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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 the 44th edition of the Quarterly Report which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 31 March 2009.

I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:

Group of Technical and Legal Experts on ABS – Tokyo, Japan

4. The Conference of the Parties, in its decision IX/12, paragraph 11, decided, inter alia, to establish a group of technical and legal experts to further examine the issue of compliance in order to assist the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing in the elaboration and negotiation of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing. Following the kind invitation of the Government of Japan, the meeting of the group of legal and technical experts was held on 27-30 January 2009 in Tokyo, Japan.

5. The Expert Group examined the issues set out in its terms of reference, in accordance with decision IX/12, annex II, IA, paragraph 1. These included measures available or that could be developed in public and private international law in order to ensure compliance with national access and benefit-sharing legislation as well as mutually agreed terms regarding access and benefit-sharing; voluntary measures to enhance the compliance of users; how an internationally agreed definition of misappropriation and misuse could support compliance; how compliance measures could take account of customary law; and, whether particular compliance measures are need for research with non-commercial intent.

Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity

6. Following Decision IX/28 on Cities and Local Authorities, the Secretariat has been facilitating and guiding the activities of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity on the road to Nagoya. During the first quarter of the year, the Secretariat held one expert workshop in collaboration with the Government of Singapore on 10-12 February and two meetings via teleconference with the members of the Partnership to report on their activities. The first teleconference was held on 14 January, with 18 participants from 9 institutions. The group discussed a number of issues including: update on the preparations of the First Technical Expert Workshop on the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity (CBI); update on the preparation of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity meeting to take place in Curitiba; discussions on how to involve other national, regional and international partners, and 2010 activities to be organized by all cities. Following the Singapore workshop (final report accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/city/ewdcbi-01/official/ewdcbi-01-03-en.doc>), the group held its second meeting via teleconference on 16 March, with the participation

of 21 representatives of member institutions. The partnership is currently working on follow up activities on the CBI, a publication on cities' best practices and case studies, its participation at ICLEI's World Congress in Edmonton in June and events leading up to Shanghai World Expo 2010, amongst others. A representative from Natural England-UK provided important inputs on the UK's experience in encouraging its local authorities to contribute to the implementation of the CBD at the local level. The Partnership plans to involve other Parties in preparations for the Nagoya Biodiversity City Summit in 2010.

First Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety – Mexico City, Mexico

7. On 23-27 February, the First Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was convened at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico City, Mexico to further negotiate international rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms (LMOs) in the context of the Protocol, based on the proposed operational texts on liability and redress, contained in the Annex to decision BSIV/12 on Liability and Redress. The participants produced a draft text for a supplementary protocol on liability and redress to the Biosafety Protocol, which will serve as basis for further consideration at the second meeting of the Group of Friends of the Co-Chairs, scheduled to be held in early 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Business and Biodiversity meeting via teleconference

8. On 4 February, the Secretariat hosted a meeting via teleconference with the Steering Committee for the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge meeting, to be held in Asia in November 2009. Sixteen members representing government, NGOs, and the private sector took part in the meeting to decide on a venue and discuss potential agenda items. It was decided that the meeting should be held in Jakarta, Indonesia. While many agenda topics were suggested, all agreed that the meeting should be broken down by sector so as to facilitate exchange of experiences and identify the way forward for increased integration of biodiversity considerations in each sector. The Steering Committee will meet again in April to finalise the meeting agenda and identify potential speakers.

Third meeting of the COP Bureau – Nairobi, Kenya

9. The third meeting of the COP-9 Bureau was held on 13 February 2009 at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya, back to back with the 25th session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Issues discussed included: the revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention, the preparations for the Eminent Persons Workshop in March 2009, the preparations for COP-10 meeting, among other issues. A briefing on developments in relation to the implementation of the Bonn Mandate on access and benefit-sharing was made by the two ABS Co-Chairs. The CBD Executive Secretariat provided an update on the status of availability of financial resources for the implementation of COP-9 decisions and meetings.

10. The COP Bureau meeting was preceded by an ABS Workshop organised for the Bureau members. Some members of the COP Bureau, as well as staff from the CBD Secretariat, also participated in the technical meeting of the United Nations Environment Management Group held on 14-15 February 2009 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Fourth meeting of the COP Bureau – Paris, France

11. The COP 9 Bureau held its fourth meeting on 30 March in Paris, France, prior to the informal regional consultations with the two ABS Co-Chairs as well as the seventh meeting the Ad hoc Open-ended Working on Access and Benefit-Sharing (WGABS-7). The Bureau members discussed the organization of work for the WGABS-7 meeting, as well as key message of the Bureau members to the regional groups. Other items discussed at the meeting include: availability of financial resources for the implementation of COP-9 decisions, outcome of the high-level meeting on the 2010 biodiversity target and post-2010 targets, preparations for the COPMOP5 and COP10 meetings, and the UNGA high-level meeting on biodiversity in 2010, among other issues.

12. **The Secretariat also organized the following meetings:** Online Conference on Capacity-building for Integration of Biosafety into National Development Plans (19 January – 6 February 2009); First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Europe (28 January 2009); Capacity Development Workshop for the Pacific on NBSAPs, the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and the Integration of Climate Change (2-6 February, Nadi, Fiji); First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Latin America (3 February); Capacity-building workshop for the Pacific region for implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (9-12 February, Nadi, Fiji); First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Africa (10 February); Expert Workshop on the Development of the City Biodiversity Index (10-12 February, Singapore City, Singapore); Online Discussion Forum on Article 10 (c) (11 February-11 March 2009); First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Asia (17 February); Fifth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities (9-11 March, San Jose, Costa Rica); Capacity Development Workshop for Central Asia on NBSAPs and the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity (9-13 March, Ramsar, Iran); and the sixth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety (12-13 March, San Jose, Costa Rica).

REPRESENTATION

13. Between January and March 2009, the Secretariat engaged 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

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

14. The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) on 16 February. The objective of agreement is to further enhance collaboration between the two institutions, as per the agreed SCBD/SPREP work plan contained in Annex 1 of the agreement.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

15. In the first quarter of 2009, the Executive Secretary met with a number of senior representatives from Parties, other Governments, organizations and institutions, to further enhance and strengthen collaboration as well as increase public awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

16. During the reporting period, the Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests, as well as the two ABS Co-Chairs. Senior Government representatives also paid a visit to the Secretariat, including: the Director of Biodiversity and Policy Division at the Ministry of Environment of Japan, the New Zealand High Commissioner to Canada, senior staff from BMZ-Germany, the new Ambassador of Austria to Canada, senior representatives from the *Québec Ministère de la Culture, des communications et de la condition féminine*, delegation from the United Kingdom and delegation from Ecuador. The Executive Secretary also welcomed the visit of senior officials from the Embassy of *Cote d'Ivoire* in Ottawa, together with the Canada Research Chair for Ethnoecology and Biodiversity Conservation/*Université de Montréal*, to discuss preparations for the International Congress on Biological and Cultural Diversity to be held in 2010 and the Secretariat's involvement in the meeting. Representatives from Environment Canada, Parks Canada, IUCN-WCPA, and TNC also visited the Secretariat to discuss PoWPA developments including post 2010.

17. The following also visited the Secretariat: staff from Airbus to discuss The Green Wave initiative, Head of the Public Awareness Unit at Bioersivity International, senior representatives from The Nature Conservancy, a staff member from the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility, Executive Secretary of the Consortium for the Barcode of Life, the Executive Director of the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment/University of Basel, representatives of the Census of Marine Life, students from the *Collège Édouard Montpetit* in Montréal, the President of Agriculture & Biotechnology Strategies Inc., staff from the Mountain Forum Secretariat, the head of Hart Resources, and representatives from the Canadian Museum of Nature and *Muséums Nature de Montréal*.

18. In February, the CBD Executive Secretary participated in the 25th session of the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-25/GMEF), held in Nairobi, Kenya from 16-20 February. In the margins of the GC-25/GMEF meeting, meetings were held with: UNEP Executive Director, UNEP Deputy Executive Director, relevant staff of the Poverty and Environment Initiative in UNEP, Associate Director and Head of UNITAR's Environment Unit, as well as with a number of Environment Ministers. The Executive Secretary also took part in a number of side events in the margins of the GC-25/GMEF, including: "The Green Customs Initiative: Capacity Building for Environmental Security" organized by the Czech Republic; the Ministerial-level roundtable on "Global crisis: national chaos?" - Towards a "green economy"; and the Ministerial-level roundtable on "International Environmental Governance (IEG) - Help or Hindrance?" - IEG from a country perspective. The Executive Secretary also attended a briefing made by the ABS Co-Chairs to the staff of UNEP-DELDC and UNEP Regional Directors on the status and process of the regional ABS consultations. A meeting was also held between the three Executive Secretaries of the Rio Conventions and the EU Presidency. A decision on the International Year of Biodiversity was adopted at the GC-25/GMEF.

19. Prior to the GC-25/GMEF meeting, at the invitation of the UNEP Executive Director and South Africa's Deputy Minister for Environmental Affairs and Tourism, the Executive Secretary attended the High-level Gender and Environment Forum held on 15 February.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

a. Personnel Arrangements

20. During the period January – March 2009, there were 29 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There was one vacant post. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

21. Under the Convention there were 21 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 2 vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 11 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.
22. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol there were 7 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There were 3 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and one vacant post under recruitment.
23. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex II Appendix 1, and Annex III respectively).

b. Financial Arrangements

24. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 March 2009, of the total pledged contributions of US\$10,505,772 for 2009 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY Trust Fund), the total contributions received amounted to US\$5,986,158 of which \$2,045,707 were 2009 pledges paid in 2008, and \$3,940,451 were pledges paid in 2009 for 2009 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.
25. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (BE Trust Fund). As of 31 March 2009, the total pledged for 2009 amounts to US\$1,283,299 of which \$738,046 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2009 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$967,305. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.
26. As at 31 March 2009, US\$191,816 has been pledged in 2009 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (BZ Trust Fund). To date, US\$127,877 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2009 and prior years, to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$218,710. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.
27. As at 31 March 2009, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,959,177 for 2009 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (BG Trust Fund), total contributions received is US\$1,105,304, of which US\$831,158 was received in advance of 2009 and US\$274,146 has been received in 2009 for 2009 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.
28. As at 31 March 2009, no 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). Total unpaid pledges for prior years, to the BH Trust Fund, amounts to US\$186,636. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.
29. As at 31 March 2009, no 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). Total unpaid pledges for prior years, to the BI Trust Fund, amounts to US\$52,343. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.
30. As at 31 March 2009 no pledges have been received for 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) in 2009. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

VII/12 and VIII/10: Sustainable Use of Biodiversity

31. In response to decisions VII/12 and VII/10, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. Issued notification 2009-22, inviting CBD National Focal Points and relevant organizations to submit information on the implementation of relevant decisions of the COP on sustainable use, as well as on the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines, including progress made, challenges, obstacles and capacity-building needs. Relevant organizations were also invited to provide overall information on the status and trends of sustainable use of biological diversity.
 - b. Attended the “Satoyama Initiative International Workshop” convened by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, held on 6 March 2009 in Tokyo. The Satoyama Initiative is intended to develop and propose a model of sustainable management of natural resources. More information on the workshop can be found at: <http://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/headline.php?serial=1000>.

VII/4, VIII/20 and IX/19: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

32. In response to decisions VII/4, VIII/20 and IX/19, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. Finalised its comments on, and inputs to, all chapters of the Third World Water Development Report (WWDR3);
 - b. In collaboration with UNEP, prepared a supplementary report to the WWDR3 on “Water Security and Ecosystem Services - The critical connection” to enhance awareness of the need to consider water-related issues, and integrated water resources management, from the perspective of managing the multiple ecosystem services that water provides or underpins;
 - c. In collaboration with UNEP, developed a briefing note for the UNEP Governing Council on water, environment and sustainable development linkages;
 - d. Commenced the drafting of background information in preparation for the in-depth review to be undertaken at SBSTTA-14, including summarising the outcomes of the WWDR3, undertaking a review of activities of relevant partners and an analysis of the third national reports; and
 - e. A member of the Secretariat attended (i) an expert meeting on water and ecosystem services organised by UNEP and held at UNEP-WCMC, 09-11 January, (ii) the Third World Water Forum held in Istanbul, Turkey, 16-22 March, and (iii) the fifteenth meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention, Gland, Switzerland, from 28 March to 03 April.

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

33. In response to decisions VII/31 VII/9 and IX/3, the Secretariat:
- a. Completed editing and layout of the English version of the Plant Conservation Report and made it available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/plant-conservation-report-en.pdf>;
 - b. Initiated the in-house translation of the Plant Conservation Report into French and Spanish;
 - c. Prepared and posted an online survey of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in view of its updating beyond 2010;
 - d. Issued notification 2009-023, informing CBD, SBSTTA and GSPC focal points as well as relevant organizations of the Liaison Group Meeting of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, jointly organized by the CBD and the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, from 26 to 28 May 2009 in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, and inviting them to submit nominations.

VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity

34. In response to decision VII/27, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. Requested Parties, relevant organizations, experts and other related Conventions for inputs for preparing the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity by SBSTTA-14 and COP-10;
 - b. Held discussions with the Mountain Research Initiative, the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, the Carpathian and the Alpine Conventions on the *modus operandi* of preparing for the in-depth review;
 - c. The Executive Secretary of the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment, Coordinator, Mountain Partnership and the Executive Secretary of the Mountain Forum visited Montreal to discuss further collaboration in implementing the programme of work on mountain biological diversity and preparations for the in -depth review.

VII/28, VIII/24 and IX/18: Protected Areas

35. In response to requests in decisions VII/28, VIII/24 and IX/18, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. Prepared and organized the Pacific Islands sub regional workshop on capacity-building for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas under the Convention on Biological Diversity, held from 9 to 12 February 2009 in Nadi, Fiji, jointly with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the Government of Fiji and PoWPA FRIENDS. The workshop was attended by government-nominated experts from Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. The report of the workshop is accessible at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/pa/wspapac-01/official/wspapac-01-02-en.doc> ;

- b. Initiated action for recruiting the Coordinator (L-4) and Web Manger (L-2) under the Life Web initiative, including screening of applicants and interviewing of shortlisted candidates;
- c. Organized the kick-off meeting on the LifeWeb and Protected Areas web portals to bring together the team members to share a common view of the project and to discuss the implementation strategy;
- d. Held discussions with TNC, WWF, Equilibrium research regarding development of a user-friendly and comprehensive website on protected areas and the development of streamlined reporting process of on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA)
- e. Interacted with Governments of Australia, Belgium, and Canada, as well as the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, soliciting financial assistance for the organization of regional capacity-building and review workshops on the implementation of PoWPA;
- f. Held discussions with Environment Canada, Parks Canada, and IUCN-WCPA on preparations and next steps for the in -depth review of the Programme of work on protected areas by SBSTTA 14 and COP 10;
- g. Interacted with the Government of India in view of the organization of an Asian regional workshop on protected areas in 2009 and prepared a draft host country agreement;
- h. Received an informal offer from the Minister of the Environment of the Government of Cote d'Ivoire to host a regional workshop on protected areas in Abidjan
- i. Coordinating preparation of two sub-chapters of Chapter 8 on protected areas chapter of the TEEB D1 report.

