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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 July to 30 September 2006.

II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Corporate activities

3. During the reporting period a number of corporate activities were undertaken by the Secretariat. These included the organization and servicing of a number of important meetings; the conclusion of memoranda of cooperation with partner organizations and institutions; and representation at a number of important relevant international events.

Meetings

4. The Secretariat organized and serviced the following meetings:

Brainstorming session of past, present and future SBSTTA Chairs and SBSTTA Bureau meeting

5. The Secretariat convened an informal brainstorming session of the past, present and future Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), which was held in Paris, France on 24-25 July. The meeting was hosted by the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle. The meeting suggested ways and means to strengthen the scientific underpinnings of the Convention and to make concrete proposals to operationalize the requests of the Conference of the Parties. The brainstorming session was followed by a meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau on 26 July, which endorsed most of the recommendations of the brainstorming session of the Chairs, as well as discussed the provisional agenda for both SBSTTA-12 and SBSTTA-13 meetings.

First meeting of the Steering Committee of the CBD Consortium of Scientific Institutions and Partners

6. The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the CBD Consortium of Scientific Institutions and Partners was held at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew on 8-9 September. The meeting saw the participation of current members, as well as representatives from UNEP-WCMC. CONABIO (Mexico) and the Botanical Gardens of Montreal (on behalf of the Montreal Consortium of Museums of Nature) were also present. On 13th of September, the representative of H.E. Mr. José Luis Luege Tamargo, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico signed the MOU, at the UNEP office in Geneva. The signing ceremony with the scientific institutions of Montreal will take place later this year at the Secretariat office, with the participation of the Mayor of Montreal. The meeting decided upon a set of activities based on the comparative advantage of the institutions involved to support the work programme of the CBD. The partners also made a commitment to celebrate the International Biodiversity Days starting in 2007 and have agreed to establish an executive committee in this regard. The next Steering Committee meeting is planned for 7 November 2007, in Paris on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Georges-Louis Leclerc, Comte de Buffon.

Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group (BLG)

7. The fifth meeting of the Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group (BLG) was held on 14 September 2006, in Gland, Switzerland, at the kind invitation of the RAMSAR Convention Secretariat. The meeting was participated for the first time by FAO's International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The members agreed on several concrete and operational measures at enhancing collaboration, such as: the convening, in partnership with UNEP-DEC, of a one-day meeting of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies of the members of the BLG in July 2007, back-to-back with SBSTTA-12, which is scheduled to be held in Paris; the publication of a special issue of GINCANA related to BLG is planned for early 2007, with contribution from BLG members; the establishment of a new web-page on activities of the BLG relevant to the 2010 Biodiversity Target as well as a calendar of relevant upcoming meetings; the endorsement of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership established under UNEP/GEF project and ensuring the group's participation and active involvement in the project; the preparation of a CD-ROM on the applicability and interpretation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use within the context of each Convention, with the CITES Secretariat taking the lead; the group supported UNEP's initiative on knowledge management and interoperability with each Convention agreeing to designate a focal point for this initiative; the group also agreed to consider ways and means to establish a common Virtual Biodiversity Academy for the BLG members building on on-going and planned efforts related to E-learning; and the group agreed to celebrate the international days of their respective Conventions. The sixth meeting of the BLG is tentatively scheduled to be held in July 2007 back-to-back with SBSTTA-12 in Paris, France.

Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010

8. The first meeting of the Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010 was held on 15 September 2006. The World Conservation Union (IUCN) hosted the meeting, which took place at their headquarters in Gland, Switzerland. The meeting, which was attended by the initial signatories, i.e. UNEP, UNCTAD, UNDP, IUCN, WWF, CMS, IPGRI and RAMSAR, was also joined by CITES and UNITAR, which officially signed the MOU at the meeting. FAO and UNESCO, which were also represented at the meeting, have informed the group that they have initiated a request to their respective governing bodies to join the task force. The task force collectively agreed to (1) promote the integration of the 2010 target in the Millennium Development Goals as a way of mainstreaming biodiversity into economic sectors and related work on indicators; (2) make use of communication, education, public awareness and outreach to increase understanding about biodiversity and the 2010 target as a key component of capacity development; and (3) increase inter-agency collaboration on specific issues. It was tentatively agreed that the second meeting of the Heads of Agencies Task Force would take place on 14 September 2007, in Geneva, Switzerland, to be co-hosted by RAMSAR and WWF.

Canadian universities and research centres

9. On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2006, a Letter of Intent to promote a strong scientific and technical partnership between Convention processes and Canadian universities and research institutions, was signed between the CBD Secretariat and representatives from several Canadian universities. The first planning meeting of this important partnership was held at the Secretariat offices on 26 September 2006. The meeting discussed and finalized the programme of action for the partnership for 2006-2007; taking into account the Secretariat's scientific and technical needs. The meeting was attended by the signatories, as well as by the University of Toronto, which recently signed the partnership.

III. GREENING OF THE SECRETARIAT

10. The Secretariat has started looking into ways to minimize its own environmental impacts, with a focus on (i) office activities and procedures, (ii) meetings and (iii) reporting. For example, the Secretariat is currently testing the compatibility of 100% post consumer recycled paper with fax machines, photocopiers and printers. It is also liaising with Germany, the host country for COP-9 as well as UNESCO and FAO the host organizations of SBSTTA-12 and SBSTTA-13.

IV. MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

11. In September, an agreement was signed between the CBD and UNEP-WCMC to set out a multi-year programme of work that identifies how UNEP-WCMC will support the Secretariat and Parties in the implementation of the Convention and in particular the decisions emanating from the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The programme of work also identifies the role of the Convention Secretariat in the implementation of mutually supportive activities.

V. REPRESENTATION

12. The Secretariat participated at a number of important meetings of relevance to the work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Details can be seen in annex I to this report.

Meetings of the Executive Secretary

13. During the third quarter of the year, the Executive Secretary held meetings with heads and senior officials from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions, to further increase the Convention's visibility as well as to enhance collaboration for the implementation of the threefold objective of the Convention and to promote the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

14. Two meetings with the Executive Director of UNEP were held in Nairobi on 25 August and in Gland on 15 September 2006. Meetings were also held with other senior representatives of UNEP, including the Director of Environmental Conventions and Director of Regional Cooperation. The Executive Secretary also met with the Chief of UNON/Human Resources Management Services as well as a representative from the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

15. Numerous meetings were held with several organizations and institutions, including: senior officials from the UN and UNDP offices, the Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Executive Secretary of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the Secretary General of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Secretary of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the Secretary-General of RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands, the Acting Director-General of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the Director General of the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), the Chief of Central Planning and Coordination Service of the United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG), the Director of IUCN-Canada, the Chair of IUCN Commission on World Protected Areas, the Director General and the Assistant Director General of Natural Sciences of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), senior officials from the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), the new Executive Director of Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), the President of the Berne Convention. The ES met with the Director of Museums Nature Montreal, the Director of the Montreal Botanical Gardens and the Directrice of the Museum d'histoire naturelle et du Musée d'histoire des sciences.

16. The ES also held meetings with senior government representatives, including: the United Kingdom Minister Barry Gardiner, MP for Biodiversity, Rural Affairs and Landscape together with the UK Focal Point to the CBD; and senior officials from Germany and the Norwegian Government, the

Canadian Focal Point to the CBD. The Executive Secretary had also a number of meetings with the representatives of the diplomatic community accredited in Montreal and Ottawa.

17. The Executive Secretary gave interviews to a number of media organizations, such as: MO journalist in Brussels, South Africa Radio and Radio-Canada.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. *Personnel arrangements*

18. During the period under review, there were 27 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were nine vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, five professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

19. There were 22 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 three vacant posts, which are funded from other sources. During the period under review there were ten interns working at the Secretariat.

20. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organizational chart (annex II, appendix, and annex III respectively).

B. *Financial arrangements*

21. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 September 2006, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,083,489 for 2006 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$7,109,060, of which \$1,667,194 were 2006 pledges paid in 2005, and \$5,441,866 were pledges paid in 2006 for 2006 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

22. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 September 2006, the total pledged for 2006 amounts to US\$564,502, of which \$480,206 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$266,689. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

23. As at 30 September 2006, pledges totalling US\$467,108 have been made in 2006 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$392,703 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$123,862. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

24. As at 30 September 2006, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,806,584 for 2006 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,656,399, of which US\$1,041,527 was received in advance of 2006 and US\$614,872 has been received in 2006 for 2006 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

25. As at 30 September 2006, two Parties have so far made pledges to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2006 totalling US\$58,039. The Government of Canada pledge US\$6,757 for the BCH server and the Government of Germany pledged 40,000 Euros for the Coordination Meeting of the Biosafety Protocol. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

26. As at 30 September 2006, eight 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\$370,419 have been received in 2006, of which US\$190,138 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$180,281. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in annex IX.

VII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

DECISIONS VI/22, VII/1 & VIII/19: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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

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

29. In decision VIII/19, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary: to convene at least one meeting of the AHTEG under the terms of reference agreed in paragraph 26 of decision VI/22 in order to complete its original mandate; to carry out an in depth review of the expanded programme of work for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (paragraph 12); to strengthen collaboration with relevant organizations such as members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, in order to produce a toolkit on cross-sectoral, integrated approaches, to synergize the existing information on the implementation of national forest programmes and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to compile lessons learned from paragraph 19 of decision VI/22 (paragraph 4); to collect and collate existing information on impacts of genetically modified trees (paragraphs 10 and 11); and to increase representation for bio-geographical regions with little or no current representation concerning the membership of AHTEG (paragraph 13).

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

31. The Secretariat received responses to notification No.2006 027 from Parties and relevant organizations, including indigenous and local communities, regarding the potential impacts of genetically modified trees. The Secretariat also liaised with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on this matter.

32. The Secretariat sent notification No.2006 027 on 19 June to Parties, inviting them to submit the name of an expert who may be called upon to participate in the AHTEG, which is tentatively scheduled for May 2007.

33. The Secretariat held a half-day meeting on 5 September at the FAO Forestry Department offices in Rome to explore opportunities for collaboration, in particular in the in-depth review of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. A presentation was made by the Secretariat, at the meeting with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) on 28 August, indicating a possible timeframe and review process of documents prior to the AHTEG and SBSTTA 13 meetings. In addition, at the invitation of the FAO, the Secretariat provided, in July 2006, relevant information and views concerning biological diversity as input towards the preparation of the proposed Planted Forests Code,

34. The Secretariat continued analyzing the information contained in the forest section of the third national report and other relevant information delineated in the annex to the decision VIII/19.

35. The Secretariat initiated preparation of a South-South cooperation meeting in the framework of the Letter of Intent (LOI) with the Netherlands. The meeting aims to bring together Brazil (Amazon forest), Congo (Congo Basin) and Thailand/Indonesia/Malaysia to exchange views and share experiences.

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

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

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

38. The Secretariat received responses to notification No. 2006-0376 from Parties and relevant organizations, including indigenous and local communities, regarding lessons learned and success stories on capacity building and partnerships for implementation of the convention in dry and sub-humid lands.

39. The Secretariat also finalized the structure and design of the database for the presentation of the lessons learned and success stories.

40. The Secretariat additionally received responses to notification No. 2006-037 from Parties and relevant organizations, including indigenous and local communities, regarding land use options for the promotion of land use options which promote biodiversity and generate income.

41. The Secretariat sent notification No. 2006-090 on 22 August, to Parties and relevant organizations inviting them to submit the name of an expert who may be called upon to participate in the regional synergy workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean, which is scheduled for 20-23 November 2006 in Antigua and Barbuda. This notification was also published on the websites of the UNCCD and the UNFCCC. Responses to this notification are already being submitted.

42. The host country agreement for the regional synergy workshop was sent to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for their signature.

43. Meetings were held with FAO and LADA on their contribution to reports on assessments. The details of these contributions will be outlined in an addendum to the existing MOU with FAO.

44. A meeting was also held with the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD to discuss collaboration on the implementation of the joint work programme and on the regional synergy workshop.

45. A meeting was held with UNEP/WCMC to discuss the harmonization of reporting between the CBD and the UNCCD. This work will be further elaborated in the implementation plan for the activity on harmonized reporting within the CBD-UNEP/WCMC joint work programme which was signed on 9 September 2006.

DECISION VI/5, VII/3 and VIII/23: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

46. 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.

47. In decision VII/32, paragraph 7, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), and taking into account ongoing work, to undertake the necessary consultations and bring forward options for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition within the existing programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and to strengthen existing initiatives on food and nutrition, enhance synergies and fully integrate biodiversity concerns into their work, with a view to the achievement of target 2 of the Millennium Development Goal 1 and other relevant Millennium Development Goals.

48. In decision VIII/23, section A, the Conference of the Parties adopted the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition. Paragraph 6 of that decision requests the Executive Secretary to continue to collaborate with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Standing Committee on Nutrition of the United Nations (SCN) and other stakeholders, regarding the implementation of the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition and to report on the progress with the view to contributing to the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity; and, in paragraph 7, to make available to Parties and relevant international organizations the outcomes of the Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB) for consideration in the framework of the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In section D of the same decision (on the in-depth review of the programme of work), paragraph 4 requests the Executive Secretary, in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and in consultation with other relevant international organizations, to prepare the full review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

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

50. The Secretariat has continued to liaise with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, as implementing partner for the programme of work, to prepare a detailed progress report on these and related activities for the information of the forthcoming 13th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-13). Views were exchanged on the mechanisms and process for the in-depth review.

51. The Secretariat visited the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) on 6 September and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations 4 to 5 of September to discuss the review process and the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition and preparation of documents for SBSTTA 13.

52. The Secretariat is reviewing the information contained in the third national reports and reports from the relevant international organizations. The Secretariat has sent letters to the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) in order to interact and share experiences on the topic of agricultural biological diversity.

53. On 13 September 2006 the Secretariat held a meeting with the President and Secretary General of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) to discuss collaborative activities. A draft MOU was prepared and arrangements made to facilitate contributions of IFAP to the programme of work and the review of its implementation scheduled to take place at COP-9.

DECISION VII/4 and VIII/20: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS

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

(a) 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;

(b) Requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration, for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to: (i) develop a complementary set of tools to assess the function and health of inland water ecosystems and the socio-economic and cultural values of biological diversity of inland waters; and

(c) Requested the Executive Secretary to ensure that inland water ecosystem issues are fully incorporated, as appropriate, into all other thematic work programmes and for Parties to integrate the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into all relevant sectors of water-resource and river-basin management, taking into account the ecosystem approach.

