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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report is prepared in keeping with decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff lists, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditures. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. The Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report, which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 October to 31 December 2005.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. In November, the Secretariat held the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-11). The meeting was very well attended by some 529 participants representing 132 Parties and Governments and 118 other relevant international bodies and non-governmental organizations. The recommendations adopted at the meeting will be forwarded to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties when it meets in March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil.
4. The Executive Secretary addressed the High Level Segment of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP-11) which was held in Montreal from 28 November – 9 December 2005. Taking advantage of the co-occurrence of the UNFCCC meetings in Montreal and of the eleventh meeting of the SBSTTA, Canada, as the host country, organized in collaboration with the CBD and UNFCCC secretariats an informal joint meeting of the subsidiary scientific bodies of these conventions, on 30 November. Presentations were made by the co-chair, (Ms. Outii Berghall), and a participant (Mr. Bráulio Dias) in the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change, and by Mr. Robert Watson (co-chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, co-chair of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, and chief scientist of the World Bank), followed by statements by delegations.
5. The following countries have acceded/ratified the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Cape Verde, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and Yemen bringing the total number of Parties to the Protocol to 130.
6. Active discussions are underway with the government of Brazil in respect of the preparations for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the third Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety scheduled for March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil.
7. In preparation for the organization of the upcoming fourth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8 (j) (23-27 January 2006) and the fourth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing (30 January – 3 February 2006), the Executive Secretary and relevant Secretariat staff had an exploratory mission to Granada, Spain, in November to view the conference facilities and meet with the service providers. The Host Government Agreement was signed in December 2005.
8. The Executive Secretary participated in the fourth meeting of the liaison group of the five biodiversity-related conventions (CBD, CITES, CMS, Ramsar Convention, World Heritage Convention), in Bonn, Germany, on 4 October 2005, and in the fifth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions (CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC) on 5 October 2005 in the same location. The Liaison Group of the five biodiversity-related conventions further developed its views on the global partnership on biodiversity, and discussed development of a joint web portal, follow-up to the September 2005

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Millennium Summit, possible avenues for facilitating scientific cooperation, and the role of the liaison group in the meetings of the biodiversity-related conventions and of other conventions, among other topics. The Group agreed to meet again in early 2006 to consider further options for cooperation. The report of the liaison group is available on the CBD website.

9. The Joint Liaison Group of the three Rio Conventions agreed that further proposals for cooperation would be developed following consideration of the jointly prepared paper on 'Options for enhanced cooperation among the Rio Conventions' (UNEP/CBD/WG-R1/1/7/Add.1) by the relevant bodies of all three conventions. The Group also decided to ensure joint input into initiatives such as the development of shared approaches to capacity-building (following from the National Capacity Self Assessment process), and the preparation of a joint paper on synergy in the implementation of the three conventions in Least Developed Countries/Small Island Developing States. Furthermore, the Group agreed to encourage the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to fund regional education, training and public awareness approaches addressing the three Conventions.

10. The Executive Secretary hosted and co-chaired the third joint meeting of the secretariats of the CBD and the International Plant Protection Convention, with the participation of members of the Bureaux, in Montreal on 21 October 2005. Participants discussed the updating of a joint work programme, which would include, *inter alia*, activities on invasive alien species and living modified organisms.

11. In collaboration with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of the United Kingdom (DEFRA), the Brazilian Ministry of Environment (MMA), the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development (CEBDS), and Insight Investment, the Secretariat organized the second meeting of the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge in São Paulo, Brazil, from 3 to 5 November 2005. Following a first meeting held in London in January 2005, and in line with the recommendations of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention, the meeting brought together individuals from business, civil society, government and local and indigenous communities to develop ideas, which could best be pursued through the Convention or in support of its objectives, for engaging business in biodiversity issues, as a means of working towards the 2010 target. The meeting addressed engaging industries: (i) with a direct footprint on biodiversity; (ii) those that impact biodiversity through their supply chains (iii) industries dealing with issues related to access and benefit-sharing, and (iv) the financial services sector.

12. In November, the CBD Secretariat and the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to ensure harmonized implementation, at the global, regional, and national levels, of the CBD with particular emphasis on the facilitation of the implementation of programmes dealing with the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and with measures to prevent and reduce physical alteration and destruction of habitats from land-based activities.

13. During the last quarter of 2005, the CBD Secretariat was represented in several important meetings of relevant international organizations including: the seventh session of the conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (17-28 October, Nairobi, Kenya); the twenty-seventh meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (8-10 November, Washington, D.C., USA); the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) (8-15 November Kampala, Uganda), eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (20-25 November, Nairobi, Kenya).

14. During the last quarter of 2005, the Secretariat organized several meetings namely: Meeting of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Article 14(2) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (12-14 October, Montreal); Technical Workshop on the Introduction of New Information and Web-based Technologies (21-25 November, Montreal); Workshop on the Joint Global Work Plan on Terrestrial and Freshwater Invasive Alien Species (23-25 November, Montreal); Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (26 November, Montreal); Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Clearing-House Mechanism

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(27 November, Montreal); and the Meeting of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technical Cooperation (27 November).

15. Furthermore, the Secretariat organized the following meetings in host countries: the Business and 2010 Biodiversity Challenge (3-5 November, São Paulo, Brazil); the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment under the Cartagena Protocol (15-18 November, Rome, Italy); the CBD Clearing-House Mechanism and EC Clearing-House Mechanism Joint Regional Meeting for Central and Eastern Europe (13-15 December, Tallinn, Estonia).

16. In October, the Executive Secretary addressed the opening plenary of the Working Group on Environmental Auditing of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) which was held in Moscow, Russian Federation. He highlighted the challenges facing biodiversity and underscored the importance of good governance and the pivotal role of audit institutions in facilitating the implementation of the Convention.

17. The Secretariat was represented at the following meetings which took place in the last quarter of 2005: the meeting on the Global Environment Outlook (GEO) MEAs Collaboration (5-6 October, Bonn, Germany), the eleventh meeting of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Governing Board (11-14 October, Stockholm, Sweden), Regional Capacity Building Workshop on Food Security and Biotechnology in Africa (15-18 October, Accra, Ghana), the meeting on the Global Environmental Outlook Communications Strategy Development (17-18 October, Nairobi, Kenya), the third meeting of the Advisory Board of the Masters (MSc.) Programme of the University of Klagenfurt on Management of Protected Areas (21 October, Klagenfurt, Austria), the Joint meeting of the Secretariats and Bureau members of the International Plant Protection Convention and the CBD (21 October, Montreal), International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop (24-28 October, Niagara Falls, Canada), The International Coral Reef Initiative General Meeting (31 October – 2 November, Koror, Palau), Workshop on “Trends in ICT in Environmental Education and Communication in Sustainable Development (2-6 November, Bonn, Germany), the meeting of the Integrated Global Observation of Land (IGOL) on observational priorities for conservation and biodiversity (3-4 November, Washington, D.C., USA), Fifteenth meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (3-4 November, Caracas, Venezuela), the meeting on Ways and Means of Facilitating Biodiversity Research and Conservation while Safeguarding Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions (8-10 November, Bonn, Germany), and the Informal Meeting on the Communication, Education and Public Awareness (17 November, Washington, D.C., USA).

18. Recruitment is underway to fill vacant positions at the Secretariat in both the Professional and the General Service categories.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

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

20. There were 23 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and five vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, four staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources and there are two vacant posts, which are funded from other sources. During the period under review there were two interns and one fellow working at the Secretariat.

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

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B. Financial Arrangements

22. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2005, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,662,807 for 2005 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$8,756,682, of which \$1,964,031 were 2005 pledges paid in 2004, and \$6,792,651 were pledges paid in 2005 for 2005 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

23. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2005, the total pledged for 2005 amounts to US\$3,438,414. The total collected for 2005 as at 31 December 2005 was US\$2,677,840. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$820,453. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

24. As at 31 December 2005, pledges totalling US\$1,589,674 have been made in 2005 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$1,353,055 has been paid. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$276,619. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

25. As at 31 December 2005, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,215,263 for 2005 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$3,102,580, of which US\$365,646 was received in advance of 2005 and US\$2,736,934 has been received in 2005 for 2005 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

26. As at 31 December 2005, five Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$354,694 have been made of which a total of US\$248,783 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 to the BH Trust Fund amount to US\$105,911. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

27. As at 31 December 2005, fifteen Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$770,572 have been received in 2005, of which US\$751,739 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$18,833. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

DECISION VII/1: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

28. Paragraph 38 of decision VI/22 the Conference of the Parties invited members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to support the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity.

29. In the same decision (par. 26), COP agreed to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to provide advice on the review of implementation of the forest work programme.

30. In relation to the above decision, the following activities were carried out:

31. In collaboration with FAO-Forestry Department and the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, the Secretariat co-hosted a side event on November 29th 2005 on the margins of the eleventh

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meeting of SBSTTA to report on progress made by the CPF Task Force on Streamlining Forest-related reporting. About 20 persons attended the event, including representatives from other Task Force members (UNEP-WCMC). An on-line demonstration of the CPF joint information portal was given, and future steps on a proposed joint reporting effort towards the 2010 target between the FAO and the CBD was discussed informally.

32. The Secretariat provided input to a concept note prepared by FAO-Forestry for an in-session seminar at the upcoming FAO 24th session of the Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission (LACFC), to be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from 26-30 June 2006. During this in-session seminar, the Secretariat has been invited to give a presentation on progress in implementation of the CBD expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity, as well as on joint CBD-FAO efforts in reporting on forest related issues for the year 2010.

33. On December 19th 2005, the Secretariat held an informal telephone consultation with the Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE), Costa Rica, for possibly holding in 2006 a regional workshop in the context of the Regional Partnership on Forest Biodiversity in Latin America, which was included under the agreed 2005 activities of the Letter of Intent with the Government of the Netherlands.

34. The proposed review process on the implementation of the forest work programme by COP 9 was considered by SBSTTA (rec. XI/10).

Other activities:

35. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the forest biodiversity section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

36. The Secretariat received a formal invitation from FAO to participate in the Expert Consultation on "Global Forest Resources Assessments: Towards FRA 2010" from 12 to 16 June 2006 and to be held in Kotka, Finland. The main objectives of this meeting are to identify strategies, methods and mechanisms for future global forest resources assessments - in particular FRA 2010. The Secretariat was invited in light of the joint activities being undertaken between FAO-Forestry and the implementation and reporting of the forest programme. A positive reply was sent.

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

37. In decision VII/2 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to further develop mechanisms for facilitating the synergistic implementation of the Rio conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions.

38. Furthermore, in decision V/23, SBSTTA was requested to periodically review the status and trends of biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands to be documented and delivered in conjunction with the detailed review of the implementation of the work programme at COP-8 as mandated by decision VII/31.

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

40. The Secretariat serviced the eleventh meeting of the SBSTTA which considered the in-depth review of the programme of work on dry and sub humid lands. The Secretariat prepared three pre-session documents (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4/ Add.1 and Add.2) and two information documents (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/7 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/23). SBSTTA adopted recommendation XI/1 on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands and XI/7 on the vision, mission and goals of the programmes of work on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, mountains and forest biological diversity.

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41. In consultation with the Secretariat of the UNCCD, and with the financial support of UNEP Division of Environmental Conventions, the Secretariat contracted two consultants to fulfill Activities A1.1 and A1.2 of the Joint Work Programme:

A1.1: Review past and on-going activities of both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification in these areas, and through jointly agreed procedures, assess them and identify overlaps and/or gaps;

A1.2: Compile from existing relevant sources including national reports, national biodiversity diversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), and country studies prepared in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification, as well as from case-studies, and other material provided by focal points (see activities under section B), including information on: the status and trends of biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands; the effectiveness of existing conservation measures; areas considered to be of particular value or under threat; the benefits derived from biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands, and the socio-economic consequences of its loss; and on best management practices including innovation, knowledge and practices of indigenous and local communities; refine the identified areas of value.

42. In consultation with the Secretariat of the UNCCD, the Secretariat has been developing a plan and budget to carry out further activities of the work programme.

43. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the dry and sub-humid lands section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

DECISION VII/3: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

44. In decision VI/5, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake, in collaboration with other institutions, the necessary steps for the full implementation of the programme of work as contained in Table 1 of the annex to the decision and to report, as presented in Table 2 of the same annex. Para. 6 requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to prepare, in time for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its the eighth meeting, syntheses of relevant studies and an analysis of gaps and opportunities in the implementation of the programme of work.

45. In para. 13 of the same decision the Conference of the Parties established an International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity as a cross-cutting initiative within the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and other relevant organizations, to facilitate and coordinate this initiative.

46. In decision VII/3, the COP noted the postponement of the preparation of the final report of the comprehensive assessment of agricultural biological diversity and related milestones by two years (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/11, paragraph 66).

47. In para. 4 of the above decision, COP requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to consider the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on the Potential Impacts of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (GURTs) on Smallholder Farmers, Indigenous and Local Communities and Farmer's Rights at its tenth meeting with a view to providing advice to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, also taking into account decision VII/16 on Article 8(j) and related provisions.

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

49. The Secretariat has liaised with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), as the lead implementing partner for the programme of work, to prepare a detailed progress report

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for the information of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. A summary of this progress report has been included in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26.

50. The FAO has also put out calls for case studies, for example those on soil biodiversity (available at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/agl/agll/soilbiod/cases.stm>), and on pollinators and pollination, which provided an important contribution to the compilation of the State of the World's Pollinators. FAO furthermore has information collected in databases and statistics pertinent to different aspects of biodiversity for food and agriculture – one example is in fisheries:

<http://www.fao.org/waicent/FaoInfo/Agricult/AGP/AGPS/pgr/ITWG3rd/pdf/p3w3E.pdf>

51. FAO's on-going activities on assessments of the different components of biodiversity for food and agriculture provide information that feeds into the assessment of agricultural biodiversity as requested by the Executive Secretary of the CBD. Furthermore, FAO's on-going work will be assessed as part of the process of developing the Multi-Year Programme of Work for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) at its 11th Session (2006).

52. In addition to the aforementioned activities under the leadership of the FAO, the Secretariat:

53. Compiled, pursuant to SBSTTA recommendation X/11, further information received for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions in January 2006 (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/9).

54. Held a follow-up meeting on 15 December 2005 in Montreal representatives of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers for exploring opportunities to engage this private sector organisation in the process for the review of the programme of work over the coming two years.

55. Contributed to the CGIAR Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture. Follow-on discussions were undertaken in the margins of the ninth meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention (7-15 November, 2005, Kampala, Uganda). In addition to on-going work regarding the assessment, discussions were held regarding the production of a more detailed study of the linkages between biodiversity, water and agriculture – particularly in relation to irrigation.

Other activities:

56. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the agricultural biodiversity section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

DECISION VII/4: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS

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

58. Welcomed the synergy being developed between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention in implementing the programme of work and encouraged further activities aimed at avoiding overlaps in the work of both conventions.

59. Recognized the usefulness of the national reports submitted to the Ramsar Convention for a global status of the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

60. Requested the Executive Secretary to develop with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention a proposal on streamlining and improving the effectiveness of national reporting on inland water ecosystems.

