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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report, which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 31 March 2007.

## II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

### MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:

*Round Table meeting between IPCC experts and the Bureau of SBSTTA-12 on climate change and biodiversity, Montreal, 19-20 March 2007*

4. Through the generous support from the Government of Canada, a round table meeting on the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change was held from 19 to 20 March 2007, at the Secretariat offices, with the attendance of 33 participants from the SBSTTA-12 Bureau, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and other relevant organizations. For the first time in the history of the Convention, the Mayor of Montreal attended the opening of the meeting and joined the Executive Secretary in welcoming the participants to the city of Montreal. He noted the importance of engaging local authorities in addressing climate change and stressed the need to convince others that climate change and biodiversity are critical issues for the future of humanity. The Chair of the SBSTTA-12 Bureau as well as the Director of the Division of Environmental Law and Conventions of the United Nations Environment Programme made opening remarks and thanked the Executive Secretary for convening the meeting. A video message from the Chairman of the IPCC was presented to the participants, wishing the participants a productive meeting while reminding them of the release of the Working Group I Fourth Assessment report. The expert meeting considered the relevance of the work of the IPCC to the implementation of the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the cross-cutting issue on climate change and biodiversity. The report of the meeting will be submitted to the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

*Meeting of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, 21 March 2007*

5. A meeting of the SBSTTA-12 Bureau took place on 21 March, at the Secretariat offices, mainly to discuss preparations for the upcoming SBSTTA-12, as well as the SBSTTA-13 meetings.

*Visit of the two Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, 23 March 2007*

6. As a follow-up to the consultations held in early September 2006, the two Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) visited the Secretariat on 23 March to discuss

preparations for the forthcoming meetings of the Working Group on ABS, which will focus on the negotiation of an international regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing. The Co-Chairs expressed their firm commitment to consult with all stakeholders. The visit also provided an opportunity for the two Co-Chairs to brief the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) on their work.

*“Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity target”, Curitiba, Brazil, 26 to 28 March 2007*

7. At the initiative of the Mayor of Curitiba, Mr. Carlos Alberto Richa, a meeting on “Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target” was held on 26 to 28 March 2007, on the first anniversary of the historic high-level segment of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-8) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Curitiba, Brazil. The meeting took place at the Barigui Park Complex in Curitiba and was attended by 70 participants from 21 cities in 7 countries in 4 continents; 8 mayors and 26 first line city officials (Secretaries of Environment and International Relations, Councillors, Directors), 4 representatives from 2 Parties to the Convention (Brazil and Japan), international experts on urban biodiversity, NGOs and international organizations (SCBD, UNEP, UNITAR, UN-HABITAT, ICLEI, UCLG, IUCN), as well as representatives of cities’ networks. Outputs of the meeting included:

- the Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity (available at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=MAYORS-01>),
- a collection of 18 case studies from participating cities,
- a document on potential areas of collaboration for cities on biodiversity,
- a specific section of the Clearing House Mechanism to be dedicated to local authorities, and
- a Steering Committee of five cities (Montreal, Curitiba, Bonn, Nagoya, and Johannesburg) to collaborate with the Task Force created for the organization of the Curitiba event, in order to prepare a Municipal Pre-Conference on Cities and Biodiversity on May 26-27, 2008, prior to the high-level segment of COP 9 in Bonn, and highlight contribution of local governments to the implementation of the CBD.

8. The Secretariat also organized and serviced other meetings, namely:

- Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance, from 22 to 25 January 2007, in Lima, Peru;
- Third meeting of the Open-ended Ad hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Biosafety Protocol 19-23 February – Montreal, Canada;
- Third Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations implementing and/or funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities, 26-28 February 2007, Lusaka, Zambia;
- Fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety, 1-2 March 2007, Lusaka, Zambia;
- Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol, 5 to 7 March 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

- Informal consultation on the links between the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity and climate change, including within the framework of reducing emissions from deforestation, 17 March 2007, back-to-back with the eighteenth session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO18) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- Side event on “Achieving the 2010 biodiversity target in Agro-ecosystems within the dry and sub-humid lands of Latin America and the Caribbean”, 19 March 2007, on the margins of the UNCCD CRIC-5, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
- Side event on “Preparatory Meeting on Obstacles to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in dry and sub-humid lands”, 20 March 2007, on the margins of the UNCCD CRIC-5, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
- Joint CBD-Ramsar expert meeting on wetlands, biodiversity and climate change, 23 and 24 March 2007, held prior to Ramsar’s Scientific and Technical Review Panel midterm workshops, Gland, Switzerland;
- Side event on CBD-IPPC cooperation, in the margins of the Meeting of the Committee on Phytosanitary Measures of the FAO, 26 March 2007, Rome, Italy.

The full list of meetings organized by the Secretariat is contained in Annex X.