55. Decision VIII/20, paragraph 5 (e), requests the Executive Secretary to: explore, jointly and avoiding duplication of effort, further ways and means to improve mechanisms for assessing the extent, distribution and characteristics of inland water ecosystems in particular paying attention to ecosystem considerations and the assessment and monitoring of drivers of change, noting the long-term need for such assessments at the national, regional and global level, including for wetlands not designated as Ramsar Sites and the capacity needs at national level in relation to such assessments.

56. Decision VIII/20, paragraph 5 (f), requests the Executive Secretary to develop proposals for further ways and means for a strategic approach to identify key stakeholders and promote, where appropriate, their full involvement in reducing drivers of negative change and increasing drivers of positive change.

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

(a) The Secretariat, jointly with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention, has finalized the editing of a complimentary set of tools for socio-economic and cultural values of biodiversity which will be published as *Valuing Wetlands: guidelines for valuing the benefits derived from wetland ecosystem services* (CBD Technical Series No. 27 and Ramsar Technical Report No.3);

(b) The Secretariat continued to participate in the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel Working Group discussions, making inputs in particular to the working group on assessing effectiveness of implementation of the Ramsar Convention (Resolution VIII-45) regarding indicators;

(c) A member of the Secretariat participated as a resource person (trainer) in the workshop on Ecosystem, Water and Biodiversity organized in Kushiro, Japan, 26-31 August 2006 by UNITAR Regional Office for Asia-Pacific. 27 participants from 25 countries, all from senior level management and policy development backgrounds, were trained. Secretariat inputs included lectures on the CBD and its programmes of work, the 2010 biodiversity target and indicators, the concept of ecosystem services related to water and the role of biodiversity and the ecosystem approach and its principles. Case-studies including these themes were developed by sub-groups;

(d) A draft report on the drivers of change in biological diversity of inland water ecosystems has been prepared. The report covers physical changes, modifications of water regimes, water pollution, invasive alien species, over-exploitation and climate change. This has been used to develop a preliminary list of stakeholders, and their representative organizations, that need to be targeted by outreach activities for more effective implementation of the programme of work;

(e) The Secretariat has made significant inputs into the Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture (CGIAR). During the reporting period the chapters on fisheries, ecosystems and scenarios and trends were subjected to a final review. The Secretariat also drafted a section on the Convention on Biological Diversity and its objectives and a second providing an explanation of the concept of ecosystem services and the role of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems. The first draft of the summary for decision makers was also reviewed and the Secretariat provided revised text giving additional attention to biodiversity related aspects. The Secretariat also participated in CEPA activities and judging for the CA art competition “water for food and life” to illustrate 18 key messages of the CA;

(f) The Secretariat has collaborated with the FAO on proposals to hold an international workshop on inland fisheries and poverty reduction;

(g) The Secretariat has provided extensive editorial comments on the inland waters section of the NASA remote sensing source book;

(h) In response to the global “amphibian extinction crisis”, the Secretariat has corresponded with experts in this field, and institutions dealing with amphibians, including the Amphibian Specialist Group (administered by the IUCN). Discussions centred on the role of the CBD in the conservation of these important, and severely threatened, vertebrates as an urgent contribution towards the achievement of the 2010 target. The Secretariat has joined the newly formed Amphibian Survival Alliance. The Secretariat has also drafted, in collaboration with specialists, CEPA materials explaining the plight of these animals, the background to the Amphibian Conservation Action Plan and what immediate action might be taken by all concerned.

DECISION VIII/22: MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

58. Discussions are ongoing with UN Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea to further analyze and explore options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats and report the findings to future meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The 8th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans took place in Beijing, China, from 13 & 14 October 2006 and discussions were held on the development of a memorandum of cooperation for the implementation of joint activities. Similarly, discussions are ongoing with the UNEP Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Sources of Pollution (GPA) to identify elements for a memorandum of cooperation.

DECISION VIII/3: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE: IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

59. In paragraph 11(j) of decision VIII/3 on the Global Taxonomy Initiative, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to complete and publish the guide on Global Taxonomy Initiative. The draft guide has been completed and is now being prepared for final editing and publication.

60. Several elements of decision VIII/3 on the Global Taxonomy Initiative require inputs from the Coordination Mechanism of the Global Taxonomy Initiative. The secretariat has made preparations for a meeting of the Coordination Mechanism in the last quarter of 2006.

61. The Secretariat has also completed the GTI portal as requested by SBSTTA recommendation X/12. It can be accessed at <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/taxonomy/default.shtml>. The portal provides access to several types of information in response to elements of decisions VIII/27 and the programme of work for the GTI adopted in decision VI/8.

62. In response to paragraphs 11(b)-(d) of decision VIII/3 related to collaboration with other organizations and initiatives, the secretariat became a member of, and participated in deliberations of the Subcommittee on Outreach and Capacity-Building of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility.

DECISION VII/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

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

64. In preparation for the review, the secretariat has sent out a notification to Parties, international agencies and other relevant stakeholders to collect the relevant information. In addition, the secretariat is convening, in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, a meeting of a Liaison Group to review the status of implementation of the Strategy, provide further guidance to the in-depth review process and review proposals for a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the GSPC targets into their strategies, programmes and plans. The meeting will be held in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, from 23 to 25 October 2006.

65. The secretariat also participated in the CITES and Livelihoods workshop in Cape Town South Africa from 5 to 7 September 2006 and made a presentation on links between addressing livelihoods within CITES and external processes with an emphasis on the CBD and its programmes.

DECISION VII/11: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

66. 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;

(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; and

(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.

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

(a) The Secretariat has finalized a detailed work plan to address the above requirements, in collaboration with major partners, and in order to undertake the review of the implementation of the ecosystem approach to be considered at SBSTTA 12 for advice to COP-9. An outline of the contents of supporting (information) documents to be prepared for SBSTTA 12 has been developed, and agreed, with partners;

(b) Six additional major case-studies, and four background papers, have been received from partners. These centre on the ecosystem approach and Oceans and were submitted partly in response the

Secretariat inquiries at and subsequent to the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS-7), 12-16 June, 2006, New York;

(c) Arrangements have been made for the WWF to prepare an expanded version of the “Mountains to the Sea” initiative as a background paper on tools for the application of the ecosystem approach for SBSTTA 12;

(d) A member of the Secretariat provided training on the application of the ecosystem approach at the workshop on Ecosystem, Water and Biodiversity organized in Kushiro, Japan, 26-31 August 2006 by UNITAR Regional Office for Asia-Pacific;

(e) Utilizing funding from the Letter of Intent with the Netherlands, the Secretariat is at an advanced stage in organizing a workshop on the application of the ecosystem approach to protected areas in small islands, for the Asia-Pacific region, tentatively scheduled for 13-17 November 2006 in Bangkok..

DECISIONS VII/13 and VIII/27: ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES

68. Paragraph 11 of decision VIII/27 reiterated the call to Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to share experiences in addressing invasive alien species, and requested the Executive Secretary to make this information available through the clearing-house mechanism and other means as called for in paragraphs 25, 26 and 28 of decision VI/23. In response to this request, the secretariat has developed a new and updated web page on invasive alien species, in order to better implement information sharing of COP decisions on invasive alien species. This new portal is available at <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/alien/default.shtml>.

69. Paragraph 14 of decision VIII/27 requested the Executive Secretary to consult with a number of international organizations regarding international standards on invasive alien species. The secretariat has contacted all of those organizations and has received some responses.

70. The Secretariat met by teleconference with the secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, to update the joint work plan called for in decision VII/13.

DECISION VII/26 and VIII/16: COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS

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

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

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

74. The Executive Secretary convened the fifth meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions (Gland, 14 September 2006). The meeting was hosted by the Ramsar Convention and was chaired by Peter Bridgewater. The Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was represented for the first time. The report of the meeting is

being made available on the CBD website (<http://www.biodiv.org/cooperation/related-conventions/blg.shtml>).

75. The Executive Secretary convened the First meeting of the Heads of Agencies Task Force to Support the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target (Gland, 15 September 2006). The meeting was hosted by IUCN and was chaired by Ibrahim Thiaw. Besides IUCN and the CBD the following agencies were represented: CITES, CMS, FAO, IPGRI, Ramsar, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP, UNEP-WCMC, UNESCO, UNITAR and WWF. The report of the meeting is being made available on the CBD website (<http://www.biodiv.org/cooperation>).

DECISION VII/27: MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

76. 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.

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

(a) Initiated compilation of information on examples of successful collaboration between mountain dwellers and communities living in areas adjacent mountains to illustrate the upland-lowland contract;

(b) Initiated compilation of case-studies and best practices on linking mountain biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty alleviation;

(c) Held discussions with the Mountain Partnership secretariat, at Rome.

DECISIONS VII/28 and VIII/24: PROTECTED AREAS

78. In decision VII/28, the COP adopted the programme of work on protected areas and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake supporting activities aimed at facilitating its implementation. In the same decision, COP established an ad hoc open-ended working group on protected areas to support and review implementation of the programme of work. In decision VIII/24, the COP decided to convene the second meeting of the Working Group on protected areas prior to its ninth meeting, to evaluate progress and elaborate recommendations to the COP for improved implementation of the programme of work. In paragraph 10 of this decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to organize regional workshops to implement capacity building activities.

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

(a) Finalized proposals seeking financial assistance from the European Commission for organizing regional implementation and capacity building workshops.

(b) Held discussions with the Chair of IUCN-WCPA and IUCN-Canada, on further collaboration and implementation of the MOC with IUCN on protected area programme of work.

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

(d) Held discussions with CBD national focal point India regarding organizing the Asia and Pacific regional implementation workshop in India.

(e) Co-sponsored with The Nature Conservancy, IUCN-WCPA, USAID and Parks-in-Peril, a workshop on "Strategic Plans for Protected Area Systems" in Quito, Ecuador, South America from 24-26 July for South and Central American Countries. The Workshop focused on practical hands-on-tools and training on priority activities, which COP 8 recognized for capacity building: (i) ecological gap assessments (ii) sustainable finance plans, and (iii) management effectiveness.

DECISION VIII/1: ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

80. In decision VIII/1, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Island Biodiversity Programme of Work, which in item C requests the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*, to develop and maintain a web portal on island biodiversity. In response to this request, the first version of the web-pages was set up as <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/areas/island/default.aspx>.

81. The decision also requests the Secretariat to develop a list of potential partners for the programme of work. Through Notification 55363, the Secretariat asked Parties to comment on a tentative list by October 2, 2006. Several comments were received from Parties and NGOs, and the list is now being finalized. In the next quarter, the final version of the list with contact information will be sent out to all Parties, and the potential partners will be contacted for coordination and to clarify modalities of cooperation.

82. Also responding to item C of the decision ("to facilitate links between Parties, partners, experts and other stakeholders and encourage capacity-building"), and with the financial support of the government of the Netherlands, the Secretariat is organizing a workshop on the application of the ecosystem approach to protected areas in small islands, in Bangkok, from 13 to 17 of November. Notification 55472 informed the Parties of this workshop and asked NFPs to nominate candidates. Preparations include the production of a training manual produced in collaboration with UNU and UNESCO.

DECISION VIII/28: IMPACT ASSESSMENT: VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON BIODIVERSITY-INCLUSIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

83. In decision VIII/28, the COP requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaborating with relevant organizations, *inter alia* through the International Association for Impact Assessment and its project on capacity-building in biodiversity and impact assessment, to contribute to the development of necessary capacities for the application of the guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive environmental impact assessment (para 8a) and to facilitate capacity development activities focusing on the translation of the guidance on biodiversity-inclusive strategic environmental assessment into practical national, subregional, regional or sectoral approaches and guidelines (para 12a).

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

(a) The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Netherlands Commission on Environmental Assessment, arranged for translation into French and Spanish of the booklet with the text of the guidelines contained in decision VIII/28 and additional background material. The language versions of the booklet will be sent to national focal points and will be made available for relevant training events;

(b) With the help of an intern, the Secretariat has begun to review third national reports and NBSAPs and the information they contain on progress and obstacles in the implementation of Article 14 of the Convention. The analysis is anticipated to identify capacity development needs and will help to design effective training activities. A summary will be made available for the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.

DECISION VIII/30: BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

85. In decision VIII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to (i) develop draft guidance on how to integrate relevant climate change impacts and response activities,

into the programmes of work of the Convention and (ii) through the Joint Liaison Group consider on options for enhanced cooperation among the three Rio conventions.

86. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat contracted two consultants with funding from the Government of the Netherlands to provide expert guidance on the integration of climate change considerations within the programmes of work of the Convention.

87. The Secretariat also held bilateral discussions with the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC to discuss areas for collaboration ahead of the JLG meeting tentatively scheduled for November 2006.

DECISION VII/8 and VIII/15: FRAMEWORK FOR MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 2010 TARGET AND INTEGRATION OF TARGETS INTO THE THEMATIC PROGRAMMES OF WORK

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

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

(a) The Secretariat contacted members of the AHTEG on indicators to seek views about a suitable process for elaborating process indicators on the implementation of the Strategic Plan;

(b) The Secretariat held consultations with FAO with a view to identifying ways in which SCBD could support the development and implementation by FAO of global indicators relevant to forestry, agriculture, fisheries, food and nutrition and sustainable use;

(c) In anticipation of a decision on the incorporation of the 2010 Biodiversity Target into Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals, the Secretariat, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, prepared a draft background document on relevant indicators that could be added to, and complement, the list of indicators under Goal 7;

(d) The Secretariat contacted the International Institute for Environment and Development regarding collaboration on the indicator on “health and well-being of communities who depend directly on local ecosystem goods and services”;

(e) The Secretariat continued discussions with the South African National Biodiversity Institute and with UNEP-WCMC for planning a sub-regional workshop on the development and use of national/ sub-regional biodiversity targets and indicators, their integration into NBSAPs and relevant reporting frameworks.

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

DECISION VII/14 ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

90. Further to decision VII/14, the second and final review of the User's Manual for the CBD guidelines on biodiversity and tourism was initiated through Notification 54589, which requested Parties and interested groups to comment on the final version by 30 September 2006. Due to financial limitations, the publication of the User's Manual is planned for early 2007, along with brochures specifically aimed at major groups (private sector, NGOs and governments).

91. As a means to implement the CBD guidelines (as proposed by paragraph 12 of decision VII/14, requesting the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation and improvement of the Guidelines), the Secretariat has been invited to the 3rd World Tourism Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil, from November 28 to December 2, 2006, to launch the Biodiversity and Tourism Network, an interactive

Web-based platform maintained by the Forum Foundation that will promote exchanges between user of the CBD guidelines

DECISION VIII/5 ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

92. During this quarter, the Secretariat advanced planning for the implementation of COP 8 decisions relevant the Article 8(j) and Related Provisions including establishment a work programme for Article 8(j) which was revised in line with the dates for the fifth a timeline for document production for the fifth meeting of the WG8(j) which will occur 17-21 September 2007.