VIII/1 and IX/21: Island biodiversity

36. In response to decisions IX/21 and VIII/1, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. Contributed to the implementation of the Global Islands Database (GID), a project of the Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA), by participating in an online demonstration and exchange led by UNEP-WCMC. The GID project is supported by the Government of Italy, and will be an important tool for island decision-makers in regional and national planning, and particularly for creating ecological corridors and regional networks of protected areas.
 - b. Enhanced cooperation with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme by signing an MOU, as defined in paragraph 7 of decision IX/21. The objective of the MOU is to collaborate closely on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the convention. Joint activities listed in the MOU include active involvement in GLISPA activities and on issues related to invasive alien species. Furthermore, the secretariats jointly organized the following workshops:
 - i. Sub-regional workshop on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and biodiversity mainstreaming for the Pacific;

- ii. Capacity building workshop for integrating climate change in implementation of the CBD in small island development states;
 - iii. Indigenous communities, tourism and biodiversity workshop series.
- c. Collaborated with partners from relevant organizations to update the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) web page and posted GLISPA communication materials on the web page.

VIII/19 and IX/5: Forest Biodiversity

37. In response to decisions IX/5 and VIII/19 the Secretariat:

- a. Is participating in the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to develop the strategic framework on sustainable forest management for the next GEF replenishment period;
- b. Participated in the World Forest Week/19th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry, and organized a sub-plenary event on Ecosystem-based Adaptation, as well as several side events;
- c. Issued the third volume of the e-Newsletter on efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD & Biodiversity e-Newsletter);
- d. Issued a notification to all members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests regarding three regional/thematic workshops on forest biodiversity planned in 2009, and invited their participation and other contributions;
- e. Secured funding from the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) for the printing of Technical Series nr 33 “The Conservation and Sustainable Use of Wildlife-based Resources – The Bushmeat Crisis” in Spanish;
- f. Collaborated with UN REDD Programme partners and the Group of International Observers to the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility on the preparation of pilot and demonstration activities, in particular with a view to the rights and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples;
- g. Provided peer-review to the IUFRO-led Science and Technology Initiative on Forests and Climate Adaptation;
- h. Welcomed the Director of the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, Ms Jan McAlpine, at the Secretariat for a one-day visit to discuss options for closer collaboration.

VIII/23, IX/1 and IX/2: Agricultural Biological Diversity and Biofuels and Biodiversity

38. In response to decision IX/1, the Secretariat has:

- a. Finalised the draft joint work plan on biodiversity for food and agriculture with the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in collaboration with the FAO; and

- b. Attended a meeting of the expert group on soil biodiversity of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission held in Ispra, Italy, 02 - 03 March; subjects discussed included prioritising research needs and the production of a book on soil biodiversity in Europe for which the Secretariat will prepare a chapter on the CBD and the international initiative on soil biodiversity;

39. In response to decision IX/2, the Secretariat:

- a. Liaised with a number of partners, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in view of preparations for regional workshops on ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity;
- b. Is liaising with Brazil and Thailand to explore the possibility of convening regional workshops on biofuels for the Latin America and Caribbean region and Asia and the Pacific region respectively
- c. Posted additional information on biofuels and biodiversity, including references to the submissions received, on the CBD website.

IX/4: Invasive Alien Species

40. In response to decision IX/4, the Secretariat:

- a. Completed the in house translation of French version of the brochure for the International Day for Biological Diversity in 2009 which will focus on invasive alien species;
- b. Updated the web site for International Day for Biological Diversity 2009 at <http://www.cbd.int/idb/2009>
- c. Prepared a report to the fourth session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures of the International Plant Protection Convention, which will be held from 30 March to 3 April 2009.
- d. Invasive alien species liaison group was established to exchange information and facilitate the communication among the secretariats of following organisations: the International Plant Protection Convention, the World Organisation for Animal Health, , Committee on Fisheries in FAO, World Trade Organisation Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, International Maritime Organisation, International Civil Aviation Organisation, Global Invasive Species Programme and The Invasive Species Specialist Group in the Species Survival Commission of The World Conservation Union;

IX/7: Ecosystem Approach

41. In response to decision IX/7 paragraph 5 the Secretariat:

- a. Prepared and disseminated the March 2009 issue of the Ecosystem Approach e-Newsletter, which is being issued on a quarterly basis, to CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, and other relevant organizations and experts. For the publication

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of the March issue, the Secretariat collaborated with experts from Governments, UNEP, UNDOALOS, and IUCN.

IX/9: Process for the revision of the Strategic Plan

42. In response to decision IX/9, the Secretariat:
- a. Extended the deadline for the submission of views on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention, solicited through notification 2008-151, until 31 March 2009 and sent reminders to many organisations in various sectors of relevance to biodiversity inviting them to participate in the e-forum;
 - b. Assisted in the preparation and organization of the Environment Management Group Technical Meeting held on 14 February 2009 in UNEP Headquarters, Nairobi, which led to the establishment of an Issue Management Group (IMG) on the 2010 and post-2010 biodiversity targets, which will meet on 8 April 2009 at UNESCO in Paris;
 - c. Participated in the meeting on “Sustainability beyond 2010” on the post 2010 target, organized by UNEP on 15 February 2009 in Nairobi;
 - d. Participated in the High-level working group on the 2010 target and post-2010 target(s) organized by the German COP Presidency from 9 to 10 March 2009 in Bonn;
 - e. Responded to requests and briefed visiting delegations (including Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom) regarding the process and current status of the revision of the Strategic Plan;
 - f. Liaised with various partners, including UNEP and IUCN, to discuss the possibility of jointly organizing regional workshops on the revision of the Strategic Plan;
 - g. Initiated the preparation of a draft discussion paper containing a synthesis/analysis of issues relevant to the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan, to be made available in April 2009.

IX/10: Preparation of the Third Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

43. In response to decision IX/10 the Secretariat:
- a. Continued with the drafting and internal review of sections of third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 (GBO-3);
 - b. Continued with the collection of case studies and examples of activities aimed at reducing the rate of biodiversity loss;
 - c. Has begun to analyse the fourth National Reports that have been received to date (Cameroon, Cuba, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan and Niger);
 - d. Co-organized or participated in a number of events related to the updating of the Strategic Plan with implications for GBO-3 (see under decision IX/9);

- e. Maintained linkages with activities related to the updating of the Global Strategy for Plan Conservation (see under decision IX/3);
- f. Continued, in collaboration with a range of partners, to develop the strategy for International Year of Biodiversity (see under decisions IX/32 and IX/33);
- g. Continued to update the web pages on GBO-3;
- h. Contracted a consortium of experts led by DIVERSITAS-International and UNEP-WCMC to conduct an assessment on future biodiversity conditions;
- i. Invited the members of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership to provide up-to-date scientific information on the 2010 indicators by 31 March 2009 so that it can be incorporated into the draft of GBO-3;
- j. Is pursuing the possibility of contracting a group of professional science writers to transform the draft of GBO-3 into a widely accessible format. A similar arrangement is being explored regarding the preparation of the graphics;
- k. Issued notification 2009-031, inviting CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points, other governments, relevant organizations, and indigenous and local communities to submit views on the scientific and technical aspects of the provisional framework of global headline indicators for assessing progress towards the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target by participating in the online survey accessible at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=J3TWJYEIRjot6G8UIZctkQ_3d_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=J3TWJYEIRjot6G8UIZctkQ_3d_3d;);
- l. Participated in a Conservation Commons meeting on *inter alia* the analysis and visualization of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility's (GBIF) records relevant to GBO-3;
- m. Had discussions with representations of the Census of Marine Life (CoML) on the possibility of using CoML maps in GBO-3;
- n. Had discussions with representatives of the Mountain Forum Secretariat and the Mountain Partnership on GBO-3;
- o. Held a teleconference with a representative of Peace Child on the possibility of having them prepare a youth version of GBO-3;
- p. Held a teleconference with a representative the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme regarding case studies for possible use in GBO-3;
- q. Discussed with a representative of the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) project matters related to the preparation of GBO-3, the timing of the two projects and possible opportunities for collaboration;
- r. Invited participants in the International Workshop on the Satoyama Initiative held in Japan on 6 March to consider submitting case studies on sustainable management and use of mixed landscapes as success stories for GBO-3
- s. Is exploring opportunities for collaboration with the Equator Initiative.

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

44. In response to decision IX/15 the Secretariat:
- a. Participated in a conference call organized by UNEP on 4 February 2009, which provided an update on the MA Secretariat, relevant ongoing activities of partners, and a discussion of the implications of the outcomes of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES) for the MA follow-up process;
 - b. Provided comments on the preliminary gap analysis for the purpose of facilitating the discussions on how to strengthen the science-policy interface (UNEP/GC.25/INF/30);
 - c. Arranged for a meeting at the margins of the seventh meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions to discuss the preparations of the second Ad hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on an IPBES.

IX/16: Biodiversity and Climate Change

45. In response to decision IX/16 the following activities were carried out:
- a. A regional workshop was held on capacity building for the integration of climate change within National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans and implementation of the Convention in Pacific small island developing States from 2 to 6 February, 2009.
 - b. An online dialogue on the links between biodiversity, climate change adaptation and risks and vulnerabilities was held the 9 to 20 March in preparation for the second meeting of the Second Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change.
 - c. The Secretariat prepared a chapter on biodiversity and climate change for the FAO youth guide on climate change and food security.
 - d. A submission on Views on Issues relating to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for the Development and Application of Methodologies on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation was presented to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
 - e. A submission on climate change, biodiversity and fisheries was presented to the Informal Coordination Meeting on Climate Change and Fisheries and Aquaculture convened by FAO, the World Bank and World Fish.
 - f. Participants were selected for the Second Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change which will be held the 18 to 22 April, 2009. Furthermore, the agenda and some background documents were prepared (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=AHTEG-BDCC-02-02>).

IX/17: Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands

46. In response to decision IX/17, the following activities were carried out:

- a. A steering committee was established for the development of the Biodiversity for Development Good Practice Toolkit on Pastoralism. A draft framework and work plan was also developed for this project.
- b. A meeting was held with a knowledge management consultant on how to improve the effectiveness of the case study database on biodiversity and livelihoods in dry and sub-humid lands.
- c. A draft work plan was developed with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification on the implementation of the joint activities identified by COP.
- d. Outlines were prepared for three information notes to be considered by SBSTTA 15 on: the enhanced integration of climate change within the programme of work; the further elaboration of activities to support biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in dry and sub-humid lands and; the links between drought, biodiversity and climate change.

IX/20: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity

47. In response to decision IX/20, the Secretariat:

- a. Continued compiling relevant scientific information on the impacts of destructive fishing practices, unsustainable fishing, and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing on marine biodiversity and habitats. The Secretariat prepared, in consultation with UNEP and FAO, and posted on the CBD website Terms of References to hire a consultant. Arrangements for consultancy issuance is being finalized;
- b. Attended the first meeting of the Intersessional Technical Working Group on Ocean Fertilization (IMO Headquarter, London, UK; 9-13 February 2009) as well as the first meeting of the Intersessional Legal and Related Issues Working Group on Ocean Fertilization (IMO Headquarter, London, UK; 11-13 February 2009), providing necessary technical inputs, collecting information and collaborating with relevant organizations and partners. The Secretariat issued a consultancy contract to UNEP-WCMC to compile and synthesize relevant scientific information on potential impacts of direct human-induced ocean fertilization on marine biodiversity. The Secretariat also interacted with UNESCO-IOC providing inputs in IOC's preparation for a policy brief, "Summary for Policymakers on Ocean Fertilization";
- c. Issued a consultancy contract to UNEP-WCMC to compile and synthesize relevant scientific information on potential impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity; and
- d. Established an e-forum to facilitate effective preparation for the expert workshop on scientific and technical guidance on the use of biogeographic classification systems and identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction in need of protection (Ottawa, Canada, 29 September – 2 October, 2009), inviting Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations as well as relevant experts;
- e. Conducted a series of teleconference calls with various partners, such as IUCN, FAO, UNEP, UNDOALOS, International Seabed Authority, International Maritime

Organization, etc, to facilitate their contributions to and participation in the above-mentioned expert workshop;

- f. Had a meeting with the representatives of Census of Marine Life on 6 March 2009, at the Secretariat and discussed their potential contributions to: (i) the preparations for the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work, (ii) the above-mentioned Ottawa expert workshop, and (iii) the scientific synthesis of information on the impacts of ocean acidification.
- g. As part of a collaboration with the University of Sherbrooke, Canada, is supervising a student working on experiences with the criteria adopted by COP-9 for the identification of marine areas requiring protection.

IX/22: Global Taxonomy Initiative

48. In response to decision IX/22 the Secretariat:

- a. Participated in the 25th meeting of the BioNET Fund Supervisory Board on 20 January 2009 in Egham, UK;
- b. Took part in the International Symposium for East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Inventory Initiative held in Tokyo, Japan on 21 January 2009;
- c. Worked with experts in East and South East Asia to develop a strategic plan for East and South East Asia Biodiversity Inventory Initiative (ESABII) in Tokyo, Japan on 22 January 2009;
- d. Interacted with the Japanese government, ACEAN Center for Biodiversity and BioNET INTERNATIONAL to prepare for the ACEAN +3 Global Taxonomy Initiative Workshop to commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity in 2009;
- e. Interacted with the Consortium for Barcode of Life, Census of Marine Life and other organisations to continue the monitoring of progress on the outcome oriented deliverables.

IX/27: Cooperation among Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other Organizations

49. In accordance with the provisions of decision IX/27 the Secretariat:

- a. Liaised with the Secretariat of the Environment Management Group (EMG) in preparation of a technical meeting on the post 2010 targets of the CBD
- b. Participated in the technical meeting on the post 2010 targets of the CBD organized by the EMG (14 February 2009);
- c. Participated in the meeting organized by UNEP to brainstorm on the 2010 targets (15 February 2009);
- d. Prepared documentation for the seventh meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions scheduled for 9 April 2009;

- e. Liaised with the EMG Secretariat in preparation of the first meeting of the Issue Management Group;
- f. Solicited views concerning the suitability of holding the seventh meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions at the margins of the Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (Paris, France, 2-7 April 2009);
- g. Participated in the Scientific Committee meeting of DIVERSITAS-International and liaised with DIVERSITAS members regarding inputs to the review of the 2010 biodiversity target and Strategic Plan of the Convention;
- h. Liaised with members of the International Association for Impact Assessment in support of a new project on capacity development on biodiversity and impact assessment.
- i. As part of the preparations for the International Congress on Biological and Cultural Diversity, being co-organised with the Canada Research Chair in Ethnoecology and Biodiversity Conservation and UNESCO, convened for Ambassadors accredited in Canada a briefing session hosted by the Ambassador of Germany in Canada on 24 March in Ottawa, A leaflet was also prepared announcing the International Congress;
- j. As part of a collaboration with the University of Sherbrooke, is supervising a student working on CBD tools that could be used for capacity-building and awareness-raising in the health sector.
- k. Welcomed to the Secretariat Mr. Tsunao Watanabe, Director of the Biodiversity Policy Division of the Japanese Ministry of Environment (MOE) on 26 and 27 March 2009. The purpose of his visit was to discuss and provide updates on recent activities related to COP10 and to exchange views in order to strengthen collaboration between the MOE Japan and SCBD.