## **REPRESENTATION**

9. The Secretariat also participated in a number of important meetings of relevance to the work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Details are set out in Annex I.

## **MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING**

### *MOC with Portugal and NEPAD Secretariat*

10. A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed with the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development of the Government of Portugal, and The New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) Secretariat on 7 February 2007, on the margins of the UNEP GC-24/GMEF in Nairobi, Kenya. The partnership’s main objectives are to enhance human and institutional capacities in Africa for the effective implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and to promote capacity-building through training and exchange of experiences and best practices among the national focal points for the Convention, its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the focal points of the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of NEPAD and other senior policy makers. Moreover, it also provides an opportunity to share Portuguese experience regarding the implementation of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

*MOU with ICAO*

11. On 19 February, in the margins of the opening of the third meeting of the Open-ended Ad hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Civil Aviation Organization was signed, in the presence of the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme. The agreement formalizes the relationship and cooperation between the two organizations, which has existed on an ad hoc basis since the establishment of the Secretariat in Montreal in 1996.

*MOU with the City of Montreal*

12. On 22 February, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the City of Montreal was signed. The event was graced by the presence of about 170 senior officials from both the municipal as well as the provincial governments. The signed agreement officially links the Montreal Nature Museums with the Steering Committee of the Secretariat's Consortium of Scientific Institutions and Partners. It establishes a formal framework for collaboration and exchange, aimed at developing and providing training programmes on strategic, technical or scientific issues for the effective implementation of the Convention. The occasion offered an opportunity for the Mayor of Montreal to present to the CBD Executive Secretary the gift from the City of Montreal to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture. Prior to the signing ceremony, the Mayor of Montreal and the CBD Executive Secretary had a meeting to discuss preparations for the meeting on Cities and Biodiversity.

*Letter of Intent (LOI) with INFO/RAC-MAP*

13. A Letter of Intent with INFO/RAC-MAP, the Information and Communication Centre of the Barcelona Convention, was signed on 12 March 2007. The objective of the agreement is to establish a collaborative partnership between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the INFO/RAC-MAP on a number of initiatives and activities related to their respective mandate, and in particular to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target.

*MOC with UNITAR*

14. A Memorandum of Cooperation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was signed on 28 March 2007, at the closure of the meeting on cities and biodiversity, held in Curitiba, Brazil, with the aim to further enhance cooperation, with a view to assist Parties to the Convention to respond to their capacity-building needs within the framework of their efforts towards achieving the 2010 biodiversity target.

## **MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

15. During the first 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 enhance collaboration and further promote and increase public awareness on the work of the Convention and the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

16. The Executive Secretary met with senior officials from the United Nations Environment Programme, including: the Deputy Executive Director, the Director of the Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, the Coordinator of the UNEP/GPA, the Director of GRID-Arendal, the Senior Programme Officer for Land Degradation and acting SPO for Biodiversity in UNEP's Division of GEF Co-ordination as well as relevant staff of the UNEP-WCMC.

17. Senior staff members from different organizations visited the Secretariat, including: the Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Assistant Director General of UNESCO for Natural Sciences, the Secretary General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Head and the Network Development Officer of the IUCN Countdown 2010 Secretariat, the Secretary as well as the Chair of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention, the Director of the COHAB Initiative, the IUCN Senior Programme Advisor, the President of Pyxis Innovation, the Director of Policy as well as the CBD Advisor of WWF, the Director of UNEP/GRID-Arendal and a representative from GTZ.

18. The Executive Secretary also met with senior officials from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, including the Chef de cabinet of the Director General and the Assistant Director General on international cooperation and MDGs. He also met with the Head and other representatives of the Universidade Livre do Meio Ambiente (UNILIVRE), as well as the Secretary General of the ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. Meetings were also held with representatives from the UNFCCC Secretariat, representatives from the United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), representatives of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), representatives from IUCN, including the 2010 Countdown Secretariat, representatives from the IUCN Regional Office for Europe, representatives from the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the Head of WWF International Business and Industry Relations/Director of One Planet Living the Programme, the Director as well as the incoming Chair of the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), representatives from Nippon Keidanren (Japanese Business Federation) and JICA, the Japanese Committee for IUCN and WWF, and representatives from the GEO and GTZ.

19. Meetings with senior Government officials took place, with: a delegation from the Government from Japan, which included the Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet in the Prime Minister's Office as well as Vice-Ministers and other senior representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the Environment and Agriculture, the Mayor of Nagoya as well as the Vice-Governor of Aichi Prefecture, the Councillor/Deputy Director-General and the Assistant Director, from the Nature Conservation Bureau of the Ministry of the Environment; from the Government of New Zealand, including senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Conservation as well as the Minister of Agriculture; a delegation from the Government of India, which included the Joint Secretary and the Additional Director from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the Joint Director from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, as well as the Senior Scientist from the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources of India; from the Government of Australia, which included the Director and the Executive Officer of the Environment Section in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and a meeting was held with representatives from the Australia Department of the Environment and Heritage in Canberra, Australia.