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61. Requested the Executive Secretary to develop cost-effective means to report on implementation of the programme of work as measured against the global targets defined in the Strategic Plan, in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
62. Recognized the need for reliable baseline data and subsequent regular national assessments of the status and trends of, and threats to, inland water biodiversity as a basis for decision-making on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity of inland water ecosystems.
63. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a study of the linkages between conservation and sustainable use of inland water biodiversity and poverty alleviation/sustainable livelihoods, including human health considerations; the study is to include ways and means of ensuring that implementation of the programme of work contributes to poverty reduction/sustainable livelihoods.
64. Requested the Executive Secretary to develop a complementary set of tools (to the rapid assessment guidelines) to assess the socio-economic and cultural values of biological diversity of inland waters.
65. Requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention regarding Ramsar Site designation criteria, and guidelines for their application at national and regional levels.
66. Requested Parties to provide advice and case studies in relation to activities 1.1.7 and 1.4.2 of the revised programme of work and requested the Executive Secretary to compile information and case studies in relation to activities 1.2.7, 1.1.12(a), 1.1.12(b), 2.1.5 and 2.3.6(a).
67. SBSTTA Recommendation X/4 also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, for the information of SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting, a matrix relating the goals and targets of the programmes of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and biodiversity of inland water ecosystems to the activities of these programmes of work.
68. In response to these decisions and recommendations, the following activities were carried out:
69. The Secretariat discussed with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention a proposal on streamlining and improving the effectiveness of national reporting on inland water ecosystems, taking into account other initiatives for harmonizing biodiversity-related national reports. A document addressing this subject, amongst others, was discussed at SBSTTA-11 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/12) which resulted in SBSTTA recommendation XI/9.
70. A document has been prepared for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.3) which includes further information on the above subject and other matters including: a work plan with defined timeframe, ways, means, and capacity needs for assessing the extent, distribution and characteristics of inland water ecosystems; a report on information, and sources of information, on the trends of inland water biodiversity, definition of agreed baselines, relevant indicators and frequency of the assessments; and a work plan with ways and means for assessing processes and categories of activities which have or are likely to have significant adverse impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of inland water biological diversity. The latter document provides the Conference of the Parties with updated information on these subjects and further proposals, in particular following Ramsar COP-9, and suggests ways in which the Conference of the Parties might respond to SBSTTA recommendation XI/9, paragraph 8(b).
71. The Secretariat prepared a document on cost-effective means to report on implementation of the programme of work as measured against the global targets defined in the Strategic Plan, in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (UNEP/SBSTTA/11/12/Add.1). This resulted in SBSTTA recommendation XI/9.

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72. The Secretariat has prepared a study of the linkages between conservation and sustainable use of inland water biodiversity and poverty alleviation/sustainable livelihoods, including human health considerations, for the information of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting. Regarding ways and means to ensure that implementation contributes to poverty reduction/sustainable livelihoods, the study concluded that these centre on working in partnership with existing initiatives in this respect, in particular with the Ramsar Convention and its international organisation partners (as noted in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26).

73. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention, compiled a draft document on a complementary set of tools to assess the socio-economic and cultural values of biological diversity of inland waters for the information of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

74. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention, prepared a document for SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/13) on Ramsar Site designation criteria, and guidelines for their application, including guidance, based on experiences, for the interpretation and application of the Ramsar criteria at the national and regional levels. An update of progress made at Ramsar COP-9 was presented orally to SBSTTA which resulted in recommendation XI/9.

75. Ten responses have been received from Parties in relation to notification 2005-99 requesting case studies on a number of topics (adaptive management and mitigation strategies for combating the impacts of climate change; protected inland water ecosystems; water pollution; sustainable use and maintenance of ecological processes; incentive measures; strategic environmental assessment; and invasive alien species). The analysis of responses is expected to become an information document for COP9.

76. A matrix linking the sub-targets and activities in the programme of work was prepared for the information of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/24). The same document also provided this information for the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity.

Other activities:

77. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the inland water biodiversity section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

78. Work is under way to develop, in collaboration with the Ramsar Convention Secretariat, a proposal on streamlining and improving the effectiveness of national reporting on inland water ecosystems, and cost-effective means of reporting on the implementation of the programme of work against the global targets defined in the Strategic Plan, GSPC and the Implementation Plan of WSSD.

DECISION VII/5: MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

79. In annex I to decision VII/3, the Conference of the Parties adopted the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, composed of six programme elements: (i) implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management; (ii) marine and coastal living resources; (iii) marine and coastal protected areas; (iv) mariculture; (v) invasive alien species; and (vi) general. Enabling activities were also included in the elaborated programme of work. The role of the Executive Secretary is to promote and facilitate the implementation of the programme of work. In addition, the Executive Secretary has been requested to undertake a number of specific tasks relating to the programme elements.

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

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

81. A summary of the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Implementation of IMCAM, which took place from 11 to 15 July 2005 in Montreal, Canada, has been prepared for the consideration of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The full report will also be made available as an information document.

(b) Marine and coastal living resources

82. The Secretariat participated in the General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), which took place in Koror, Palau, from 31 October to 2 November 2005, as well as in a workshop on sustainable financing opportunities held at the same location on 3 November 2005. The participation aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Convention's programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity, in particular as it relates to coral reefs and marine and coastal protected areas. The draft programme of work on island biodiversity was also discussed.

83. The eleventh meeting of SBSTTA considered a document on deep seabed genetic resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction prepared by the Secretariat (document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/11). The discussions resulted in SBSTTA recommendation XI/8.

(c) Marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs)

84. The two background studies on marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction prepared for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, held in Montecatini, Italy, from 13 to 17 June 2005, have now been published in the CBD Technical Series (see <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/outreach/awareness/ts.asp>). The first study explored scientific aspects of biodiversity in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction (CBD Technical Report No. 20), while the second study provided an analysis of the international legal regime in these areas (CBD Technical Report No. 19). This work jointly implements decisions VII/5 and VII/28.

Other activities:

85. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the marine and coastal biodiversity section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

DECISION VII/6: ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

86. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision VII/6, requested SBSTTA to review the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, including the synthesis report on biodiversity and to prepare recommendations for consideration at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In the same decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to cooperate with the United Nations Environment Programme on the follow-up of the process of international environmental governance.

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

88. To assist SBSTTA in its review of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, the Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/7 on the implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) for the future work of the Convention. SBSTTA discussed the implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment for the future work of the Convention, resulting in recommendation XI/4.

89. The Secretariat participated in the first Global Environment Outlook (GEO) meeting with selected multilateral agreements (Bonn, 5-6 October 2005). The meeting aimed to ensure that GEO-4

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responds to the needs to relevant multilateral agreements. The meeting agreed on the suitability of increased linkages and cooperation between the Global Biodiversity Outlook and the GEO.

90. The Secretariat participated in a meeting on “Observational Priorities for Conservation and Biodiversity” organized under the Integrated Global Observation of Land (IGOL). The meeting was hosted by the Heinz Center and took place on 3 and 4 November, 2005, in Washington, D.C. The meeting led to the identification of biodiversity-related observation needs for inclusion in the Global Earth Observation (GEO) and Global Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) processes.

DECISION VII/7: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

91. In decision VI/7 A, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to, *inter alia*, prepare, in collaboration with relevant organizations, in particular the International Association for Impact Assessment, proposals for further development and refinement of guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental-impact-assessment legislation or processes and in strategic impact assessment. In decision VII/7, the COP urged Parties and other Governments that have not done so to contribute case-studies on current experiences in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment procedures that incorporate biodiversity-related issues as well as experiences in applying the guidelines contained in the annex to decision VI/7 A.

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

93. Based on the collaboration with the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment and the International Association for Impact Assessment, and following peer-review by CBD and SBSTTA focal points, the Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/19 containing “Voluntary Guidelines on Biodiversity-Inclusive Impact Assessment” for the information of SBSTTA-11. The Secretariat also prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.2 entitled “Impact assessment: refinement of guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment” for consideration by COP-8.

94. The Secretariat synthesized the responses to the Third National Report related to article 14.1 of the Convention (impact assessment). The responses show that environmental impact assessment (EIA and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) are considered to be important planning/decision-making tools. They also reveal that there is sometimes limited enforcement of existing legislation and that there is still limited experience with the application of SEA.

DECISION VII/8: MONITORING AND INDICATORS

95. In decision VII/8, the Conference of the Parties requested the CHM to develop an effective system of information-sharing on lessons learned on the development of national-level biodiversity indicators and monitoring (para. 14) and to bring to the attention of Parties areas with potential for better coordination and integration, as applicable, between sets of indicators prepared within the various programmes of work and cross-cutting themes of the Convention to avoid duplication of efforts in developing indicators, data-gathering and reporting, particularly at the national level (para. 16).

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

97. The Secretariat synthesized the responses to the Third National Report related to article 7 of the Convention (identification and monitoring). A major shortcoming reported by many countries is the lack of coordination among monitoring programmes, methodological differences, including differences in the indicators being used and in the level of aggregation, and the absence of a coherent information system.

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98. The Secretariat continued to develop an information database on biodiversity indicators used at the global, regional and national levels. The database is accessible at <http://www.biodiv.org/2010-target/indicators/default.aspx>.

DECISION VII/9: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

99. In paragraph 7(b) of decision VII/9 on the GTI, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism of the GTI, to develop the process and guidelines for the in-depth review, including mechanisms for monitoring progress in the implementation of the programme of work for the GTI (finalized during the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice-SBSTTA).

100. At its tenth meeting, SBSTTA in its recommendation X/12, requested the Executive Secretary to develop an internet-based portal for the GTI.

101. In response to these decisions and recommendations the following activities were carried out:

102. The Secretariat prepared an in-depth review which was considered by the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA and a recommendation was forwarded for consideration by the COP at its eighth meeting (recommendation XI/2).

103. In addition, following the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, the Secretariat is consolidating the decisions on the GTI into a single text.

104. The Secretariat has begun to develop the portal and will soon solicit feedback from the members of the GTI Coordination Mechanism.

105. Other activities:

106. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the GTI section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

DECISION VII/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

107. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity welcomed the establishment of the global partnership for plant conservation, encouraged the participating organizations to continue to contribute to the implementation of the Strategy, invited other organizations to join the partnership, and encouraged Botanic Gardens Conservation International to continue its support for the partnership (decision VII/10). Further the Conference of Parties requested the Executive Secretary, with the support of members of the global partnership for plant conservation, to elaborate proposals for a toolkit, including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the targets into their strategies, plans and programmes, for review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

108. In addition, the Conference of Parties, encouraged Parties to nominate focal points for the Strategy, or designate from among existing focal points.

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

110. With the support of the Secretariat, the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation held its 1st International Meeting in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, from 23-25 October, 2005. The meeting was organised by the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, with support from the Office of Public Works,

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Republic of Ireland, and Botanic Gardens Conservation International through the HSBC Holdings, “Investing in Nature” Partnership. The conference reviewed progress in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (further information available at: www.plants.2010.org). The Partnership facilitated support to participants from developing countries, especially the least developed and small island States among them, and countries with economies in transition with priority given to those who had already been nominated as national focal points for the Strategy.

111. The meeting documented case studies to support GSPC implementation at all levels, reviewed the options for the development of a toolkit for national GSPC implementation and facilitate heightened public awareness on the GSPC and plant conservation. Further, the meeting deliberated on how to strengthen the Global Partnership in supporting GSPC implementation worldwide; provided guidance and support for new national GSPC strategies and review ways and means for developing strategies to resource plant conservation. A proposal for the development of a toolkit was presented as well key outputs from the stakeholder consultations. Various workshops were held on the five objectives of the strategy and a special session was organized by the Secretariat on national implementation of the GSPC, with a focus on developing a national and/or regional strategy and targets, as appropriate. Case studies and experiences from China, Ethiopia, Ghana, Morocco, Philippines, South Africa, Seychelles, and UK were shared as well as regional initiatives including those of the Arabian Plant Specialist Group, Canadian Botanical Conservation Network, the European Seed Conservation Network and Planta Europa. Presentations were also made on the various initiatives contributing to the implementation of the strategy by BGCI, Bristol Zoo, Eden Project (UK), FAO, GISP, ICRAF-The World Agroforestry Centre, IPGRI, the IUCN Species Survival Commission and Plantlife International. (www.plants2010.org).

112. The Secretariat is in the process of compiling relevant sections of the proposed toolkit to enable the Parties to develop national and/or regional targets as well as proposals for the development of national strategies.

113. The Secretariat has updated the reports from the stakeholder consultations and made the report available on the SCBD website and the Partnership website (www.plants2010.org).

114. The Secretariat has provided technical support to the various initiatives linked to target 12 and 13 of the strategy. These include the launching of the Regional Initiative for Traditional Medicine in Africa (THETA, Uganda); a consultation on the establishment of a programme on Medicinal Plants and Sustainable Livelihoods (ICRAF); the East African Wildlife Society Initiative on Products from the Wild (Phytotherapies, Organic Produce and herbal medicines); the IDRC-Canada supported Eastern African Network on Medicinal Plants and Traditional Medicine and the IPGRI/CIRAD consultation on a Global Facilitation Unit for Agricultural Biodiversity.

115. The Secretariat has been in close consultation with Royal Botanic Gardens-Kew, GBIF and BioNET International regarding the implementation of Target 1 and BGCI to enhance linkages between Botanic Gardens and Human Wellbeing.

DECISION VII/11: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

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

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

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

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

(d) Make the above widely available to Parties through the development of a web-based "sourcebook" for the ecosystem approach, accessible through the clearing-house mechanism. This sourcebook should be non-prescriptive and allow adaptation to differing regional, national and local needs. It should be prepared in a language that is brief, non-technical and simple, ensuring its accessibility to practitioners working to implement the ecosystem approach on the ground. A supporting summary explanation of the ecosystem approach will also be prepared. It should be developed in collaboration with other relevant organizations, peer-reviewed and field tested as appropriate, and made available through the clearing-house mechanism, in hard copy and on CD-Rom, and periodically revised;

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

118. In response to this decision, the Ecosystem Approach Case Study Database (see <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/ecosystem/sourcebook/search.shtml>) was on display at the eleventh meeting of the SBSTTA. This display, which was supported through the collaborative efforts of the Government of the UK, had the purpose of introducing delegates to the database, and inviting them to submit their own case studies. As a result, a number of new case studies have now been added to the database.

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

119. In Decision VI/23, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with the Global Invasive Species Programme and other relevant organizations, to develop a joint programme of work through the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) partnership network among the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the International Maritime Organization, the International Plant Protection Convention and other relevant bodies.

120. In its decision VII/13, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to develop a joint work plan with the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention.

121. In response to this request, the following activities were undertaken:

122. The Secretariat collaborated with GISP in organizing a meeting to develop a joint work plan on invasive alien species in terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems. The meeting took place in Montreal, from 23 to 25 November 2005.

123. The joint work plan with the IPPC was first developed in May 2004, and following a meeting in October 2005, has now been updated.

124. At its eleventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Framework in Relation to Invasive Alien Species, which had taken place in New Zealand in May 2004 following decision VII/13. The report of the expert group was contained in

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document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/4. The Executive Secretary prepared a draft recommendation, contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/16, on the basis of the report of the expert group. The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation XI/12, which will be considered by the Conference at the Parties at its eighth meeting.

Other activities:

125. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the invasive alien species section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

DECISION VII/15: BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

126. In decision VII/15, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to develop advice or guidance for promoting synergy among activities to address climate change at the national, regional and international levels where appropriate, including activities to combat desertification and land degradation, and activities for biodiversity conservation.

127. The Secretariat prepared a document for SBSTTA taking into consideration some of the results of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Biodiversity and Adaptation to Climate Change (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/5). This included guidance for promoting synergy among activities addressing biological diversity, desertification, land degradation and climate change which resulted in recommendation XI/14.