IX/28: Promoting engagement of cities and local authorities

50. In response to decision IX/28 the Secretariat:
- a. Participated in the first expert workshop on the development of the Singapore City Biodiversity Index (CBI) from 10 to 12 February 2009 and the report of the workshop is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EWDCBI-01>.
 - b. Organized conference calls inviting the members of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity to discuss/comment on the following activities;
 - i. Link the Global Partnership to other networks;
 - ii. News on United Kingdom and local authorities;
 - iii. Update on Mistra proposal;
 - iv. News from IUCN/Countdown 2010 on “Monitoring of biodiversity in European Cities” project;

- v. Cities' publication and case studies in GBO3;
- vi. Update on ICLEI World Congress (14-18 June 2009, Edmonton);
- vii. News on Canadian cities and Montreal's involvement in Urban Nature Forum;
- viii. Update on Nagoya City Biodiversity Summit;
- ix. Post 2010 targets and Strategic Plan;
- x. Update on URBIS planned events leading up to Shanghai World Expo 2010;
- xi. Cities' participation in the Expo

IX/29: Operations of the Convention

51. In accordance with the provisions on the process for identifying new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity the Secretariat:

- a. Issued notification 2008/159 to extend the deadline for the submission of proposals on new and emerging issues;
- b. Prepared a web page on emerging issues and posted the proposals received in response to the notification at <http://www.cbd.int/convention/emerging.shtml>.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS
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IX/6: Incentive measures

52. In the period under review, the Secretariat participated in a number of meetings relevant for advancing implementation of various elements of the programme of work on incentive measures.

53. The Secretariat participated in a United Nations interagency meeting, on 2-3 February 2009, in New York, USA. Organized by UNEP, the meeting convened interested UN agencies in order to review the draft of a commissioned report suggesting a Global Green New Deal. This report, which is part of UNEP's Green Economy Initiative, seeks to capitalize on the planned macroeconomic stimulus packages with a view to encourage public investments towards a greener economy. The meeting also identified the main messages to be included in a UN strategy paper based on the commissioned report.

54. The Secretariat participated in the expert workshop on a green development mechanism, from 9-10 February 2009, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. This meeting was sponsored by the Dutch environment ministry and organized together with IFC, IUCN and UNEP, and in close cooperation with the Secretariat. The meeting reviewed the case for enhanced international funding for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, and identified four concrete mechanisms for further consideration and analysis, as well as number of general issues which would need further consideration and analysis under any concrete instrument. The proposals will be further developed and fine-tuned, for consideration at the OECD workshop on new and innovative finance for biodiversity, which is tentatively planned to take place in July 2009.

55. The Secretariat is a member of the international advisory committee of the UNEP trade assessment project for biodiversity and, in this capacity, participated in the international review meeting of the project, from 18-20 March 2009, in Geneva, Switzerland. This 4-year project supports the preparation of integrated assessments of the impacts of trade policies on biodiversity in 6 ACP countries. The project foresees in its last phase the implementation of an integrated policy response of the findings of the assessment studies. The present meeting brought the six country teams together with the international advisory committee in order to (i) review and finalize the assessment studies, in particular the policy conclusions; (ii) develop, based on the countries' initial proposals, the integrated policy response and a project proposal for implementation of its first phase.

56. The Secretariat participated in the workshops on rewarding (unrewarded) benefits of ecosystems and biodiversity, and on perverse subsidies, organized under the second phase of "The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity" Project, which took place on 11-12 February 2009 and on 23-24 March 2009, in Brussels, Belgium. The meetings convened relevant experts in the respective fields in order to identify key messages on the respective topics for the TEEB report for policy-makers, and to review the state of affairs in the preparation of the respective draft chapters of the report.

IX/12: Access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing

57. During this period, the following activities were carried out with a view to implementing COP decision IX/12:

58. The Secretariat prepared and serviced the Expert Group on Compliance, held from 27 to 30 January 2009, in Tokyo, Japan. The following activities were carried out:

- a. preparation of documentation for the meeting;
- b. coordination with host Government regarding the organization of the meeting and logistical arrangements;
- c. servicing of the meeting in Tokyo;
- d. preparation of the report of the meeting.

59. The Secretariat organized a "workshop on ABS" for the members of the COP Bureau at its meeting in Nairobi, on 13 February.

60. The Secretariat carried out preparations for the seventh meeting of the Working Group on ABS, held at UNESCO, in Paris, from 2 to 8 April 2009, including the following:

- a. Documentation for the meeting including pre-session documents and information documents in accordance with COP decision IX/12;
- b. preparation of statements, press release;
- c. logistical arrangements in collaboration with UNESCO.

61. The Secretariat participated in the briefing organized for the African Group under the auspices of the ABS Initiative for Africa, held on 31 March, prior to WG-ABS 7.

62. In accordance with paragraph 13 of decision IX/12, studies commissioned were finalized and made available as information documents for the WG-ABS 7.
63. Side-events were organized for the presentation of the studies commissioned by their respective authors during WG-ABS 7 and presentations on specific topics were also organized in accordance with decision IX/12.
64. A leaflet announcing the new web portal related to the negotiation of the international regime on ABS was prepared for the launching of the portal at WG-ABS 7.
65. A meeting of the Interagency Task Force on ABS was held on 1 April, prior to WG-ABS 7, in order to brief the Task Force regarding preparations for the WG-ABS and in order to obtain information regarding relevant developments in other forums.
66. A matrix was developed for the database on ABS measures in order to provide an overview of the main elements of ABS at national and regional levels.
67. A notification was made available to NFPs and relevant organizations regarding the nomination of experts and observers as well as the submission of information in preparation for the Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge associated with genetic resources to be held in Hyderabad, India, from 16 to 19 June 2009.

IX/13: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions - VIII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism

Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity Web Site Award

68. In December 2008, Planeta.com and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity launched the Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity Website Award, which was created in order to showcase best practices in web-based technologies helping indigenous people manage tourism in a biodiversity-friendly way. By January 2009, 15 indigenous-owned tourism businesses around the world were registered as nominees (see list on <http://planeta.wikispaces.com/itbw>) and by February 20th, the official jury and more than 200 people had voted and made their selection. The winners (see results on: <http://planeta.com>) were announced during a press conference at the Reisepavillion - International Fair for Alternative Travel in Munich, Germany.
69. The award is part of the Workshop Series on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies, and contributes to Decision IX/13 E paragraph 7 on Article 8(j) and related provisions, which requests the Executive Secretary to convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, further regional and sub-regional workshops on community-friendly communication tools on traditional knowledge related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and Decision VII/14 on Biological Diversity and Tourism, which invites, inter alia, relevant organizations to provide indigenous and local communities with capacity-building and financial resources to support their active participation in tourism policy-making, development planning, product development and management indicated by the CBD Tourism Guidelines.

IX/25: South-south Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development - VIII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism

Reisepavillion - International Fair for Alternative Travel in Munich, Germany

70. The SCBD organized, jointly with UNEP and UNWTO a series of three roundtables on Sustainable Tourism, which took place during the Reise pavillion - International Fair for Alternative Travel in Munich, Germany (from 26 February to 2 March 2009). The first panel discussed "International initiatives on sustainable tourism", the second panel explored "Standards and certification for sustainable tourism", and the third panel, chaired by the Secretariat, presented: "Biodiversity and development – a training programme for sustainable tourism".

71. SCBD's involvement in the Munich Fair is part of the Biodiversity and Development unit's activities, and is in line with its objective to develop a Biodiversity and Development training set on CBD's thematic development areas. The first module of the training set will present a Toolkit of Good Practices' on Tourism for Development and Nature Conservation. During the Munich Fair, feedback and suggestions from 65 participants were sought primarily on training strategies and methodologies, and partnerships were outlined for testing the toolkit (UNEP/GEF project in Central and Eastern Europe, UNWTO Consulting Unit in Bonn, UNF/Rainforest Alliance project in Central America). Partnering agencies agree that the publication can be an "umbrella" reference to map available training programmes on more specific subjects – and identify gaps that need to be addressed. Efforts were also invested in incorporating the toolkit into existing projects and networks such as the Tourism Task Force of the Marrakech Initiative on Sustainable Production and Consumption (led by UNEP/DTIE and UNWTO), and the Education and Training Task Force of the Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria project funded by the UN Foundation (where the Secretariat is a member of the Steering Committee).

OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

Implementation of the MOU between SCBD and UNDP on mainstreaming biodiversity in development

72. Following COP-9, the SCBD and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on mainstreaming biodiversity in development. This partnership is focused on capturing lessons from UNDP' and partner's work and experience in the field. The first area of focus of the MOU is integrating biodiversity and ecosystem goods and services in productive sectors. The second area is enhancing the incorporation of biodiversity and ecosystem services into national development strategies. Both aims will be attained based on evidence gathered from practice.

73. The MOU took operational shape on the first of March with the arrival at the SCBD of Linda Ghanime, on secondment from UNDP. Ms. Ghanime's one year assignment will deepen the sharing of experience between both institutions and in particular on how UNDP's on the ground work actively contributes to the Convention's implementation in developing countries. The collaboration also aims at developing a programme to further support the implementation of the Convention.

74. In this first month, a work program for implementation of the MOU was developed in consultation with SCBD programs of most direct relevance to meeting the development objectives of the CBD.

75. Exchange of ideas for collaborative activities and dialogues were launched with the UNDP UNEP PEI, the Small Grants program and the Equator Initiative.

76. Substantive input was provided to the preparation of the Expert meeting on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Development Cooperation convened by the SCBD in May 2009.

IX/26: Promoting Business Engagement

77. The Third Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Business Challenge Meeting
- The Secretariat is advancing the organisation of the third meeting on Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge. A Steering Committee has been assembled with the 18 members coming from private, government, and NGO sectors. This committee has already met once to decide on venue for the meeting as well as outline a draft agenda.
 - The meeting will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, 30 November 2009 to 2 December 2009. It will be held in partnership with UNEP's annual Business and Industry meetings and will include collaboration with IUCN.
78. The CBD Guide for Business on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity
- The Secretariat is preparing a Guide for Business on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity. The purpose of this initiative is to raise awareness of biodiversity issues within the business community as well as provide these stakeholders with information on how they can begin to address the issues.
 - A first draft of the Guide has been completed and is being revised internally.
 - Business stakeholders have been approached to provide input on the Guide once internal revisions have been completed.
 - The Secretariat is confirming partnerships with regional organisations that will be able to adapt the Guide to local business and biodiversity situations, translate it into local languages, as well as disseminate these via their web pages and networks.

IX/32: Programme of Work for Communication, Education and Public Awareness

79. Integrating CEPA as a tool into the programme of work for ABS
- a. Decision IX/32 requested that the Executive Secretary to prepare and make available through the clearinghouse mechanism of the Convention, simple summaries of issues and discussions on the negotiation and elaboration of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing with the view to assist Parties in communicating the issues to relevant target groups, including decision makers, policy makers and the general public. To this end, the Secretariat created an information portal related to the Negotiations of the International Regime on ABS at <http://www.cbd.int/abs/ir> and released it to a selected audience in early March. The portal will officially be launched at the seventh meeting of the Working Group on ABS in Paris in early April.
 - b. The Secretariat also participated in a regional workshop on CEPA and ABS, organised by UNEP and the ABS Initiative for Africa from 9 to 12 March 2009. The workshop brought together communicators and ABS experts to develop communication strategies and messages for use during the negotiations as well as in support of capacity-development. The workshop was well-received by participants and by UNEP.
80. Implementation of the Priority Activities for the Programme of work on CEPA (Decision VIII/6 and IX/32)

- a. Priority Activity 3 – key messages. As part of the preparations for the IYB, the Secretariat is creating a series of fact sheets on the programmes of work of the Convention. These will be released at the end of the second quarter of 2009.
- b. Priority Activity 5 – toolkits. The CEPA toolkit, developed in partnership with the CEC of IUCN, continues to be used as part of the NBSAP process. It was disseminated to focal points of the CBD in early 2009. A Spanish translation was created by the CEC of IUCN and is to be posted on the CBD website. Thanks to resources from the government of France, a French version is under preparation and will be ready in May 2009.
- c. Priority Activity 6 – workshops. CEPA continues to be integrated into the NBSAP workshop process, through strategic communication modules and the participation of subject matter experts of the CEC of IUCN. As mentioned above, CEPA was the focus of the recent ABS workshop held in Nairobi. A regional workshop for CEPA in ASEAN states has been postponed to November, to allow it to coincide with the Business and Biodiversity Meeting being held in Jakarta.
- d. Priority Activity 8 – the International Day for Biological Diversity. Information materials for the IDB 2009 are under preparation. A booklet, a postcard, a bookmark and a poster are being prepared for printing and dispatch in the beginning of the second quarter of 2009. A webpage for the IDB 2009 under the theme of Invasive Alien Species went live in early 2009. UNEP has agreed to hold celebrations in Nairobi and in regional offices. The United Nations University will hold a seminar on IDB 2009. The Presidency of COP-9 has agreed to organise a high-level event on 22 May 2009.
- e. Priority Activity 10 – Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education. With the support of the government of the Netherlands and the assistance of UNESCO, the CBD will participate in the mid-term conference for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, which began on 31 March 2009 and will continue until 2 April 2009. The Secretariat is organising a workshop on the theme of Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education. Preparations are underway to develop a toolkit on biodiversity education. The toolkit will draw upon the experience of the Conference, as well as the expertise of UNESCO and the CEC of IUCN. The Secretariat has also been involved in the organization of the 5th World Environmental Education Congress, to take place in Montreal 11-15 May 2009. The Executive Secretary is the co-president for the event. An exhibition will be organised with UNEP.

IX/33: Preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity

- a. The Implementation Plan for the IYB was revised and submitted to the Bureau and to partners for dissemination. In the wake of the recent UNGA and UNEP GC resolutions on the IYB, the Executive Secretary invited key partners to participate and coordinate their activities. To this end, letters were sent to Parties to the Convention, International Organizations, Non-governmental Organizations and other key partners. Suggested activities were also sent to Parties through an email list.
- b. Thanks to the financial support of the government of Canada, a firm was contracted to create the visual identity and branding for the IYB. The firm drew upon the results of the recent meeting of the high-level working group on the 2010 target, convened by the COP president, as well as existing research and the work of the EMG. Materials will be

disseminated to parties in the second quarter of 2009, with an official launch of the materials taking place on UN day in New York in October 2009.

- c. UNESCO has agreed to host the launch of the IYB in January 2010, including convening a scientific conference. Fundraising and joint activities are underway.
- d. The Secretariat was invited to participate, along with other UN Agencies in the common UN pavilion at the Shanghai Expo in 2010. The Secretariat will participate in the permanent and temporary exhibitions, and will co-organise events with partners. As the theme will be on cities and better living, the Secretariat will focus on its work with local partners and the role of cities in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

VIII/14: National reporting and the next Global Biodiversity Outlook

81. A reminder was sent to all Parties (except Estonia) in mid-January requesting them to advise on the status of the preparation of the fourth national report and to submit the report by the deadline (30 March 2009).

82. An update on the status of preparation of the fourth national report was provided to the COP 9 Bureau for its first meeting in 2009 in Nairobi. The update was based on the communication of the Secretariat with Parties in the past few months via email, phone calls, face-to-face discussions during regional and sub-regional workshops on NBSAPs and other meetings.

83. A reminder was sent to all the eligible countries that have not submitted requests for GEF funding for preparing the fourth national report. As of end of March 2009, a total of 90 eligible countries have been provided funds for their work on the 4NR, through Phases I and II of a medium-sized project. A proposal for Phase III has been prepared and submitted to the GEF Secretariat.