93. In support of the work programme for Article 8(j) and specifically the work requested on indicators, two memorandums of understanding have been developed for signing with IUCN and Tebtebba Foundation, regarding the facilitation of a regional consultation for the LAC region (December 2006) and an international expert seminar of indicators (February 2007), respectively.

94. Funding has been negotiated with the Government of Spain, and letters of intent have been developed with the Netherlands and Norway to fund the implementation of the programme for work for Article 8(j) in the current biennium.

95. During this quarter, in an effort to enhance the outreach of the Secretariat, numerous statements and media releases were prepared by the Executive Secretary, which included but were not limited to the International Day for the World's Indigenous Peoples, which was celebrated in August.

96. Last August, the United Nations University International Institute on TK was established. The UNU management board decided on establishing the centre in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia at the Charles Darwin University which already has a strong traditional knowledge focus, including a national centre dedicated to TK. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has been involved in this initiative since in's inception and will continue to be involved with this research centre and its future work. The programme officer for article 8(j) has been designated as a Focal Point for this important initiative.

97. The Biodôme of Montreal is planning an exhibit on Dry lands and Biodiversity from September 23 to November 12 at which they would expect about 60,000 visitors. The exhibit focuses on Mexico's Chihuahuan Desert. The CBD has been collaboration with the Biodôme by providing access to information and to photographs of indigenous peoples from the region.

DECISION VIII/29 ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

98. Following a notification to Parties and Governments and letters to relevant international organizations requesting them to submit technical information and case-studies relating to damage to biological diversity and approaches to valuation and restoration of damage as well as information on national/domestic measures and experiences in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision VIII/29, the Secretariat has continued to receive submissions on these issues. A compilation of the submissions as well as a synthesis report will be prepared for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In addition, once the compilation is completed it will be disseminated through the clearing-house mechanism.

DECISION VIII/4: ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND BENEFIT-SHARING

99. The Secretariat carried out preparations for the Group of Technical Experts on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance, including the following:

- Compilation of nominations by Parties, relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders for experts to participate in the expert meeting
- Selection of experts based on geographical distribution, expertise and gender balance to be approved by the Bureau

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- Research and preparation of documentation for the meeting including:
 - Agenda;
 - Annotated agenda;
 - Background document.

100. The co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, designated by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, visited the CBD Secretariat on 7 September 2006. Following a meeting with the staff of the Secretariat, the co-chairs had a working session with the Executive Secretary. Meetings were then held with the capacity-building team and the ABS team of the Secretariat. Discussions focused on consultations to be carried out by the co-chairs during the inter-sessional period, preparations for the group of technical experts on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance and the fifth meeting of the Working Group on ABS.

101. The Executive Secretary participated in a luncheon organized by the Quakers United Nations Office with delegates to the WTO and WIPO, in Geneva, on 13 September 2006, and presented development under the CBD related to access and benefit-sharing.

DECISION VIII/10: OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

102. The Executive Secretary has appointed a focal point within the Secretariat for National Focal Points located within the Implementation and Technical Support Unit (ITS).

103. Terms of reference for National Focal Points as elaborated in paragraph 26 of decision VIII/10 have provided background against which training materials are being designed to enhance capacity of National Focal Points to implement the Convention. One Module under preparation will serve as a n introduction to the Convention and its processes that will be of benefit to both newly appointed National Focal Points and newcomers to the Convention process from all stakeholder groups. Another Module will be more specifically targeted at the role of the National Focal Point. These modules will be used at training workshops for national focal points, which will be organized back to back with some major meetings under the Convention.

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

DECISIONS VIII/25 & VIII/26: - INCENTIVE MEASURES

105. In the period under review, the Secretariat continued necessary post mortem work to initiate implementation of the pertinent decisions of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It finalized the programme of work for the coming biennium as well notifications to Parties and letters to relevant organizations informing them about the decisions and inviting their collaboration in implementing the activities mapped out in these decisions; and prepared the update of the web pages on incentive measures.

106. The Secretariat also prepared a statement for the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Committee on Trade and Environment informing WTO members about decisions taken by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety that are of relevance to the work of the WTO. The statement was delivered by the representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on behalf of the Executive Secretary at the meeting of the Committee on Trade and Environment in Special Session on 6 July 2006.

107. The Secretariat attended the second meeting of the core advisory group of experts of the project of the Economics and Trade Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme on integrated assessment of trade-related policies and biological diversity in the agriculture sector, and contributed to the review of the draft reference manual for undertaking these assessments.

DECISION VIII/12: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND COOPERATION

108. In the period under review, the Secretariat continued necessary post mortem work to initiate implementation of the decisions VIII/12 of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It finalized the programme of work for the coming biennium as well letters to relevant organizations informing them about the decisions and inviting their collaboration in implementing the activities mapped out in the decision. It also sent a notification to Parties, as well as letters to relevant organizations, inviting the nomination of experts and the submission of pertinent information for the preparation of the upcoming Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

109. The Secretariat also attended, as an observer, a workshop on “Raising Awareness of Biotechnology and Biosafety: Achievements, Prospects and Challenges in Developing Countries”. This workshop was organized by the United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and took place in Geneva from 10-11 July 2006. The Secretariat briefed participants on the CBD provisions and work on biotechnology and biosafety and assisted participants in having these provisions and work be in their work.

DECISION VIII/31: ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONVENTION AND BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2007 – 2008

110. By paragraph 21 of decision VIII/31, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, with guidance of the Bureau, to develop as an interim arrangement for the 2007-2008 biennium pending endorsement by COP 9, procedures for the allocation of funding from the “Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Convention Process”, to developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as Parties with economies in transition, to secure adequate representation from each region. On the basis of this request, the Executive Secretary prepared draft procedures for the allocation of funding from the BZ Trust Fund and submitted the same to members of the Bureau for comment end September 2006.

IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

DECISION VIII/18: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM and DECISION VIII/13: REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL MECHANISM

Relationship with the financial mechanism

Guidance from the Conference of the Parties

111. A document was under preparation to examine opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility taking into account the framework for goals and targets in decision VII/30 as well as indicators for assessing progress toward the achievement of the 2010 target. The document would consider whether nationally prioritized biodiversity activities as reflected in national biodiversity strategies and action plans have been addressed and how guidance has been implemented. A notification was issued to seek suggestions from governments.

Reporting from the GEF

112. In response to an enquiry about the possibility of developing global support to taxonomic capacity building, the GEF CEO advised the CBD Secretariat that the GEF would not finance a global project to assess global taxonomic needs assessment, nor a project development seminar. However, it would support country-driven activities to improve their capacities.

113. The Secretariat received a notification concerning the December 2006 GEF Council meeting, according to which some of the agenda items would be postponed to the May 2007 meeting.

Monitoring and evaluation (including third review) (3)

114. The Secretariat discussed the concept of incremental costs with the GEF Evaluation Office, which was preparing a review of the implementation of incremental cost principles.

115. The Secretariat completed its initial assessment of issues to be covered by the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism based on the provisions of existing COP decisions, and was preparing a note to document the assessment.

116. The Secretariat received an enquiry from the Forest Peoples Programme, which expressed keen interest in contributing to the review process.

Replenishment

117. The negotiations on the fourth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund were completed with US\$3.13 billion for all its six focal areas. Some US\$ 1 billion would be available for purposes of the Convention and its Protocol.

Reciprocal representation

118. The Secretariat attended the Special Council Meeting held on Monday, August 28, 2006, in Cape Town, South Africa. The meeting reviewed the outcomes of the fourth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, and finalized its recommendations to the third GEF Assembly.

119. The Secretariat attended the third meeting of the GEF Assembly held in Cape Town, South Africa on 29-30 August 2006. The Executive Secretary delivered a statement on behalf of the Convention. The Secretariat also organized an exhibition to raise awareness of financiers on the Convention, and participated in the biosafety side event. The meeting amended the GEF Instrument with respect to the location of the GEF Council meetings.

Inter-secretariat cooperation

120. The Secretariat received and reviewed the following enabling activity proposals:

Guyana: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs, Preparation of Second and Third National Report and the Clearing-House Mechanism; Jamaica: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs, Preparation of the Third National Report and the Clearing-House Mechanism; Thailand: National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management.

121. Project development facility proposals (PDF/pipelines) received and reviewed were: Egypt: Strengthening the National System of Protected Areas (PDF A); Sao Tome & Principe: Sao Tome and Principe Biodiversity Project (PDF A); Serbia: Protected Area Financing through Tourism (PDF A)

122. The medium-sized projects (MSPs) received and reviewed included: Bhutan: Integrated Livestock and Crop Conservation Project; Bulgaria: Conservation of Globally Important Biodiversity in the Grasslands of the Ponor Mountains through support for the traditional local economy; Chile:

Conservation and Sustainable Development in the Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve (Formerly known as From Flamingos to Penguins: MSP Cluster of Biodiversity Conservation Projects and their Contribution to the National System of Protected Areas in Chile); Kenya: Improved Conservation and Governance for Kenya Coastal forest Protected Area System; Kyrgyzstan: Sustainable Management of Endemic Ichthyofauna of the Issyk-Kul Lake Basin; Mexico: Sacred Orchids of Chiapas: Cultural and Religious Values in Conservation; Tajikistan: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Republic of Tajikistan.

123. The full projects (FP) received and reviewed were:

- Global (Brazil, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan and South Africa): Conservation and Management of Pollinators for Sustainable Agriculture, through an Ecosystem Approach
- Global: GEF Small Grants Programme Replenishment Proposal for the Third Operational Phase Year 3
- South Africa: Conservation of Globally Important Grasslands

Preparation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and inter-sessional meetings

Draft document for the review of the availability of financial resources (1.1)

124. A notification was issued to Governments and relevant organizations to solicit submissions/views with respect to options for resource mobilization and a draft strategy in this regard. The Secretariat attended the meeting on Biodiversity and the European Development Agencies organized by IUCN on 19th-21st September 2006. The Message from Paris was adopted by the 400 participants in that meeting.

Collaboration with OECD/DAC (1.4)

125. A document will be prepared in collaboration with OECD/DAC to analyse status and trends as well as gaps concerning biodiversity finances in time for consideration by the inter-sessional meeting on review of implementation of the Convention. The Executive Secretary met with the Director General of the OECD and discussed the issue on collaboration to implement relevant COP decisions.

Draft strategy for resource mobilization (2.1)

126. Some 118 national biodiversity strategies and/or action plans were reviewed in terms of their financing components. The draft strategy will draw upon national financing strategies and plans in order to secure the broadest consensus on financing measures under the Convention.

Document on environmental funds (2.3)

127. A notification was prepared to collect information from governments and relevant partner organizations. Discussions continued with Latin American Network on Environmental Funds.

Funding advisory service

Project advice

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

- (a) Angola: to develop a clearing-house mechanism project for funding by the GEF;
- (b) Mali: to revise national biodiversity strategy and action plan.

129. The Secretariat circulated to governments a document listing the initial GEF-4 indicative allocations for all countries eligible for funding in the biodiversity and climate change focal areas, which was issued by the GEF Secretariat on 15 September 2006.

130. The Secretariat continued to assist the development of an international fund on taxonomy as suggested by COP-8.

Handbook on GEF (4.1)

131. The Secretariat started to prepare the Handbook on the Financial Mechanism in time for release of the new website of the Convention.

Databank of major sources of funding (1.2)

132. The Secretariat continued to update the databank of major sources of funding.

Donor guide to CBD (1.3)

133. The Secretariat continued to develop the Donor Guide to the Convention.

Training materials for access to GEF funding (4.2)

134. Discussions were undertaken with the GEF partner organizations in order to compile existing training materials concerning access to GEF funding and find and address gaps that may exist in respect to the need of CBD audience.

Sourcebook on innovative financial instruments (2.2)

135. Several innovative financial instruments were under study, including the emerging issues such as payments for ecosystem services and biodiversity offsets.

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

136. Further to the planning phase that followed the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the clearing-house mechanism focused on two major tasks during the third quarter of 2006: (a) the preparation of joint technical workshops as specified in activities 1.1.1. to 1.1.3. of the Strategic Plan; and (b) the enhancement of the Secretariat's website as the main information exchange tool.

137. Activities 1.1.1 to 1.1.3. of the Strategic Plan requests the CBD clearing-house mechanism to: (a) organize joint technical hands-on workshops with partners and international thematic focal points on new information and web-based technologies to assist in the implementation of the Convention, taking into account the special needs of indigenous and local communities; (b) invite programme officers and other experts to participate in clearing-house mechanism workshops to better integrate the work of clearing-house mechanisms with work related to implementation of the Convention ; and (c) invite Parties to contribute technical expertise to technical workshops and training courses.

138. The Government of the Netherlands, through their Letter of Intent, has provided some voluntary funding to support this activity in 2006, and the Secretariat has investigated how to maximize the utilization of these resources through collaboration with other partners. A workshop will be organized in Latin America, back-to-back with a joint SCBD-IUCN workshop on traditional knowledge, and will focus on the special needs of indigenous and local communities. Remaining funds will be used to contribute technical expertise to a sub-regional training workshop organized in Africa by the Belgian Clearing-House Mechanism.

139. As the Secretariat's website is the major information exchange tool of the clearing-house mechanism, it deserves special attention to ensure that it can adequately fulfil its mission. Taking into account several factors, such as web user feedback, the Secretariat's new outreach strategy, and recent advances in web technologies and standards, a web enhancement initiative has been undertaken in collaboration with the new Outreach and Major Groups unit.

140. To address the various issues involved in this initiative, tasks have been grouped into three major categories: (a) technical tasks; (b) layout and branding tasks; and (c) content-related tasks. Technical tasks are carried out by the IT team. They consist in strengthening IT infrastructure components, such as the implementation of an improved content management system, and the development of web applications required to support the programme of work of the Convention. The objective of the layout and branding tasks, under the responsibility of the Outreach and Major Groups unit, is to define a branding policy for the Secretariat and apply it to all outreach mechanisms and products, including the website. Content-related tasks including the creation and editing of content are completed by programme officers and other relevant staff members using the new content management system. Tasks have been prioritized to allow each group to proceed without being delayed by the on-going work of another group. From a managerial perspective, procedures will be put in place to ensure quality control through a well-defined approval and review process.

DECISION VII/25 and DECISION VIII/14: NATIONAL REPORTING

141. The guidelines for the fourth national report were finalized and made available to Parties before the end of July, as requested in paragraph 17 of decision VIII/14. The guidelines in all the languages of the United Nations can be accessed at <http://intranet.biodiv.org/reports/guidelines.aspx>.