128. Pursuant to the above SBSTTA recommendation, the Secretariat started coordinating with AHTEG members, a further refinement of the report of the AHTEG on biodiversity and adaptation to climate change, which was produced in September 2005 after the AHTEG meeting in Helsinki, Finland. The refined version will be posted for broader peer review before its publication in the CBD Technical Series in 2006.

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

129. In decision VII/26, the Conference of the Parties urged further enhanced cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and all relevant international conventions, organizations and bodies, strengthening and building on existing cooperative arrangements to enhance synergies and reduce inefficiencies in a manner consistent with their respective mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes, within existing resources.

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

(a) The three Rio Conventions

131. The Joint Liaison Group held its fifth meeting on 5 October 2005 in Bonn, Germany. Participants agreed that further proposals for cooperation would be developed following consideration of the jointly prepared paper on 'Options for enhanced cooperation among the Rio Conventions' (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/1/7/Add.1) by the relevant bodies of all three conventions. The Group also decided to ensure joint input into initiatives such as the development of shared approaches to capacity-building (following from the National Capacity Self Assessment process), and the preparation of a joint paper on synergy in the implementation of the three conventions in Least Developed Countries/Small Island Developing States. Furthermore, the Group agreed to encourage the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to fund regional education, training and public awareness approaches addressing the three Conventions.

132. The Secretariat was represented at the high-level segment of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD (24-25 October, 2005, Nairobi, Kenya). A joint press release between the three Conventions supporting the 4th replenishment of the GEF was released.

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133. The co-occurrence of the UNFCCC meetings in Montreal and of the eleventh meeting of the SBSTTA also provided an opportunity to hold an informal joint meeting of the subsidiary scientific bodies of these conventions, on 30 November. Presentations were made jointly by the co-chair (Ms. Outii Berghall) of, and Mr. Bráulio Dias who was a participant in, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change, and by Mr. Robert Watson (co-chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, co-chair of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, and chief scientist of the World Bank), followed by statements by delegations and observers. The Canadian government hosted the event.

(b) The biodiversity-related conventions

134. The liaison group of the five biodiversity-related conventions held their fourth meeting in Bonn Germany, on 4 October 2005. The Liaison Group further developed its views on the global partnership on biodiversity, and discussed development of a joint web portal, follow-up to the September 2005 Millennium Summit, possible avenues for facilitating scientific cooperation, and the role of the liaison group in the meetings of the biodiversity-related conventions and of other conventions, among other topics. The group agreed to meet again in early 2006 to consider further options for cooperation.

135. The five biodiversity-related conventions prepared joint spoken statements delivered at CMS COP-8, Ramsar COP-9, COP-11 of the UNFCCC, and at the UNCCD COP 7. The statements provided a general introduction to the liaison group, followed by a message targeted to the convention being addressed.

136. On November 19th 2005, the Secretariat gave an opening presentation on interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change, with emphasis on species migrations, at the Roundtable on Migratory Species and Climate Change as part of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species, held in Nairobi, Kenya.

137. On December 5th 2005, the Secretariat gave a presentation on biodiversity and climate change as part of the Climate Talk Series organized by the Secretariat of the UNFCCC on the margins of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC held in Montreal.

138. The Secretariat participated in the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CMS (6-25 November, 2005, Nairobi, Kenya). It delivered a presentation at the Partnership Fair on November 20th 2005 and also prepared a poster, which explained how migratory species featured under the CBD, with special attention to synergy between the two conventions.

139. Parties to CMS adopted, at their eighth meeting, several resolutions supporting enhanced cooperation with the CBD. Resolution 8.7 sets out how the CMS can contribute to achieving the 2010 target, while Resolution 8.11 (on cooperation) supports the CMS Secretariat's participation in the liaison group of the biodiversity-related conventions. A third resolution (8.18) endorses the new joint work programme developed between the CMS and the CBD, and provides guidance on integrating migratory species into national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

140. The Secretariat was represented at the ninth meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (7-15 November, 2005, Kampala Uganda). Detailed discussions were undertaken on many subjects related to the joint programme of work, as reported elsewhere in this report.

141. The Secretariat hosted a meeting with representatives of the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, in Montreal on 21 October, 2005. Participants discussed the development of a joint work programme, which would include, *inter alia*, activities on invasive alien species and living modified organisms.

142. The Secretariat met informally with the head and a staff member of UNEP's Division of Environmental Conventions, and with a representative from FAO, to discuss options for providing technical support to Parties for facilitating and promoting implementation of the Convention. Participants

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were supportive of options proposed by the Secretariat (as presented in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/15).

(c) Other activities

143. The Secretariat signed a memorandum of cooperation with the International Union of Biological Sciences, which aims for IUBS to, in particular, facilitate the implementation of programmes dealing with biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, and with measures to prevent and reduce physical alterations and destruction of habitats due to land-based activities.

144. The Secretariat had meetings with WWF International, Birdlife International, Wetlands International and a number of other NGOs in the margins of Ramsar COP-9, particularly in relation to synergies between the Ramsar Convention and the CBD and the subject of wetlands and poverty.

145. The Secretariat has contributed a seminar on agricultural biodiversity at the University Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, in Pisa, Italy (18 - 19 October 2005), following the invitation by Prof. Paola Barberi. Presentations were made on the CBD and role of the Government of Italy, MA findings, the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity with in-depth considerations of the International Pollinator Initiative and the International Soil Biodiversity Initiative.

146. The Secretariat attended the third meeting of the Advisory Board of the MSc Programme on Protected Areas (MPA) of the University of Klagenfurt, Austria (21 October 2005), funded by the University. The University of Klagenfurt launched a Master of Science programme in management of protected areas, with the objective of generating a cadre of interdisciplinary managers for effective management of protected areas. The Secretariat is one of the active co-operating partners of the programme and is contributing to the development of the curriculum taking into account the programme of work on protected areas.

147. The Secretariat participated in the eighth World Wilderness Congress (30 September to 6 October 2005, in Anchorage, Alaska) and made a presentation on the CBD programme of work on protected areas. The substantive part of the plenary session reviewed marine, freshwater and terrestrial wilderness in the context of global priorities and the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. The need for a global action for oceans, in particular marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction was particularly stressed, and climate change was singled out as one of the main drivers of biodiversity (including wilderness) loss requiring urgent attention. The status of funding of protected areas and wilderness in particular was presented, and the need to mobilize more financial and human resources was emphasized by many.

148. The Secretariat participated in a first meeting of the "2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership", organized by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) (Cambridge 12-13 December 2005). The partnership aims to further develop (where necessary) the global headline indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target adopted through decision VII/30 and to ensure the continued availability of the relevant data until and beyond 2010. UNEP-WCMC coordinates the preparation of the project document for submission to the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The GEF has approved a project development phase (PDF Block B) in order to support the preparation of a full proposal for fully developing the partnership; the proposal needs to be submitted in March 2006.

DECISION VII/27: MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

149. In decision VII/27 the Conference of Parties adopted the programme of work on mountain biological diversity and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake supporting activities geared to facilitate its implementation.

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

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151. The Secretariat actively participated in the electronic consultation on the Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain Regions (SARD-M) initiative of the Mountain Partnership.

152. SBSTTA considered outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on mountain biological diversity. The Secretariat prepared one pre-session document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/10) and one information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/23) on this agenda item for consideration by SBSTTA. SBSTTA adopted recommendation XI/7 on vision, mission and goals of the programmes of work on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, mountains and forest biological diversity.

153. The Secretariat prepared an information document for COP 8 entitled “Mountain Ecosystems and their role as Water Suppliers” in conjunction with the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

Other activities:

154. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the mountain biodiversity section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

DECISION VII/28: PROTECTED AREAS

155. In decision VII/28 the Conference of Parties adopted the programme of work on protected areas and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake supporting activities aimed at facilitating its implementation. In the same decision, the COP established an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on protected areas to support and review implementation of the programme of work and requested the Executive Secretary to make arrangements to hold at least one meeting prior to COP 8.

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

157. Due to lack of available funds, the second meeting of the Working Group on protected areas, scheduled for December 2005, was postponed. However, the Secretariat continues with the preparation of documents including analysis of information on the implementation of the programme of work, based on the inputs received from Parties, complimented by responses received from through the third national reports. The Secretariat is exploring various options for convening regional implementation meetings prior to COP-8.

158. The Secretariat, in pursuance of Activities 1.2.7 and 1.3.6 of the programme of work on protected areas, commissioned a review of development of ecological networks, buffer zones and corridors in each of the five UN regions. The draft review has been posted on the CBD website for comments (<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/protected/eco-networks>). Based on the comments received the review will be published in the CBD Technical Series prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

159. The Secretariat contributed a chapter entitled “Protected areas, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in wetlands” in the book “Donana”.

160. Based on a presentation made at the 8th World Wilderness Congress in Anchorage, Alaska (30th September to 6th October), the Secretariat prepared a paper on “Government commitments in the programme of work on protected areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity” which was published in the congress proceedings.

161. The Secretariat participated in meetings and teleconferences with the representatives of The Nature Conservancy regarding implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

Other activities:

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162. The Secretariat both compiled and analysed the responses from Parties to the protected areas section contained in the third national report, to be considered at COP8.

DECISION VII/30: STRATEGIC PLAN: FUTURE EVALUATION OF PROGRESS

163. In decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties adopted a framework to enhance the evaluation of achievements and progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan. The same decision established an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, to consider progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan and achievements leading up to the 2010 target in line with the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties; to review the impacts and effectiveness of existing processes under the Convention, such as meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, national focal points and the Secretariat, as part of the overall process for improving the operations of the Convention and implementation of the Strategic Plan; and to consider ways and means of identifying and overcoming obstacles to the effective implementation of the Convention.

164. In response to the provisions contained in the decision and subsequent recommendations the following activities were carried out:

(a) Preparation of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

165. The Secretariat prepared documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/6, containing the draft executive summary of the Second Global Biodiversity Outlook, and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/14, containing the full draft document. These documents were also submitted to a peer-review process, which ended on 4 December 2005.

166. Based on the comments received at SBSTTA-11, and peer-review comments, the Secretariat continued to revise the document presented as an executive summary, which will be expanded slightly and printed as the Second Global Biodiversity Outlook.

167. The Secretariat commissioned UNEP/GRID-Arendal to assist with the preparation of graphics for the Second Global Biodiversity Outlook and relevant ancillary products.

DECISION VII/32: MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

168. In decision VII/32, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), and taking into account ongoing work, to undertake the necessary consultations and bring forward options for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition within the existing programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and to strengthen existing initiatives on food and nutrition, enhance synergies and fully integrate biodiversity concerns into their work, with a view to the achievement of target 2 of the Millennium Development Goal 1 and other relevant Millennium Development Goals.

169. In response to this decision, the Secretariat reported on progress made to the eleventh meeting of the SBSTTA, and has prepared a document on options for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition, for consideration at COP-8 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.2). The Secretariat held a teleconference with colleagues at FAO and IPGRI on 12 October and 16 November 2005 to discuss both documents, and to plan supporting activities. These colleagues also provided written comments on the two documents.

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Other activities

170. The Secretariat finalized the analysis of the sections contained in the third national reports referring to agricultural biodiversity, dry and sub-humid lands, forests, inland waters, invasive alien species, marine and coastal biodiversity and protected areas, to be submitted to COP-8.

171. Relevant information on these thematic programmes of work were submitted to SEL for the elaboration of the thematic progress report on the incorporation of relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) into the thematic areas of the Convention.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

172. During the period under review, the work of the SEL unit focussed mainly on the preparations for the fourth meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Groups on Access and Benefit-sharing and on Article 8 (j) and related provisions, which were scheduled for January 2006, as well as the finalization of the documentation for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

DECISION VII/14 ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

173. As requested by decision VII/14, and based on the assistance of experts, the Secretariat prepared a Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development, and a glossary and definitions of technical terms used in the Guidelines. By notification 2005-072, the Secretariat circulated the draft and invited Parties, Government and relevant stakeholders to provide their views and comments on the drafts no later than 30 September 2005.

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

DECISION VII/16 ON ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

Preparations for WG 8(j)

175. The Secretariat was busily preparing documents for the fourth meeting of the WG8(j), which will include 14 working documents, 13 information documents and 2 other documents of relevance to the meeting. All documents were completed and submitted for processing by early December.

176. Regarding funding for participation of indigenous and local communities, a grant application was finalized for the Christensen Fund and a request was sent to other donors to ensure adequate funding. Notifications were issued invited indigenous and local communities to send expressions of interest for travel grants to participate in both the wG8(j) and the WG ABS and the selection process was complete and funding recipients notified in early December.

DECISION VII/17 ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

177. Following the financial contribution from the European Union, the Secretariat convened the Meeting of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress under Article 14(2) of the Convention in Montreal from 12-14 October 2005 in accordance with paragraph 2 of decision VI/11 and paragraph 1 of decision VII/17. The report of the meeting to COP 8 is contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.3.

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

178. In preparation for the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, held in Granada, Spain, from 30 January to 3 February 2006, the following documentation was prepared and completed:

- Revised annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/1/Add.1/Rev.1)
- International regime on access and Benefit-sharing: consolidated text of the comments and proposals contained in submissions by Parties, Governments and organizations regarding the international regime (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/2 and Add.1)
- Matrix on the analysis of gaps (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/3)
- Compilation of further studies and pilot projects and views on the design of an international certificate of origin/source/legal provenance (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/4)
- Measures to support compliance with prior informed consent of the Contracting Party providing genetic resources and mutually agreed terms on which access was granted in Contracting Parties with users of such resources under their jurisdiction (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/5)
- Strategic Plan: future evaluation of progress – the need and possible options for indicators for access to genetic resources and in particular for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization: compilation of views and information provided by Parties, Governments, relevant international organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/6)
- Further consideration of outstanding issues related to access and benefit-sharing: use of terms, definitions and/or glossary, as appropriate (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/7)
- Measures to support compliance with prior informed consent of the Contracting Party providing genetic resources and mutually agreed terms on which access was granted in Contracting Parties with users of such resources under their jurisdiction: List of relevant documentation circulated in other forums (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/INF/1)
- Compilation of submissions provided by Parties, Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders related to the international regime on access and benefit-sharing (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/INF/3 and Add.1)
- Compilation of submissions relating to the matrix on the analysis of gaps (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/4/INF/4)

179. Additional preparations for this meeting included logistical arrangements and preparations of speaking notes, statements and introductory notes.

DECISION VII/29: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

180. The Secretariat finalized the preparation of documentation on national and international information systems for technology transfer as well as on proposals on enhancing the clearing house mechanism as a key mechanism for exchange of information on technologies of relevance to the Convention, as requested by the programme of work on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation. The documentation was submitted to the informal advisory committee of the clearing house mechanism for its consideration at its meeting, on 27 November 2005.

DECISION VII/33 ON OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

181. The Secretariat prepared and finalized the following documentation on the Operations of the Convention for consideration of COP 8: UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16-Operations of the Convention; UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.1-Review and retirement of COP decisions; UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.2-

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Consolidation of COP decisions; UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.3-Review and revision of administrative arrangements; and UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.4-Consolidated modus operandi of SBSTTA.

182. Consolidation of COP decisions related to national reporting had been proposed for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

Status of national reports and thematic reports

183. The following table contains a summary statistics of receipts of national, thematic and voluntary reports as of the end of December 2005.