84. The Secretariat continues providing support to countries for preparing and finalizing the fourth national report, including through relevant regional and sub-regional workshops on NBSAPs. These include those organized for the Pacific Countries (Feb 9-13, Nadi, Fiji) and for the Central Asia (March 9-13, Ramsar, Iran). A workshop is being planned for least developed countries (4-8 May 2009, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia), which is made possible with the financial support of Norway and UNEP GEF as well as in-kind support from the Ethiopian Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, Ethiopian EPA and UNEP Addis Ababa Office.

85. Upon request, the Secretariat has helped review a number of draft fourth national reports and provided useful recommendations for their improvement.

86. As of end of March 2009 (deadline set in decision VIII/14), a total of 26 fourth national reports have been received. All the reports have been posted on the CBD website at <https://www.cbd.int/reports/search/?type=nr-04>. About 60 countries indicated that they would submit the 4NRs before the end of June 2009.

87. A communiqué has been issued by the CBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif to congratulate those countries that have submitted their fourth national reports before and by the deadline, and urge all other countries to meet their reporting obligations under the Convention. In doing so, he underlined the importance of timely submission of the fourth national report for assessing the implementation of the Convention, particularly progress towards the 2010 target, as well as the processes

leading to 2010, including GBO 3. The COP 9 Bureau, while meeting ahead of ABS WG 7 (2-8 April 2008, Paris, France), also echoed the call by the Executive Secretary and urged countries in their respective regions to meet their reporting obligations in a timely manner.

88. Work on the 4NR portal is continuing, with more resource materials added and work ongoing to develop a database that allows countries to submit cases or case studies related to the 2010 target and the Strategic Plan. A new consultant has been selected to work further on the portal.

89. As requested, the Secretariat provided inputs to the trial consolidated reporting template to biodiversity-related conventions for Pacific Island Countries, which was developed by Australia together with PICs. The template was designed to increase reporting capacities of PICs and the trial use of this template has proven helpful. The Secretariat has also provided inputs to the workshop being planned by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity for the ASEAN member states (April 13-15, 2009, Hanoi, Vietnam).

VIII/8 and IX/8: National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

90. The workshop on NBSAPs, Mainstreaming and Integration of Climate Change for the Pacific region was held 3-7 February in Nadi, Fiji, with the participation from all Pacific Island Countries and Australia. The workshop was co-organized with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and in cooperation with the South Pacific Community and IUCN. Despite the inevitable capacity constraints with the small island developing countries, substantial progress in implementing the Convention was demonstrated. All but three countries of the sub-region have NBSAPs and the remaining ones have NBSAPs under development. Australia will soon send out its draft revised NBSAP for public consultation. Sessions were held on mainstreaming, ecosystem services, strategic environmental assessment, strategic communication, and the integration of climate change in NBSAPs, with some very practical exercises.

91. The regional capacity development workshop for Central Asia on NBSAP and Biodiversity Mainstreaming was held March 9-13 in Ramsar, Iran, in cooperation with the Ramsar Centre and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Participants were from Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. From Iran there were participants from the Ministries of Environment, Foreign Affairs and Agriculture, as well as provincial and local governments, universities and NGOs. All countries presented at the workshops have completed NBSAPs, but the extent of implementation varies. Some countries gave quantitative estimates of the state of implementation. A number of experts from Iran, Pakistan and Uzbekistan, made presentations on valuation of ecosystems, national capacity self-assessments, management plans for protected areas, the impacts of climate change, and community based sustainable use.

92. The Secretariat is continuing work to compile case studies, tools and guidance arising from the regional capacity development workshops.

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

93. During the first quarter of 2009, activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) included the following website enhancements:

- a. A web portal is now available at www.cbd.int/abs/ir to provide information on the negotiations of the International Regime on ABS which is the main agenda item of the Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing (Paris, 2-8 April 2009).

- b. A web portal has been created at www.cbd.int/idb/2009 to promote the 2009 celebrations of the International Day on Biodiversity with a thematic focus on Invasive Alien Species.
 - c. A first version of a calendar of events for the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions is available at www.cbd.int/blg/calendar.
 - d. Given the strategic importance of COP decisions, the web section that presents them is under improvement. Part of this process consists of creating individual decision documents for easy thematic reference. COP 9 decisions documents are now available in all UN Languages, and English documents have been prepared for all CHM decisions. The process will continue in collaboration with the Conference and Editorial Services team subject to resource availability.
 - e. The systematic review and editing of the CBD web pages is ongoing, with a priority on verifying and editing existing content of the main portal pages and the most visited web pages.
 - f. Work has started to implement the LifeWeb mechanism for protected areas. Submission forms are under development for requests and donor profiles. A first operational version is expected during the next quarter.
 - g. A case studies database is under development to support the preparation of the Third Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO3).
94. Several other CHM-related activities were also carried out and can be summarized as follows:
- a. A detailed analysis for an on-line submission system has been prepared and shared with the CHM Informal Advisory Committee.
 - b. A consultancy on knowledge and information management has started. Interviews and brainstorming discussions have taken place. An important aspect of the consultancy is to make recommendations for the future CHM knowledge base.
 - c. A database application has been implemented to keep track of key historical dates about national CHM websites and focal points. The purpose of this activity is to improve the preservation of institutional memory and enable the preparation of related statistics. The corresponding historical data compilation has started.
 - d. In order to enhance the CHM network, several CHM National Focal Points have been contacted and provided with some guidance regarding their CHM websites.
 - e. Time was also devoted to administrative processes for selecting the consultant for the web portal on the Fourth National Report, and the Associate Programme Officer for LifeWeb.

BIOSAFETY

THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL

BS-II/2, BS-IV/4 and BS-IV/11: Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)

95. Following the recommendations from the last BCH-IAC meeting and in accordance with Programme Element 1 of the annex to BS-II/2, new common formats, aimed at improving the ease of reporting information onto the BCH, have been finalized and will be soon implemented in the BCH. In accordance with decision BS-IV/4 on the development of a new Roster of Biosafety Experts, 47 expert's CVs submitted by Parties or other Governments have been made available through the BCH at <https://bch.cbd.int/database/experts/>.

96. In pursuance of decision BS-IV/11, Programme element 3 of the annex to BS-II/2 and a request from the "Coordination Mechanism", the following two online forums were launched in January/February with satisfactory level of participation:

- The Online Forum on Capacity-Building, which hosted in 8 weeks eight different discussion groups. A total of 117 participants took part with 90 interventions.
- The Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, which hosted in 6 weeks eight different discussion groups and four real-time regional conferences for Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. 18 National experts nominated by Parties or other Governments and 13 observers participated to the discussion groups with 88 interventions. Forty-nine national experts from 32 Governments plus 12 observers participated in the regional real-time conferences with more than 900 interventions.

97. In accordance with decision BS-IV/10 a third forum is in preparation with the aim to: (i) identify the relevant standards with regard to handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms; (ii) identify where gaps exist; and (iii) suggest possible modalities to fill the gaps. The Online Forum on Standards for LMO Shipments is scheduled from 1 April to 29 May 2009.

98. The BCH also continue to expand with various types of information including the capacity-building databases which includes public awareness projects, the biosafety-related organizations directory and the Biosafety Information Resource Center (BIRC) containing biosafety-related publications and information resources, with special focus on guidance material on risk assessment.

BS-IV/3 and BS-IV/4: Capacity Building

99. The Secretariat organised an online conference on capacity-building for integration of biosafety into national development plans, strategies and programmes from 19 January to 6 February 2009. Participants shared experiences and lessons learned, reviewed the needs of countries, and explored ways of strengthening national capacities in this regard. A total of 23 messages were posted and are archived in the Biosafety Clearing-House at: http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/about_dev_cb.shtml. The outcomes of the conference provided in one of the background documents for the fifth coordination meeting.

100. The Secretariat also organised the fifth meeting for Governments and organizations implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities in collaboration with the Government of Costa Rica and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). The meeting was held in San José, Costa Rica, from 9 to 11 March 2009. The Governments of Germany and Norway and the African Union provided financial support for participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in the meeting. A total of 47 participants from 22 governments and 15 organizations attended. The meeting adopted a set of action points to assist countries to build and/or strengthen their capacities in environmental risk assessment and post-release

monitoring of living modified organisms (LMOs) and in integration of biosafety into national development plans, such as the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) and national programmes for achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The meeting also approved two sets of guidelines, namely the “Interim Guiding Framework for Promoting Synergies and Complementarities Between Biosafety Capacity-Building Initiatives at the Country Level” and the “Draft Guidance on Promoting Regional and Subregional Initiatives and Approaches to Capacity-Building in Biosafety”. The report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSCMCB-05>.

101. The sixth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety was held back-to-back with the fifth coordination meeting from 12 to 13 March 2009. It was attended by 22 participants from 14 governments and 8 organizations. The meeting recommended an initial draft of possible elements of the capacity-building component of the strategic plan for the Protocol and the new medium-term programme of work for COP-MOP. The meeting also reviewed and adopted a revised capacity-building needs-assessment questionnaire and process, and also the web-based reporting format for activities contributing to the implementation of the capacity-building Action Plan. The report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSLGCB-06>.

BS-IV/12: Liability and Redress

102. The first meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress was held from 23 to 27 February 2009 in Mexico City, Mexico. The meeting further negotiated international rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms in the context of the Protocol, based on the proposed operational texts contained in the Annex to the decision BS-IV/12 of the fourth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. The Group agreed to work towards a legally binding instrument in the form of a supplementary protocol with the understanding that the final decision in this regard would only be taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. It produced a draft text for a supplementary protocol on liability and redress to the Biosafety Protocol, which will serve as a basis for further negotiations. The second meeting of the Group is scheduled for early next year.

BS-IV/11: Risk Assessment and Risk Management

103. The first series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management was held under the Open-Ended Online Expert Forum through the BCH. Four real-time conferences took place on 28 January (Europe), 3 February (Latin America), 10 February (Africa) and 17 February 2009 (Asia). A total of 49 national experts from 32 countries and 12 observers took part in the four real-time conferences and 910 interventions were posted.

104. The substantive issues discussed were the following:

- Development of a “roadmap”, such as a flowchart, on the necessary steps to conduct a risk assessment in accordance with Annex III to the Protocol;
- Development of further guidance material on specific aspects of risk assessment and risk management;
- Defining an action plan for the development of guidance materials on specific prioritized aspects as well as the “roadmap”.

105. The outcome of the real-time conferences will serve as one of the inputs of the deliberations by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, which is scheduled to meet from 20 to 24 April 2009 in Montreal, Canada.

106. In preparation for the AHTEG meeting, the following background documents were prepared: (i) Provisional Agenda, (ii) Annotations to the Provisional Agenda, (iii) Analysis of the Open-Ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, (iv) Compilation of Views and/or Information in Preparation for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, (v) Transcript of the Discussion Groups under the Open-Ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, and (vi) Reports of the First Regional Real-time Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America).

107. The list of guidance materials available through the Biosafety Information Resources Centre (BIRC) of the BCH was expanded to reflect the recommendations made in submissions by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations on views and information relevant to the work of the AHTEG, as well as the participants of the Online Forum. A document containing the updated list of guidance materials on risk assessment and risk management available through the BIRC is being prepared and will also serve as an input to the deliberations by the AHTEG.

BS-IV/17: Public Awareness, Education and Participation

108. The Secretariat advanced the implementation of the outreach strategy (2008-2012) to promote public awareness, education and participation. Some of the activities included: a continuation of the re-design and update of the Protocol website; development and dissemination of outreach materials including the COP-MOP 4 decisions booklet; maintenance of the electronic mailing service (RSS) which had 610 visitors with 21000 hits during the reporting period; and additions of records to the media database and the Biosafety Information Resource Center (BIRC). In addition, one presentation was given to 25 law students at the University of Ottawa in March.

BS-II/6 and BS-IV/6 Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives

109. The Secretariat participated in the Green Customs Initiative's annual Partners meeting which was held at the headquarters of the World Customs Organization in Brussels, Belgium from 26 to 27 January 2009. The meeting reviewed activities of the Partners and the Initiative in 2008 and planned activities for 2009.

110. The Executive Secretary submitted a written statement to delegates to the fourth meeting of the International Plant Protection Convention's Commission on Phytosanitary Measures and also submitted comments on the Draft Appendix to International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 5, "Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms".

BS-IV/8, BS-IV/9 and BS-IV/10 Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms – paragraph 3 of Article 18

111. The Secretariat launched the website for the Online Forum on Standards for LMO Shipments (Article 18.3) at http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/forum_art18.shtml. The Forum itself will be held from 18 to 29 May 2009.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol

112. As of 31 March 2009, with the recent ratifications of Malawi, Pakistan and the Comoros, 156 Parties to the CBD have acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of Parties is available on the website: <http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/signinglist.shtml>.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I Meetings

January to March 2009

7 January 2009	Visit of the Head of the Public Awareness Unit at Bioversity International
9-11 January 2009	Attend the Ecosystem Management Consultative Meeting - UNEP-WCMC office, Cambridge, U.K.
13 January 2009	Visit of a delegation from the BMZ-Germany
14 January 2009	Visit of the new Ambassador of Austria to Ottawa
14 January 2009	Meeting via teleconference of the members of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity
16 January 2009	Visit of representatives from the Canadian Museum of Nature
20 January 2009	Attend the 25 th meeting of the BioNET Fund Supervisory Board - Egham, U.K.
20-23 January 2009	Take part in the Asia-Pacific Biodiversity Inventory Workshop in relevance to Global Taxonomy Initiative - Tokyo, Japan
21 January 2009	Visit of representatives from the Canadian Museum on Nature and Museums Nature de Montreal
22 January 2009	Deliver a workshop on invasive alien species and test IBD children's material at a primary school - Hudson, Quebec, Canada
22-23 January 2009	Visit of representatives from The Nature Conservancy
25 January 2009	Participate in the IGES meeting - Tokyo, Japan
26 January 2009	Preliminary visit to Nagoya in relation to preparations for COP-10 meeting - Nagoya, Japan
26-27 January 2009	International Customs Day and Green Customs Initiative Annual Partners meeting - Brussels, Belgium
28 January 2009	Meeting via teleconference with representatives from UNESCO
31 January 2009	Participate at the ABS Symposium, organized by the Nature Conservation Society of Japan - Tokyo, Japan
2 February 2009	Visit of the Executive Secretary of Consortium for the Barcode of Life
2-3 February 2009	Deliver lectures at the Kobe University on Biosafety Liability and Redress and on career opportunities in the international civil service - Kobe, Japan
2-3 February 2009	Attend the meeting organized by UNEP: Interagency Meeting on Global Green New Deal Report - New York, U.S.A.
2-6 February 2009	Participate in the 62nd FICSA Council meeting, Paris, France
4 February 2009	Visit of senior staff from the Québec Ministre de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition feminine
5 February 2009	Visit of the Executive Director, Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment/University of Basel
6 February 2009	Visit of the head of Hart Resources

