th Meeting on Liability and Redress and the COP/MOP4 Meeting

5/Finland pledged EUR 5,000 towards the Fifth Meeting on Liability and Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

6/France pledged EUR 15,000 towards the Fifth Meeting on Liability and Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

7/Norway pledged NOK 400,000 towards the participation Costs of the Cartagena Protocol Meetings

8/Sweden pledged SEK 350,000 towards the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

9/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the COP/MOP4 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 12-16 May 2008

ANNEX X

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Status as at 31 December 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07		Adjustments		Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Canada	41,235			3/		41,235		0
Canada				4/	30,054		30,054	0
EC	10,132			1/				10,132
Finland				5/	12,461		12,461	0
Germany				6/	50,551		50,551	0
Norway	3,906			2/				3,906
Total	55,273		0		93,066	41,235	93,066	14,038

1/EC pledged EUR 25,000

2/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000

3/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 40,000 towards the 5th Meeting Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

4/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 30,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

5/Finland pledged EUR 8,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

6/Germany pledged EUR 32,404 towards the COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

ANNEX XI

**LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

(As at 30 June 2008)

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
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
1 July 2007	Capacity-Building Workshop for SBSTTA-12 Participants	Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
1 July 2007	First Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions	Paris, France
1 July 2007	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Paris, France
2-6 July 2007	Twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12)	Paris, France
7 July 2007	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee	UNESCO, Paris, France
7 July 2007	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA-IAC)	Paris, France
8 July 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Paris, France
8 July 2007	Capacity-building Workshop for National Focal Points (CBW WGRI-2)	Paris, France
9-13 July 2007	Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2)	Paris, France
13-16 August 2007	Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas	Cape Town, South Africa
23-25 August 2007	African Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
10-12 September 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation	Geneva, Switzerland
17 - 19 September 2007	Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues	Montreal, Canada
19-21 September 2007	Indigenous and Local Communities Experts for the International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
2 - 4 October 2007	Expert Workshop on ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection	S.Miguel Island, Azores, Portugal
4 - 5 October 2007	Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
5 October 2007	Atelier de renforcement des capacités préparatoire aux négociations sur l'APA pour les pays francophones	Montreal, Canada
5 - 6 October 2007	Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-5 Meeting	Montreal, Canada
7 October 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
8 - 12 October 2007	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
13 October 2007	Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in Support of Implementation of the Convention	Montreal, Canada
14 October 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
15 - 19 October 2007	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
17 October 2007	Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners and Institutions	Paris, France
22 - 26 October 2007	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol	Montreal, Canada
19 - 21 November 2007	Arctic Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies	Quebec City, Canada
21 - 23 November 2007	Fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Montreal, Canada
26-28 November 2007	Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
10 - 12 December 2007	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of LMOs	Bridgetown, Barbados

2008

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
7 - 10 January 2008	Workshop to strengthen national and regional capacities in the sub-region of Francophone Africa with a view to promoting and facilitating the implementation of the Programme of work on Protected Areas	Libreville, Gabon
14 - 18 January 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia	Singapore City, Singapore
16 - 18 January 2008	Workshop on the Elaboration of a Gender Plan of Action for the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Secretariat	Chavannes-de-Bogis, Switzerland
18 - 19 January 2008	Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-6 Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland
20 January 2008	Second meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Geneva, Switzerland
20 January 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Geneva, Switzerland
21 - 25 January 2008	Sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 6)	Geneva, Switzerland
26 January 2008	Informal consultations on the suggested draft budget for the CBD for the 2009-2010 biennium	Geneva, Switzerland
26 January 2008	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Geneva, Switzerland
28 - 29 January 2008	Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC)	Bonn, Germany
4 - 8 February 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Southern and Eastern Africa	Rustenburg, South Africa
10 February 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	FAO, Rome, Italy
11 - 13 February 2008	Fourth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities	New Delhi, India
11 - 15 February 2008	Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WGPA 2)	FAO, Rome, Italy
14 - 15 February 2008	Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	New Delhi, India

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
16 February 2008	Third meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Rome, Italy
16 February 2008	Workshop on the development of national/regional biodiversity-related targets and indicators and their integration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans	Rome, Italy
17 February 2008	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Rome, Italy
18 - 22 February 2008	Thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 13)	FAO, Rome, Italy
12 - 19 March 2008	Fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol	Cartagena, Colombia
17 - 19 March 2008	Priority Activity 10 of the Programme of Work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness: Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education	Paris, France
25 - 28 March 2008	Opportunities and challenges of responses to climate change for Indigenous and Local Communities, their Traditional Knowledge and Biological Diversity	Helsinki, Finland
26 - 27 March 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Central America	Mexico City, Mexico
31 March - 3 April 2008	Workshop for Portuguese-Speaking Countries on Training and Implementation of Methodologies for Conservation of Biodiversity and Management of Protected Areas	Maputo, Mozambique
31 March - 4 April 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South America	Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil
7 - 9 April 2008	Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26 - 30 April 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Europe	Vilm, Germany

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
7 - 9 May 2008	Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Bonn, Germany
9 - 10 May 2008	Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) Training Workshop	Bonn, Germany
10 - 11 May 2008	Africa Union Preparatory Meeting of African Delegates to the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, COP-MOP 4	Bonn, Germany
11 May 2008	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Bonn, Germany
12 - 16 May 2008	Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 4)	Bonn, Germany
17 May 2008	Capacity building Workshop for Women on CBD processes in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	Asia and the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
18 May 2008	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC)	Bonn, Germany
18 May 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Bonn, Germany
19 - 30 May 2008	Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9)	Bonn, Germany

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
24 May 2008	Open-ended Workshop of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) for Communication, Education and Public Awareness	Bonn, Germany
25 - 26 May 2008	Biodiversity Training Workshop for Journalists attending COP 9	Bonn, Germany
28-30 May 2008	High Level Segment of COP-9	Bonn, Germany