National Reports			Thematic Reports							Voluntary Reports
1st	2nd	3rd	AIS	ABS	FE	ME	STC	PA	GTI	Forest
140	119	56	60	17	47	40	28	56	50	19

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BIOSAFETY

**DECISIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING
AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

The Biosafety Protocol

Inter-sessional meetings:

184. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety pursuant to paragraph 4 of decision BS-II/9 adopted by the second meeting of the COP-MOP. The Expert Group met on 15-18 November 2005 in Rome, Italy, following the generous offer of the Government of Italy to host and fund the meeting. The report and recommendations of this meeting will be made available to all Parties and other Governments for consideration at the third meeting of the COP-MOP.

185. The Secretariat is currently making preparations for the following meetings to be organized during the first quarter of 2006: second Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities (18-20 January 2006, Tronso Norway); third meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety (20-21 January 2006, Tronso, Norway); second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Biosafety Protocol (6-8 February 2006, Montreal); second meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol (20-24 February 2006, Montreal); and, the third meeting of the COP-MOP (13-17 March 2006, Curitiba, Brazil).

The Biosafety Clearing House:

186. In accordance with relevant decisions of the COP-MOP pertaining to the modalities of operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House, the Secretariat is requested to include information on the operation of the BCH in its Quarterly Report once a year. During the year 2005, the Secretariat has continued to develop and implement the central portal of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) in accordance with activities deriving from decisions BS-I/3, BS-II/2 and the longer term programme of work for the BCH that was adopted by the COP-MOP at its second meeting (BS-II/2, annex).

187. An internal review of the BCH was considered at the second meeting of the COP-MOP in June 2005. Letters were sent to all BCH national focal points in January 2005 and December 2005, advising them of the current status of their records available through the Biosafety Clearing-House, and encouraging them to update this information if necessary.

188. The following is a summary of the information currently contained in the BCH:

- As at 31 December 2005, the BCH contained 8169 records, including 347 records from Africa, 433 from Asia and the Pacific, 248 from Central and Eastern Europe, 284 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 1140 from Western Europe and Others, and the remainder provided by the Secretariat and through collaboration with international organisations (such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development - OECD - and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology - ICGEB);
- In accordance with the BCH modalities of operation, these records included information on national focal points; national databases and websites; laws, regulations and guidelines to implement the Protocol; final decisions on import or release of living modified organisms; risk assessments; as well as additional information to assist in biosafety capacity-building (such as access to the roster of experts; capacity-building activities, needs and priorities).

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Several new categories of information were added, including the Biosafety Information Resource Centre (which provides access to publications; risk assessment guidance materials; reports and case studies; journals and news services; relevant websites and tools; and teaching materials); and an integrated training site made available through the BCH for use in individual, national and regional-level training;

- 151 National Focal Points for the Protocol have been nominated, regionally distributed as follows: 43 in Africa, 33 in Asia and the Pacific, 21 in Central and Eastern Europe, 29 in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 25 from Western Europe and Others. It should be noted that this number (151) reflects only the primary national focal points, as some governments have also indicated secondary national focal points. There are 193 BCH focal points. Universal nominations to this position resulted from a notification issued by the Secretariat in August 2005 advising governments that had not yet provided nominations to the position of BCH National Focal Point that national focal points for the Cartagena Protocol would be deemed to be BCH National Focal Points, to ensure that full functionality of the Biosafety Clearing-House would be available to all governments.
- Partnership agreements with international nodes to provide information to the BCH have been implemented with OECD and ICGEB. Information is also being provided to the BCH through interoperability with the CH-BCH (the Swiss Biosafety Clearing-House), and with the United States Regulatory Agencies Unified Biotechnology Website.

The biosafety roster of experts:

189. Decision BS-1/4 requested the Executive Secretary to make available annually, as part of the quarterly report of the Secretariat, a summary report on the status and use of the roster of experts on biosafety established by decision EM-1/3 of the COP, and the voluntary fund for the use of the roster whose pilot phase was established by decision VI/1 of the COP. The summary report is provided in the annex below

Status of ratification:

190. As of 31 December 2005, 130 Parties to the CBD had acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website of the Secretariat and is updated each time the Secretariat is notified by the Depository of a new deposit of instrument of ratification/accession.

Annex: Report on the Roster of Experts on Biosafety for Year 2005

191. In accordance with decision BS-1/4 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, a summary report on the status and use of the roster of experts on biosafety established and the pilot phase of the voluntary fund for the use of the roster is presented below. This report is made annually as part of the fourth quarter report of the Secretariat.

Status of the Roster

192. At the end of 2005, the roster contained 591 experts nominated by a total of 77 Parties and other governments. The regional breakdown is as follows:

Region	No. of Governments making nominations	No. of experts nominated	Percentage of total number of nominations
Africa	21	175	30%
Asia and the Pacific	19	144	24%

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Central and Eastern Europe	12	92	16%
Latin America and the Caribbean	13	74	12%
Western Europe and Others	12	106	18%
TOTAL	77	591	100%

115. The composition of the roster by gender is follows:

Gender	Number of Experts	Percentage of total no. of experts
Female	131	22%
Male	367	62%
Not yet specified	93	16%

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116. The breakdown by areas of expertise is as follows.

<i>Area of expertise</i>	<i>No. of experts</i>	<i>Percentage of the total number of experts in the roster</i>
Legislation and regulation	198	34%
Risk assessment and risk management	442	75%
Social and economic sciences	124	21%
Institutional development	201	34%
Teaching and training	166	28%
Public awareness and participation	141	24%
Data management and information-sharing	77	13%
Research and development	142	24%

* Note that many experts have indicated multiple areas of expertise

Use of the Roster

193. During 2005, the Secretariat received no request from any Party for assistance in identifying appropriate experts from the roster or for facilitating contacts between governments and experts in the roster. As well, the Secretariat received no reports on assignments carried out by experts selected from the roster.

The Voluntary Fund

194. In accordance with decision BS-1/10, paragraph 2(b), the General Trust Fund (i.e. the Pilot Phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster of Experts on Biosafety) which was established in paragraph 27 of COP decision VI/29 was closed on 1 January 2005 and the funds contained therein were transferred to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BH Trust Fund) for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities.

195. In 2003, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made one contribution of US\$62,240 to the Pilot Phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster of Experts on Biosafety. However, because there were no requests for use of the funds, and following COP-7 and COP-MOP 1, that contribution was re-allocated by the donor. No other contributions were received donor countries in this regard. Accordingly, no funds are available in BH Trust Fund for the purpose of supporting developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to pay for the use of experts selected from the roster of experts on biosafety.

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196. During 2005, the Secretariat received one request of US\$ 18,831 from a Party (Togo) to hire an expert from the roster to elaborate procedures and guidelines for the effective implementation of its national law on biosafety. However, it was not possible to support the request due to lack of resources in the BH Trust Fund for this purpose. Consequently, the Executive Secretary sent a letter to National Focal Points of potential donor countries soliciting for contributions. However, by the end of 2005 the Secretariat had received no response.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTREACH

DECISION VII/20: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM DECISION VII/22: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRD REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

Guidance from the Conference of the Parties

197. The Secretariat communicated to the GEF Secretariat the outcomes of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. On 13 October 2005, the GEF Secretariat informed that it will be glad to provide details of the Resource Allocation Framework in preparation for the 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

198. The GEF Secretariat made a request on a list of eligible countries under the financial mechanism of the Convention. The Secretariat responded by highlighting that the two secretariats have discussed this matter on a number of occasions and are in agreement that the Conference of the Parties is the only ultimate authority to resolve this issue. The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention already made a recommendation that the Conference of the Parties should adopt a list of developing country Parties.

199. The Secretariat is currently collaborating with the GEF Secretariat with respect to a dialogue on guidance, and making proposals on advancing this issue. The Secretariat received communications regarding biosafety projects from Malta, Costa Rica, Comoros, Philippines, and Haiti.

Reporting from the GEF

200. On 6 October 2005, the GEF Secretariat advised that it will prepare a report to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties which will include the relevant information regarding the support provided to the Parties on biosafety capacity building, and it will organize one side event to present GEF activities, and another side event to present the results of the evaluation of the GEF support to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

201. On 14 December 2005, the GEF Secretariat advised that the GEF report to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be in English, French and Spanish, and the Executive Secretary should make it available in other United Nations languages. In addition, the GEF Secretariat also advised that it plans to organize four side events during COP-8 (Tuesday through Friday, March 21-24, 2006).

Monitoring and evaluation

202. The Secretariat received and responded to the enquiry from the Forest Peoples Programme of the United Kingdom concerning the status of the third review of the financial mechanism.

203. The GEF Evaluation Officer finalized its evaluation of the GEF support to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The Secretariat was involved in the information gathering portion of the evaluation.

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Replenishment

204. The 4th meeting of the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund was held in Washington DC on 11 November 2005. The meeting focused on programming document, policy recommendations and financial arrangements.

205. The final meeting with respect to the fourth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility took place in Japan on 21-22 November 2005. The meeting was scheduled to finalize the fourth replenishment process, but did not reach a final agreement.

206. A further meeting was scheduled to take place in Paris from 19-20 of December 2005 to conclude the replenishment negotiations. The meeting was postponed on the ground that the Paris meeting should take place only in circumstances in which there is a reasonable assurance of being able to conclude the replenishment discussions successfully, and continued consultations with and among participants are needed.

Reciprocal representation

207. Attendance in CBD meetings. The GEF Secretariat was invited and attended the eleventh meeting of the SBSTTA held 28 November – 4 December in Montreal. On 6 October 2005, the GEF Secretariat advised that it will attend the third meeting of the COP/MOP. On 8 December 2005, the GEF Secretariat notified its intention to attend the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing.

208. The Secretariat attended the GEF-NGO consultation and 27th meeting of the GEF Council held in Washington DC from 7 – 10 November 2005, and delivered both brief and written statements to the meeting in respect of the main development since the Council meeting of June 2005.

Inter-secretariat cooperation

209. The Secretariat participated in the Executive GEFOP meeting on 11 October 2005 to discuss the proposed November 2005 Work Program and review general portfolio issues. The meeting noted the shortage of available commitment authorities and cleared all proposed projects for further processing. Eight biodiversity projects in the amount of US\$ 124 million were included in the proposed work program.

210. The Secretariat received and reviewed/commented on the enabling activity proposals:

Afghanistan: National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management
Democratic Republic of the Congo: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global and National Environment Management

Ghana: Review of the National Biodiversity Strategy, development of the Action Plan and participation in the National Clearing House Mechanism

Morocco: Development of the National Clearing House Mechanism, capacity assessment for ABS and Taxonomy in Morocco, and updating of the NBSAP

Paraguay: National Capacity Self-Assessment

Seychelles: Assessment of Capacity Building needs in biodiversity conservation and participation in the National Clearing House mechanism

Uganda: Development of a National Clearing House Mechanism and Revision of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

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211. Project development facility proposals (PDF/pipelines) received and reviewed/ commented on are:

Botswana: Wildlife Conflict Management and Biodiversity Conservation for Improved Rural Livelihoods in Botswana
Brazil: Protection, Conservation, Recuperation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Indigenous Lands of Brazil
Bulgaria: Mainstreaming concerns for globally threatened migratory birds into key areas of economic activity in Bulgaria
Chile: From Flamingos to Penguins: MSP Cluster of Biodiversity Conservation Projects and their Contribution to the National System of Protected Areas in Chile
China: Shandong Second Environment
Colombia: Improving the sustainability of the National Protected Areas System in Colombia through the demonstration of an Integrated Territorial Approach to Protected Area Management
Congo: Freshwater and marine biodiversity ecosystem management project
Dominican Republic: Re-engineering of the Dominican Republic National Protected Areas System
Global: Conservation and Use of Crop Genetic Diversity to Control Pests and Diseases in Support of Sustainable Agriculture (China, Ecuador, Morocco and Uganda)
Global: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
Global: Building Capacity and Raising Awareness in Invasive Species Prevention and Management (Chile, Costa Rica, Senegal, Tanzania, and Vietnam)
Global: Developing a multi country approach in support of country implementation National Biosafety Frameworks for the transboundary transfer, use and handling of biotechnology products in North Africa and West Asia (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, (other partner countries: Oman, Saudi Arabia, Palestinian Authority)
Global: Piloting climate change adaptation to protect human health
Guatemala: Management of Conservation Areas in the Petén
Guatemala: Promoting ecotourism in Guatemala to strengthen the national protected areas network
India: Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management Partnership Program (SLEM Partnership)
Indonesia: Environment and Conservation through Community-Driven Development
Indonesia: Marginal Fishing Communities Development Project (*Program Nelayan*)
Kazakhstan: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Kazakhstani Sector of the Altai-Sayan Mountain Ecoregion
Mexico: Land Conservation and Administration
Montenegro: Tara and Lim River Basin Watershed Management
Namibia: Adaptation to Climate Change through the Improvement of Traditional Crops and Livestock Farming Systems
Panama: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation in the Productive Sectors of Las Perlas Archipelago
Philippines: Mindanao Rural Development Program Phase II - Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Conservation Component
Regional (Africa): Capacity Building in Biosafety: a Sub-regional Approach to Implementing the Cartagena Protocol in Cotton Producing Countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal, Togo)
Regional (Africa): Sahelian Agro-Pastoral Ecosystem Management Umbrella Project (Burkina Faso, Mali Niger)
Regional (Africa): Developing a multi country approach in support of country implementation National Biosafety Frameworks for the transboundary transfer, use and handling of biotechnology products within the SADC sub region of Africa (SADC-Southern African

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Development Community) (Angola, Botswana, Congo DR, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

Regional (Africa): Developing a multi country approach in support of country implementation National Biosafety Frameworks for the transboundary transfer, use and handling of biotechnology products within the ECOWAS sub region of Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo)

Regional (Africa): Congo Basin Forest Sustainable Funding Mechanism (Cameroon, CAR, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, DR Congo)

Regional (Asia): Development and Application of Decision-support tools to conserve and sustainably use genetic diversity in indigenous livestock and wild relatives (Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam)

Regional (Central and Eastern Europe): Developing a sub-regional approach in support of country level implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks for the transboundary transfer, use and handling of biotechnology products within the CEECCA sub region (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia (former Republic of Yugoslav), Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine)

Regional (Latin America and the Caribbean): Conserving Biodiversity on Private Lands in Latin America (Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico)

Regional (Latin America): Biodiversity, Sustainable Production and International Markets in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama).