20. At the margins of the Paris Conference for Global Ecological Governance in Paris, the Executive Secretary met with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of France, and also attended a dinner event at the invitation of the Premier of the Province of Quebec. A meeting was also held with senior representatives from the Ministère des Relations Internationales du Québec in the margins of the Liability and Redress meeting in Montreal. The two Co-Chairs of the ABS Working Group also met with the Executive Secretary.

21. At the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO in Ottawa, the Executive Secretary met with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the Government of Canada. He also met with the Mayors of Montreal and Nagoya, as well as with the representative of the Lady Mayor of Bonn and the Governor of Parana, on the margins of the Mayors' meeting in Brazil.

22. Other representatives from organizations visited the Secretariat, including: the Permanent Representative of the Permanent Representation of Greece to ICAO, the President and the Director of



the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) of Quebec, the Director of Yale University Internship Programme. Meetings were also held with representatives from MKI Travel and with representatives from the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

23. The Executive Secretary gave interviews to a number of media organizations. In January, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by the New Zealand radio, and had a press conference and television interview with Nagoya TV in Tokyo, Japan. The Secretariat also took part in an interview with Radio France Internationale. In the margins of the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the UNEP Governing Council, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by the BBC Earth Report, had filmed a video for the International Day for Biological Diversity, and was interviewed by the Arab World TV. In the margins of the Meeting of the Mayors in Curitiba, Brazil, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by Curitiba TV as well as a local newspaper in Parana. He was also interviewed by Radio Canada. During the official launch of the Biocity Initiative of Curitiba, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by the Folha de Londrina newspaper as well as the Algerian TV and newspapers.

24. The Executive Secretary also made contributions to publications, particularly: "Air transport remains a major pathway for invasive alien species", ICAO Journal, Vol. 62, No. 1 (2007); a feature on BBC's The Green Room – "It's just not about climate": *Viewpoint from Ahmed Djoghlaif*, and "Climate change and biodiversity. Global issues facing the Mediterranean Region", *Ecomedia*, Number 9, March 2007.

### III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### (a) Personnel arrangements

25. During the period under review, 25 Professional staff members were regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were 10 vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 6 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

26. There were 23 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 5 vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 6 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources. During the period under review there were 7 interns working at the Secretariat.

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

#### (b) Financial Arrangements

28. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 March 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,160,677 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$4,767,433 of which \$2,085,899 were 2007 pledges paid in 2006, and \$2,681,534 were pledges paid in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

29. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 March 2007, the total pledged for 2007 amounts to US\$1,082,752 of which \$820,636 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$552,700. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

30. As at 31 March 2007, pledges totalling US\$257,651 have been made in 2007 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$228,957 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$120,708. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

31. As at 31 March 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,200,894 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,018,022, of which US\$822,886 was received in advance of 2007 and US\$195,136 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

32. As at 31 March 2007, no Parties have so far pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

33. As at 31 March 2007, two Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$17,852 have been received in 2007, of which US\$1,979 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$68,216. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

34. In keeping with Decision VIII/5D of the Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity has been established. The new Trust Fund will be referred to as the VB Trust Fund and via Notification ref: SCBD/SEL/OJ/SG/57362 dated 12 February 2007 Parties have been invited to make pledges to the new Trust Fund. To date no pledges have been received.

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

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#### VII/7: Global Biodiversity Outlook and VIII/14: National Reporting and the Next Global Biodiversity Outlook

35. In decision VIII/14, paragraph 18 (a), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to review the process, outcome and impact of GBO 2 as well as lessons learned from its preparation, and develop proposals on the scope and format of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and the organization of preparatory work. In response to this request the Executive Secretary conducted an electronic survey on the content, style and impact of GBO 2. The results of the survey were analysed and used in preparing document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/5 (“Global Biodiversity Outlook: Lessons learned from the preparation of the second edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook and proposals on the scope and focus of the third edition”), to be considered by SBSTTA 12 and WGRI 2.

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

36. In decision VIII/9 (paragraph 22) the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA, *inter alia*, to draw upon the lessons learned from the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) process, and to make use as appropriate of its conceptual framework and methodologies in further developing work on environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment and the ecosystem approach. In the same decision (paragraph 23) the COP encouraged Parties and other Governments to conduct national and other sub-global assessments making use of the conceptual framework and methodologies of the MA.

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

- (a) To facilitate the further consideration of and appropriate reaction to these requests, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/4 on the "Implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment on the work of the Convention" to be considered by SBSTTA 12.
- (b) The Secretariat contacted several organizations represented on the Board to the MA to engage in a coordinated evaluation of and follow-up to the MA.