8-10 February 2009	Take part in the Annual meeting of the Scientific Committee of DIVERSITAS - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
8-14 February 2009	Meet with relevant staff from UNDP-Office, as well as the CBD Focal Point and staff from the Finance and Planning Ministries - Maputo, Mozambique
9 February 2009	Meeting via teleconference of the Steering Committee for the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge meeting
9-10 February 2009	Attend the Green development mechanism initiative - Amsterdam, Netherlands
10-12 February 2009	Take part in the Expert Meeting for the development of the Cities Biodiversity Index - Singapore City, Singapore
12-13 February 2009	Attend the TEEB core team meeting on report for policy makers - Brussels, Belgium
9-13 February 2009	Attend the First Meeting of the Intersessional Technical Working Group on Ocean Fertilization - IMO headquarters, London, U.K.
11-13 February 2009	Attend the First Meeting of the LP Intersessional Legal and Related Issues Working Group on Ocean Fertilization - IMO Headquarters, London, U.K.
13 February 2009	Meet with relevant UNEP staff with regard to the MA follow-up process and the Global Biodiversity Outlook - Nairobi, Kenya
14-15 February 2009	Attend the United Nations Environment Management Group Technical Meeting - Nairobi, Kenya
15 February 2009	High-level Gender and Environment Forum – Nairobi, Kenya
15 February 2009	Strategic Informal Discussion on Sustainable and Human Well-being: Beyond the 2010 Target, where he delivered a statement on Sustainability beyond 2010: perspectives from experiences – Nairobi, Kenya
15 February 2009	Deliver a presentation at the Vermont Law School on ABS and IPRs, as well as meet with students on career opportunities in the U.N. - Vermont, U.S.A.
16 February 2009	Meet with the Associate Director and Head of UNITAR's Environment Unit, in the margins of the UNEP Governing Council meeting - Nairobi, Kenya
16-20 February 2009	Meet with relevant staff from UNDP-Office, as well as the CBD Focal Point and staff from the Finance and Planning Ministries - Luanda, Angola
16-20 February 2009	Participate at the UNEP 25 th session of Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-25/GMEF) - Nairobi, Kenya
17 February 2009	Side event organized by the Czech Republic on "The Green Customs Initiative: Capacity Building for Environmental Security" – in the margins of the UNEP GC-25/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
17 February 2009	Ministerial-level roundtable on "Global crisis: national chaos?" - Towards a "green economy" – in the margins of the UNEP GC-25/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
17 February 2009	Visit of a staff member from the GEF-Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel
17-18 February 2009	Participate in the IV Regional Forum on West African Coastal and Marine Zone - Guinea-Bissau

18 February 2009	Meet with Rio Conventions and Triple EU Presidency - in the margins of the UNEP GC-25/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
18 February 2009	Participate in the Biodiversity Matters: A Halton Youth Conference for the awareness and engagement on actions for Biodiversity - Georgetown, Ontario, Canada
19 February 2009	Ministerial-level roundtable on "International Environmental Governance (IEG) - Help or Hindrance?" - IEG from a country perspective - in the margins of the UNEP GC-25/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
23 February 2009	Visit of the New Zealand High Commissioner to Canada
23-24 February 2009	Meet with relevant staff of the Poverty and Environment Initiative in UNEP – in the margins of the UNEP GC-25/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
23/26 February 2009	Visit of students from the <i>Collège Édouard Montpetit</i> , Montreal
26-27 February 2009	Take part in a roundtable on Tourism and Development at the <i>Reise pavillon: International Fair for Alternative Travel</i> - Munich, Germany
26-28 February 2009	Meet with relevant staff of the Regional Biodiversity Strategy of the Southern African Development Community - Gaborone, Botswana
27 February-1 March 2009	Attend the International workshop on China NBSAP Formulation - Beijing, China
2-3 March 2009	Take part in the meeting on Soil Biodiversity - Ispra, Italy
3-4 March 2009	Visit of UK delegation
3-4 March 2009	Participate in the meeting of the interim Steering Committee of the Conservation Commons - Copenhagen, Denmark
4-5 March 2009	Visit of the ABS Co-Chairs
6 March 2009	Take part in the Satoyama Initiative meeting and make a presentation on CBD guidance - Tokyo, Japan
5-6 March 2009	Attend the youth segment of the International Colloquium on Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, International Peace and Security - Monrovia, Liberia
6 March 2009	Visit of representatives from the Census of Marine Life
7-8 March 2009	Participate in the International Colloquium on Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, International Peace and Security - Monrovia, Liberia
9 March 2009	Visit of representatives from the Mountain Forum Secretariat
9 March 2009	Attend the G8 Environment Ministers preparatory meeting - Rome, Italy
9-10 March 2009	Participate in the high-level working group on the 2010 biodiversity target and post-2010 targets - Bonn, Germany
10 March 2009	Participate in the corporate review and long term planning process of Montreal NGO Rights and Democracy, as well as capacity building for staff on Convention related issues as well as planning for support of ILCs at future CBD meetings, including the WG8(j) and WGABS-8 – Montreal, Canada
10 March 2009	Delivered a presentation on the CBD and its relationship with other international processes to the Sauvé Scholars – Montreal, Canada
9-12 March 2009	Take part in the GTZ-organized workshop "Crafting 'CEPA' approaches to promote successful negotiation and

	implementation of ABS" - Nairobi, Kenya
11-12 March 2009	Attend the tenth meeting of the Alpine Convention - Evian, France
13 March 2009	Meet with representatives of the UNEP-DCPI to discuss IYB preparations - Nairobi, Kenya
16 March 2009	Visit of representatives from AIRBUS
16 March 2009	Meeting via teleconference of the members of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity
16-20 March 2009	Attend the 19th Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Committee on Forestry and World Forest Week - Rome, Italy
16-22 March 2009	Attend the Fifth World Water Forum - Istanbul, Turkey
17 March 2009	Meet with representatives from the National Geographic Headquarters and Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
17-18 March 2009	Attend the first meeting for the GEF-5 Replenishment - Paris, France
17-19 March 2009	Visit of Ecuador delegation
18-20 March 2009	Attend the UNEP project on impact assessments of trade policies on agricultural biodiversity: international review meeting - Geneva, Switzerland
19 March 2009	Visit of representatives from <i>Tourisme Montréal</i>
20 March 2009	Visit of senior officials from the Embassy of Cote d'Ivoire in Ottawa, together with the Canada Research Chair for Ethnoecology and Biodiversity Conservation/ <i>Université de Montréal</i>
23 March 2009	Visit of the President of the Agriculture and Biotechnology Strategies Inc.
23-24 March 2009	Attend the TEEB workshop on perverse subsidies and their reform - Brussels, Belgium
24 March 2009	Inauguration of the Secretariat of the Financial Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST) – Montreal, Canada
24-29 March 2009	Held meetings with Ramsar Secretariat on the joint work programme - Gland, Switzerland
25 March 2009	Visit of representatives from Environment Canada, Parks Canada, IUCN-WCPA, and TNC
26 March 2009	Visit of the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests
26-27 March 2009	Visit of the Director, Biodiversity and Policy Division, Ministry of Environment of Japan
30 March-2 April 2009	Attend the 14th session of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of Ramsar - Gland, Switzerland
31 March-2 April 2009	UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development - Bonn, Germany (and a coordination meeting with facilitators from the CEC on 29 March)

ANNEX II

Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 36 regularized Professional staff members and 24 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 1 Professional and 3 general service vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 11 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 quarter of 2009, thirteen pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Belgium pledged EUR30,000 for the Global Life Web Project, Canada pledged: US\$30,000 towards the Marine Expert Meeting on Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas and CAD\$100,000 for the 2010 Target, NBSAPs and IYB, CIFOR pledged US\$ 4,000 towards the printing of the CBD Technical Series # 33 on Bushmeat, in English and Spanish, Finland pledged EUR30,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change, Germany pledged: EUR397,640 towards the Life Web Initiative, EUR46,213 for the COP Bureau Meeting, US\$235,755 for an SCBD Liaison Officer and EUR108,352 towards the High Level Working Group Meeting on 2010 Biodiversity Target and Post 2010 Target, Japan pledged: US\$56,523 towards the secondment of an Associate Programme Officer, US\$50,000 towards the Conference Costs of ABS-9 and US\$20,000 towards the SBSTTA-14 Meeting and Kew Gardens pledged GBP2,000 for the Travel costs of Delegates from Tropical African Countries.

3. For 2009 a total of US\$1,283,299 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$738,046 or 58% has been collected as at 31 March 2009. 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 2009 is US\$10,505,772. Of this amount, US\$4,971,276 or 47% has been received as at 31 March 2009. A total of US\$1,014,882 has also been collected in 2009 as advance payments for 2010 and future years. Additionally, US\$1,061,200 has been pledged as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2009. US\$21,241 has also been collected in 2009 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

5. As at 31 March 2009, US\$191,816 has been pledged for 2009 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

6. As at 31 March 2009, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2009 amounted to US\$127,877 or 67% of the total pledged for 2009. A total of US\$218,710 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2009 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 31 March 2009, a total of sixty-two (62) countries have paid US\$1,099,442 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 56% of pledges for 2009. A total of US\$5,862 has also been collected in 2009

as advance payments for 2010 and future years. US\$48,587 has also been collected in 2009 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 31 March 2009, no 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**) in 2009. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

9. As at 31 March 2009, no 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**). 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-9 approved a budget of US\$11,391,900 for the BY Trust Fund for 2009. As at 31 March 2009, a total of US\$2,764,318 was spent or committed. This represents 24.3% of the approved amount.

11. COP/MOP-4 approved a budget of US\$2,611,800 for the BG Trust Fund for 2009. As at 31 March 2009, a total of US\$614,796 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 23.5% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. The following sixteen 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-6); Finance Assistant (G-5); Personnel Assistant (G-7); Conference Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-7) Administrative Assistant (G-6); Administrative Assistant- conferences (G-6) two (2) Travel Assistants (G-7); and Messenger/Clerk/Drive (G-4).

Appendix I
Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

January – March 2009

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghla
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. L. 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)	Post vacant
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)
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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
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo

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1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
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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
BGL 1151	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (Biosafety)	Mr. P. LeBlond
1123	P3	Programme Management Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
1147	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
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1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
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1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Post funded by UNEP)
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

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1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
1319	G7	Programme Assistant, (SEL)	Post under recruitment
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. P. Scarone
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
1335	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. I. Keira (Post funded by UNEP)
1336	G6	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. C. Conlon (Post funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. G. Thirlwell
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	Ms. F. D’Amico
BGL 1309	G7	Computer Assistant – (Biosafety)	Post under recruitment
BGL 1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. A. Bowers
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1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G7	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by UNEP)
1357	G7	Meeting Services Assistant	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1358	G7	Programme Assistant (STTM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)

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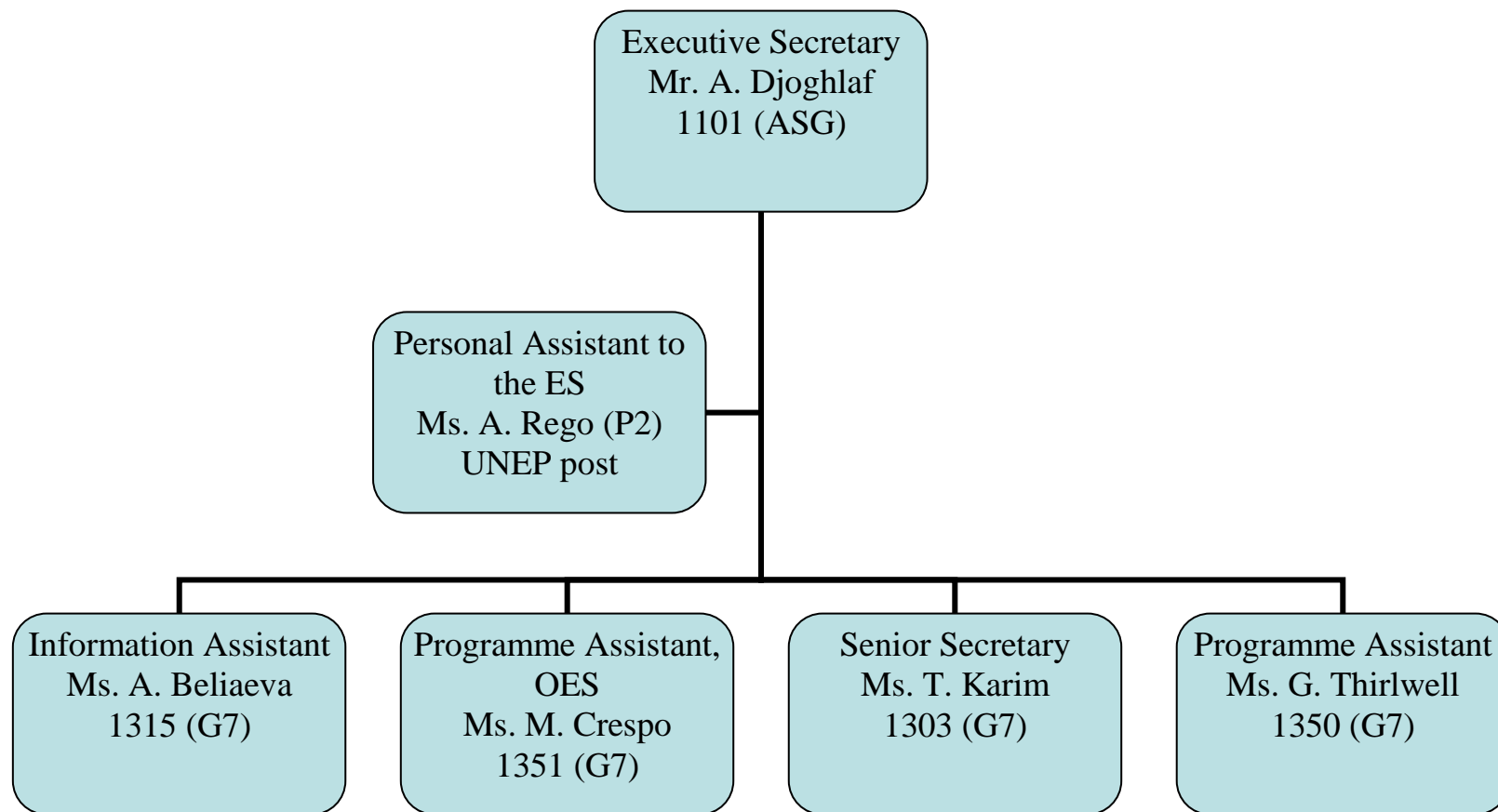
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Federico Bianchi	Italian	Government of Italy	28.10.08
Alberto Vega	Spanish/German	Government of Germany	15.11.08
Noriko Moriwake	Japan	Government of Japan	01.11.08
Chikara Hombo	Japan	Government of Japan	31.01.09
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Interns working at SCBD from January to March 2009