Regional (Latin America): Cooperation in Conservation: Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI)

Regional (Latin America): Integrated Management of the Montecristo Trinational protected area (El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras)

Regional (Latin America): Sustainable Production and International Markets in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama)

Regional (Pacific): Implementing the Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing in the Pacific Island Countries (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu)

Regional (the Caribbean): Proposal for a regional project for implementing national biosafety frameworks in the Caribbean Sub-region

Romania: Environment Management project

Serbia & Montenegro: Montenegro Tara and Lim River Basin Watershed Management

Sierra Leone: Wildlife Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Project

Slovak Republic: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Slovakia

South Africa: Development, empowerment and conservation in the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park and surrounding region

Swaziland: Adaptation to Climate Change in Lubombo Region

Yemen: Development of Integrated Marine and Coastal Resources

Yemen: Strengthening Local Participation in the Implementation of Socotra's Conservation Zoning Plan

212. The medium-sized projects (MSPs) received and reviewed/commented on include:

Albania: Butrint National Park: Biodiversity and Global Heritage Conservation

Bhutan: Integrated Livestock and Crop Conservation Project

Bulgaria: Integrating Global Environmental Issues into Bulgaria's Regional Development Process

Estonia: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Estonia

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Fiji: Creating the Sovi Basin Trust Fund
Indonesia: Partnerships for Conservation Management of the Aketajawe-Lolobata National Park, North Maluku Province
Latvia: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Latvia
Moldova: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of the Republic of Moldova
Regional (Asia): A Regionally Harmonized National Consultation Process to Implement the Bonn Guidelines in Central Asia and Mongolia (Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Republic of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)
Regional (Asia): Establishing a Regional Monitoring and Early Warning Network for Dust and Sandstorms in Northeast Asia (China and Mongolia)
Slovakia: Support to the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Slovakia
Tanzania: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of The United Republic of Tanzania
Tanzania: Mainstreaming Climate Change in integrated Water Resources Management in Pangani River Basin
Vietnam: Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Vietnam

213. The full projects (FP) received and reviewed/commented on are:

Chile: Regional System of Protected Areas for Sustainable Conservation and Use of Valdivian Temperate Rainforest
Costa Rica: Mainstreaming market based instruments for environmental management project
Global (China, Ecuador, Morocco and Uganda): Conservation and Use of Crop Genetic Diversity to Control Pests and Diseases in Support of Sustainable Agriculture
Global: Financial Sustainability for National Systems of Protected Areas
Global: GEF Development Marketplace Partnership
Global: Institutionalizing Payments for Ecosystem Services
Kazakhstan: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Kazakhstani Sector of the Altai-Sayan Ecoregion
Regional (Asia): Development and Application of Decision-support tools to conserve and sustainably use genetic diversity in indigenous livestock and wild relatives (Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam)
Regional (Latin America): Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System II (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico)
Regional (Latin America): Integrated Management of the Montecristo Trinational Protected Area
Venezuela: Expanding Partnerships for the National Parks System

214. As per the request from the GEF Secretariat, the Secretariat provided comments the document "Relations with Conventions and Other Institutions" for consideration of the 27th Council meeting. The Secretariat received several documents from the GEF Secretariat and the GEF Evaluation Office:

GEF Newsletter: Talking Points Vol. 5, No. 4 which provided updates on the GEF corporate activities
Success targets and rating systems for GEF Implementing Agencies and Executing Agencies
Project Cycle Management and Cancellations
GEF Familiarization Seminar, January 31-February 2, 2006
Guide for countries preparing the Third National Reports to the CBD.

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DECISION VII/21: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

National funding measures

215. The Secretariat prepared a brief analysis of the funding information contained in the third national reports with respect to financial resources which will be presented to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Over one hundred national biodiversity strategies and action plans have been analyzed.

216. On 13 October 2005, Togo filed a request before the Pilot Phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster of Experts on biosafety for financial support to a nationally selected biosafety expert for undertaking certain capacity building activities, but this request has not been met due to lack of funding.

217. On 25 November 2005, training on financing for clearing-house mechanism was provided to the technical workshop on the introduction of new information and web-based technologies (Montreal, 21-25 November 2005). India communicated to the Secretariat that a quarterly newsletter has been created for its biosafety capacity building project at the address:
<http://www.envfor.nic.in/divisions/csurv/biosafety/default.htm>.

International assistance to biodiversity

218. The Secretariat continues to review and update information regarding external sources of financing for biodiversity.

219. The Secretariat responded to requests concerning funding/information from:

Brazil: FBOMS - Brazilian Forum of NGOs and Social Movements for the Environment and the Development to organize civil society participation during the COP8

Brazil: Projects for funding

Cameroon: Awareness raising, information and education on clearing-house mechanism project

Cuba: Agricultural extension and poverty reduction

D.R. Congo: Organizations of meetings in Goma

Kenya: Funding to attend a Food Quality Control Training in India scheduled for November to December 2005

Nigeria: Conservation development initiatives

Switzerland: Creation of Zoobank

220. The Secretariat analyzed 7943 commitments targeting the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity from the OECD Creditor Reporting System as of 31 October 2005, as well as one additional developed country. The overall trend of absolute volumes in current prices of biodiversity assistance from these sixteen countries declined from 1998 to 2003. Nevertheless, there was a slight recovery in 1999 and again in 2002. As share of total official development assistance from these countries, the percentage for biodiversity assistance declined from 2.03 percent in 1998 to 1 percent in 2003. There were also recoveries in 1999 and 2002. These findings were included in the report to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Strengthening financial institutions

Preparations for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

221. In response to the letter of the Executive Secretary, Belgium, India, Latvia, and Mexico indicated their endorsement of the list of developed country Parties to the Convention proposed

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by the Executive Secretary. On 21 November 2005, Czech Republic responded by requesting that Czech Republic be added to the list of developed country Parties.

222. Four pre-sessional documents have been prepared: Follow-up to the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/20), additional financial resources (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/21), transmittal note for the report of the Global Environment Facility (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/10), compilation of previous guidance (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/1). All the documents were subject to internal and external professional reviews, in particular from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Global Environment Facility.

223. The Programme coordinated with the Global Environment Facility with respect to its report to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and events to be prepared.

DECISION VII/23 SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM

Clearing-house Mechanism

224. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision VII/23 on scientific and technical cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism.

225. In paragraph 7(a) of that decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to update the strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism to 2009, in collaboration with the informal advisory committee, for consideration by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Following comments from Parties and recommendations by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention and the Informal Advisory Committee for the Clearing-House Mechanism, the strategic plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism strategic plan, has been submitted to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

226. In paragraph 7(b) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, regional workshops as a catalyzing mechanism to allow for the interaction of international thematic focal points with the national focal points to further enhance the scientific and technical cooperation goal of the clearing-house mechanism and to build capacities at the national level with regard to use of and access to new information technologies. The Executive, in collaboration with the Government of Belgium, organized a technical hands-on workshop to transfer know-how and introduce web-based and new information technologies to participants from least developed and small island developing states from 21 to 25 November 2005. As well, the Executive Secretary in cooperation with the European Environment Agency organized the CBD clearing-house mechanism and EC clearing-house mechanism joint regional meeting for Central and Eastern Europe from 13 to 15 December 2005.

227. In paragraph 8 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties called on the Informal Advisory Committee to assess the results of the independent review of the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/12) and assist the Executive Secretary on measures and actions to be undertaken to strengthen the clearing-house mechanism's role in promoting technical and scientific cooperation, including its role in facilitating the transfer of technology and know-how and capacity-building to support implementation of the Convention at the national level. In support of the above, the Executive Secretary organized a meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on 27 November 2005 to discuss the new strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism in light of the independent review and to discuss issues related to programme element 2 of decision VII/29.

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228. The Clearing-House Mechanism is also developing a species profile schema, in support of paragraph 25 of decision VI/23* whereby the Conference of the Parties called on Parties, countries and relevant organizations to contribute to the creation and maintenance of a global invasive species information network. The second draft of the schema was completed and made available to Parties, countries and relevant organizations for comments. In support of the above, the Executive Secretary is organizing jointly a meeting with the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN) a meeting to be held in Agadir, Morocco from the 21 to 24 2006.

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

DECISION VII/25 NATIONAL REPORTING

229. As of the end of December 2005, the Secretariat had received a total of 56 third national reports. All the reports received had been posted on the website of the Convention, except those submitted in a draft form or having used a format inconsistent with the finalized guidelines for the third national report.

230. The National Reports Analyzer, a brand-new analytical tool for the second and third national reports and thematic reports, had been developed and launched prior to the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (November 28-December 2, 2005). This tool can be accessed at <http://www.biodiv.org/reports/analyzer.aspx>.

231. A guide for preparing the third national report had been completed with the support of the United Nations Development Programme, the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies. The guide can be accessed at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/guidelines/nr-03-guide-undp-gef-en.pdf>.

232. A synthesis of information contained in the third national reports had been compiled for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

233. Follow up with recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation

234. Draft guidelines for the fourth national report had been prepared by the Executive Secretary and circulated to Parties for comments. By 20 December 2005, comments had been received from Canada, Chile, Finland, Malta, Mauritius, Sweden, the United Kingdom and UNEP-WCMC. Draft guidelines had been revised by having incorporated or taken into account the comments received and will be presented for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

235. In response to paragraphs (a) and (b) of Part C of WGRI Recommendation I/8, the Executive Secretary had prepared an outline of issues to be addressed by the review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and a proposal on the guidance provided to development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. All these are contained in the document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/15.

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ANNEX I
STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 29 regularized Professional staff members and 23 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 12 vacant posts, (7 professional and 5 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 3 professional posts and 4 General Service posts were funded from other sources and there were 2 vacant General Service posts funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

2. During the period under review there were two Interns and one fellow working at the Secretariat: Ms. Catherine Fagan from Canada, working on legal and indigenous matters in the Social Economic and Legal Matters Division (SEL) and Ms. Joelle LeFrancois from Canada, working on Access and Benefit Sharing in the SEL. Additionally, Ms. Zakia Ammari from Morocco is a fellow with the Secretariat for the period May to October 2005.

II Contributions and Funds

3. During the fourth quarter of 2005, eleven new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were received. A pledge of Cdn\$150,000 was received from the Government of Canada for the Meeting on Review of Implementation of the Convention, and a pledge of Cdn\$21,605 was received for a joint CBD/UNFCCC SBSTTA meeting; The Government of Spain pledged 250,000 Euros for the 4th meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Groups on Article 8(j) and Access and Benefit-Sharing and the Government of Brazil pledged US\$427,464 for COP-8; The Governments of Italy (US\$50,000), Belgium (35,000 Euros), Germany (55,000 Euros) and Finland (20,000 Euros) pledged funds for the 2nd meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas. Pledges were also received from Switzerland (CHF 45,000) for the GBO-2, and from the EEC (49,300 Euros) and (49,485 Euros) respectively for the AHTEG on Liability and Redress under the CBD and the Clearing House Mechanism.

4. For 2005 a total of US\$3,438,414 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$2,677,840 or 78% has been collected as at 31 December 2005. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

5. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2005 is US\$7,662,807. Of this amount, US\$7,087,922 or 92.5% has been received. Additionally, US\$935,000 has been pledged and collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2005. US\$1,879,276 has also been collected in 2005 for prior years and US\$1,868,759 for future years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

6. As at 31 December 2005 a total of US\$1,589,674 was pledged for 2005 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Finland (\$49,871); Italy (\$388,837); Sweden (\$72,780); Thailand (\$113,000); the United Kingdom (\$250,382); the Christensen Foundation (\$89,700); Germany (\$116,137); Japan (\$20,000); Denmark (\$64,074); Norway (\$38,646) and Ireland (\$84,382); Austria (\$47,028); Brazil (\$37,667) and EEC (\$177,195); .

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7. As at 31 December 2005, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2005 amounted to US\$1,353,055 or 85% of the total pledged for 2005. Additionally, \$153,468 was collected for prior years. A total of US\$276,619 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2005 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

8. As at 31 December 2005, a total of sixty-three (63) countries have contributed US\$2,068,261 or 93% to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BG Trust Fund**), for 2005. Additionally, US\$1,034,319 has been collected for future years. Unpaid contributions for 2005 amount to \$147,002. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

9. As at 31 December 2005, the Governments of Austria, Brazil, Finland, Italy and Sweden have pledged a total of US\$354,694 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). \$248,783 or 70% have so far been paid. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

10. As at 31 December 2005, the Governments of Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, EEC, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom have pledged a total of US\$770,572 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). A total of US\$751,739 or 96% has so far been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

11. COP-7 approved a budget of US\$10,497,800 for the BY Trust Fund for 2005. As at 31 December 2005, a total of US\$9,930,992 was spent or committed. This represents 95% of the approved amount.

COP/MOP-1 approved a budget of US\$2,166,500 for the BG Trust Fund for 2005. As at 31 December 2005, a total of US\$1,387,710 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 64% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. At present nine UNEP staff members, the Chief, Fund Management and Administration, the Administrative Officer, the Finance Officer, the Senior Finance Assistant, the Finance Assistant, the Personnel Assistant, the Conference Assistant and two Administrative Assistants are funded from the programme support funds (PSC).

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Appendix 1
STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
1 October – 31 December 2005

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary	Mr. H. Zedan (Regularized)
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert (Regularized)
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy (Regularized)
1104	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. C. Sendashonga (Regularized)
1105	D1	Principal Officer (I&O)	Mr. A. Nogueira (Regularized)
1106	P5	Chief, Fund & Admin. (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish– (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (I&O)	Mr. Y. Xiang (Regularized)
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. D.Ogolla (Regularized)
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann (Regularized)
1110	P4	PO Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. M. Guariguata (Regularized)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (I&O)	Mr. M. Silva (Regularized)
1114	P4	Special Assistant to the ES. (EDM)	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott (Regularized)
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (I&O)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli (Regularized)
1119	P3	Information Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Post Advertised)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (I&O)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. M. Vierros (Regularized)
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (I&O)	Mr. D. Ainsworth (Regularized)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. R. Muruthi-Mureithi (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P3	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale (Regularized)
1127	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena (Regularized)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (I&O)	Mr. Q. Nguyen (Regularized)
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates (Regularized)
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft (Regularized)
1133	P4	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand (Regularized)
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)

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Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1135	P5	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Mr. Ryan Hill (Regularized)
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1142	P3	PO, Reports (I&O)	Mr. L. Cai (Regularized)
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1144	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (EDM)	Mr. D. Cooper (Regularized)
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda (Regularized)
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (I&O)	Mr. P. LeBlond (Regularized)
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (EDM)	Ms. V. Pasquariello (Regularized)
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin (Regularized)
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. S. Meehan (Regularized)
1307	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. D. Stepic (Regularized)
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. M. Chiasson (Regularized)
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez (Regularized)
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. C. Risch (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Regularized)
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Regularized) (post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (I&O)	Ms. A. Vincent (Regularized)
1315	G7	Information Assistant (EDM)	Ms. A. Beliaeva (Regularized)
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (I&O)	Mr. V. Gopez (Regularized)
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Ms. L. Boutin (Regularized)

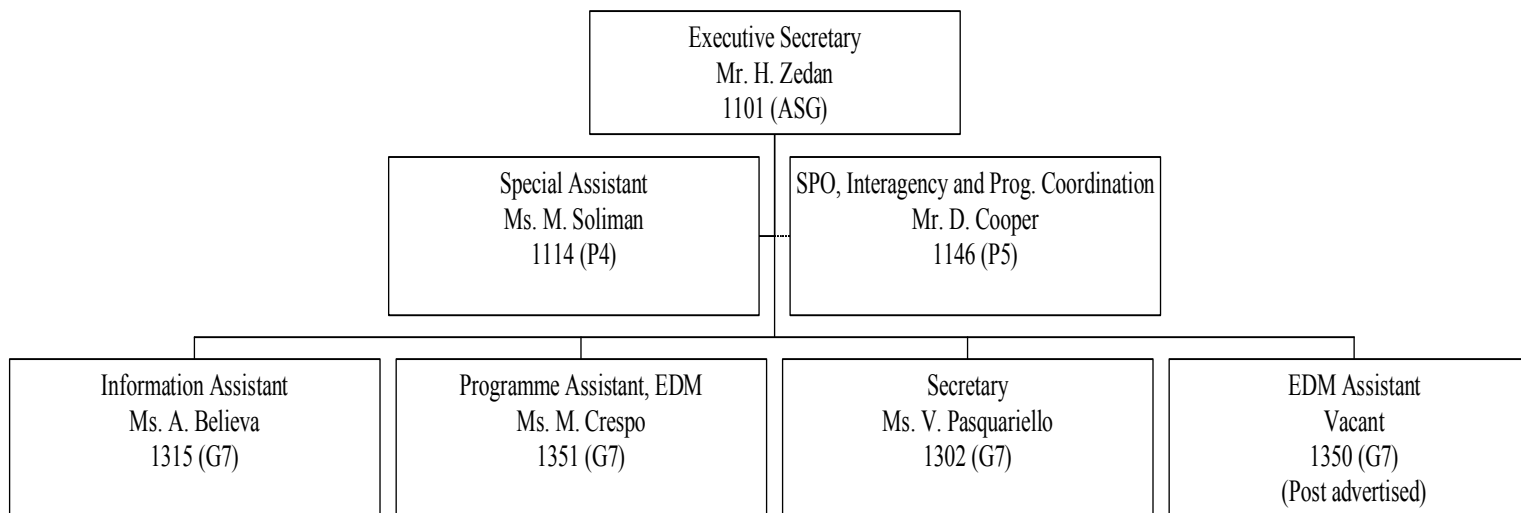
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Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Regularized)
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé (Regularized)
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, CHM (I&O)	Ms. X. Liang (Regularized)
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms.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