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

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

- (a) The Secretariat attended the 18th session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO), held from 12 to 16 March 2007. Immediately following the meeting, the Secretariat held an Informal Consultation on the Links between Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity and Climate Change within the Framework of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation, with the support of the Canadian Government on 17 March 2007, at FAO, Rome.
- (b) The Secretariat sent notification No. 2007-037 to Parties on 15 March to announce the names of the experts attending the fourth AHTEG meeting.
- (c) The Secretariat facilitated the coordination of the fourth AHTEG meeting in full collaboration with the FAO.

39. The Secretariat continued analyzing the information contained in the forest section of the third national reports and other relevant information delineated in the annex to decision VIII/19. Detailed background documents and a summary report for the AHTEG meeting are produced and are currently undergoing peer review.

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

40. Pursuant to decision VIII/2, the Executive Secretary, in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD and with support from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Government of Argentina, convened a preparatory meeting for the consultative workshop on 20 March 2006 in Buenos Aires at the margins of UNCCD Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC). Main outcomes from the preparatory meeting for the consultative workshop focused on guidance from Parties on the proposed background documents, agenda items that should be considered and some proposed priority areas for closer collaboration. At the

margins of CRIC a side event organised by the Secretariat was held on 19 March to present the results of the Regional Synergy Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Biological Diversity of Agro-Ecosystems within Dry and Sub-humid Lands, which was convened from 20 to 23 November 2006 in Antigua and Barbuda. The side event featured presentations from Prof. Maria Elena Zaccagnini (Argentina) and Ms. Ana Lucia Orozco Rubio (Guatemala), members of the core committee charged with the follow-up to the regional workshop.

#### **VI/5, VII/32 and VIII/23: Agricultural Biological Diversity**

41. In response to decisions VI/5, VII/32 and VIII/23 the following activities were carried out:
- (a) The Secretariat and the FAO have reached an agreement on a joint work plan with a timetable for the in-depth review process. SCBD will be providing input to the 11th session of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) based on the synthesis of the third national reports. A questionnaire was designed and sent out by the FAO and the Secretariat to the relevant international organizations.
  - (b) The Secretariat continued to liaise with Bioversity International (formerly the IPGRI) and facilitated the production of a draft document on the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition (IBFN) to be utilized at SBSTTA 13.
  - (c) The Secretariat liaised with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) and agreed on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The collaboration is expected to contribute to the in-depth review process and in particular to reflect the viewpoints of the private sector. The Secretariat continued analyzing the information contained in the agriculture section of the third national report and other relevant information delineated in decision VIII/15.

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

42. In response to decisions VII/4 and VIII/20 the following activities were carried out:
- (a) The Secretariat has continued to be involved with the follow-up to the Specialist Symposium on Designing and Managing Protected Areas to Conserve Freshwater Ecosystems and Biodiversity held at Skukuza, South Africa, 8-13 October 2006. This has included the development of a “Skukuza manifesto” entitled “Keeping our rivers and freshwater wetlands alive – a call for action”, and liaison on the possible publication of the workshop outcomes in the CBD Technical Series.
  - (b) In relation to inland waters, climate change, CEPA and cooperation linkages, with the generous support of the Government of Canada, the Secretariat organized an expert meeting on Biodiversity, Water, Wetlands and Climate Change, 23 – 24 March 2006, in collaboration with the Ramsar Convention Secretariat, Gland, Switzerland. The objective of the expert meeting was to enhance the availability of scientific and technical information on the linkages between biodiversity, wetlands and climate change so as to contribute to the international debate and strengthen in-country adaptation and mitigation planning. Specific objectives of the meeting included to: (i) undertake a review of the general state of knowledge on wetlands, biodiversity and climate change

linkages based upon published reviews (the meeting does not have the resources to, and will not, undertake an extensive scientific/technical assessment); (ii) identify key areas where wetlands should have a higher profile in the international debate on climate change; and (iii) identify key strategic opportunities to promote the enhanced awareness of the contribution of wetlands to the mitigation of climate change and the need to adequately consider wetlands in climate change adaptation measures. A major focus was to consider how synergies between the CBD, Ramsar Convention and UNFCCC can be strengthened and in particular a strategy to have wetlands biodiversity issues better incorporated into the deliberations of the IPCC and hence the UNFCCC. The meeting was attended by 18 experts, largely amongst STRP members. The report of the workshop includes key messages, supporting scientific and technical information, gaps in information identified and strategies to achieve improved synergies between the CBD, Ramsar Convention and the UNFCCC and proposals to include other relevant MEAs. The issue of wetlands-biodiversity-climate change is clearly the most opportune platform to achieve such synergies. A member of the Secretariat gave a presentation on the outcomes of the meeting to a special session on climate change at the mid-term workshop of the STRP (26 to 30 March).