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

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

144. Some discussions had been undertaken with the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to facilitate the provision of funds to eligible countries for preparing the fourth national report.

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

146. In response to a request contained in paragraph 18 (b), the Secretariat is preparing an updated synthesis of information contained in the third national reports.

147. In response to a notification sent in early May regarding the submission of the third national report, 16 additional Parties had submitted their third national reports by 1 September and a few others indicated they would submit their reports soon. As of end of September, a total of 93 third national reports had been received

148. A strategy to follow-up with those Parties that have neither submitted their third national reports by the extended deadline of 1 September, nor have informed the secretariat of their plans to do so, in order to facilitate preparation and submission of reports is being implemented. All focal points of such Parties have been contacted to remind them of the need to submit third national reports. Email messages

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have been sent to different groups of countries, namely those countries funded but not submitted reports, countries that are eligible for GEF funding and have not initiated a process to get funds and prepare the reports and those developed countries that had not submitted their reports. Those countries that had not initiated a process to prepare the third national report were invited to communicate with the Secretariat about the difficulties they may have. The messages are being followed up by personal phone calls. Further steps will be taken depending on responses to these informal messages.

149. Biodiversity country fact sheets project are being developed within the framework of the redesigning of the Secretariat's website. More information on each country Party to the Convention will be included on the new website, notably in the form of a fact sheet focusing on biodiversity related aspects. More specifically, this fact sheet will comprise general elements such as the name of the minister in charge of biodiversity and the date of submission of the various reports, as well as more specific elements such as the status and trends of biodiversity and the measures taken to achieve the 2010 target. The purpose of these fact sheets is to present a brief country profile in regard to biodiversity issues and the implementation of the Convention. The information will be selected, in most part, from the country's latest National report and its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, as well as from internal databases.

150. As of Thursday, September 14 2006, 126 country fact sheets are in progress. From this number, 83 fact sheets are well advanced. The great majority of fact sheets of countries that have sent their Third National Report are close to being completed, for they were considered as priority fact sheets. In order to present the most up to date information on the website, other countries were given some time to send in their Third National Report while the team worked on the priority fact sheets. The next steps consist of: continuing the research and culling of information by reading the National Reports and the National Strategies and Action Plans; looking through the internal databases to find the missing information and complete the fact sheets; and reviewing the information in partnership with the CBD national focal points.

DECISION VIII/8: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN

151. A desktop study of earlier review processes for national biodiversity strategies and action plans is being undertaken to guide preparation of documents for the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.

152. Preparations for regional meetings to be convened to discuss national experiences in implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors, including consideration of obstacles and ways and means for overcoming the obstacles are underway. These workshops will incorporate capacity building activities on national reporting and CEPA

153. Preparation of training modules on preparation, updating and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans are under way. These will be used during the regional meetings anticipated for 2007.

154. Initial preparations are underway and a draft annotated agenda is being prepared. It is anticipated this meeting will occur back to back with SBSTTA

155. During a mission to Nairobi to participate in the writing team for the Global Environment Outlook – 4, a staff member held extensive discussions with UNEP colleagues to identify cooperative activities in support of the Convention's implementation including the review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and support for capacity building. The Convention Secretariat will cooperate with all relevant divisions of UNEP in the preparation of the regional workshops on national implementation and capacity building.

OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

DECISION VIII/6: COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

156. In accordance with the short list of priority activities for the implementation of the programme of work on CEPA in Decision VIII/6, the Secretariat carried out a number of activities related to the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD).

157. The Secretariat collaborated with partners to launch an exhibition on the biodiversity of deserts and drylands at the Montreal Biodome. The exhibit, developed in collaboration with les Muséums Nature de Montréal, is the first of a series of annual exhibits which will relate to the theme for IBD

158. The Secretariat issued its report on the 2006 celebrations for IBD. The report included details on celebrations in over 30 countries, representing a higher rate of participation than in previous years. Along with the report, the Secretariat announced the theme for IBD in 2007. The theme: Climate change and biodiversity, was selected to coincide with the World Environment Day theme for 2007 as well as with the International Polar Year. A steering committee from within the Secretariat was created to guide the activities and liaise with Parties and International Organizations. The committees and bodies created are designed to build capacity for future IBDS.

159. As part of the activities to fulfill priority activity 10 of the short list of priority activities for implementation of the programme of work on CEPA contained in Decision VIII/6, the Secretariat entered into discussions with McGill University to develop a number of teaching modules on climate change and biodiversity, for use during the school outreach programme. The modules will be developed in the fall of 2006 and will be available for use in early 2007.

160. Implementation of the short list of priority activities for the programme of work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) was advanced through the signing of MOUs with UNEP-DEC and IUCN for the development of a toolkit on the use of CEPA in the development and implementation of NBSAPs. In addition to the toolkit development, the MOUs also provide support for a series of regional workshops to be held in early 2007. Additional support from the Government of the Netherlands is also provided for the project.

161. Continued implementation of the communications and outreach strategy of the Secretariat, as called for in Decision VI/19 includes the preparation of publications and outreach materials in support of the programmes of work of the Secretariat and general awareness of the work of the Secretariat. In fulfillment of this decision, the summer period saw the preparation of a number of publications at the Secretariat. Technical Series volume number 25, on adaptation to climate change, is being prepared for release in English, French and Spanish at the UNFCCC COP-12 in Nairobi. Other volumes in the technical series including one on the Global Taxonomy initiative, and one on Environmental Impact Assessment are also in preparation. In keeping with the programme of collaboration between the Rio Conventions, the secretariat finalized the joint Rio Conventions Calendar for 2007. The Calendar features the photography of Gary Braasch and will be distributed in the fall. The publication programme for Gincana magazine for 2006-2007 was also finalized, with a number of volumes planned including an issue on the outcomes of COP-8, a volume on climate change and biodiversity, and a collection of essays by heads of scientific and research institutions including Kew Gardens, the Smithsonian Institution and the Musée de Histoire Naturel de Paris.

162. The website of the Secretariat is an important part of the corporate communication strategy of the secretariat. In the interests of enhancing the website, and in collaboration with the Information Technology team and the Clearing-house Mechanism, the Outreach team worked towards a redesign of the secretariat's website. Application of a new branding policy and a redesign of the content for the site is expected to produce a website that is more-user friendly and a stronger tool for outreach.

DECISION VIII/7: GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK

163. Decision VIII/7 on the Global Biodiversity Outlook 2 (GBO2), called for a number of activities to enhance and increase the awareness and visibility of the publication. GBO2 was reprinted and distributed to Parties. A summary of GBO2 is being produced. Negotiations with the organization Greenfacts is expected to result in a web-based summary of GBO2 by the end of the fall. Translations of GBO2 in the United Nations languages continue and are expected to be issued in the next quarter.

DECISION VIII/8: THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE CONVENTION

164. As indicated in decision VI/26, Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan of the Convention stresses the importance of improving the understanding of the importance of biodiversity and of the Convention in an effort to lead to broader engagement across society in implementation of the Convention. The importance of achieving this and the other goals of the Strategic plan were reaffirmed in Decision VIII/8. In line with this, the Secretariat continued its programme of outreach to major groups.

165. This included the convening of a meeting with a number of major Canadian universities to discuss possible directions for collaboration. The meeting was a fruitful exchange of ideas regarding research and coordination between the universities. A steering committee of the universities will report back to the Secretariat on possible directions for work.

166. Partnerships with non-governmental organizations are also under development. The Biodiversity Alliance, a gathering of NGOs interested in biodiversity issues from around the world, is expected to finalize their participation in a virtual ongoing conference on issues under the Convention.

167. Collaboration with Local Authorities continues with the organizing of a meeting of large cities in early 2007. The meeting, co-hosted by the city of Curitiba, the host of COP-8, will discuss ways that cities can contribute to biodiversity conservation and sustainable us in their urban planning process.

168. The Secretariat concluded an important partnership with UNESCO, to develop capacity for communicating the 2010 biodiversity target and to develop the educational component of the programme of work on CEPA. The partnership links the work of the CBD with the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD).

169. Another partnership for communicating the 2010 biodiversity target was created as a result of the first meeting of the Heads of Agencies Task Force, held in Gland in mid-September. Under the guidance of IUCN and the Secretariat, the agencies agreed to develop a joint outreach and communication strategy for the 2010 target and to channel their efforts for global outreach.

DECISION VIII/17: PRIVATE-SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

170. Decision VIII/17 paragraph 3 requests the Executive Secretary to compile information on the "business case for biodiversity". In response to this request, the Secretariat strengthened its engagement with McGill University, at the undergraduate (BCom programme), doctorate and MBA levels. As an initial step towards integrating biodiversity into executive education programmes, the Secretariat also collaborated with Harvard Business School in the development of a case-study on the Convention. This will be presented at the Agribusiness Seminar in January 2007.

171. Decision VIII/17 paragraph 4 requests the Executive Secretary to include business as a target audience for outreach material. In response to this request, the Secretariat developed its first newsletter on business and biodiversity. The first issue focusing on COP-8 will be released in October, with contributions from the Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development, the International Council on Mining & Metals, the UK, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Conservation Union and the World Resources Institute.

172. The Secretariat participated in efforts led by the Global Reporting Initiative to integrate biodiversity into sustainability reporting. A meeting was held in July on the subject. Decision VIII/17 notes that guidance on the integration of biodiversity considerations into reporting standards “may be of use in facilitating contributions from business and industry towards the implementation of the Convention and its 2010 target”.

173. The Secretariat pursued its collaboration with the World Conservation Union and participated in planning sessions on the IUCN business programme. Discussions were also held with IUCN, as one of the original organisers, on the follow-up to be given to the “Business and the 2010 Challenge” meetings held in 2005.

174. Other meetings were held to investigate options for further collaboration with the International Council on Mining & Metals, the World Business Council on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Global Reporting Initiative Secretariat.

175. With respect to community-based activities, the Secretariat focal point for business was invited to join the Technical Advisory Committee for the Equator Prize 2006.

**THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF
THE SECOND AND THIRD MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS
THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL**

DECISION BS-III/1: COMPLIANCE

176. The Chair of the Compliance Committee circulated to members of the Committee a report on the outcome and follow up of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP 3). Members are requested to make comments on the report and submit views on the proposed work plan for the next two meetings of the Committee as outlined in the report.

177. In July 2006, the Chairperson of the Committee visited the Secretariat and met the officer in the Biosafety Unit responsible for the item on compliance in the Protocol Process. The Chair and the staff of the Secretariat discussed issues pertaining to the next meeting of the Compliance Committee. They prepared a tentative outline for the agenda of the next meeting and agreed to circulate a provisional agenda and annotations to members of the Committee around end of September 2006.

**DECISIONS BS-II/2 and BS-III/2: OPERATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BIOSAFETY
CLEARING HOUSE (BCH)**

178. At its first meeting, COP-MOP approved the transition of the pilot phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) to its operational phase, and adopted the modalities of its operation (decision BS-I/3). At its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol reviewed the implementation of the Biosafety Clearing-House and adopted a multi-year programme of work thereof (decision BS-II/2, annex). This multi-year programme of work sets a number of objectives for the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House and highlights possible activities to achieve these objectives. It also identifies the main actor(s) for each activity, as well as timeframes during which the activities are to be implemented or completed, as the case may be.

179. As part of the implementation of the multi-year programme of work in the development and operation of the BCH, and in response to a number of recommendations in decision BS-II/2 and BS-III/2 to facilitate improved access to and use of the BCH, the Secretariat developed a new central registry of all living modified organisms for which decisions have been taken. The registry provides summary information on the transformation event, gene insert and characteristics of the modification, and the

organisms' unique identification code, if available, for approved LMOs. Linked decision records are also available for each entry in the register. The registry was launched on 17 July 2006.

180. In addition, the Secretariat created a new database of organizations active in biosafety activities, which was made available on 6 September 2006. This database profiles the nature of work undertaken by each organization, focusing on its relevance to biosafety, and provides detailed contact information as well as links to relevant records in the BCH.

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

DECISIONS BS-II/3 AND BS-III/3: CAPACITY-BUILDING

182. During the reporting period a project concept on "Capacity-Building for Implementing the Requirements for Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of Paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety" was developed for which funding is being sought, with a view to submitting it to potential donors. The project will involve: development of training modules; organisation of five regional "training of trainers" workshops; and development of knowledge management system on the LMO identification/ documentation.

183. A draft CBD Secretariat Capacity-Building Strategy for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety has been developed. The strategy is intended to provide a programmatic framework that will guide the Secretariat's efforts in assisting Parties to build their capacities in biosafety, taking into account their expressed needs and the relevant COP-MOP decisions.

184. The Secretariat has embarked on preparations for the third Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities and the Fourth Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety, which take place back-to-back in Lusaka, Zambia from 26-28 February and 1-3 March 2007, respectively. The agenda and annotated agendas for both meetings were prepared and sent to the COP-MOP 3 Bureau for their review and comments.

185. A concept note for the second meeting of academic institutions and other organizations involved in biosafety education and training, planned for 16-18 April 2007 in Nairobi, has been developed. The meeting will discuss ways and means of implementing COP-MOP decisions BS-II/3, BS-III/3 and BS-III/11 regarding measures for promoting longer-term formal education and training in biosafety. In particular, it will discuss strategies for encouraging the development of new diploma and degree-granting programmes in biosafety and strengthening existing ones and for enhancing North-South and South-South collaborative partnerships in biosafety education and training.

DECISIONS BS-II/6 AND BS-III/6: COOPERATION

186. At their second meeting, the Parties to the Protocol requested the Executive Secretary to follow developments in competent regional and international organizations with a view to exchanging experience and building capacity, and to establish cooperation with relevant customs and transport organizations. These requests were largely reiterated at the third meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. To this end, the Secretariat made contact with Green Customs Partners and participated, through a teleconference, at the second meeting of the Partners. Green Customs is an initiative that brings together a number of multilateral environmental agreements to offer information and training materials for customs officials to combat illegal trade in commodities of environmental concern. The Initiative is currently being coordinated by the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics-OzonAction Branch of UNEP.

187. The Secretariat is currently preparing a section on the Biosafety Protocol and its linkages to the jobs of customs officers for inclusion in a training guide being prepared as part of the initiative.