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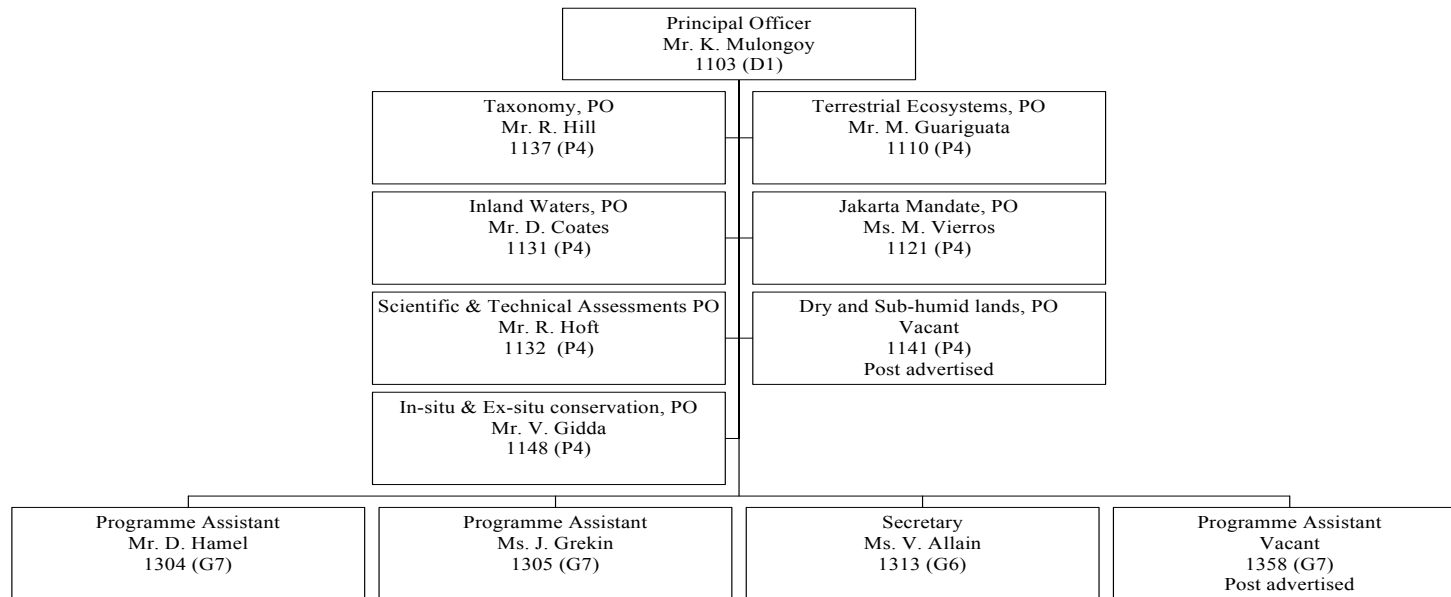
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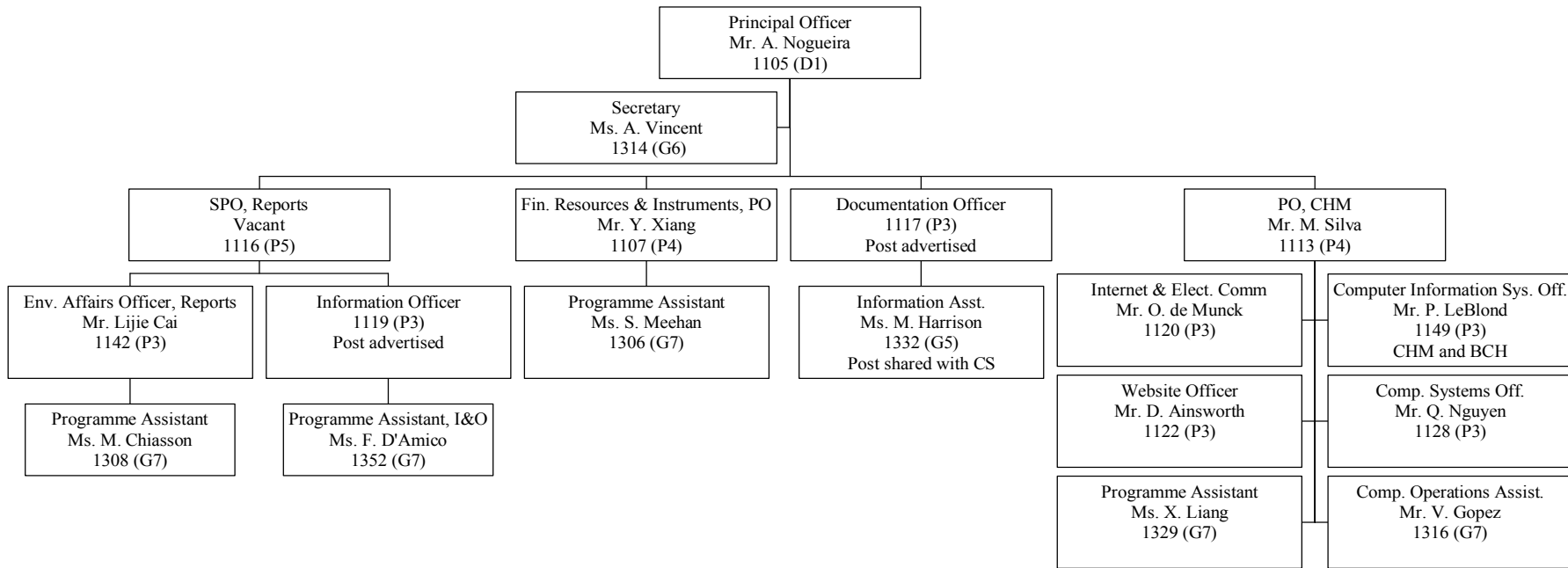
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Social, Economic and Legal Matters



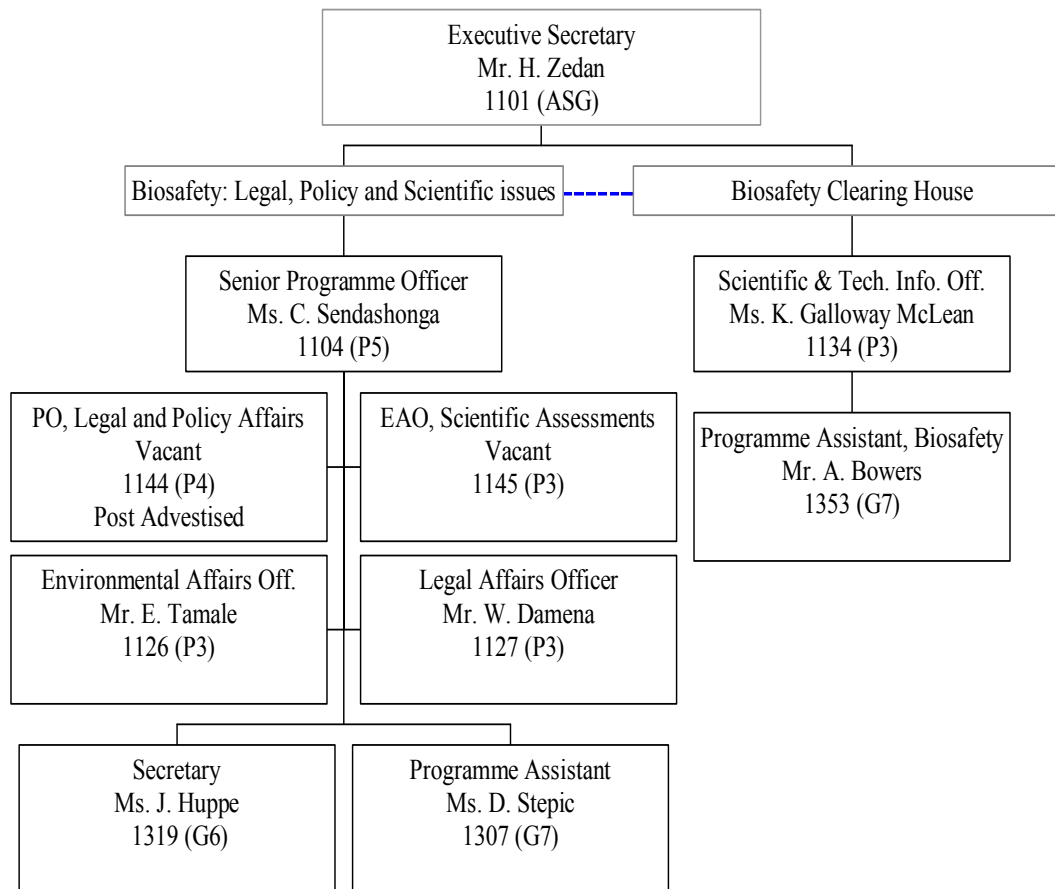
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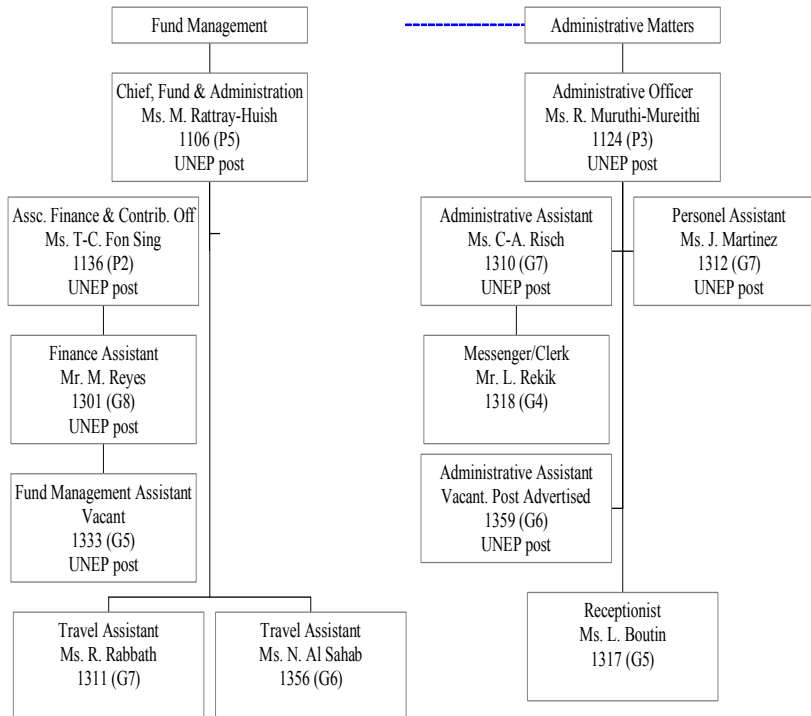


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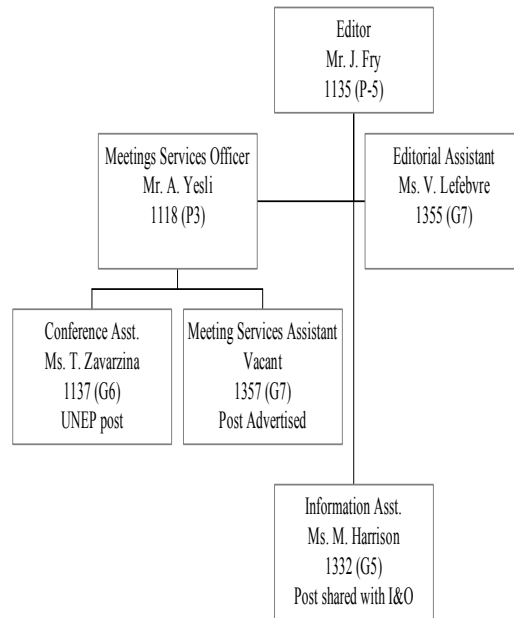


Resource Management



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Conference Services



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ANNEX III

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

Status of Contribution as at 31 December 2005 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04	Adjustments	Pledges for 2005		Collections in 2005 for prior years	Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years
Belgium			42,067	24/			42,067
Brazil			427,464	22/		215,643	211,821
Canada	21,592			1/			21,592
Canada	78,137			6/	78,137		0
Canada			149,842	14/		149,842	0
Canada			20,325	19/			20,325
Canada			126,008	25/		126,008	0
Canada			18,466	31/			18,466
EEC			58,238	29/		58,238	0
EEC			58,457	30/		58,457	0
Finland	59,386			7/	59,386		0
Finland			25,550	28/		25,550	0
Germany			67,000	16/		67,000	0
Germany			64,327	26/			64,327
Global Industry Coalition			26,000	17/		26,000	0
Italy			537,403	11/		537,403	0
Italy			6,000	13/		6,000	0
Italy			50,000	23/			50,000
IUCN			1,000	20/		1,000	0

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COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04	Adjustments	Pledges for 2005		Collections in 2005 for prior years	Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years
Netherlands	251,676			4/	251,676		0
Netherlands			511,200	15/		259,524	251,676
Spain	25,000			2/			25,000
Spain	85,417			5/	85,417		0
Spain			302,663	21/		302,663	0
Sweden	13,287			3/			13,287
Sweden			101,892	12/			101,892
Switzerland			34,257	27/		34,257	0
Thailand			262,167	9/		262,167	0
Thailand			357,425	10/		357,425	0
UK			190,663	18/		190,663	0
UK	47,735			8/	47,735		0
Total	582,230	0	3,438,414		522,351	2,677,840	820,453

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

2/Spain pledged US\$ 25,000 for Capacity Building Experts Meeting on the Biosafety Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001

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

4/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2004

5/Spain pledged EUR 66,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, Canary Islands, Spain, 6-10 September 2004

6/Canada pledged US\$ 100,000 towards the Workshop on Capacity Building as related to para. 2 of Art. 18 of the Biosafety Protocol, Bonn, Germany, 1-3 November 2004

7/Finland pledged US\$ 60,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity in 2005

8/UK pledged GBP 25,000 towards the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Meeting, London, U.K., 20-21 January 2005

9/Thailand pledged US\$ 262,167 towards the conference servicing costs of SBSTTA 10, Bangkok, Thailand 7-11 February 2005

10/Thailand pledged US\$ 357,425 towards the conference servicing costs of ABS 3 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand 14-18 February 2005

11/Italy pledged US\$ 537,403 for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005

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

13/Italy pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the Publication on Protected Areas

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COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04	Adjustments	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior years	Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years
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14/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 175,000 for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 2005

15/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2005

16/Germany pledged US\$ 67,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, Bonn, Germany, 25-29 July 2005