- (c) A member of the Secretariat attended the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel mid-term workshops, 26-30 March, in Gland, Switzerland. Discussions focused on addressing matters of joint technical and scientific interest between the CBD and Ramsar Convention. Outcomes of the discussion will be reported in the next quarter.

#### **VI/8, VIII/3, VIII/14 and SBSTTA Recommendation X/12: Global Taxonomy Initiative**

43. In response to decisions VI/8, VIII/3, VIII/14 and SBSTTA Recommendation X/12 the following activities were carried out:

- (a) The Secretariat proofread and edited the document, which is now fully typeset and ready for printing.
- (b) A list of 1500 recipients (including CBD and GTI focal points, collections institutions, universities and libraries) was created for the wide dissemination of the Guide
- (c) Dr. Frank Bisby of Species 2000 visited the Secretariat, and a Memorandum of Cooperation is to be signed shortly by the Catalogue of Life (COL), the Integrated Taxonomic Information System and Species 2000. The COL has 1 million species now in its checklist, the half-way mark towards a register of all known-species.
- (d) The Executive Secretary issued a congratulatory statement to be read at the 1 Million Species COL Launch and Symposium.
- (e) A report has been drafted by the Secretariat, using information on taxonomy-related projects in national reports, which is awaiting GEF's input
- (f) Ideas for outreach activities for GTI were developed, including case studies for International Day for Biological Diversity linking taxonomy and climate change and opportunities related to the tercentenary of Linnaeus.
- (g) The Secretariat analyzed and reviewed questions on taxonomy in 101 third national reports.

- (h) The web portal was reorganized in coordination with ITS for the new harmonized CBD website.
- (i) The Secretariat compiled information on taxonomic needs assessments and posted it on the GTI web portal.
- (j) A presentation outlining the GTI's work, "The Global Taxonomy Initiative – confronting the taxonomic impediment to biodiversity conservation" was given at McGill University's Redpath Museum, as part of a symposium on channelling biodiversity data into policy.

#### **VII/10: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

44. In response to decision VII/31 on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Convention up to 2010, in which the Conference of the Parties decided to undertake an in-depth review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation at its ninth meeting, to be held in 2008, the following activities have been undertaken:

- (a) The Secretariat has prepared the background documents for SBSTTA 12 in line with the general guidance for in-depth reviews provided in annex III to decision VIII/15, to facilitate the work of SBSTTA in undertaking the in-depth review based on: a review of the progress in the implementation of the Strategy at national, regional and international levels based on information gathered from the third national reports; additional information submitted by Parties and other stakeholders and Partners; input from the meeting of a liaison group convened by the Executive Secretary in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, in Glasnevin, Dublin, Ireland, from 23 to 25 October, 2006, to review the status of implementation of the Global Strategy amongst other agenda items; and additional input received through peer review after the draft document was posted on the web for comments from 27 February to 13 March 2007.
- (b) The Secretariat is also organising side events and other relevant publications for SBSTTA 12 in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, as well as a panel discussion at SBSSTA 12 on the in-depth review of the Strategy.

#### **VII/11: Ecosystem Approach**

45. In response to decision VIII/10, in which the Conference of the Parties, in the refined multi-year programme of work (annex II), decided to undertake the in-depth review of the application of the ecosystem approach at its ninth meeting and decision VII/11, the following documents have been prepared for SBSTTA 12:

- (a) A pre-session document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/2) providing a summary of the review process undertaken; which was posted for peer review comments from 26 February to 13 March 2007 under notification 2007-026; and
- (b) draft information documents on:
  - (i) consideration of the development of the ecosystem approach and its consideration to date by the Conference of the Parties and Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA);
  - (ii) an analysis of information available from the third national reports;

- (iii) consideration of the relevance of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to the application of the ecosystem approach;
- (iv) a review of recent activities of major partners, initiatives and organizations in the application and/or further refinement of the ecosystem approach;
- (v) a review of ecosystem approach application from case studies and opportunities for promoting its further application;
- (vi) the findings of a workshop on the ecosystem approach, protected areas and customary practice in small islands held from 12 to 16 December 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand;
- (vii) an assessment of barriers to the application of the ecosystem approach;
- (viii) inter-sessional activities of the Secretariat in support of the application and further refinement of the ecosystem approach, and
- (ix) the current status of development of the ecosystem approach Source Book and case study database.

#### **VII/13 and VIII/27: Alien Species that Threaten Ecosystems, Habitats or Species**

46. In response to paragraph 11 and 71 of decision VIII/27, the following activities were carried out:
- (a) The Secretariat analyzed and reviewed questions on Invasive Alien Species (paragraph 8(j)) in 101 third national reports.
  - (b) The Secretariat continues to plan for the in-depth review on invasive alien species and is actively collecting information on organizations' activities related to IAS for the in-depth review.
  - (c) The IAS web portal was harmonized and reorganized in coordination with ITS for the new CBD website.