DECISIONS BS-III/9 and BS-III/10: HANDLING, TRANSPORT, PACKAGING AND IDENTIFICATION (ARTICLE 18.2(a))

188. COP-MOP 3 has invited Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations (decision BS-III/9) to submit to the Executive Secretary views and information on the adequacy of existing rules and standards for identification, handling, packaging and transport of goods and substances to address concerns relating to living modified organisms and the existing gaps that may justify a need to develop new rules and standards, or to call upon relevant international bodies to modify or expand existing ones. In that context, the Secretariat conveyed, through a teleconference the invitation to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and encouraged the IPPC secretariat to make submissions and provide information with a view to helping Parties to the Protocol implement paragraph 3 of Article 18 of the Protocol appropriately.

DECISIONS BS-II/9 and BS-III/11: RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

189. There has been a pending request from COP-MOP 2 to organize regional capacity-building workshops on risk assessment and risk management. COP-MOP 3 has included a budget of \$200,000 from voluntary contribution to conduct four of these workshops.

190. Consultations are underway with the African Union to organize the African regional capacity building workshop back-to-back with their upcoming African biosafety experts meeting on the draft African Strategy on Biosafety, and the draft Revised Model Law on safety in Biotechnology planned to take place from 18-19 October.

DECISIONS BS-I/8, BS-II/11, and BS-III/12: LIABILITY AND REDRESS

191. In accordance with the request of the second meeting the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Protocol, the Secretariat has invited Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders to make further submissions, preferably in the form of proposed texts, on the elements identified by the first meeting of the Working Group in its efforts to elaborate international rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage resulting from the transboundary movements of living modified organisms.

192. Preparations are being made to convene the third meeting of the Working Group in the first quarter of next year.

VIII. STATUS OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION TO THE PROTOCOL

193. As of 15 September 2006, 134 Parties to the CBD had acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website of the Secretariat and is updated each time the Secretariat is notified by the Depositary of a new instrument of ratification/accession that has been deposited with it.

Annex I

SCBD REPRESENTATION

Dates	Meeting/Activity
6-8 July	Meeting organized by the Network of Indigenous Women on Biodiversity – Panama
10-11 July	International Workshop on Raising Awareness on Biotechnology and Bioindustry Achievements, Prospects and Challenges in Developing Countries - Geneva, Switzerland
19 and 21 July	Meetings with DEFRA; International Council on Mining & Metals (ICMM); GRI Secretariat -- London, U.K.
20 July	Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) biodiversity workshop – London, U.K.
24 July	ALCOA/IUCN Fellowship programme meeting - IUCN Headquarters, Gland, Switzerland
24-28 July	Seventh meeting of the Montreal Process Working Group (23 rd preparatory meeting), Japan
25-28 July	IUCN Business Programme planning meeting; meetings with UNEP Finance Initiative, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) -- Switzerland
27 July	Ceremony to celebrate the signing of the agreement between Environment Canada and Royal Botanical Gardens – Ontario, Canada
18 August	L'Ecole d'été de l'Institut du Nouveau Monde 2006 – Montreal, Canada
27-31 August	UNITAR training course on wetlands, water, and biodiversity
29 August	Collaborative Partnership on Forests, Rome, Italy
29-30 August	Third Assembly of the Global Environment Facility – Cape Town, South Africa
30 August -1 September	UNFCCC Workshop on Reducing Emission from Deforestation in Developing Countries – Rome, Italy
11 September	Second Chapter 7 Authors' meeting – Global Environment Outlook, Nairobi, Kenya
12-13 September	Workshop on International Payments for Ecosystem Services – Geneva, Switzerland
15 September	Ouranos Atelier de définition de projet sur l'Adaptation et la biodiversité- Montréal, Canada
19-21 September	Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation Conference, as well as a working lunch for EU donors in the margins of the meeting

22 September	SBSTTA Bureau teleconference
21-22 September	Seminar on Multilateral Agreements and their relevance to the Arctic – Arendal, Norway
23 September –12 November	Biodôme Exhibit – Habitat désertifique
28 September	UNFCCC teleconference

Annex II

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

I *Personnel arrangements*

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 27 regularized Professional staff members and 23 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 13 vacant posts, (9 professional and 4 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 3 General Service posts were funded from other sources and there were 3 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. There were 10 Interns working at the Secretariat during the period under review: Ms. Malgorzata Marszalek from Canada/Poland, working on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Global Taxonomy Initiative in STTM; Ms. Leah Mohammed from Canada, working on Forest Biodiversity with STTM; Ms. Roma Honore from Dominica, working on climate change with STTM; Ms. Michelle Kellam from Canada, working on National Biodiversity Legislation with SEL; Mr. Bassam Adam from Canada, working on Traditional Knowledge and Ethics with SEL; Ms. Julie Tasker Brown from the United States of America, working on Impact Assessment with STTM; Mr. Hans Haake from Germany, working on Incentive Measures with SEL; Ms. Sabine Brels from France, working on National Focal Points and Policy makers with SEL; Ms. Aude Tremblay from Canada, working on Access and Benefit Sharing with SEL and Ms. Hiroko Kodaka from Japan, working on Forest Biodiversity with STTM.

II *Contributions and funds*

3. During the third quarter of 2006, four new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Pledges of US\$10,000 was received from Denmark for the SBSTTA Bureau meeting; Pledges of €100,000 were received from the Government of France for the 6th meeting of the Ad Hoc working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing (€50,000) and the 2nd Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas (€50,000); Belgium pledged €15,000 for the organization of the 2nd Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas.

4. For 2006 a total of US\$564,502 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$480,206 or 85% has been collected as at 30 September 2006. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

5. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2006 is US\$8,083,489. Of this amount, US\$7,109,060 or 87.9% has been received. Additionally, US\$1,050,000 has been pledged and US\$250,000 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2006. US\$562,975 has also been collected in 2006 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

6. As at 30 September 2006 a total of US\$467,108 has been pledged for 2006 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Austria (15,000 Euros); Denmark (DKK 300,000); Finland (30,000 Euros); Germany (\$25,550 Euros); Norway (NOK 500,000); Spain (208,527 Euros) and Switzerland (US\$7,488).

7. As at 30 September 2006, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2006 amounted to US\$392,703 or 84% of the total pledged so far for 2006. Additionally, \$112,725 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$123,862 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2006 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

8. As at 30 September 2006, a total of seventy-six (76) countries have paid US\$1,656,399 to the Trust Fund, representing 91.7% of pledges for 2006. Unpaid contributions for 2006 and prior years amount to \$257,815. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 30 September 2006, pledges to the Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**) amounts to \$58,039 in 2006. The Government of Canada pledge US\$6,757 for the BCH server and the Government of Germany pledged 40,000 Euros for the Coordination Meeting of the Biosafety Protocol. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

10. As at 30 September 2006, the Governments of Austria, EEC, Finland, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland have pledged a total of US\$370,419 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\$190,138 or 51.3% has so far been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

III Accounting and reporting

Status of expenditure

11. COP-7 approved a budget of US\$10,918,500 for the BY Trust Fund for 2006. As at 30 September 2006, a total of US\$8,816,566 was spent or committed. This represents 81% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-1 approved a budget of US\$1,878,700 for the BG Trust Fund for 2006. As at 30 September 2006, a total of US\$1,111,913 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 59% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for services provided to the Secretariat

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

Appendix

STAFFING TABLE OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

July - September 2006

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghla (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)	Post advertised and Panel recommendation submitted for action in July 2006
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	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 (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang (Regularized)
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. D. Bondi Ogolla (Regularized)
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann (Regularized)
1110	P4	PO Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1114	P4	Former Special assistant to the Executive Secretary	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott (Regularized)
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Post advertised and Panel's recommendation submitted on 15 June 2006
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (OMG)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli (Regularized)
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	Vacant (Post Advertised)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Vacant (Post Advertised)
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	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 Yifru (Regularized)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (OMG)	Mr. Q. Nguyen (Regularized)
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates (Regularized)

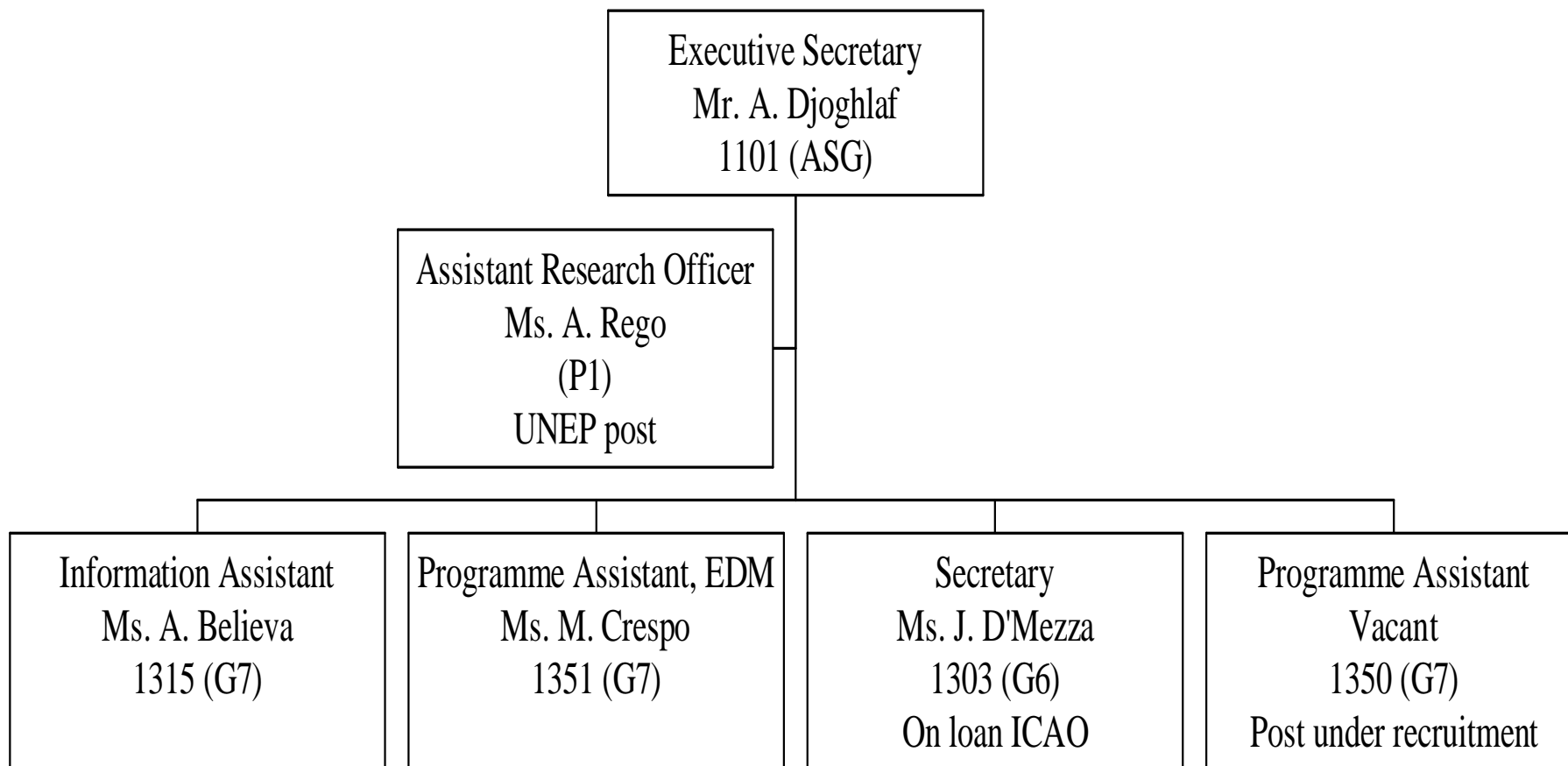
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1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft (Regularized)
1133	P4	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand (Regularized)
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (BS)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P5	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)	Ms. Jaime Webb (Regularized)
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai (Regularized)
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. Oliver Hiller (Regularized)
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 (ITS)	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, (OMG)	Mr. P. LeBlond (Regularized)
	P1	Assistant Research Officer (OES)	Ms. A. Rego (Post funded by UNEP)
	L1	Junior Professional Officer	Mr. R. Kohsaka (Japan)
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. J. D'Mezza (on loan from ICAO)
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. L. Boutin (Regularized)
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin (Regularized)
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan (Regularized)
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1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez (Regularized)
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress). Post funded by UNEP
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1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Regularized) (post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Ms. A. Vincent (Regularized)
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva (Regularized)
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez (Regularized)
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Vacant
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Regularized)
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé (Regularized)
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang (Regularized)
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1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	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	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo (Regularized)
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	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	Ms. L. Pedicelli (Regularized)
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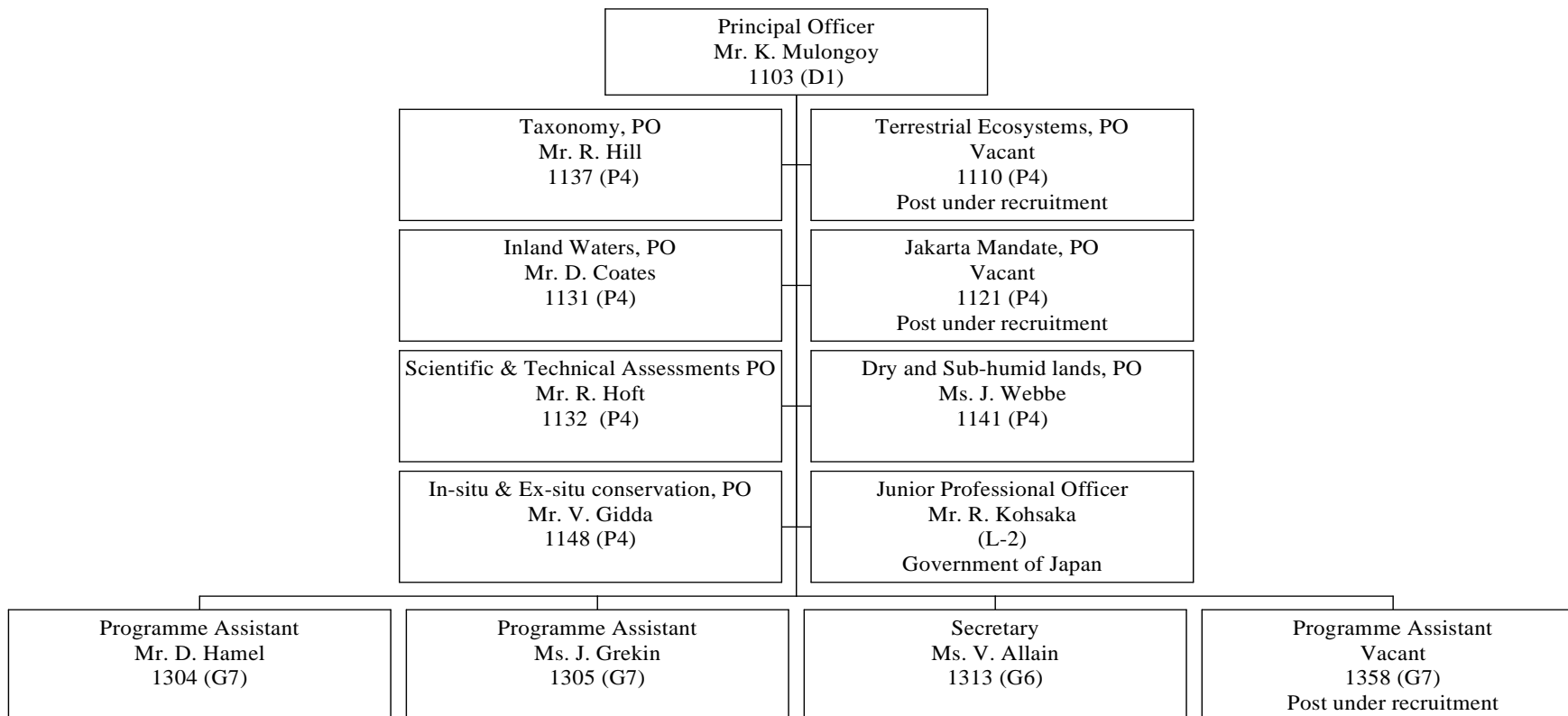
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE CBD SECRETARIAT