17/Global Industry Coalition pledged US\$ 26,000 towards the Biosafety Clearing House Workshop, Montreal, Canada, 28-29 May 2005

18/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Meeting, Brazil, October/November 2005 and GBP 60,000 towards the Open-Ended Meeting on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 2005

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

20/IUCN pledged US\$ 1,000 towards the Publication of Technical Series Volume on the Legal Aspects of High Seas MPAs

21/Spain pledged Euros 250,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and on the 4th Meeting on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Spain, 2006

22/Brazil pledged US\$ 427,464 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

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

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

25/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 150,000 for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 2005

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

27/Switzerland pledged CHF 45,000 towards the production of GBO 2

28/Finland pledged Euros 20,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006

29/EEC pledged Euros 49,300 towards the Technical Expert Group on Liability and Redress under the Convention

30/EEC pledged Euros 49,485 towards the Clearing House Mechanism Workshop

31/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 21,605 towards the Joint Meeting of CBD and UNFCCC, Montreal, Canada, 30 November 2005

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ANNEX IV

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

Status as at 31 December 2005 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04	Adjustments		Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior years	Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years
Austria			21/	11,734		11,734	0
Austria			28/	23,529			23,529
Austria			29/	11,765			11,765
Brazil			20/	37,667			37,667
Christensen Fund			8/	31,000		31,000	0
Christensen Fund			22/	58,700		58,700	0
Denmark	40,000		1/				40,000
Denmark			16/	64,074		64,074	0
EEC			26/	59,065		59,065	0
EEC			27/	118,130		47,252	70,878
Finland			6/	26,207		26,207	0
Finland			24/	23,664		23,664	0
Germany			13/	54,403		54,403	0
Germany			17/	61,734		61,734	0
Ireland	25,936		2/		25,936		0
Ireland			19/	60,532		60,532	0
Ireland			25/	23,850		23,850	0
Italy			7/	331,784		331,784	0
Italy			14/	57,053		57,053	0
Japan			12/	20,000			20,000
Norway			18/	38,646		38,646	0
Spain	37,532		9/		37,532		0
Sweden			10/	72,780			72,780
Switzerland	40,000		3/		40,000		0
Switzerland	50,000		4/		50,000		0
Switzerland			23/	39,975		39,975	0
COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as	Adjustments		Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2005	Collections in 2005	Unpaid pledges for

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	at 31.12.04				for prior years	for 2005 & future yrs	2005 & prior years
Thailand			5/	113,000		113,000	0
U.K			15/	155,997		155,997	0
U.K			11/	94,385		94,385	0
Total	193,468	0		1,589,674	153,468	1,353,055	276,619

- 1/Denmark pledged for the support of participants from Central and Eastern European countries to CBD meetings
- 2/Ireland pledged EUR 20,000 towards SBSTTA-10 and the Third Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, February 2005
- 3/Switzerland pledged US\$ 40,000 for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 7-11 February 2005
- 4/Switzerland pledged US\$ 50,000 for the Third Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, 14-18 February 2005
- 5/Thailand pledged US\$ 113,000 towards the participant costs for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 7-11 February 2005
- 6/Finland pledged EUR 20,000 for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 7-11 February 2005
- 7/Italy pledged US\$ 331,784 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005
- 8/Christensen pledged US\$ 31,000 towards the participation costs of Indigenous Representatives at the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group Meeting on Access & Benefit Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, 14-18 February 2005
- 9/Spain pledged EUR 29,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting in 2003
- 10/Sweden pledged SEK 500,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting, Spain in 2006
- 11/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, Montreal, Canada, December 2005
- 12/Japan pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the Asia/Pacific Regional Meeting for COP 8
- 13/Germany pledged EUR 42,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005
- 14/Italy pledged US\$ 57,053 towards the Meeting of Donor Agencies, Montecatini, Italy, 20-21 June 2005
- 15/UK pledged GBP 40,000 towards the SBSTTA-11 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 28 November-2 December 2005, GBP 40,000 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Brazil, 2006 and GBP 10,000 towards the African Regional Meeting in preparation for COP 8
- 16/Denmark pledged DKK 400,000 for the 2005 Montreal, Canada Meetings: a) Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, b) SBSTTA 11 and c) 2nd Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas
- 17/Germany pledged EUR 51,100 towards the participation costs of delegates for the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 December 2005
- 18/Norway pledged NOK 250,000 towards the participation of Parties to the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 2005
- 19/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates for the 4th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006
- 20/Brazil pledged US\$ 37,667 towards the participation costs of Indigenous at the COP 8 Meeting
- 21/Austria pledged US\$ 11,734 towards the SBSTTA-11 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 28 November-2 December 2005
- 22/Christensen pledged US\$ 58,700 towards the Indigenous participation costs to the Article 8(j) and the 4th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing Meetings, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006
- 23/Switzerland pledged US\$ 40,000 towards the 4th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing Meeting, Granada, Spain,

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30 January-3 February 2006

24/Finland pledged EUR 20,000 towards the SBSTTA-11 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 28 November-2 December 2005

25/Ireland pledged EUR 20,000 towards the COP 8 Preparatory Meetings

26/EEC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting, Granada, Spain, 23-27 January 2006

27/EEC pledged EUR 100,000 towards the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, Montreal, Canada, December 2005

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

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

ANNEX V**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 31 December 2005**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years	Collections During 2005 for future yrs
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	
Afghanistan	1,724	198				1,724	198	1,922	
Albania	295	495				295	495	790	
Algeria	0	7,520			7,520	0	0	0	
Angola		99	1,417			0	(1,318)	(1,318)	1,318
Antigua & Barbuda		297	610			0	(313)	(313)	313
Argentina	282,724	94,589				282,724	94,589	377,313	
Armenia	14,499	198		5,416		9,083	198	9,281	
Australia		157,517	157,517		166,165	0	(166,165)	(166,165)	166,165
Austria		84,992	84,992		89,658	0	(89,658)	(89,658)	89,658
Azerbaijan	2,731	495		2,731	495	0	0	0	
Bahamas		1,286	1,286		1,357	0	(1,357)	(1,357)	1,357
Bahrain	0	2,968			6,099	0	(3,131)	(3,131)	3,131
Bangladesh	905	766		905	19	(0)	747	747	
Barbados		989	989		1,044	0	(1,044)	(1,044)	1,044
Belarus	62,381	1,781		16,081		46,300	1,781	48,081	
Belgium	156,148	105,770		156,148		0	105,770	105,770	
Belize		99	203			0	(104)	(104)	104
Benin	192	198				192	198	390	
Bhutan		99	63		140	0	(104)	(104)	104
Bolivia	788	890				788	890	1,678	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	297			610	0	(313)	(313)	313
Botswana		1,187	2,440			0	(1,253)	(1,253)	1,253

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years	Collections During 2005 for future yrs
Brazil	281,210	150,690		281,210	173,010	0	(22,320)	(22,320)	22,320
Bulgaria	24	1,682		24	1,682	(0)	0	(0)	
Burkina Faso	528	198				528	198	726	
Burundi	588	99				588	99	687	
Cambodia	0	198			382	0	(184)	(184)	184
Cameroon		792	2,976			0	(2,184)	(2,184)	2,184
Canada	0	278,326			278,326	0	0	0	
Cape Verde	3,438	99				3,438	99	3,537	
Central African Rep.	98	99				98	99	197	
Chad	2,696	99		2,696	228	0	(129)	(129)	129
Chile	4,034	22,064		4,034	639	0	21,425	21,425	
China	0	203,130			203,130	0	0	0	
Colombia		15,336	801		14,667	0	(132)	(132)	132
Comoros	2,696	99				2,696	99	2,795	
Congo	146	99				146	99	245	
Congo Dem.Rep	4,882	297				4,882	297	5,179	
Cook Islands	0	99				0	99	99	
Costa Rica	3,188	2,968				3,188	2,968	6,156	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,631	989				1,631	989	2,620	
Croatia	0	3,661			3,661	0	0	0	
Cuba	20,622	4,255				20,622	4,255	24,877	
Cyprus	0	3,859			3,859	0	0	0	
Czech Republic		18,107	18,107		19,101	0	(19,101)	(19,101)	19,101
Denmark	73,775	71,041		73,775	71,041	0	0	0	
Djibouti	98	99				98	99	197	
Dominica	31	99				31	99	130	
Dominica Rep.	10,426	3,463		10,038		388	3,463	3,851	
Ecuador	0	1,880			2,300	0	(420)	(420)	420
EEC		191,570	196,893		196,725	0	(202,048)	(202,048)	202,048

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as of 31/12/04	Pledges at for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years	Collections During 2005 for future yrs
Egypt	7,978	11,873		7,978		0	11,873	11,873	
El Salvador	0	2,177				0	2,177	2,177	
Equatorial Guinea	2,696	198				2,696	198	2,894	
Eritrea	190	99				190	99	289	
Estonia		1,187	1,187		1,253	0	(1,253)	(1,253)	1,253
Ethiopia		396	814			0	(418)	(418)	418
Fiji	0	396			374	0	22	22	
Finland		52,737	52,737		55,632	0	(55,632)	(55,632)	55,632
France		596,626	596,626		629,382	0	(629,382)	(629,382)	629,382
Gabon		890	8,821		18,335	0	(26,266)	(26,266)	26,266
Gambia		99	99			0	0	0	
Georgia	42,145	297		401		41,744	297	42,041	
Germany	0	857,044			857,044	0	0	0	
Ghana	954	396				954	396	1,350	
Greece	53,083	52,440		53,083		0	52,440	52,440	
Grenada	0	99				0	99	99	
Guatemala	0	2,968			6,099	0	(3,131)	(3,131)	3,131
Guinea	295	297				295	297	592	
Guinea-Bissau	2,217	99				2,217	99	2,316	
Guyana	98	99		98	99	0	0	0	
Haiti	1,857	297				1,857	297	2,154	
Honduras	2,066	495				2,066	495	2,561	
Hungary	20	12,467		20	25,575	0	(13,108)	(13,108)	13,108
Iceland	0	3,364			6,913	0	(3,549)	(3,549)	3,549
India	0	41,655			41,655	0	0	0	
Indonesia		14,050	20,000			0	(5,950)	(5,950)	5,950
Iran	0	15,534				0	15,534	15,534	

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years	Collections During 2005 for future yrs
Ireland	0	34,630			71,161	0	(36,531)	(36,531)	36,531
Israel	40,877	46,206		40,877	46,206	0	0	0	
Italy	0	483,336			483,336	0	0	0	
Jamaica	0	792			781	0	11	11	
Japan	0	1,685,816			1,685,816	0	0	0	
Jordan	0	1,088				0	1,088	1,088	
Kazakhstan	2,758	2,474		2,758	2,242	0	232	232	
Kenya	(0)	890			1,808	(0)	(918)	(918)	918
Kiribati	15	99		15	178	(0)	(79)	(79)	79
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	20	989				20	989	1,009	
Korea, Rep. of	90,488	177,701		90,488	80,512	0	97,189	97,189	
Kuwait	0	16,029			16,029	0	0	0	
Kyrgyzstan	98	99				98	99	197	
Lao PDR	0	99			188	0	(89)	(89)	89
Latvia	66	1,484		66	1,500	0	(16)	(16)	16
Lebanon	2,292	2,375		1,110	2,375	1,182	0	1,182	
Lesotho	25	99		25		0	99	99	
Liberia	533	99				533	99	632	
Libya	19,875	13,060		16,320		3,555	13,060	16,615	
Liechtenstein		495	495			0	0	0	
Lithuania		2,375	2,355		2,504	0	(2,484)	(2,484)	2,484
Luxembourg	0	7,619			7,619	0	0	0	
Macedonia	591	594		591		0	594	594	
Madagascar	0	297				0	297	297	
Malawi	740	99		740	178	0	(79)	(79)	79
Malaysia	0	20,085			41,258	0	(21,173)	(21,173)	21,173
Maldives		99	59			0	40	40	
Mali		198	134			0	64	64	
Malta	1,477	1,385		1,477	1,385	0	0	0	

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as of 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years	Collections During 2005 for future yrs
Marshall Island	0	99				0	99	99	
Mauritania	1,527	99				1,527	99	1,626	
Mauritius		1,088	1,088		1,148	0	(1,148)	(1,148)	1,148
Mexico	55,604	186,310		55,604	185,714	(0)	596	596	
Micronesia, Fed. States		99	202			0	(103)	(103)	103
Moldova, Rep. of	11,110	99				11,110	99	11,209	
Monaco	0	297			907	0	(610)	(610)	610
Mongolia	0	99				0	99	99	
Morocco	12,141	4,650				12,141	4,650	16,791	
Mozambique	281	99				281	99	380	
Myanmar	985	766		985	766	0	0	0	
Namibia		594	1,220			0	(626)	(626)	626
Nauru	2,816	99				2,816	99	2,915	
Nepal		396	903			0	(507)	(507)	507
Netherlands	171,208	167,214		171,208	167,204	0	10	10	
New Zealand	0	21,866			44,933	0	(23,067)	(23,067)	23,067
Nicaragua		99	203			0	(104)	(104)	104
Niger	2,552	99				2,552	99	2,651	
Nigeria	7,930	4,156				7,930	4,156	12,086	
Niue	0	99				0	99	99	
Norway		67,182	187		66,995	0	0	0	
Oman		6,926	6,926		7,306	0	(7,306)	(7,306)	7,306
Pakistan	262	5,442		262	11,188	0	(5,746)	(5,746)	5,746
Palau		99	410			0	(311)	(311)	311
Panama	698	1,880				698	1,880	2,578	
Papua New Guinea	591	297				591	297	888	
Paraguay	9,078	1,187				9,078	1,187	10,265	

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years	Collections During 2005 for future yrs
Peru	48,171	9,103				48,171	9,103	57,274	
Philippines	8,442	9,400		6,226		2,216	9,400	11,616	
Poland	0	45,613			93,730	0	(48,117)	(48,117)	48,117
Portugal	44,480	46,503		44,480	47,529	0	(1,026)	(1,026)	1,026
Qatar		6,332	3,144		9,868	0	(6,680)	(6,680)	6,680
Romania	0	5,937			5,937	0	0	0	
Russian Federation	0	108,837			108,837	0	0	0	
Rwanda		99	191		98	0	(190)	(190)	190
St. Kitts & Nevis	0	99			203	0	(104)	(104)	104
St. Lucia		198	191			0	7	7	
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,867	99				1,867	99	1,966	
Samoa	0	99			178	0	(79)	(79)	79
San Marino	0	297			297	0	0	0	
Sao Tome Principe	369	99				369	99	468	
Saudi Arabia	0	70,546				0	70,546	70,546	
Senegal		495	4,517			0	(4,022)	(4,022)	4,022
Seychelles		198	903			0	(705)	(705)	705
Sierra Leone	94	99				94	99	193	
Singapore		38,390	38,390		40,483	0	(40,483)	(40,483)	40,483
Slovak		5,046	5,046		5,323	0	(5,323)	(5,323)	5,323
Slovenia	0	8,113			16,672	0	(8,559)	(8,559)	8,559
Solomon Is.	2,217	99				2,217	99	2,316	
South Africa	0	28,891			59,369	0	(30,478)	(30,478)	30,478
Spain	0	249,336			249,336	0	0	0	
Sri Lanka	3,016	1,682		3,016	1,682	0	0	0	
Sudan	5,179	766				5,179	766	5,945	
Suriname	1,719	99				1,719	99	1,818	
Swaziland		198	407			0	(209)	(209)	209