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

47. Pursuant to decisions VII/26 and VIII/16 the following activities were carried out:
- (a) The Executive Secretary prepared invitations, agenda and annotated agenda for the First Meeting of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions. This meeting was initiated by the Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions (Gland, 14 September 2006) to strengthen collaboration and understanding between the conventions and to facilitate coherence between their processes. The meeting will be held on 1 July 2007 in Paris. UNEP agreed to support this meeting by covering the travel of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies.
  - (b) Mr. Frank Bisby met with Secretariat staff on 12 January to discuss and draft a memorandum of understanding between the CBD and the Catalogue of Life Partnership, which includes Species 2000 and the Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS).
  - (c) On February 15, Mr. Walter Erdelen, Assistant Director General of UNESCO, met with Secretariat staff to deliver a presentation on the biodiversity-related aspects of UNESCO's work and to discuss enhanced collaboration with the SCBD.

- (d) Mr. Gordon Shepherd, Director of Policy, and Mr. Rolf Hogan, CBD Advisor at WWF International, visited the Secretariat on 16 February 2007 to discuss implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.
- (e) On 22 February, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the City of Montreal signed a memorandum of understanding officially linking Montreal's Nature Museums with the Steering Committee of the Secretariat's Consortium of Scientific Institutions and Partners. The memorandum establishes a formal framework for collaboration and exchange between the parties, aimed at developing and providing training programmes on strategic, technical or scientific issues for the effective implementation of the Convention.
- (f) The President of the Standing Committee, Véronique Herrenschmidt, and the Secretary, Carolina Lasén Diaz, of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitat (commonly referred to as the Bern Convention), visited the Secretariat on 12-13 March, at which time the elements of an enhanced partnership between the secretariats of the two conventions were agreed upon. A Memorandum of Cooperation, to be signed at the 27th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention, in Strasbourg on 26 November 2007, will centre on the promotion of joint activities on issues such as protected areas, invasive alien species, climate change, plant conservation, and important outreach activities such as public communication and public awareness.
- (g) The Head of Countdown 2010, Sebastian Winkler, and his team paid its first visit to the Secretariat on the Convention on Biological Diversity on 16 March to discuss collaboration for achieving the Johannesburg biodiversity target. On the occasion of this visit, a memorandum of understanding aimed at raising public awareness and mobilizing stakeholders, in particular business and local authorities, was discussed and is expected to be signed in Berlin during the celebration of World Environment Day on 5 June.

#### **VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity**

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

- (a) Continued compilation of information on examples of successful collaboration between mountain dwellers and communities living in areas adjacent mountains to illustrate the upland-lowland contract;
- (b) Continued compilation of case-studies and best practices on linking mountain biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty alleviation; and
- (c) Discussions were held with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, on the implementation of the programme of work.

#### **VII/28 and VIII/24: Protected Areas**

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

- (a) Finalized arrangements for the South and West Asia Sub-regional Workshop on the Review of, and Capacity-building for, the Implementation of the CBD Programme of



Work on Protected Areas, including conclusion of host country agreement, selection of participants and other requirements.

- (b) Prepared three background documents (UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/1/ADD1; UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/2; and UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/3) including a workbook detailing the critical steps, tools and available resources and case studies on:
  - (i) ecological gap analysis;
  - (ii) sustainable financing; and
  - (iii) management.
- (c) Held discussions with GTZ, WWF, IUCN-WCPA, TNC, WCS regarding organization of sub-regional implementation and capacity-building workshops in Africa, Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe regions.
- (d) Arranged translation and publication of CBD Technical Series No 24 on ecological gap analysis in Spanish in collaboration with the TNC.
- (e) Held discussions with IUCN-WCPA South East Asia programme and BirdLife International regarding organization of ASEAN Sub-regional Workshop on the Review of, and Capacity-building for, the Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.

#### **VIII/1: Island Biodiversity**

50. From February 5 to 7, 2007, the SCBD contributed to the UNFCCC Expert meeting on adaptation for Small Island developing States (SIDS) in Kingston, Jamaica. The SCBD was invited as a resource institution to support the third workshop (out of five – one for Latin American, one for Africa, one for the Caribbean SIDS, one for the Pacific islands and one for Asia) that is reviewing the work of the UNFCCC on adaptation for climate change. In this case, the SCBD was asked to focus particularly on its island biodiversity programme of work as it relates to climate change, and on tourism as the most significant economic activity in the Caribbean which is also impacted by climate change. The SCBD's contribution was included in the report of the meeting, and links to SIDS Parties and other organizations (notably St. Lucia, Jamaica, UNEP-RCU and ROLAC, as well as ECLAC) allowed for coordination of events celebrating the International Biodiversity Day on May 22, 2007.