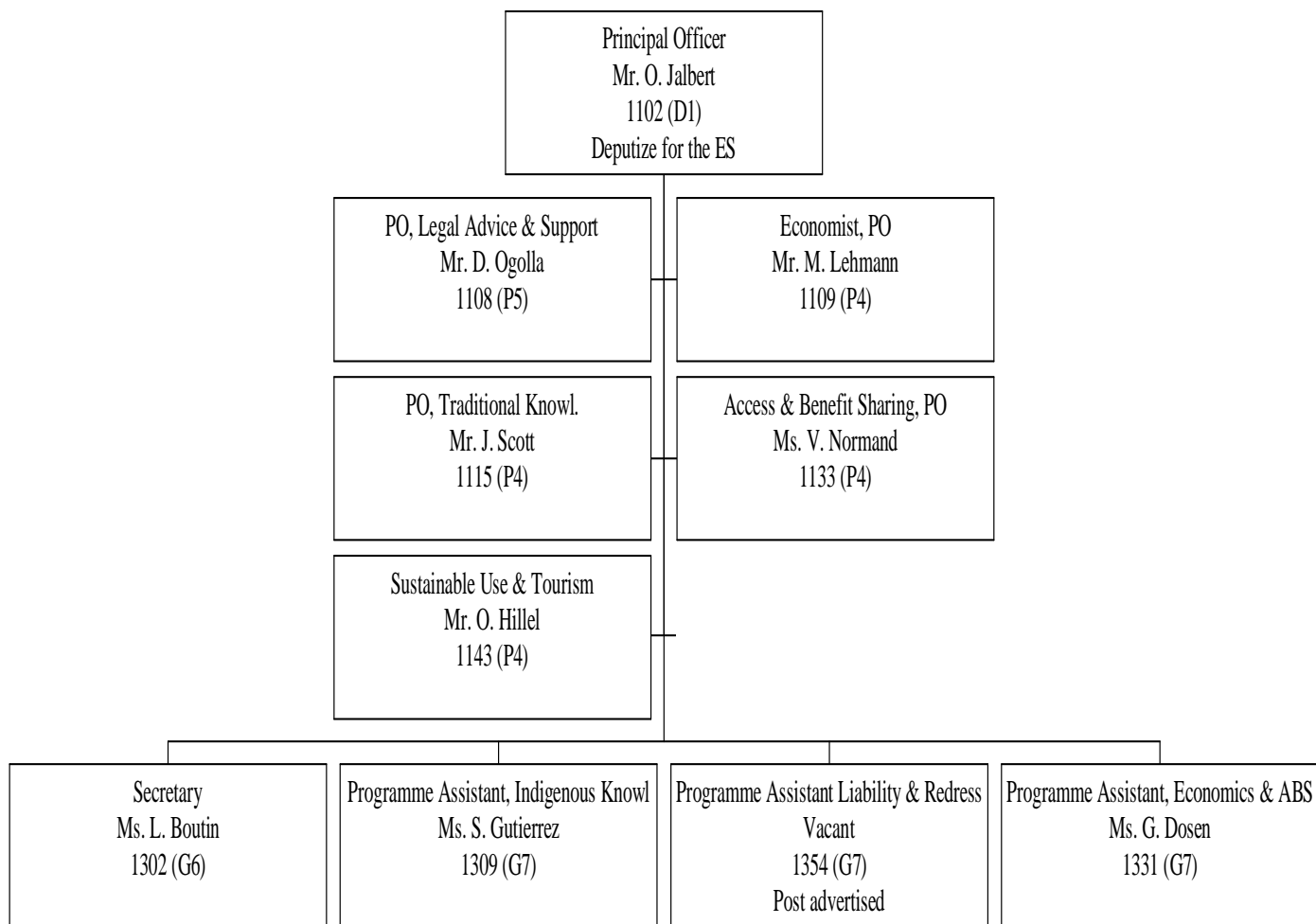
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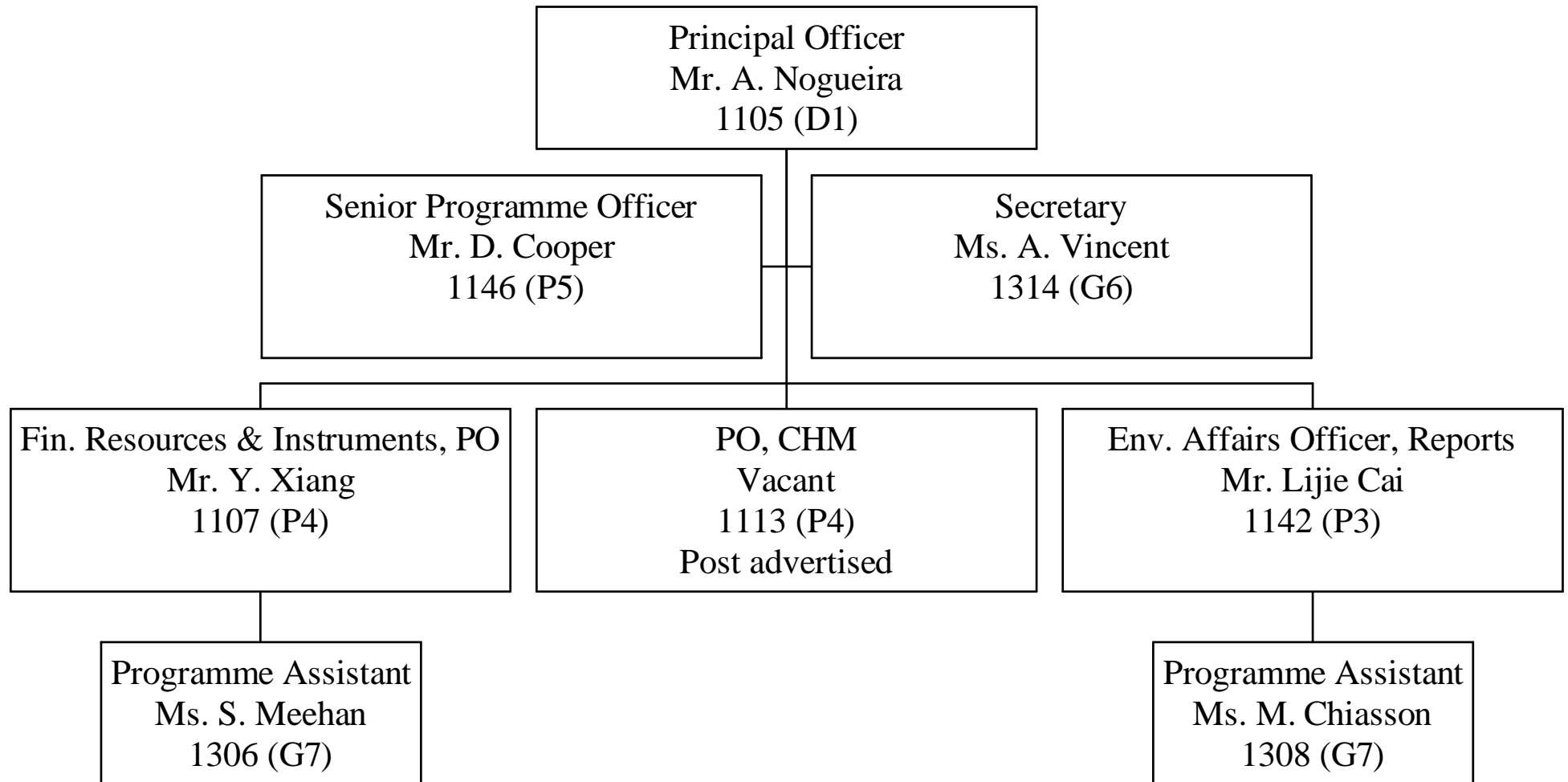
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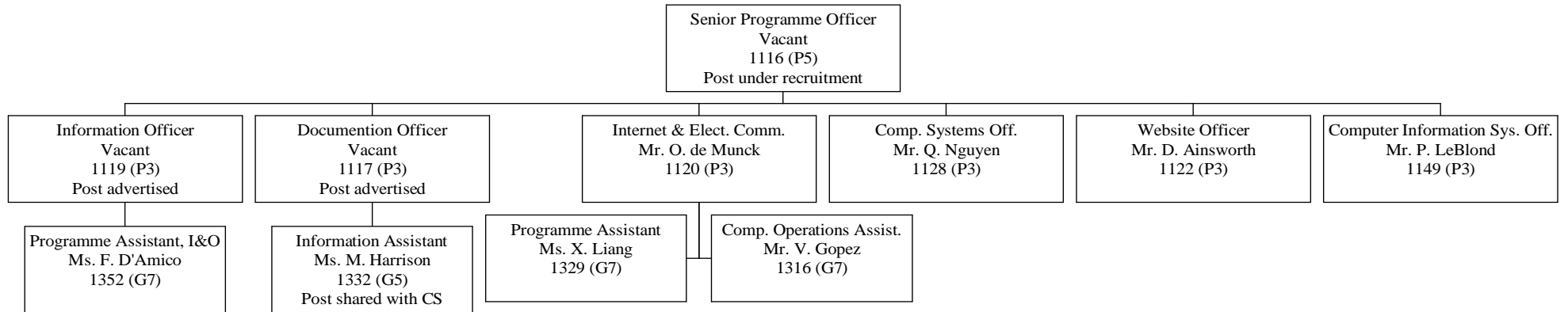
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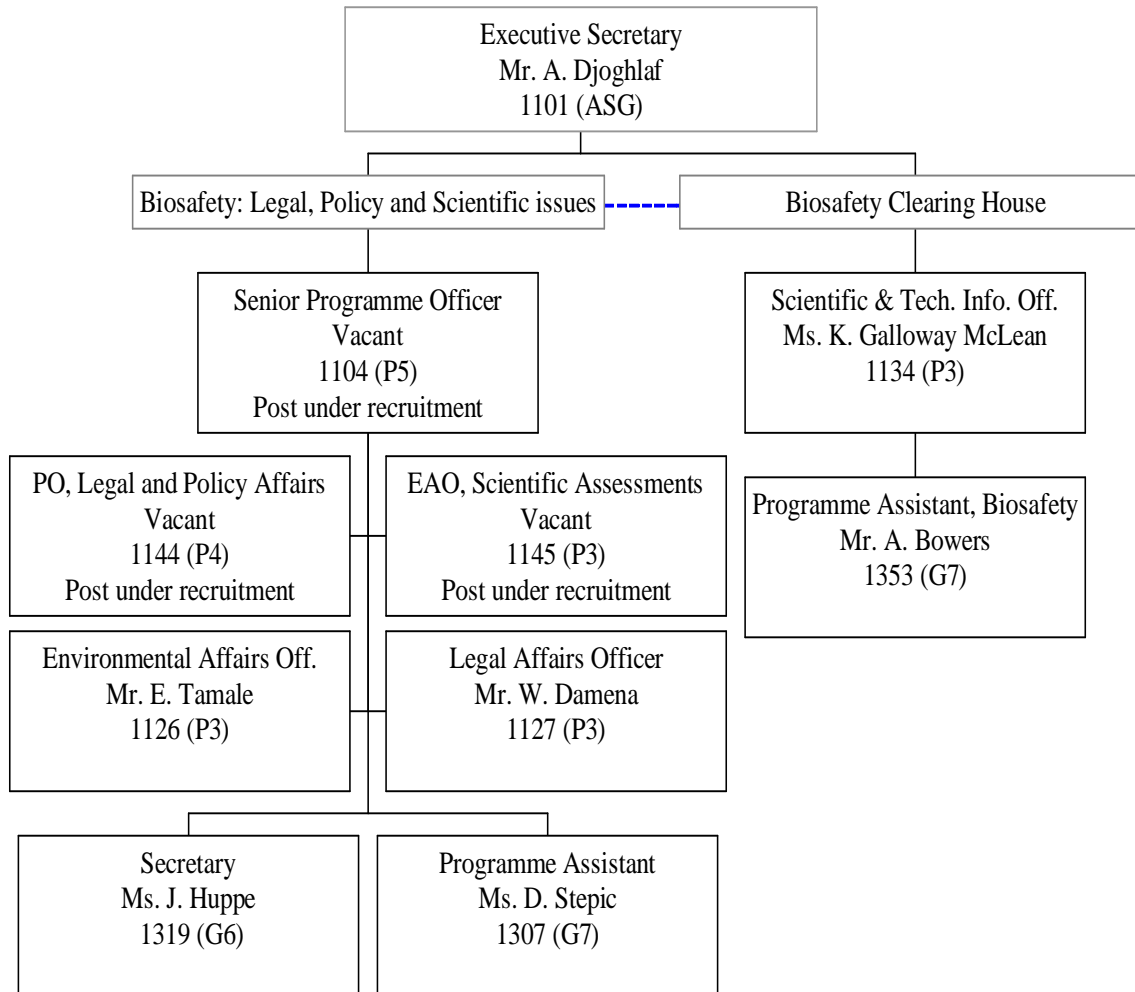
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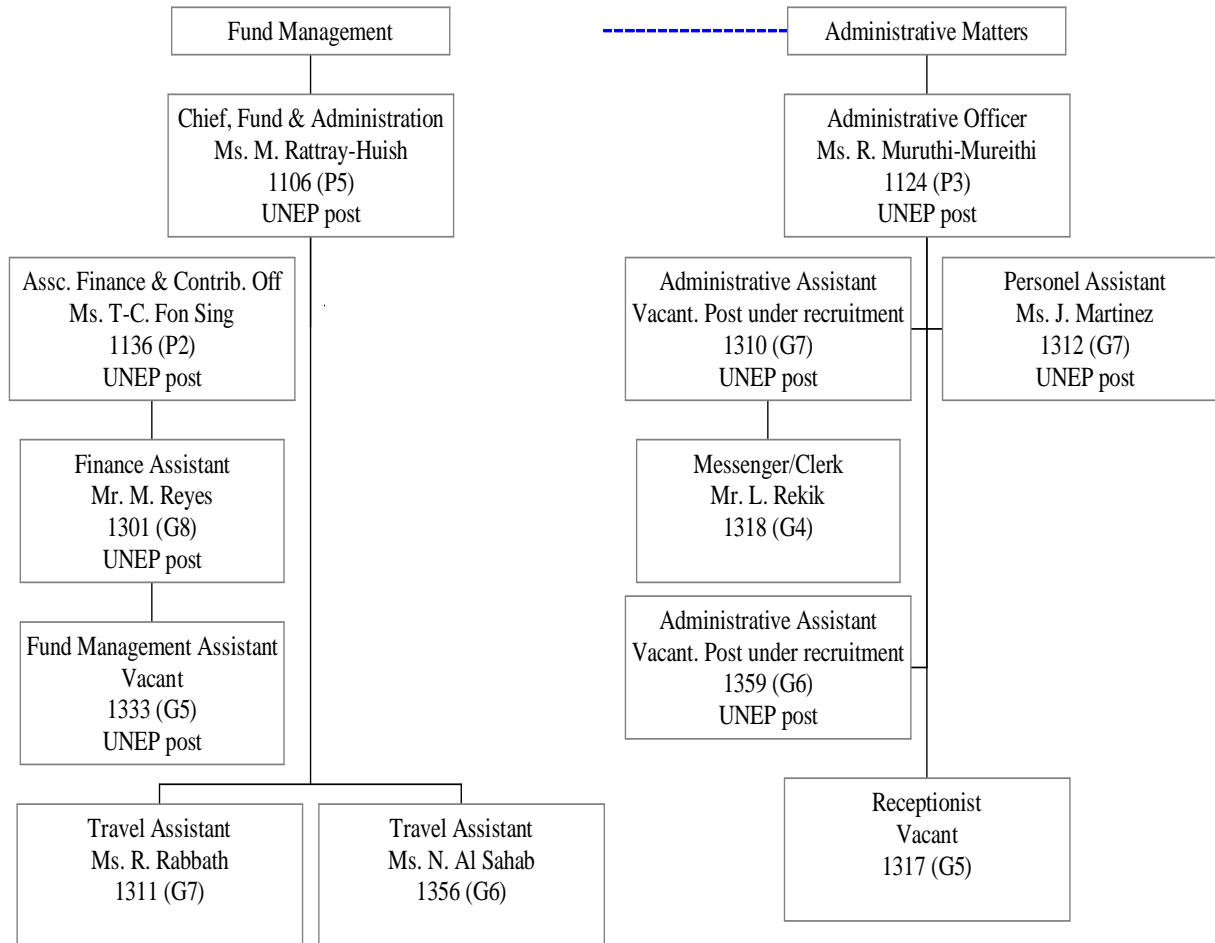
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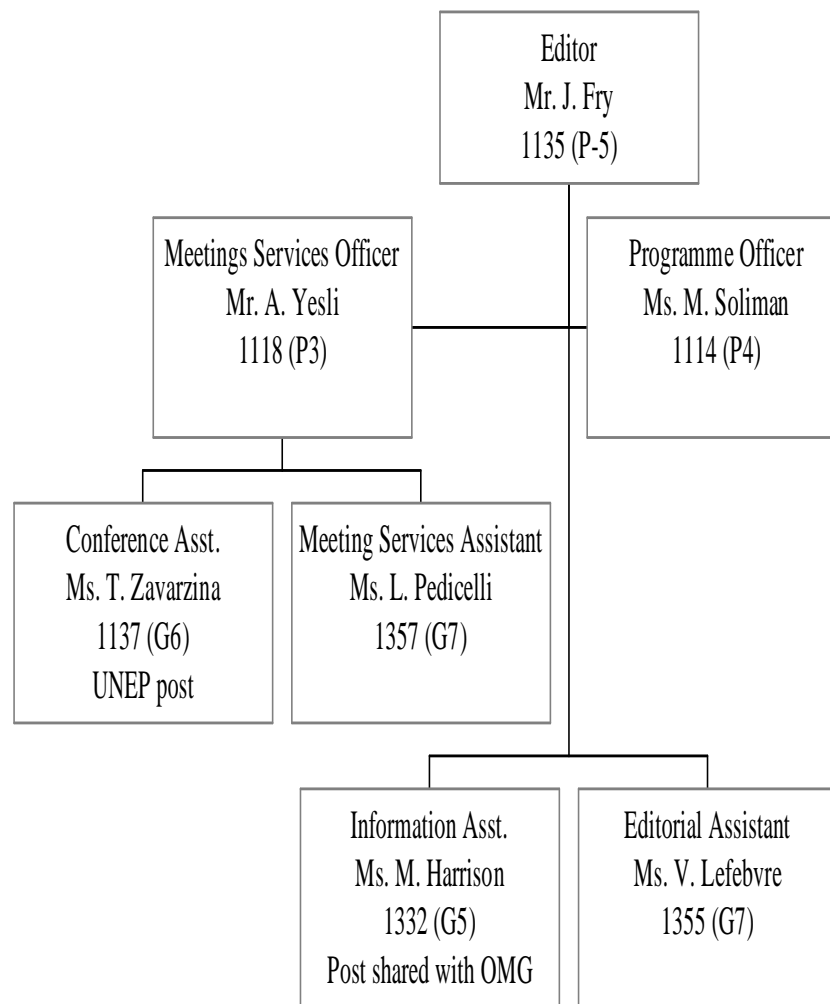
Biosafety Protocol