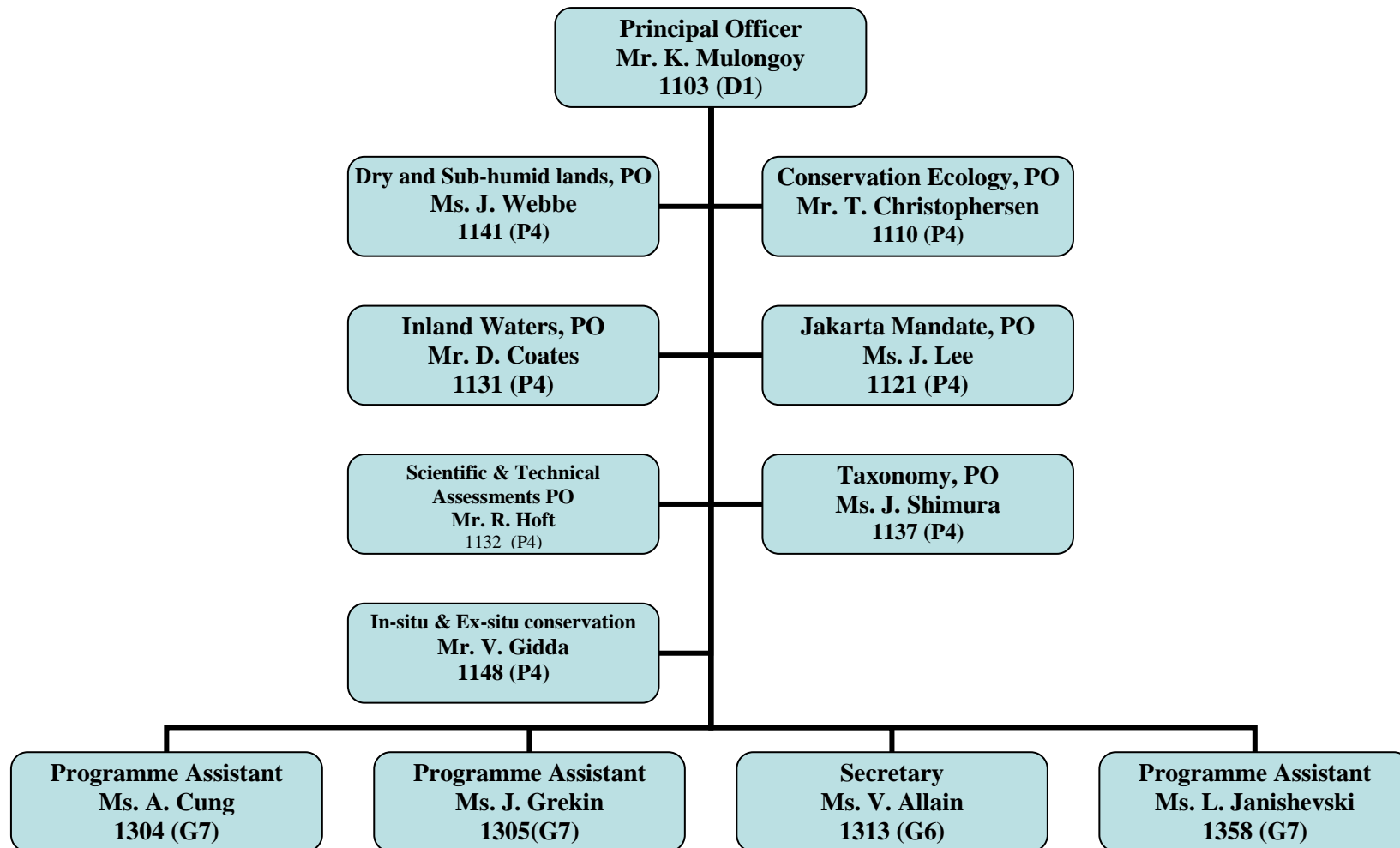
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Beatriz Osorio	Peru	McGill University	Inland Waters	02.03.09	30.05.09
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ANNEX III
Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat

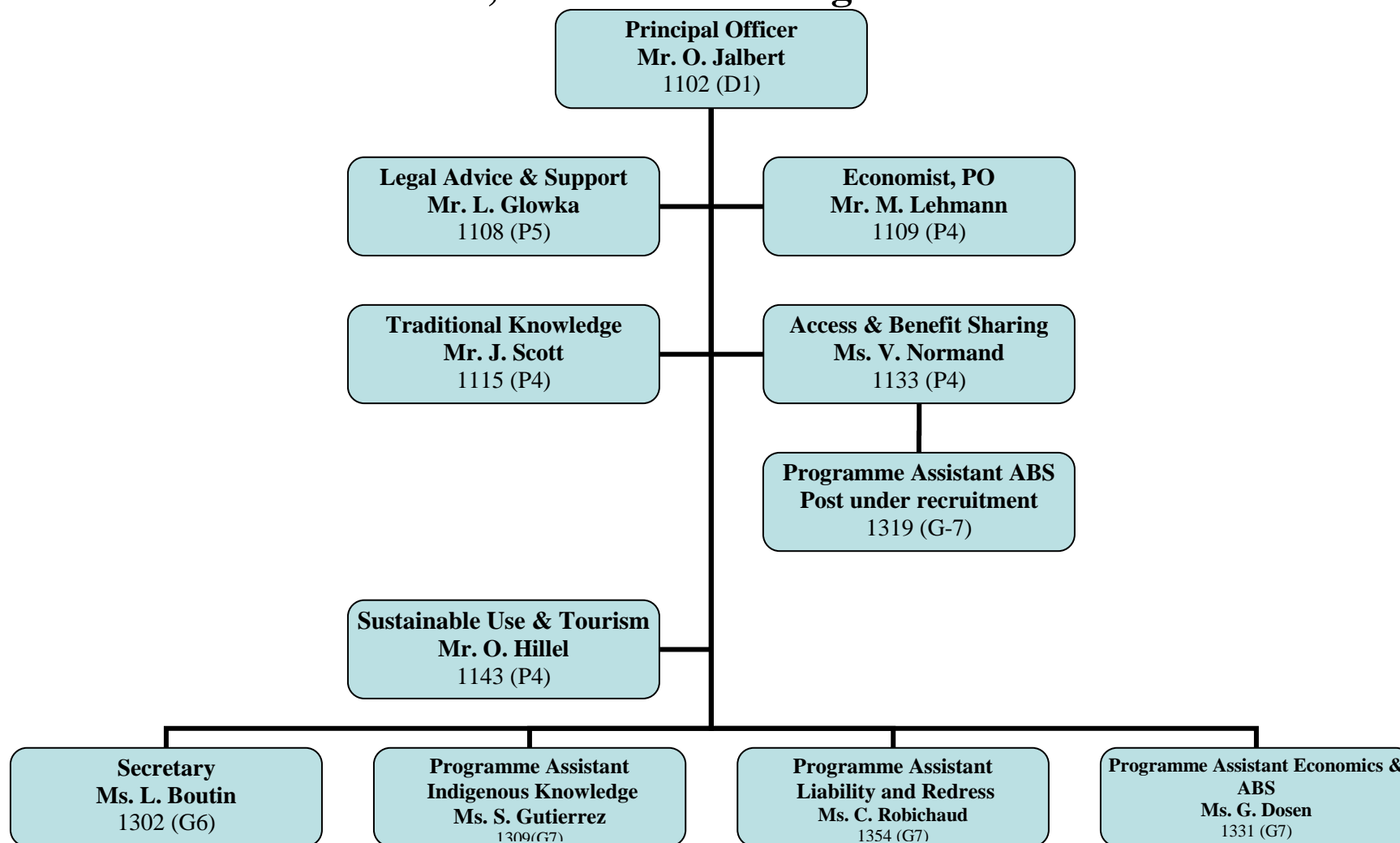
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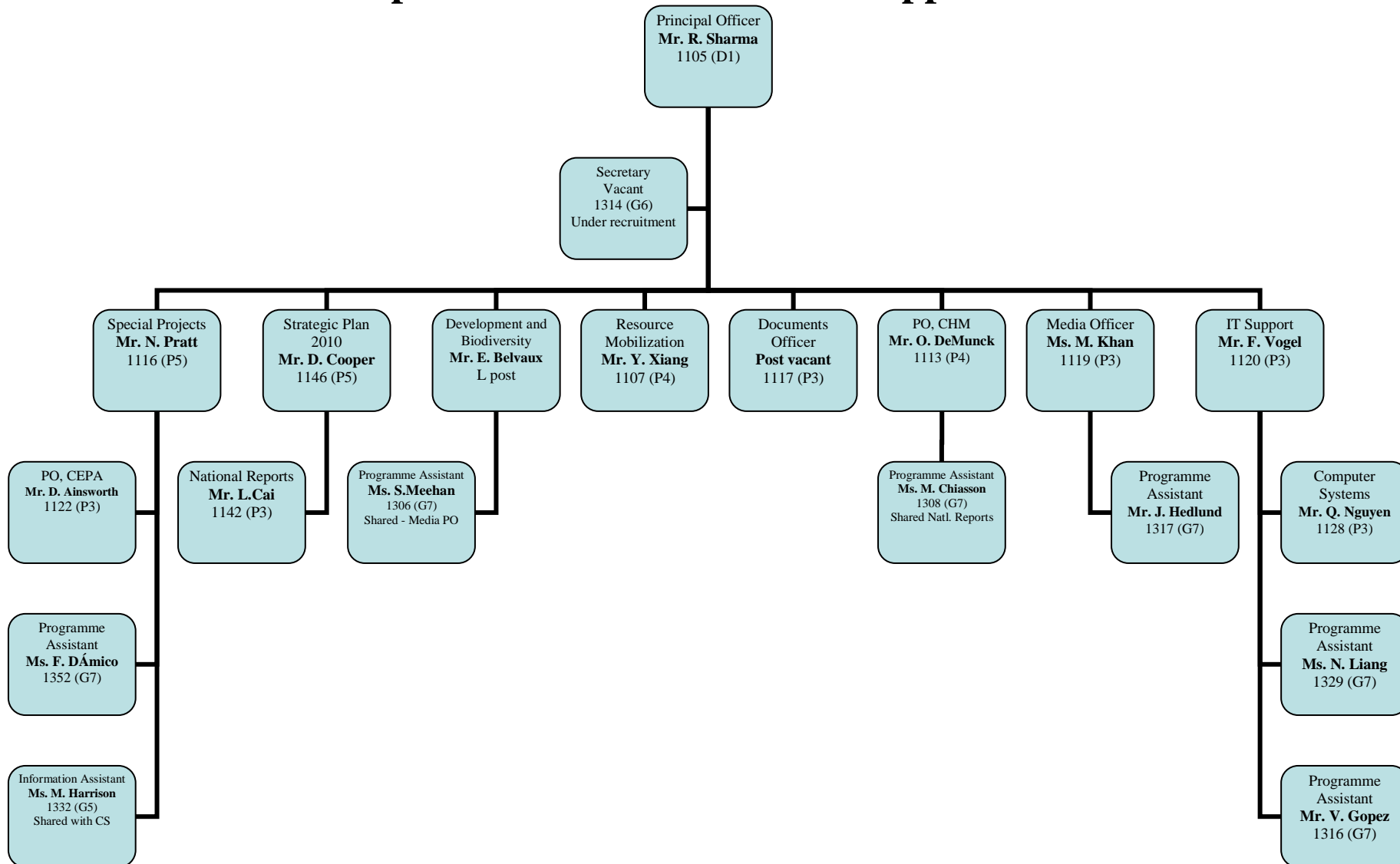
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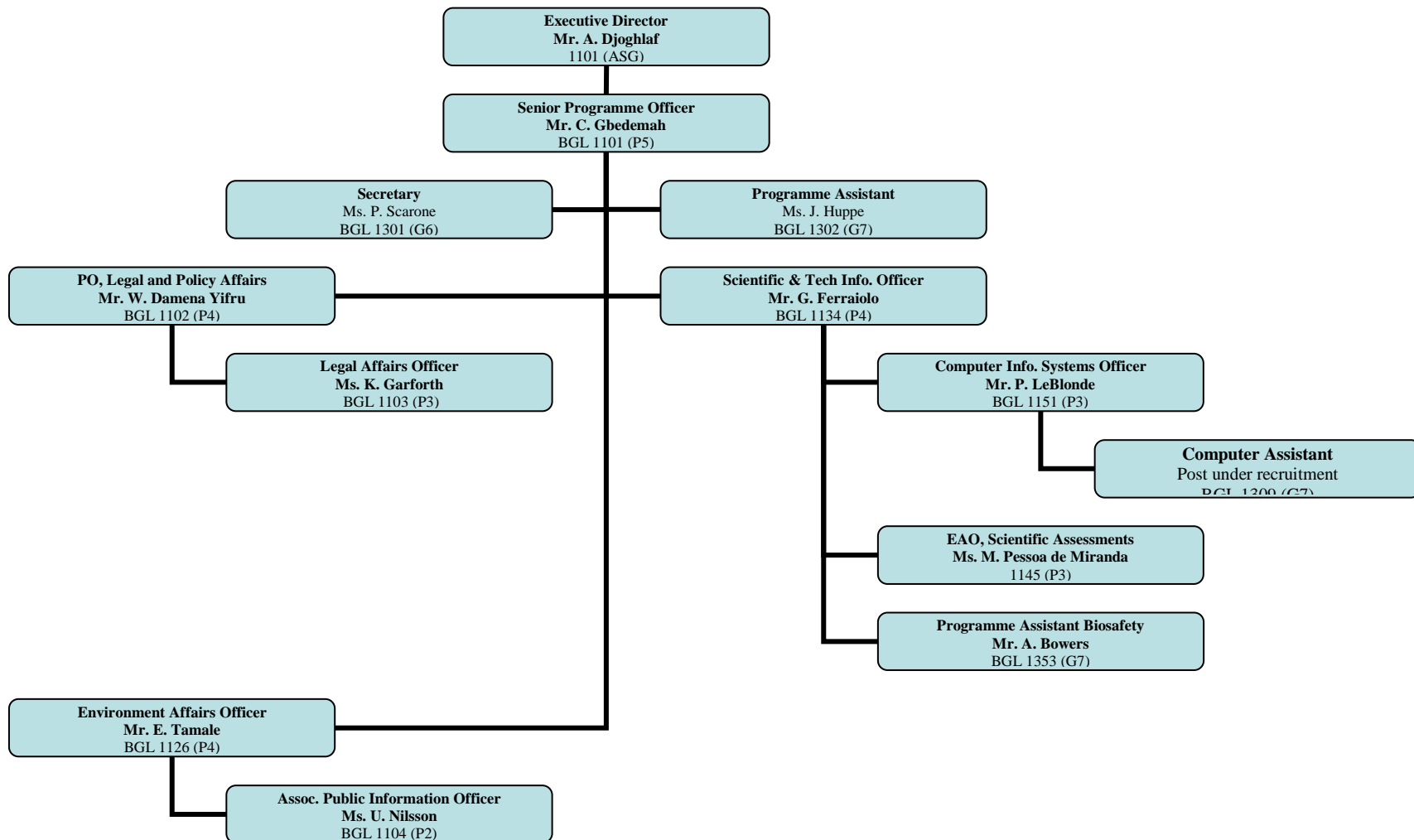
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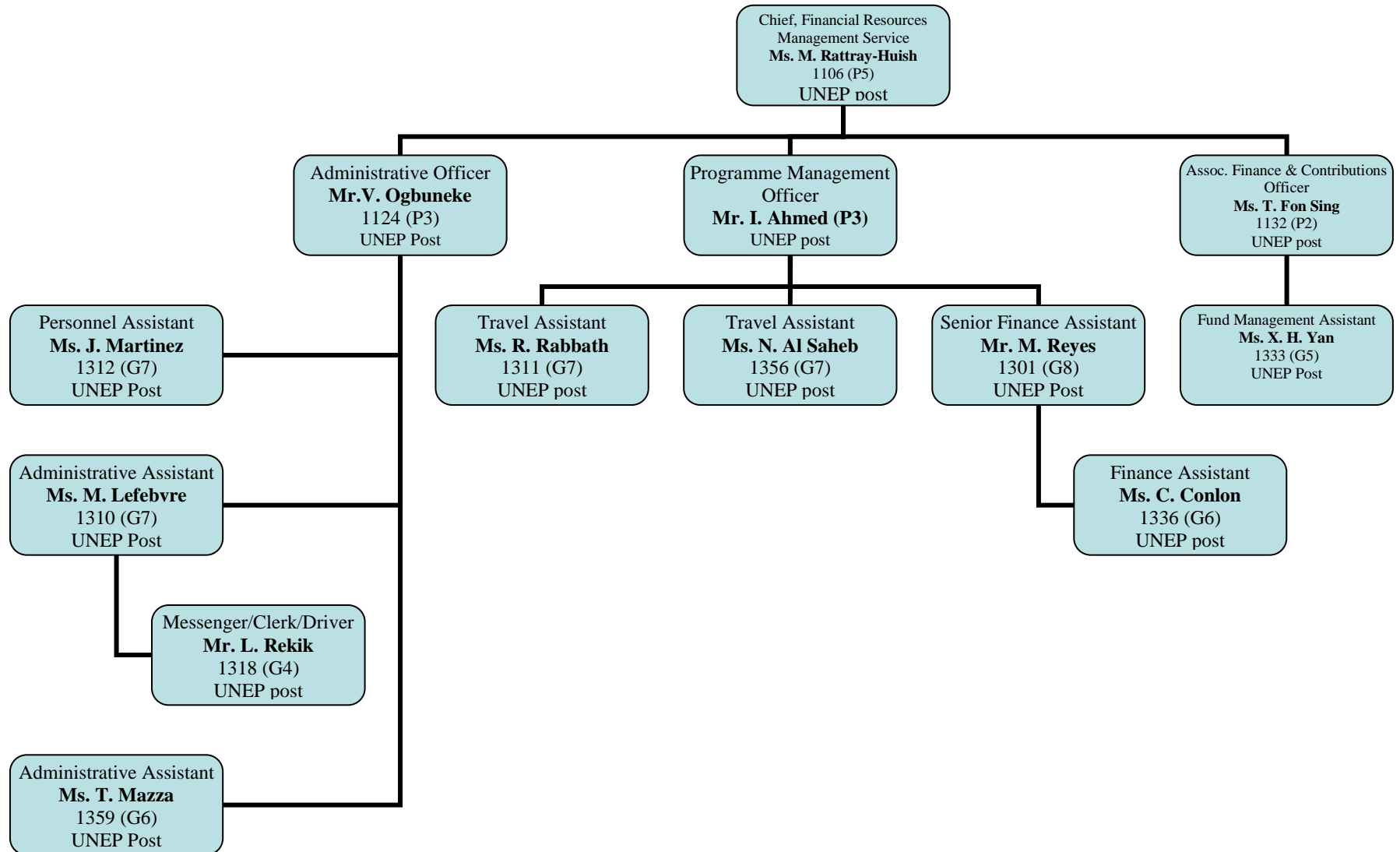
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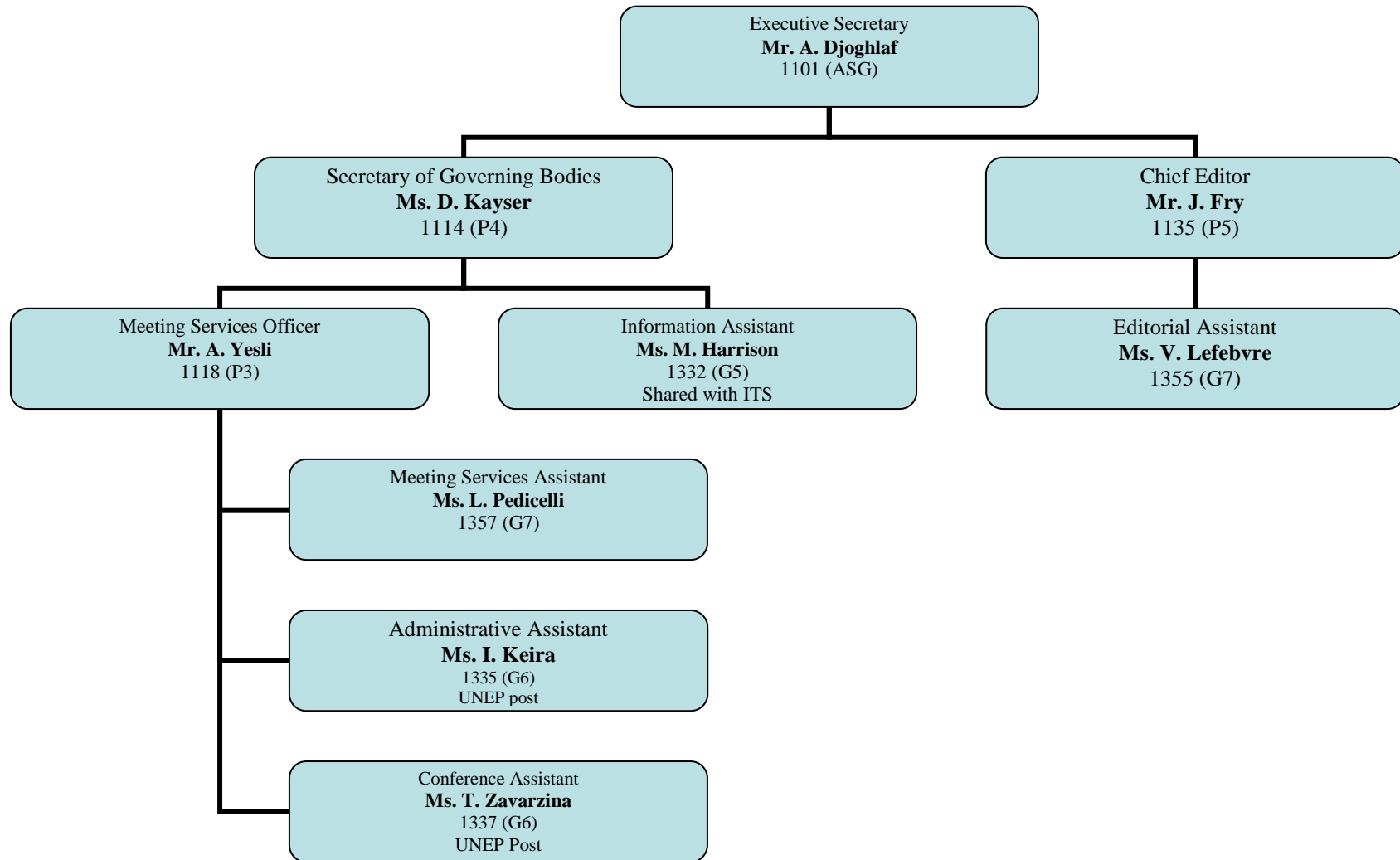
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Resource Management