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years	Collections During 2005 for future yrs
Sweden	0	98,745			98,745	0	0	0	
Switzerland		118,435	118,435		124,912	0	(124,912)	(124,912)	124,912
Syria	0	3,760			3,760	0	0	0	
Tajikistan	190	99		190	166	0	(67)	(67)	67
Thailand	6,307	20,679		6,307	42,493	0	(21,814)	(21,814)	21,814
Togo	97	99				97	99	196	
Tonga		99	301			0	(202)	(202)	202
Trinidad & Tobago		2,177	4,132			0	(1,955)	(1,955)	1,955
Tunisia	0	3,166			6,506	0	(3,340)	(3,340)	3,340
Tuvalu	190	99				190	99	289	
Turkey	0	36,807			36,807	0	0	0	
Turkmenistan	572	495				572	495	1,067	
Uganda	83	594				83	594	677	
Ukraine	5,220	3,859				5,220	3,859	9,079	
U. K.		606,223	606,223			0	0	0	
United Arab Emirates	0	23,252			23,232	0	20	20	
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		594	19,339			0	(18,745)	(18,745)	18,745
Uruguay	27,707	4,749				27,707	4,749	32,456	
Uzbekistan	11,987	1,385		1,385		10,602	1,385	11,987	
Vanuatu	96	99				96	99	195	
Venezuela	20,488	16,919		20,488		0	16,919	16,919	
Viet Nam	200	2,078				200	2,078	2,278	
Yemen	5,832	594				5,832	594	6,426	
Yugoslavia	1,970	1,880				1,970	1,880	3,850	
Zambia		198	52		1,032	0	(886)	(886)	886
Zimbabwe	0	693				0	693	693	
Sub Total	1,679,229	7,662,807	1,964,031	1,079,256	6,792,651	599,972	(1,093,875)	(493,902)	1,668,759

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years	Collections During 2005 for future yrs
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Additional Contributions									
Canada	800,000	635,000		800,000	635,000	0	0	0	
USA	0	100,000			100,000	0	0	0	
Quebec	20	200,000		20	400,000	0	(200,000)	(200,000)	200,000
Grand Total	2,479,249	8,597,807	1,964,031	1,879,276	7,927,651	599,972	(1,293,875)	(693,902)	1,868,759

ANNEX VI**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
as at 31 December 2005**

Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Advance Payments for 2006 and future years
	US \$	US\$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Albania	110			110	
Algeria	2,611		2,611	0	
Antigua and Barbuda	103	191			88
Armenia	69		128		59
Austria	29,515	29,515	25,246		25,246
Azerbaijan	86			86	
Bahamas	447		829		382
Bangladesh	200			200	
Barbados	344	344	294		294
Belarus	618		618	0	
Belgium	36,731			36,731	
Belize	34			34	
Benin	39			39	
Bhutan	34			34	
Bolivia	309		574		265
Botswana	412	765			353
Brazil	52,330		52,330	0	
Bulgaria	584		584	-	
Burkina Faso	69			69	
Cambodia	69		128		59
Cameroon	275			275	

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Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Advance Payments for 2006 and future years
China	21,235			21,235	
Colombia	5,326		5,374		48
Croatia	1,271			1,271	
Cuba	1,477			1,477	
Cyprus	1,340		1,340	0	
Czech Republic	6,288		11,672		5,384
Dem. Rep. of Congo	54			54	
Denmark	24,670		45,793		21,123
Djibouti	34			34	
Dominica	34			34	
Ecuador	653		653	0	
Egypt	412		412	0	
El Salvador	756			756	
Eritrea	19			19	
Estonia	412	412		0	
Ethiopia	137	255			118
European Community	50,038	40,765	52,054		42,781
Fiji	137			137	
Finland	18,314	18,314	15,680		15,680
France	207,190		384,588		177,398
Gambia	34			34	
Germany	297,626		552,436		254,810
Ghana	137			137	
Greece	18,211			18,211	
Grenada	34			34	
Guatemala	949		1,822		873
Hungary	4,329		8,016		3,687

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Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Advance Payments for 2006 and future years
India	14,466			14,466	
Indonesia	4,005			4,005	
Iran	5,395			5,395	
Ireland	12,026		22,323		10,297
Italy	167,848		311,561		143,713
Japan	440,330		440,330	0	
Jordan	378			378	
Kenya	309			309	
Kiribati	34			34	
Korea, Democratic Republic	344			344	
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	200		371		171
Latvia	515	515	572		572
Lesotho	34			34	
Liberia	34			34	
Libya	1,332			1,332	
Lithuania	825		1,531		706
Luxembourg	2,646			2,646	
Macedonia	62			62	
Madagascar	103		176		73
Malaysia	6,975		6,975	0	
Maldives	34			34	
Mali	69			69	
Marshall Islands	34			34	
Mauritania	7			7	
Mauritius	378		702		324
Mexico	64,700		64,680	20	

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Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Advance Payments for 2006 and future years
Mongolia	34		63		29
Mozambique	34			34	
Namibia	131			131	
Nauru	34			34	
New Zealand	4,508		10,883		6,375
Netherlands	58,068		109,748		51,680
Nicaragua	34		63		29
Niger	34			34	
Nigeria	1,443			1,443	
Niue	34			34	
Norway	23,330		23,300	30	
Oman	2,405	2,405	2,059		2,059
Palau	34			34	
Panama	653			653	
Paraguay	412			412	
Peru	3,161			3,161	
Poland	15,840	15,840	13,562		13,562
Portugal	15,978		15,978	0	
Republic of Moldova	34			34	
Romania	2,062		2,062	0	
Rwanda	34			34	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	34			34	
Saint Lucia	21		79		58
Saint Vincent & Gren.	34			34	
Samoa	34		63		29
Senegal	172		154	18	
Seychelles	69		108		39

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Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Advance Payments for 2006 and future years
Slovakia	1,752	1,752	1,500		1,500
Slovenia	2,818	2,818	2,412		2,412
Solomon Islands	34			34	
South Africa	10,033			10,033	
Spain	86,587		86,587	0	
Sri Lanka	584		1,084		500
Sudan	61			61	
Sweden	34,291		68,582		34,291
Switzerland	41,129	41,129	35,215		35,215
Syria	1,306		1,306	0	
Tajikistan	34			34	
Togo	34			34	
Tonga	34			34	
Trinidad and Tobago	756		756	0	
Tunisia	1,100		2,041		941
Turkey	12,782			12,782	
Uganda	200			200	
Ukraine	1,340			1,340	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	210,523	210,523	180,252		180,252
United Republic of Tanzania	206			206	
Venezuela	5,876			5,876	
Viet Nam	722		1,340		618
Zambia	69	103			34
Zimbabwe	142		334		192

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Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Advance Payments for 2006 and future years
Total	2,050,263	365,646	2,571,934	147,002	1,034,319

Additional contributions

Canada	165,000		165,000		
Grand Total	2,215,263	365,646	2,736,934	147,002	1,034,319

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ANNEX VII

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

Status as at 31 December 2005 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04	Adjustments	Pledges for 2005		Collections in 2005 for prior years	Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years
Austria			23,958	1/		23,958	0
Brazil			213,732	5/		107,821	105,911
Finland			12,046	3/		12,046	0
Italy			70,092	4/		70,092	0
Sweden			34,866	2/		34,866	0
Total	0	0	354,694		0	248,783	105,911

1/Austria pledged EUR 18,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

2/Sweden pledged SEK 250,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

3/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

4/Italy pledged US\$ 70,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Rome, Italy, 15-18 November 2005

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

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ANNEX VIII

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

Status as at 31 December 2005 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04	Adjustments	Pledges for 2005		Collections in 2005 for prior years	Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years
Austria			25,925	4/		25,925	0
Brazil			18,833	17/			18,833
Canada			44,477	10/		44,477	0
Denmark			17,709	9/		17,709	0
Denmark			24,872	14/		24,872	0
EEC			60,500	18/		60,500	0
Finland			26,203	2/		26,203	0
France			24,554	12/		24,554	0
Ireland			12,493	5/		12,493	0
Italy			36,936	15/		36,936	0
Netherlands			240,140	6/		240,140	0
Norway			16,447	3/		16,447	0
Norway			29,928	16/		29,928	0
Slovenia			3,874	11/		3,874	0
Sweden			43,291	8/		43,291	0
Switzerland	40,000			1/	40,000		0
Switzerland			50,000	13/		50,000	0
UK			94,390	7/		94,390	0
Total	40,000	0	770,572		40,000	751,739	18,833

1/Switzerland pledged US\$ 40,000 toward the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol

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Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

2/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 for COP/MOP 2 Meeting and EUR 10,000 for the Open-Ended Expert Group on GMOs in 2005

3/Norway pledged NOK 100,000 towards the Open-Ended Expert Group on Identification Requirements of Living Modified Organisms Intended for Direct Use as Food or Feed or for Processing (Art. 18.2(a)), Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005

4/Austria pledged EUR 20,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005

5/Ireland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005

6/Netherlands pledged EUR 200,000 towards (a) the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005, (b) the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005, (c) the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005

7/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005

8/Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005

9/Denmark pledged DKK 100,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005

10/Canada pledged towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005

11/Slovenia pledged EUR 3,000 towards the participation costs of Developing Countries

12/France pledged EUR 20,000 towards the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005

13/Switzerland pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005 and the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005

14/Denmark pledged towards the participation costs of Developing Countries

15/Italy pledged towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

16/Norway pledged towards the Developing Countries Participation in Biosafety Protocol Meetings

17/Brazil pledged US\$ 18,833 towards the participation costs of Indigenous at the COP/MOP 3 Meeting

18/EEC pledged EUR 51,215 towards the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

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ANNEX IX

LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(as at 31 December 2005)

2004		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
22- 23 January 2004	Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Buenos Aires, Argentina
8 February 2004	Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
8 February 2004	African regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
8 February 2004	Third meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9-20 February 2004	Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
13 and 17 February 2004	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
22 February 2004	Joint COP/ICCP Bureau Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
23-27 February 2004	First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24-26 February 2004	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
5 - 7 April 2004	Forests and Forest Ecosystems: Promoting synergy in the three Rio Convention	Viterbo, Italy
1 May 2004	Fourth meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism	Oaxaca, Mexico
20 - 24 June 2004	European Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) Workshop	Isle of Vilm, Germany

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DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
13-17 September 2004	Regional Workshop for Africa on Synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity	Gabarone, Botswana
4 - 6 October 2004	Coordination meeting for representatives of academic institutions actively involved in education and training programmes in biosafety (organized by SAEFL in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat)	Geneva, Switzerland
9 - 10 October 2004	Second Asian Regional Workshop on the Global Taxonomy Initiative	Wellington, New Zealand
18 October 2004	Liaison Group meeting on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target	Montreal, Canada
18 - 20 October 2004	Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
18 October–15 November 2004	Biosafety Considerations in the use of Genetically Modified Organisms for Management of Animal Populations - Online Conference	On-line conference
19 - 22 October 2004	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level	Montreal, Canada
25 - 27 October 2004	Expert group on outcome-oriented targets for the Programmes of Work on the biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems	Montreal, Canada
1 - 3 November 2004	Workshop on capacity-building and exchange of experiences as related to the implementation of paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol	Bonn, Germany
2 - 3 November 2004	Informal Meeting on Interoperability of Information among the Three Rio and Other Environmental Conventions	Montreal, Canada
9 - 10 November 2004	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
13 - 17 December 2004	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity <i>Island Biodiversity</i>	Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife Canary Islands, Spain

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2005		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
10 - 21 January 2005	Central African Sub-Regional Training Workshop for Key Partners of National Clearing-House Mechanisms	Bujumbura, Burundi
20 - 21 January 2005	Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge	London, United Kingdom
24 - 28 January 2005	Meeting of Experts to develop a Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development	Nassau, Bahamas
26 - 27 January 2005	Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities	Montreal, Canada
27 - 28 January 2005	Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
3 - 5 February 2005	Asia and the Pacific Regional Workshop on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Bangkok, , Thailand
5 February 2005	Liaison Group meeting on Island Biodiversity	Bangkok, Thailand
6 February 2005	Informal Advisory Committee for the Clearing-House Mechanism	Bangkok, Thailand
7 - 11 February 2005	Tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Bangkok, Thailand
12 February 2005	Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)	Bangkok, Thailand
14 - 18 February 2005	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing	Bangkok, Thailand
23 - 25 February 2005	Technical Workshop on the development of regional Clearing-House Mechanisms	Bucharest, Romania
9 - 11 March 2005	Latin American and Caribbean Regional Workshop on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Brasilia, Brazil
12 - 13 March 2005	Consultation on the Cross-Cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition	Brasilia, Brazil
14 - 16 March 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
14 - 16 March 2005	Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada

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DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
16 - 18 March 2005	Open-ended Technical Expert Group on Identification Requirements of Living Modified Organisms Intended for Direct Use as Food or Feed, or for Processing (Article 18.2(a))	Montreal, Canada
25 - 27 April 2005	Asian Capacity-building Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities (in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the AIPP Foundation)	Baguio City, Philippines
28 - 30 April 2005	Asian Regional Meeting on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the AIPP Foundation)	Baguio City, Philippines
14 - 15 May 2005	Latin American Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge	New York, United States of America
16 - 20 May 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species	Auckland, New Zealand
21 - 22 May 2005	African Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge	New York, United States of America
25 - 27 May 2005	First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada
28 - 29 May 2005	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop	Montreal, Canada
29 May 2005	COP-MOP Bureau meeting	Montreal, Canada
30 May - 3 June 2005	Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
30 May - 2 June 2005	Workshop on Cultural, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments based on the Akwe Kon Voluntary Guidelines (in partnership with UNESCO, UNU, FAO and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII))	Tokyo, Japan
30 May - 2 June 2005	Central and Eastern European Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use	Moscow, Russian Federation

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DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
9 - 10 June 2005	Pacific Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (in partnership with Call of the Earth - Llamado de la Tierra, Pacific Office of the World Council of Churches and the University of the South Pacific)	Suva, Fiji
13 - 17 June 2005	Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas	Montecatini, Italy
20 - 21 June 2005	Meeting of donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (activity 3.4.7 of the programme of work)	Montecatini, Italy
27 - 29 June 2005	Workshop on the Joint Work Programme on Marine and Coastal Invasive Alien Species (jointly hosted by SCBD, GISP and Regional Seas Programme of UNEP)	Montreal, Canada
11-14 July 2005	Advisory Committee for the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
11-15 July 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Implementation of Integrated Marine and Coastal Area Management	Montreal, Canada
25-29 July 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	Bonn, Germany
5-9 September 2005	Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention	Montreal, Canada
13-16 September 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change	Helsinki, Finland
13-16 September 2005	Latin American and Caribbean Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use	Buenos Aires, Argentina
12 - 14 October 2005	Group of legal and technical experts on liability and redress in the context of Article 14(2) of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada
3 - 5 November 2005	Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge	Sao Paulo, Brazil
15 - 18 November 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Rome, Italy

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DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
21 - 25 November 2005	Technical Workshop on the introduction of new information and web-based technologies	Montreal, Canada
23 - 25 November 2005	Workshop on the Joint Global Work Plan on Terrestrial and Freshwater Invasive Alien Species	Montreal, Canada
26 November 2005	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness	Montreal, Canada
27 November 2005	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism	Montreal, Canada
27 November 2005	Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technical Cooperation	Montreal, Canada
28 November - 2 December 2005	Eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
13 - 15 December 2005	CBD Clearing-House Mechanism and EC Clearing-House Mechanism joint regional meeting for Central and Eastern Europe	Tallinn, Estonia

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