Resource Management



Conference Services



Annex IV

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

Status of Contribution as at 30 September 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006		Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Belgium	42,067			1/			42,067
Belgium			19,231	20/			19,231
Brazil	219,589			2/	219,589		0
Canada	21,592			3/			21,592
Canada	21,817			4/	21,817		0
Canada	12,411			5/	12,411		0
Denmark			9,975	17/		9,975	0
EEC			59,065	15/			59,065
France			63,776	18/		63,776	0
France			59,172	19/		59,172	0
Germany	64,327			6/	47,168		17,159
Germany			6,000	13/			6,000
Italy	50,000			7/			50,000
Netherlands	252,180			8/	252,180		(0)
Netherlands			252,180	16/		252,180	0
Spain	25,000			9/			25,000
Spain			59,495	12/		59,495	(0)
Sweden	13,287			10/			13,287
Sweden	13,288			11/			13,288
UK			35,608	14/		35,608	0
Total	735,558	0	564,502		553,165	480,206	266,689

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

2/Brazil pledged US\$ 435,232 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

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

- 4/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 25,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006
- 5/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 14,080 towards the Joint Meeting of CBD and UNFCCC, Montreal, Canada, 30 November 2005
- 6/Germany pledged Euros 55,000 towards the support of organization of the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006
- 7/Italy pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006
- 8/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2005
- 9/Spain pledged US\$ 25,000 for Capacity Building Experts Meeting on the Biosafety Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001
- 10/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002
- 11/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006
- 12/Spain pledged Euros 50,273 towards Conference Servicing Costs for Article 8(j) and ABS 4 Meetings, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006
- 13/Germany pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the Publication of Documents on Protected Areas
- 14/UK pledged GBP 20,000 towards the Protected Areas Meetings leading up to COP 8
- 15/EEC pledged Euros 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006
- 16/Netherlands pledged Euros 200,000 being 50% advance payment for 2006 Activities
- 17/Denmark pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the SBSTTA Bureau Meeting
- 18/France pledged Euros 50,000 towards the 5th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing
- 19/France pledged Euros 50,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, 2008
- 20/Belgium pledged Euros 15,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, 2008

Annex V

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

Status as at 30 September 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Austria	24,150		1/	24,150		0
Austria	12,075		2/	12,075		(0)
Austria			9/	17,997	17,997	0
Brazil	37,667		3/	37,667		0
Brazil	18,833		11/	18,833		0
Denmark	40,000		4/			40,000
Denmark			13/	51,200	51,200	0
Finland			14/	38,424	38,424	0
Germany			8/	30,816	30,816	0
Japan	20,000		5/	20,000		0
Norway			10/	74,405		74,405
Spain			7/	246,778	246,778	(0)
Sweden	9,457		6/			9,457
Switzerland			12/	7,488	7,488	0
Total	162,182	0		467,108	112,725	123,862

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

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

3/Brazil pledged US\$ 37,667 towards the participation costs of Indigenous at the COP 8 Meeting

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

5/Japan pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the Asia/Pacific Regional Meeting for COP 8

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

7/Spain pledged EUR 208,527 towards the participants costs to the Article 8(j) and the ABS 4 Meetings, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006

8/Germany pledged EUR 25,550 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

9/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 for the support of participants from Eastern European and Central Asian countries to COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

10/Norway pledged NOK 500,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

11/Brazil pledged US\$ 18,833 towards the participation costs of Indigenous at the COP 8 Meeting

12/Switzerland pledged US\$ 7,488 for the participation of delegates from Developing Countries to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

13/Denmark pledged DKK 300,000 for the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

14/Finland pledged EUR 30,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

Annex VI

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 30 September 2006**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	1,922	209				1,922	209	2,131
Albania	790	522		790	522	0	0	0
Algeria		7,933			7,933	0	0	0
Angola		104	1,318		959	0	(2,173)	(2,173)
Antigua & Barbuda		313	313		646	0	(646)	(646)
Argentina	377,313	99,783		97,719		279,594	99,783	379,377
Armenia	9,281	209				9,281	209	9,490
Australia		166,165	166,165		167,752	0	(167,752)	(167,752)
Austria		89,658	89,658			0	0	0
Azerbaijan		522			522	0	0	0
Bahamas		1,357	1,357			0	0	0
Bahrain		3,131	3,131		3,161	0	(3,161)	(3,161)
Bangladesh	747	808				747	808	1,555
Barbados		1,044	1,044		1,054	0	(1,054)	(1,054)
Belarus	48,081	1,879		11,879		36,202	1,879	38,081
Belgium	105,770	111,577		105,770		0	111,577	111,577
Belize		104	104			0	0	0
Benin	390	209				390	209	599
Bhutan		104	104			0	0	0
Bolivia	1,678	939		939		739	939	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina		313	313			0	0	0
Botswana		1,253	1,253		2,584	0	(2,584)	(2,584)
Brazil		158,963	22,320			0	136,643	136,643
Bulgaria		1,774			1,774	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	726	209				726	209	935

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Burundi	687	104				687	104	791
Cambodia		209	184			0	25	25
Cameroon		835	2,184			0	(1,349)	(1,349)
Canada		293,607			293,607	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,537	104				3,537	104	3,641
Central African Rep.	197	104		197	98	(0)	6	6
Chad		104	129			0	(25)	(25)
Chile	21,425	23,276		21,425	31,257	0	(7,981)	(7,981)
China		214,282				0	214,282	214,282
Colombia		16,178	132		16,126	0	(80)	(80)
Comoros	2,795	104				2,795	104	2,899
Congo	245	104		245	86	0	18	18
Congo Dem.Rep	5,179	313				5,179	313	5,492
Cook Islands	99	104				99	104	203
Costa Rica	6,156	3,131		2,123		4,033	3,131	7,164
Cote d'Ivoire	2,620	1,044				2,620	1,044	3,664
Croatia		3,862			3,862	0	0	0
Cuba	24,877	4,488				24,877	4,488	29,365
Cyprus		4,071			4,071	0	0	0
Czech Republic		19,101	19,101			0	0	0
Denmark		74,941			74,911	0	30	30
Djibouti	197	104				197	104	301
Dominica	130	104				130	104	234
Dominica Rep.	3,851	3,653		3,851	3,653	0	0	0
Ecuador		1,983	420			0	1,563	1,563
EEC		202,088	202,048			0	40	40
Egypt	11,873	12,525				11,873	12,525	24,398
El Salvador	2,177	2,296				2,177	2,296	4,473
Equatorial Guinea	2,894	209				2,894	209	3,103
Eritrea	289	104		289	79	0	25	25
Estonia		1,253	1,253		1,264	0	(1,264)	(1,264)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Ethiopia		418	418			0	0	0
Fiji	22	418		22	4,783	(0)	(4,365)	(4,365)
Finland		55,632	55,632			0	0	0
France		629,382	629,382			0	0	0
Gabon		939	26,266			0	(25,327)	(25,327)
Gambia		104				0	104	104
Georgia	42,041	313		20,276		21,765	313	22,078
Germany		904,097			904,077	0	20	20
Ghana	1,350	418				1,350	418	1,768
Greece	52,440	55,319		52,440		0	55,319	55,319
Grenada	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Guatemala		3,131	3,131			0	0	0
Guinea	592	313				592	313	905
Guinea-Bissau	2,316	104				2,316	104	2,420
Guyana		104				0	104	104
Haiti	2,154	313				2,154	313	2,467
Honduras	2,561	522				2,561	522	3,083
Hungary		13,151	13,108			0	43	43
Iceland		3,549	3,549		3,562	0	(3,562)	(3,562)
India		43,942				0	43,942	43,942
Indonesia	14,050	14,821		14,050	913	0	13,908	13,908
Iran	15,534	16,387				15,534	16,387	31,921
Ireland		36,531	36,531		36,854	0	(36,854)	(36,854)
Israel		48,743				0	48,743	48,743
Italy		509,872			509,872	0	0	0
Jamaica	11	835		11	835	0	0	0
Japan		1,778,370			1,778,370	0	0	0
Jordan	1,088	1,148				1,088	1,148	2,236
Kazakhstan	232	2,609				232	2,609	2,841
Kenya		939	918		21	0	0	0
Kiribati		104	79		28	0	(3)	(3)