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 31 March 2009 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08	Adjustments	Pledges for 2009		Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
Belgium	9,339			1/			9,339
Belgium			38,363	13/		38,363	
Canada	63,661			2/	63,661		0
Canada			30,000	14/			30,000
Canada			82,237	15/		54,201	28,036
CIFOR			4,000	16/		4,000	0
COMIFAC	32,383			3/	16,469		15,914
EC	59,065			4/			59,065
EC	91,193			5/			91,193
EC	74,759			6/			74,759
EC	71,782			7/			71,782
Finland			38,363	9/			38,363
Germany	104,987			8/	104,987		0
Germany			525,979	17/		255,754	270,224
Germany			60,647	18/		60,647	0
Germany			235,755	19/		60,000	175,755
Germany			138,558	20/		138,558	0
Japan			56,523	21/		56,523	0
Japan			50,000	22/		50,000	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08	Adjustments	Pledges for 2009		Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
Japan			20,000	23/		20,000	0
Kew Gardens			2,874	24/			2,874
UK	200,000			10/	100,000		100,000
UK	15,606			11/	15,606		0
UK	14,468			12/	14,468		0
Total	737,243		1,283,299		315,191	738,046	967,305

1/Belgium pledged EUR 15,000 and the Flemish Government EUR 30,000, towards the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change

2/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 79,500 for the AHTEG on Access and Benefit Sharing, Namibia, 2 - 5 December 2008

3/COMIFAC pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Poverty Alleviation Project

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

5/EC pledged EUR 225,000 towards Various Approved Activities

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

7/EC pledged EUR 400,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

8/Germany pledged EUR 110,000 towards the improvement of the CBD website content on Protected Areas

9/Finland pledged EUR 30,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change, Helsinki, Finland, 18-22 April 2009

10/UK pledged US\$ 200,000 towards GBO-3

11/UK pledged GBP 10,000 towards the AHTEG Climate Change and Biodiversity

12/UK pledged GBP 10,000 in support of the CBD Gender Plan of Action

13/Belgium pledged EUR 30,000 towards the Global Life Web Project

14/Canada pledged US\$ 30,000 towards the Marine Expert Meeting on Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas

15/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 100,000 for the 2010 Target, NBSAPs and IYB

16/CIFOR pledged US\$ 4,000 towards the printing of the CBD Technical Series # 33 on Bushmeat , in English and Spanish

17/Germany pledged EUR 397,640 towards the Life Web Initiative, for 2009

18/Germany pledged EUR 46,213 towards the COP Bureau Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya, 13 February 2009

19/Germany pledged US\$ 235,755 for an SCBD Liaison Officer, for 2009

20/Germany pledged EUR 108,352 towards the High Level Working Group Meeting on 2010 Biodiversity Target and Post 2010 Target, Bonn, Germany, 9 -10 March 2009

21/Japan pledged US\$ 56,523 towards the secondment of Mr. Chikara Hombo

22/Japan pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the Conference Costs of ABS-9

23/Japan pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the organization of SBSTTA-14 Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya, May 2010

24/Royal Botanic Gardens pledged GBP 2,000 for the Travel costs of delegates from Tropical African Countries

ANNEX V

General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties in the process of the Convention on Biological Diversity (BZ)

Status as at 31 March 2009 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08	Adjustments		Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
Denmark	27,076		1/				27,076
EC	32,425		2/				32,425
EC	95,270		3/				95,270
Germany			4/	191,816		127,877	63,939
Total	154,771		0	191,816	0	127,877	218,710

1/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

2/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

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

4/Germany pledged EUR 150,000 towards the 7th, 8th and 9th Access and Benefit-Sharing Meetings

ANNEX VI
General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY)

as at 31 March 2009

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	129	431			0	(302)	(302)
Albania	0	776			776	0	0	0
Algeria	0	10,989	22,968			0	(11,979)	(11,979)
Angola	0	388	1,958			0	(1,570)	(1,570)
Antigua & Barbuda	0	259				0	259	259
Argentina	0	42,019				0	42,019	42,019
Armenia	0	259				0	259	259
Australia	0	231,038	231,038			0	0	0
Austria	0	114,679	114,679			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	646			590	0	56	56
Bahamas	0	2,069	2,069			0	0	0
Bahrain	0	4,267	8,917			0	(4,650)	(4,650)
Bangladesh	0	1,051	925			0	126	126
Barbados	0	1,164	1,164			0	0	0
Belarus	31,062	2,586				31,062	2,586	33,648
Belgium	0	142,476				0	142,476	142,476
Belize	215	129				215	129	344
Benin	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Bhutan	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Bolivia	1,678	776		968		710	776	1,486
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	776				0	776	776
Botswana	0	1,810	3,783			0	(1,973)	(1,973)
Brazil	27,325	113,256				27,325	113,256	140,581

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Brunei Darussalam	0	3,361				0	3,361	3,361
Bulgaria	0	2,586				0	2,586	2,586
Burkina Faso	653	259				653	259	912
Burundi	1,006	129				1,006	129	1,135
Cambodia	0	129	329			0	(200)	(200)
Cameroon	374	1,164				374	1,164	1,538
Canada	0	384,891	384,891			0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,856	129				3,856	129	3,985
Central African Rep.	221	129				221	129	350
Chad	108	129				108	129	237
Chile	0	20,815				0	20,815	20,815
China	0	344,812				0	344,812	344,812
Colombia	0	13,575				0	13,575	13,575
Comoros	3,114	129				3,114	129	3,243
Congo	233	129				233	129	362
Congo Dem.Rep	6,138	388				6,138	388	6,526
Cook Islands	0	129				0	129	129
Costa Rica	5,052	4,137		780		4,272	4,137	8,409
Cote d'Ivoire	2,147	1,164				2,147	1,164	3,311
Croatia	0	6,464				0	6,464	6,464
Cuba	33,928	6,982				33,928	6,982	40,910
Cyprus	0	5,689				0	5,689	5,689
Czech Republic	0	36,330	75,930			0	(39,600)	(39,600)
Denmark	30	95,544		30	199,667	0	(104,123)	(104,123)
Djibouti	516	129				516	129	645
Dominica	449	129				449	129	578
Dominica Rep.	20	3,103				20	3,103	3,123
Ecuador	0	2,715				0	2,715	2,715
EEC	40	262,645		40	262,645	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Egypt	0	11,377	13,204			0	(1,827)	(1,827)
El Salvador	2,421	2,586				2,421	2,586	5,007
Equatorial Guinea	620	259				620	259	879
Eritrea	0	129	300			0	(171)	(171)
Estonia	0	2,069	2,069			0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	388	388		423	0	(423)	(423)
Fiji	0	388	3,504			0	(3,116)	(3,116)
Finland	0	72,919	72,919			0	0	0
France	0	814,645				0	814,645	814,645
Gabon	0	1,034	23,389			0	(22,355)	(22,355)
Gambia	0	129	332			0	(203)	(203)
Georgia	0	388	388			0	0	0
Germany	0	1,108,905			1,108,905	0	0	0
Ghana	2,629	517				2,629	517	3,146
Greece	0	77,056				0	77,056	77,056
Grenada	0	129				0	129	129
Guatemala	3,301	4,137				3,301	4,137	7,438
Guinea	1,551	129				1,551	129	1,680
Guinea-Bissau	2,635	129				2,635	129	2,764
Guyana	0	129	319			0	(190)	(190)
Haiti	646	259				646	259	905
Honduras	24	646				24	646	670
Hungary	0	31,546	31,546			0	0	0
Iceland	0	4,784	4,784			0	0	0
India	0	58,180				0	58,180	58,180
Indonesia	0	20,815	20,815			0	0	0
Iran	65,740	23,272				65,740	23,272	89,012
Ireland	0	57,533	57,507			0	26	26
Israel	0	54,172				0	54,172	54,172

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Italy	0	656,655	656,645		715,763	0	(715,753)	(715,753)
Jamaica	0	1,293				0	1,293	1,293
Japan	0	2,311,272			467,386	0	1,843,886	1,843,886
Jordan	0	1,551				0	1,551	1,551
Kazakhstan	2,841	3,749				2,841	3,749	6,590
Kenya	0	1,293			2,702	0	(1,409)	(1,409)
Kiribati	0	129	245		25	0	(141)	(141)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	2,215	905				2,215	905	3,120
Korea, Rep. of	119,020	280,943				119,020	280,943	399,963
Kuwait	0	23,530			23,530	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	129	485			0	(356)	(356)
Lao PDR	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Latvia	0	2,327	2,327		2,537	0	(2,537)	(2,537)
Lebanon	8,857	4,396				8,857	4,396	13,253
Lesotho	0	129	1			0	128	128
Liberia	0	129				0	129	129
Libya	58,828	8,016				58,828	8,016	66,844
Liechtenstein	0	1,293			1,293	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	4,008				0	4,008	4,008
Luxembourg	0	10,989			10,989	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	0	646				0	646	646
Madagascar	0	259	541			0	(282)	(282)
Malawi	0	129				0	129	129
Malaysia	0	24,565	24,550		26,791	0	(26,776)	(26,776)
Maldives	0	129			270	0	(141)	(141)
Mali	0	129	18			0	111	111
Malta	0	2,198				0	2,198	2,198
Marshall Island	215	129				215	129	344