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Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,009	1,044		1,009	983	0	61	61
Korea, Rep. of	97,189	187,458		97,189	138,310	0	49,148	49,148
Kuwait		16,909			16,909	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	197	104				197	104	301
Lao PDR		104	89			0	15	15
Latvia		1,566	16			0	1,550	1,550
Lebanon	1,182	2,505				1,182	2,505	3,687
Lesotho	99	104		99	282	0	(178)	(178)
Liberia	632	104				632	104	736
Libya	16,616	13,778				16,616	13,778	30,394
Liechtenstein		522			522	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,505	2,484			0	21	21
Luxembourg		8,037			8,037	0	0	0
Madagascar	297	313		297	281	0	32	32
Malawi		104	79			0	25	25
Malaysia		21,188	21,173			0	15	15
Maldives	40	104				40	104	144
Mali	64	209				64	209	273
Malta		1,461			1,461	0	0	0
Marshall Island	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Mauritania	1,626	104				1,626	104	1,730
Mauritius		1,148	1,148			0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	196,538		13,674	182,864	0	13,674	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States		104	103			0	1	1
Moldova, Rep. of	11,209	104		4,852		6,357	104	6,461
Monaco		313	610		349	0	(646)	(646)
Mongolia	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Morocco	16,791	4,906				16,791	4,906	21,697
Mozambique	380	104		380	160	0	(56)	(56)
Myanmar		808				0	808	808

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Namibia		626	626			0	0	0
Nauru	2,915	104				2,915	104	3,019
Nepal		418	507			0	(89)	(89)
Netherlands	10	176,394				10	176,394	176,404
New Zealand		23,067	23,067		23,287	0	(23,287)	(23,287)
Nicaragua		104	104			0	0	0
Niger	2,651	104				2,651	104	2,755
Nigeria		4,384	4,384			0	0	0
Niue	99	104				99	104	203
Norway		70,871				0	70,871	70,871
Oman		7,306	7,306		7,376	0	(7,376)	(7,376)
Pakistan		5,741	5,746			0	(5)	(5)
Palau		104	311			0	(207)	(207)
Panama	2,578	1,983		1,880		698	1,983	2,681
Papua New Guinea	888	313				888	313	1,201
Paraguay	10,265	1,253				10,265	1,253	11,518
Peru	57,274	9,603				57,274	9,603	66,877
Philippines	11,616	9,916				11,616	9,916	21,532
Poland		48,117	48,117			0	0	0
Portugal		49,056	1,026		49,056	0	(1,026)	(1,026)
Qatar		6,680	6,680		6,744	0	(6,744)	(6,744)
Romania		6,263			6,263	0	0	0
Russian Federation		114,813			114,813	0	0	0
Rwanda		104	190			0	(86)	(86)
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,966	104				1,966	104	2,070
Samoa		104	79			0	25	25
San Marino		313			313	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	468	104				468	104	572
Saudi Arabia	70,546	74,419		70,546		0	74,419	74,419
Senegal		522	4,022			0	(3,500)	(3,500)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Seychelles		209	705			0	(496)	(496)
Sierra Leone	193	104				193	104	297
Singapore		40,498	40,483		40,879	0	(40,864)	(40,864)
Slovak		5,323	5,323			0	0	0
Slovenia		8,559	8,559		8,640	0	(8,640)	(8,640)
Solomon Is.	2,316	104				2,316	104	2,420
South Africa		30,478	30,478			0	0	0
Spain		263,025			263,025	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		1,774				0	1,774	1,774
St. Lucia	7	209		7	195	0	14	14
St.Kitts &Nevis		104	104			0	0	0
Sudan	5,945	808				5,945	808	6,753
Suriname	1,818	104				1,818	104	1,922
Swaziland		209	209			0	0	0
Sweden		104,166				0	104,166	104,166
Switzerland		124,937	124,912			0	25	25
Syria		3,966			3,948	0	18	18
Tajikistan		104	67		456	0	(419)	(419)
Thailand		21,814	21,814			0	0	0
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	594	626				594	626	1,220
Togo	196	104		196	104	0	0	0
Tonga		104	202			0	(98)	(98)
Trinidad & Tobago		2,296	1,955		341	0	0	0
Tunisia		3,340	3,340			0	0	0
Turkey	0	38,828			38,828	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	1,067	522		1,067	522	0	0	0
Tuvalu	289	104		289	712	0	(608)	(608)
U. K.	0	639,506			639,506	0	0	0
Uganda	677	626		677	2,520	0	(1,894)	(1,894)
Ukraine	9,079	4,071		9,079	4,045	0	26	26

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		626	18,745			0	(18,119)	(18,119)
United Arab Emirates	20	24,528		20	24,483	0	45	45
Uruguay	32,456	5,010		27,707		4,749	5,010	9,759
Uzbekistan	11,987	1,461		1,489		10,498	1,461	11,959
Vanuatu	195	104		195	104	0	0	0
Venezuela	16,919	17,848				16,919	17,848	34,767
Viet Nam	2,278	2,192				2,278	2,192	4,470
Yemen	6,426	626				6,426	626	7,052
Yugoslavia	3,850	1,983				3,850	1,983	5,833
Zambia		209	886			0	(677)	(677)
Zimbabwe	693	731				693	731	1,424
Sub Total	1,189,901	8,083,489	1,667,194	562,975	5,441,866	626,926	974,429	1,601,355

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	800,000				0	800,000	800,000
USA	0	50,000			50,000	0	0	0
Quebec		200,000	200,000			0	0	0
Grand Total	1,189,901	9,133,489	1,867,194	562,975	5,491,866	626,926	1,774,429	2,401,355

Annex VII

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
as at 30 September 2006**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US\$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Albania	110	145				110	145	255
Algeria		2,236			2,236	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda		88	88			0	0	0
Armenia		59	59			0	0	0
Austria		25,271	25,246			0	25	25
Azerbaijan	86	144				86	144	230
Bahamas		382	382			0	0	0
Bangladesh	200	171				200	171	371
Barbados		294	294		350	0	(350)	(350)
Belarus		530			530	0	0	0
Belgium	36,731	31,449				36,731	31,449	68,180
Belize	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Benin	39	58				39	58	97
Bhutan	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Bolivia		265	265			0	0	0
Botswana		353	353			0	0	0
Brazil		44,806			44,806	0	0	0
Bulgaria		500			500	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	69	59				69	59	128
Cambodia		59	59			0	0	0
Cameroon	275	235				275	235	510
Cape Verde		25					25	25
China	21,235	56,587				21,235	56,587	77,822

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Colombia		4,560	48		4,583	0	(71)	(71)
Congo		21				0	21	21
Croatia	1,271	1,089		1,271	1,089	0	0	0
Cuba	1,477	1,265				1,477	1,265	2,742
Cyprus		1,147			1,147	0	0	0
Czech Republic		5,384	5,384			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	54	87				54	87	141
Denmark		21,123	21,123			0	0	0
Djibouti	34	29				34	29	63
Dominica	34	29				34	29	63
Dominican Republic		682				0	682	682
Ecuador		559				0	559	559
Egypt		353				0	353	353
El Salvador	756	647		756	647	0	0	0
Eritrea	19	29				19	29	48
Estonia		353			353	0	0	0
Ethiopia		118	118			0	0	0
European Community		42,843	42,781			0	62	62
Fiji	137	118		137	118	0	0	0
Finland		15,680	15,680			0	0	0
France		177,398	177,398			0	0	0
Gambia	34	29				34	29	63
Germany		254,830	254,810			0	20	20
Ghana	137	118				137	118	255
Greece	18,211	15,592				18,211	15,592	33,803
Grenada	34	29				34	29	63
Guatemala		873	873			0	0	0
Hungary		3,707	3,687			0	20	20

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
India	14,466	12,386		14,466	12,386	0	0	0
Indonesia	4,005	4,117		4,005	4,117	0	0	0
Iran	5,395	4,619				5,395	4,619	10,014
Ireland		10,297	10,297			0	0	0
Italy		143,713	143,713			0	0	0
Japan		377,014			377,014	0	0	0
Jordan	378	324				378	324	702
Kenya	309	265				309	265	574
Kiribati	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	344	294				344	294	638
Kyrgyzstan		27				0	27	27
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		171	171			0	0	0
Latvia		441	572			0	(131)	(131)
Lesotho	34	29		34	127	0	(98)	(98)
Liberia	34	29				34	29	63
Libya	1,332	3,628				1,332	3,628	4,960
Lithuania		706	706			0	0	0
Luxembourg	2,646	2,265		2,646	2,265	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR of	62	173				62	173	235
Madagascar		88	73			0	15	15
Malaysia		5,972	5,972			0	0	0
Maldives	34	29				34	29	63
Mali	69	59				69	59	128
Marshall Islands	34	29				34	29	63
Mauritania	7	27				7	27	34
Mauritius		324	324			0	0	0
Mexico	20	55,396		20	56,385	0	(989)	(989)
Mongolia		29	29			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Mozambique	34	29		34	64	0	(35)	(35)
Namibia	131	174				131	174	305
Nauru	34	29				34	29	63
Netherlands		49,719	51,680			0	(1,961)	(1,961)
New Zealand		6,375	6,375			0	0	0
Nicaragua		29	29			0	0	0
Niger	34	29				34	29	63
Nigeria		1,236	1,236			0	0	0
Niue	34	29				34	29	63
Norway	30	19,976				30	19,976	20,006
Oman		2,059	2,059			0	0	0
Palau	34	29				34	29	63
Panama	653	559				653	559	1,212
Papua New Guinea		80				0	80	80
Paraguay	412	353				412	353	765
Peru	3,161	2,707				3,161	2,707	5,868
Poland		13,562	13,562			0	0	0
Portugal		13,681			13,681	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Romania		1,765			1,765	0	0	0
Rwanda	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	34	29		34	92	0	(63)	(63)
Saint Lucia		58	58		71	0	(71)	(71)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	34	29				34	29	63
Samoa		29	29			0	0	0
Senegal	18	147				18	147	165
Serbia & Montenegro		338				0	338	338
Seychelles		59	39			0	20	20
Slovakia		1,500	1,500			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
Slovenia		2,412	2,412		2,867	0	(2,867)	(2,867)
Solomon Islands	34	29				34	29	63
South Africa	10,033	8,590				10,033	8,590	18,623
Spain		74,137			74,137	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		500	500			0	0	0
Sudan	61	171				61	171	232
Swaziland		40				0	40	40
Sweden		29,360	34,291			0	(4,931)	(4,931)
Switzerland		35,215	35,215			0	0	0
Syria		1,118			1,118	0	0	0
Tajikistan	34	29				34	29	63
Thailand		5,123				0	5,123	5,123
Togo	34	29				34	29	63
Tonga	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago		647				0	647	647
Tunisia		941	941			0	0	0
Turkey	12,782	10,944		12,782	10,944	0	0	0
Uganda	200	171		200	134	0	37	37
Ukraine	1,340	1,147		1,340	1,147	0	0	0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		180,252	180,252			0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	206	177				206	177	383
Venezuela	5,876	5,031				5,876	5,031	10,907
Viet Nam		618	618			0	0	0
Zambia		59	34		25	0	0	0
Zimbabwe		202	192			0	10	10
GRAND TOTAL	145,559	1,806,584	1,041,527	37,929	614,872	107,630	150,185	257,815

Annex VIII

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

Status as at 30 September 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006		Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Brazil	105,911			1/	105,911		0
Canada			6,757	3/			6,757
Germany			51,282	2/			51,282
Total	105,911	0	58,039		105,911	0	58,039

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

2/Germany pledged EUR 40,000 for a Meeting of the Biosafety Protocol

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

Annex IX

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

Status as at 30 September 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006		Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Austria			17,997	4/		17,997	0
EEC			59,065	11/		47,252	11,813
Finland			12,808	9/		12,808	0
Finland			12,808	10/		12,808	0
Norway			44,643	5/			44,643
Slovenia			3,550	1/			3,550
Spain			29,586	2/			29,586
Spain			90,689	6/			90,689
Sweden			25,409	3/		25,409	0
Sweden			38,670	7/		38,670	0
Sweden			27,707	12/		27,707	0
Switzerland			7,487	8/		7,487	0
Total	0	0	370,419		0	190,138	180,281

1/Slovenia pledged EUR 3,000 for Activities leading to COP/MOP3

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

3/Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

4/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 for the support of participants from Eastern European and Central Asian countries to COP/MOP 3 Meeting,

Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

5/Norway pledged NOK 300,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP/MOP 3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

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

7/ Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

8/ Switzerland pledged US\$ 7,487 towards the participation of delegates from Developing Countries to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

9/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP/MOP 3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

10/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress

11/EEC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

12/ Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress

Annex X

**LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
(as at 30 September 2006)

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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
14 - 16 March 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
14 - 16 March 2005	Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
16 - 18 March 2005	Open-ended Technical Expert Group on Identification Requirements of Living Modified Organisms Intended for Direct Use as Food or Feed, or for Processing (Article 18.2(a))	Montreal, Canada
25 - 27 April 2005	Asian Capacity-building Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities (in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the AIPP Foundation)	Baguio City, Philippines
28 - 30 April 2005	Asian Regional Meeting on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the AIPP Foundation)	Baguio City, Philippines
14 - 15 May 2005	Latin American Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge	New York, United States of America
16 - 20 May 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species	Auckland, New Zealand
21 - 22 May 2005	African Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge	New York, United States of America
25 - 27 May 2005	First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada
28 - 29 May 2005	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop	Montreal, Canada
29 May 2005	COP-MOP Bureau meeting	Montreal, Canada
30 May - 3 June 2005	Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
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

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

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

2006

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
18 - 20 January 2006	Second Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding Biosafety capacity-building activities	Tromso, Norway
20 - 21 January 2006	Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Tromso, Norway
20-21 January 2006	Global meeting to discuss Invasive Species Profile Schema created for GISP and the CBD	Agadir, Morocco
23 - 27 January 2006	Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Granada, Spain
29 January 2006	Informal meeting of Donors on the Budget of the Convention for the 2007-2008 biennium	Geneva, Switzerland
30 January - 3 February 2006	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing	Granada, Spain
6 - 8 February 2006	Second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
20 - 24 February 2006	Second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada
11 - 12 March 2006	Biosafety-Clearing House training workshop for developing countries	Curitiba, Brazil
13 - 17 March 2006	Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Curitiba, Brazil
17 - 18 March 2006	Expert Workshop on Protected Areas	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	African regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Brainstorming meeting on Avian Flu	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism	Curitiba, Brazil
20 - 31 March 2006	Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Curitiba, Brazil
26 - 29 March 2006	High-Level Ministerial Segment	Curitiba, Brazil
22 May 2006	International Biodiversity Day 2006	Montreal, Canada
24 - 25 July 2006	Brainstorming meeting of SBSTTA Chairs on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body	Paris, France
26 July 2006	Meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)	Paris, France
8-9 September 2006	First Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners	Richmond, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
15 September 2006	First meeting of the Heads of Agency Task Force to Support the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Gland, Switzerland