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Mauritania	1,945	129				1,945	129	2,074
Mauritius	0	1,422			1,422	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	291,803				13,674	291,803	305,477
Micronesia, Fed. States	215	129				215	129	344
Moldova, Rep. of	0	129				0	129	129
Monaco	0	388			388	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Montenegro	0	129				0	129	129
Morocco	10,124	5,430		8,968		1,156	5,430	6,586
Mozambique	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Myanmar	478	646				478	646	1,124
Namibia	0	776	776			0	0	0
Nauru	3,234	129				3,234	129	3,363
Nepal	772	388				772	388	1,160
Netherlands	0	242,157				0	242,157	242,157
New Zealand	0	33,098	33,098			0	0	0
Nicaragua	215	259				215	259	474
Niger	2,970	129				2,970	129	3,099
Nigeria	0	6,206				0	6,206	6,206
Niue	332	129		265		67	129	196
Norway	0	101,103			101,103	0	0	0
Oman	0	9,438	9,438		10,287	0	(10,287)	(10,287)
Pakistan	365	7,628				365	7,628	7,993
Palau	8	129				8	129	137
Panama	1,485	2,974				1,485	2,974	4,459
Papua New Guinea	646	259				646	259	905
Paraguay	14,102	646				14,102	646	14,748
Peru	70,084	10,084				70,084	10,084	80,168
Philippines	8,669	10,084		8,669	4,430	0	5,654	5,654

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Poland	0	64,773				0	64,773	64,773
Portugal	0	68,135				0	68,135	68,135
Qatar	0	10,989				0	10,989	10,989
Romania	0	9,050			9,050	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	155,146				0	155,146	155,146
Rwanda	0	129				0	129	129
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,285	129				2,285	129	2,414
Samoa	240	129				240	129	369
San Marino	0	388			388	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	787	129				787	129	916
Saudi Arabia	78,455	96,708				78,455	96,708	175,163
Senegal	0	517	2,423			0	(1,906)	(1,906)
Seychelles	0	259	65			0	194	194
Sierra Leone	512	129				512	129	641
Singapore	0	44,863	44,843			0	20	20
Slovak	0	8,145	8,145			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	12,412			12,412	0	0	0
Solomon Is.	0	129			270	0	(141)	(141)
South Africa	0	37,494			78,362	0	(40,868)	(40,868)
Spain	0	383,727				0	383,727	383,727
Sri Lanka	1,791	2,069				1,791	2,069	3,860
St. Lucia	5	129		5	110	0	19	19
St. Kitts & Nevis	0	129				0	129	129
Sudan	8,421	1,051				8,421	1,051	9,472
Suriname	0	129	1,487			0	(1,358)	(1,358)
Swaziland	431	259		431	160	0	99	99
Sweden	0	138,468				0	138,468	138,468
Switzerland	0	157,214	157,189		25	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Syria	0	2,069				0	2,069	2,069
Tajikistan	0	129	437			0	(308)	(308)
Thailand	0	24,048				0	24,048	24,048
Timor - Leste	213	129				213	129	342
Togo	18	129				18	129	147
Tonga	10	129				10	129	139
Trinidad & Tobago	0	3,491				0	3,491	3,491
Tunisia	0	4,008				0	4,008	4,008
Turkey	0	49,259				0	49,259	49,259
Turkmenistan	550	776				550	776	1,326
Tuvalu	0	129	393			0	(264)	(264)
U. K.	0	858,732			858,732	0	0	0
Uganda	0	388	2,689			0	(2,301)	(2,301)
Ukraine	0	5,818				0	5,818	5,818
Un.Rep. of Tanzania	0	776	16,827			0	(16,051)	(16,051)
United Arab Emirates	95	39,045			39,020	95	25	120
Uruguay	0	3,491				0	3,491	3,491
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,034				11,959	1,034	12,993
Vanuatu	0	129				0	129	129
Venezuela	1,085	25,858		1,085		0	25,858	25,858
Viet Nam	0	3,103				0	3,103	3,103
Yemen	8,344	905				8,344	905	9,249
Serbia	0	2,715				0	2,715	2,715
Zambia	0	129	746			0	(617)	(617)
Zimbabwe	0	1,034	444			0	590	590
Sub Total	634,228	10,505,772	2,045,707	21,241	3,940,451	612,987	4,519,614	5,132,600

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
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Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	848,960				0	848,960	848,960
Quebec	0	212,240				0	212,240	212,240
Grand Total	634,228	11,566,972	2,045,707	21,241	3,940,451	612,987	5,580,814	6,193,800

ANNEX VII
General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
as at 31 March 2009

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	0	166				0	166	166
Algeria	0	2,357	2,357			0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	184	55				184	55	239
Armenia	52	55				52	55	107
Austria	0	24,589	24,589			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	542	139				542	139	681
Bahamas	0	444	444			0	0	0
Bangladesh	756	196				756	196	952
Barbados	0	249	544			0	(295)	(295)
Belarus	0	555				0	555	555
Belgium	262	30,549				262	30,549	30,811
Belize	61	28				61	28	89
Benin	0	28	28			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	28	30			0	(2)	(2)
Bolivia	551	166				551	166	717
Botswana	0	388	338		50	0	0	0
Brazil	39,889	24,181				39,889	24,181	64,070
Bulgaria	0	555			555	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	55	353			0	(298)	(298)
Burundi	0	28				0	28	28

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Cambodia	0	28	28			0	0	0
Cameroon	1,000	250				1,000	250	1,250
Cape Verde	89	28				89	28	117
Central African Rep.	0	24				0	24	24
Chad	28	28				28	28	56
China	0	74,016				0	74,016	74,016
Colombia	0	2,903				0	2,903	2,903
Congo	85	28				85	28	113
Costa Rica	1,529	889				1,529	889	2,418
Croatia	0	1,388				0	1,388	1,388
Cuba	5,372	1,498				5,372	1,498	6,870
Cyprus	0	1,220				0	1,220	1,220
Czech Republic	0	7,804	7,804			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	328	83				328	83	411
Denmark	43,912	20,486		43,912		0	20,486	20,486
Djibouti	124	28				124	28	152
Dominica	124	28				124	28	152
Dominican Republic	0	664				0	664	664
Ecuador	0	582				0	582	582
Egypt	0	2,451	354			0	2,097	2,097
El Salvador	576	554				576	554	1,130
Eritrea	0	28	28			0	0	0
Estonia	0	444	444			0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	83	201			0	(118)	(118)
European Community	35	48,924		35	48,924	0	0	0
Fiji	245	83				245	83	328

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Finland	0	15,637	15,637			0	0	0
France	0	174,688			174,688	0	0	0
Gabon	383	222				383	222	605
Gambia	0	28	30			0	(2)	(2)
Georgia	0	76			76	0	0	0
Germany	0	237,717	237,717			0	0	0
Ghana	500	111				500	111	611
Greece	0	16,530				0	16,530	16,530
Grenada	124	28				124	28	152
Guatemala	0	887				0	887	887
Guinea	64	28				64	28	92
Guyana	14	28				14	28	42
Honduras	0	122				0	122	122
Hungary	0	6,781	6,781			0	0	0
India	20	12,477				20	12,477	12,497
Indonesia	0	4,465	4,191			0	274	274
Iran	19,616	4,993				19,616	4,993	24,609
Ireland	0	12,349	12,349			0	0	0
Italy	0	140,805	140,805				0	0
Japan	0	430,531			17,000	0	413,531	413,531
Jordan	0	333				0	333	333
Kazakhstan	43	808				43	808	851
Kenya	0	277			277	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	28	30			0	(2)	(2)
Korea, Democratic Republic	1,250	194				1,250	194	1,444
Korea, Republic of	0	60,564	60,564			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Kyrgyzstan	0	28	28			0	0	0
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	165	27				165	27	192
Latvia	0	499	499			0	0	0
Lesotho	0	28	37			0	(9)	(9)
Liberia	0	28				0	28	28
Libya	13,033	1,708				13,033	1,708	14,741
Lithuania	0	860				0	860	860
Luxembourg	0	2,357			2,357	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	0	138				0	138	138
Madagascar	0	55	55			0	0	0
Malawi*	0	17				0	17	17
Malaysia	0	5,264	5,264			0	0	0
Maldives	0	28	28			0	0	0
Mali	60	28				60	28	88
Malta	0	472				0	472	472
Marshall Islands	124	28				124	28	152
Mauritania	95	28				95	28	123
Mauritius	0	305	325			0	(20)	(20)
Mexico	0	62,615	55,574			0	7,041	7,041
Mongolia	61	28				61	28	89
Montenegro	80	28				80	28	108
Mozambique	0	28	28		30	0	(30)	(30)
Myanmar	166	139				166	139	305
Namibia	0	166				0	166	166
Nauru	124	28				124	28	152
Netherlands	0	51,942				0	51,942	51,942

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
New Zealand	13,716	7,101				13,716	7,101	20,817
Nicaragua	0	56				0	56	56
Niger	124	28				124	28	152
Nigeria	814	1,331				814	1,331	2,145
Niue	19	28		19	28	0	0	0
Norway	0	21,691			21,691	0	0	0
Oman	0	2,024	2,024			0	0	0
Pakistan**	0	967				0	967	967
Palau	124	28				124	28	152
Panama	374	638				374	638	1,012
Papua New Guinea	270	55				270	55	325
Paraguay	1,499	138				1,499	138	1,637
Peru	11,495	2,160				11,495	2,160	13,655
Philippines	5,995	2,159		4,373		1,622	2,159	3,781
Poland	22	13,892				22	13,892	13,914
Portugal	12,310	14,616				12,310	14,616	26,926
Qatar	0	2,364	5,382			0	(3,018)	(3,018)
Republic of Moldova	0	28			28	0	0	0
Romania	0	1,942				0	1,942	1,942
Rwanda	0	28	28			0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	28	28			0	0	0
Saint Lucia	0	28	17		53	0	(42)	(42)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	124	28				124	28	152
Samoa	26	28				26	28	54
Saudi Arabia	0	20,831	21,136			0	(305)	(305)
Senegal	471	111				471	111	582
Serbia	0	582				0	582	582

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Seychelles	0	55	55			0	0	0
Slovakia	0	1,748	1,748			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	2,663	2,663			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	124	28		124	28	0	0	0
South Africa	0	8,038			8,038	0	0	0
Spain	0	82,333				0	82,333	82,333
Sri Lanka	0	443	888			0	(445)	(445)
Sudan	617	196				617	196	813
Suriname	0	28	30			0	(2)	(2)
Swaziland	0	55			55	0	0	0
Sweden	0	29,696				0	29,696	29,696
Switzerland	0	33,707	33,707			0	0	0
Syria	0	440				0	440	440
Tajikistan	124	28				124	28	152
Thailand	0	5,152				0	5,152	5,152
Togo	124	28		124	8	0	20	20
Tonga	26	28				26	28	54
Trinidad and Tobago	0	749				0	749	749
Tunisia	0	859				0	859	859
Turkey	0	10,562				0	10,562	10,562
Turkmenistan	15	167				15	167	182
Uganda	0	83	690		260	0	(867)	(867)
Ukraine	0	1,248				0	1,248	1,248
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	184,177				0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	182	166				182	166	348

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Venezuela	0	5,548				0	5,548	5,548
Viet Nam	0	666	666			0	0	0
Yemen	519	194				519	194	713
Zambia	0	28	435			0	(407)	(407)
Zimbabwe	0	222				0	222	222
GRAND TOTAL	180,780	1,959,177	831,158	48,587	274,146	132,193	853,874	986,067

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	0				0	0	0
Grand Total	180,780	1,959,177	831,158	48,587	274,146	132,193	853,874	986,067

- New party effective
 * 28.5.09
 New party effective
 ** 31.5.09

ANNEX VIII

Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH)

Status as at 31 March 2009 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08	Adjustments	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
EC	8,106			1/		8,106
EC	10,585			2/		10,585
EC	17,945			3/		17,945
Netherlands	45,000			4/	45,000	0
Netherlands	150,000			5/		150,000
Total	231,636	0	0		45,000	186,636

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/EC pledged EUR 100,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

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

5/Netherlands pledged US\$ 150,000 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 31 March 2009 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08	Adjustments	Pledges for 2009		Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
EC	11,813			1/			11,813
EC	40,530			2/			40,530
Total	52,343	0	0		0	0	52,343

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

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 (VB)****Status as at 31 March 2009 (in United States dollars)**

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08	Adjustments		Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
EC	10,132		1/				10,132
Total	10,132	0		0	0	0	10,132

1/EC pledged EUR 25,000

ANNEX XI
List of Meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
as at 31 March 2009

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
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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
28-30 May 2008	High Level Segment of COP-9	Bonn, Germany
11 June 2008	Business & Biodiversity Conference	Montreal, Canada
22 - 25 September 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Central Africa on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Limbé, Cameroon
23 - 25 September 2008	Latin American Sub-Regional Workshop on Protected Areas	City of Salinas, Ecuador
29 September - 3 October 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Western Africa, Comoros and Djibouti on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
21 October 2008	Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners	Brussels, Belgium
1 - 4 November 2008	Expert Workshop on Integrating Protected Areas into wider Land- and Seascapes	Isle of Vilm, Germany
3 - 5 November 2008	Pacific Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies	Apia, Samoa
3 - 6 November 2008	Workshop on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) for the Caribbean region	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
3 - 7 November 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for the Caribbean region for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and the Integration of Climate Change	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
6 - 7 November 2008	Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development	Montreal, Canada
12 - 14 November 2008	Global Indigenous Peoples' consultation on potential impacts of "Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)" on Indigenous and Local Communities	Baguio, Philippines
17 - 18 November 2008	Fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
17 - 21 November 2008	First meeting of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change	London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
19 - 21 November 2008	Fifth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26 - 27 November 2008	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Berlin, Germany
26 - 27 November 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Berlin, Germany

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
27 November 2008	Joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaus	Berlin, Germany
28 November 2008	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Berlin, Germany
2 - 4 December 2008	Capacity-building workshop for the South, East and South East Asia on preparation of the fourth national reports	Tsukuba, Japan
2 - 5 December 2008	Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches	Windhoek, Namibia
14 - 18 December 2008	Capacity Development Workshop for the Arab states on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP), and the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Cairo, Egypt

2009

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
19 January - 6 February 2009	Online Conference on Capacity-building for Integration of Biosafety into National Development Plans	Online
27 - 30 January 2009	Group of Technical and Legal Experts on Compliance in the context of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing	Tokyo, Japan
28 January 2009	First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Europe	Online
2 - 6 February 2009	Capacity Development Workshop for the Pacific on NBSAPs, the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and the Integration of Climate Change	Nadi, Fiji
3 February 2009	First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Latin America	Online
9 - 12 February 2009	Capacity-building workshop for the Pacific region for implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Nadi, Fiji
10 February 2009	First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Africa	Online
10 - 12 February 2009	Expert Workshop on the Development of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity	Singapore City, Singapore
11 February - 11 March 2009	Online Discussion Forum on Article 10 (c)	Online
13 February 2009	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Nairobi, Kenya

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17 February 2009	First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Asia	Online
23 - 27 February 2009	First meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs Concerning Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Mexico City, Mexico
9 - 11 March 2009	Fifth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	San José, Costa Rica
9 - 13 March 2009	Capacity Development Workshop for Central Asia on NBSAPs and the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Ramsar, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
12 - 13 March 2009	Sixth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	San José, Costa Rica
30 March 2009	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Paris, France