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

51. In response to decision VIII/28, the following activities were carried out:

- (a) The Secretariat prepared, as part of the CBD Technical Series, the French and Spanish versions of the booklet with the text of the guidelines contained in decision VIII/28 and additional background material for distribution at relevant events (CBD Technical Series No. 26;  
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-26-fr.pdf>;  
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-26-es.pdf>)
- (b) The Secretariat continued to add pertinent examples to the searchable database of case studies on biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment

(<http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/impact/search.aspx>), which now includes over 100 studies from all regions.

- (c) The Secretariat provided comments on draft guidance on incorporating biodiversity in agriculture trade policy assessments, prepared by the Economics and Trade Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme in response to the request by the Conference of the Parties in decision VI/5 (paragraph 17).
- (d) The Secretariat gave a lecture to a Master in Environmental Assessment class of McGill University (7 March 2007). The seminar generated significant interest among students and lecturers and resulted in a number of potential areas of collaboration (internships; collaboration on environmental standards; access to databases and library resources).
- (e) The Secretariat completed the revision of the webpages on impact assessment for the new website and entered the new pages through the content management system.

### **VIII/30: Biodiversity and Climate Change**

52. In response to decision VIII/30, the following activities were carried out:

- (a) The Secretariat convened three meetings on biodiversity and climate change:
  - (i) The Working Group Meeting to Develop the Draft Policy Paper on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris France from 5 to 6 February, 2007. The Secretariat delivered a presentation on the integration of climate change within the programmes of work of the Convention and participated in the working group to draft the policy paper section on synergies.
  - (ii) The informal consultation on the links between the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity and climate change, including within the framework of reducing emissions from deforestation, was successfully convened at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy on 17 March 2007 following the meeting of the Committee on Forestry. Sixteen participants attended the meeting, which was financed by the Government of Canada. Agenda items covered during the informal consultation included: overview of existing knowledge on forest biodiversity and climate change, contribution of forest biodiversity to climate change mitigation and adaptation, ways and means for forest-based climate change mitigation to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity, and other matters – biofuels.
  - (iii) The roundtable on the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change was successfully convened in Montreal from 19 to 20 March 2007 prior to the meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau. Thirty-three participants attended the meeting, which was financed by the Government of Canada. Agenda items covered during the roundtable included: overview of assessments of the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other organizations, overview of biodiversity considerations in the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the science of climate change impacts and vulnerability, and criteria for vulnerable regions, sub-regions and ecosystem types, cost-effective tools and best practices for using biodiversity components

in climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, and brainstorming on emerging issues – biofuels and reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries.

(b) The Secretariat developed web-based guidance on the integration of biodiversity considerations within climate change adaptation planning. The web-based guidance is based on four steps for the integration of climate change impacts and response activities within the programmes of work of the Convention: vulnerability of ecosystems and biodiversity, assessing threats and impacts, identifying and evaluating adaptation options, and implementing and monitoring adaptation activities. The web-based guidance will be launched with the new CBD website at <http://climate.cbd.int>.

(c) The Secretariat attended the expert meeting on scientific guidance on the links between biodiversity, water, wetlands and climate change was held on 23-24 March at the Ramsar Secretariat in Gland, Switzerland. The meeting was convened in order to build capacity within Parties to manage wetlands biodiversity under changing climatic conditions in a manner that ensures both biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and the preservation of livelihoods; guidance will be developed by a pool of experts on the links between biodiversity, water, wetlands and climate change. Further information on the meeting is reported under decision VII/4.

#### **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**

53. In response to decision VIII/15 (paragraph 2), the following activities were carried out:

- (a) The Secretariat continued collaboration with a number of organizations identified to coordinate delivery of the global indicators. In particular, discussions were held with FAO (on forest-related indicators, at the meeting of the Committee on Forestry, attended by the Secretariat in March, and the indicator on area of agriculture under sustainable management); IUCN and GISP (on trends in invasive alien species); and the Indigenous Forum and UNESCO (on indicators related to trends in traditional knowledge, discussed at the International Expert Seminar on Indicators Relevant to Indigenous Peoples, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the MDGs, held at Banaue, Ifugao, Philippines, 5 March).
- (b) The Secretariat participated in a meeting on invasive alien species indicators, organized by the IUCN Species Survival Commission and Imperial College (Silwood Park, UK, 23 and 24 January 2007), which evaluated possible indicators on trends in invasive alien species according to their policy relevance, scientific rigour and feasibility. The meeting provided guidance on which indicators should be developed as a priority.
- (c) The Secretariat continued liaison with UNEP-WCMC in connection with the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership project. The first partnership meeting and the steering committee meeting, originally planned for mid-February 2007, was postponed, possibly until June. Meanwhile, plans for a side event of the Partnership at SBSTTA 12 are being pursued.
- (d) The Secretariat participated in a meeting of the Environment Sub-Group of the Inter-Agency Expert Group on the indicators for the Millennium Development Goals, to discuss indicators for the new biodiversity target under Goal 7. The meeting agreed to

request addition of an indicator on trends in endangered species, based on the Red List Index, and to analyse and interpret the suite of indicators under target 9 and under the new biodiversity target together.

## SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

### VII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism

54. The Secretariat launched the "User's Manual to the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism", at the ITB MesseBerlin fair, on March 9, 2007. ITB/MesseBerlin is the largest trade fair in tourism, bringing together for the 27<sup>th</sup> year, over 10,000 visitors of which 10% professionals and investors. The User's Manual underwent a thorough consultation process since being requested through decision VII/14 on biodiversity and tourism.

55. The same occasion in Berlin saw the launch of two other relevant contributions on tourism as a cross-cutting theme of the Convention: the latest issue of the Business.2010 newsletter on tourism, and a tool to monitor the use of the CBD guidelines and provide technical assistance to its partners, the Biodiversity and Tourism Network (<http://tourism.biodiv.org>). The Network is a web-based platform for the exchange of experiences in the implementation of biodiversity-friendly tourism developed in partnership with the World Tourism Forum on Peace and Sustainable Development.

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

56. The Secretariat focused on implementation of COP 8 decisions relevant the Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, and in particular commenced drafting of documents for WG8(j) – 5.

57. The Secretariat prepared the documentation for and organized the meeting of the Advisory Group on Article 8 (j), to be held in Montreal, from 30 April to 3 May 2007.

58. In support of the work programme for Article 8(j) and specifically the work requested on indicators, the Secretariat collaborated with the Tebtebba Foundation to prepare for and facilitate the International Expert Meeting on Indicators which was held in Banaue, Philippines, 5 to 9 March 2007.

59. In collaboration with the UNPFII, the Secretariat participated as rapporteur in an International Expert Group Meeting on the Convention on Biological Diversity's International Regime on Access and Benefit-Sharing and Indigenous Peoples' Human Rights, held in at UN Headquarters, January 2007.

60. In an effort to enhance the outreach of the Secretariat, work was advanced on the new 8(j) homepage and the Traditional Knowledge Portal in preparation for the new website launch on 22 May 2007. To further enhance outreach the Secretariat also completed the first edition of the 8J newsletter for publication and broad distribution.

61. In support of the International day of Biological Diversity, the Secretariat advanced preparations for a travelling exhibition on indigenous and local communities, biodiversity and climate change, entitled "Indigenous and local communities – the human face of climate change" which will be assembled firstly New York in May/June and then at UNESCO, Paris in October/November, 2007.

62. The Secretariat participated in the Biodiversity data, conservation and traditional knowledge meeting, on the invitation of the Biodiversity Convention Office and IUCN, which was held at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Canada from 13 to 14 March, 2007. There were a total of 35

participants from Canada, the US, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, representing indigenous groups, research centers, government and NGOs. The Secretariat made a presentation on the Draft elements of an ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

63. The Secretariat facilitated a capacity building workshop, on the invitation of the Government of Canada for the CIBN – the Canadian Indigenous Biodiversity Network on Article 8(j) and related provisions, concerning access the genetic resources and benefit sharing and the negotiation of an international regime, in Ottawa, 27 March 2007.

#### **VIII/29: Liability and Redress**

64. Following notification 2006-032 to Parties and Governments and letters to relevant international organizations requesting them to submit technical information and case-studies relating to damage to biological diversity and approaches to valuation and restoration of damage as well as information on national/domestic measures and experiences in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision VIII/29, the Secretariat has received nine submissions of Parties and Governments and 13 submissions of relevant organizations on these issues. The Secretariat has started the preparation of a synthesis report for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In addition, submissions received from Parties and other Governments are made available on the website of the Secretariat under <http://www.biodiv.org/liability/legislations.shtml>.

#### **VIII/4: Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing**

65. The Secretariat finalized preparations for the Group of Technical Experts on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance, and serviced the meeting, held in Lima, Peru, from 22 to 25 January 2007. Once approved by the Chairperson of the meeting, the report was forwarded to participants in the meeting as well as all national focal points, for their information and made available at the Secretariat website. The report will be submitted for consideration to the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

66. The Secretariat initiated preparations for the upcoming meetings of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing including the preparation of draft agendas for consideration by the co-chairs.

67. The co-chairs of the Working Group visited the Secretariat on 23 March 2007 to consult the Executive Secretary as well as meet with the different units of the Secretariat in preparation for the fifth and sixth meetings of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

68. A Notification was sent out to Parties as a reminder inviting them to provide their contributions to the Secretariat in preparation for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing as soon as possible and no later than 30 April 2007.

69. The Secretariat participated in a workshop entitled “The Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance in the African ABS Discussion” organized as part of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa and hosted by the Institute for Biodiversity Conservation in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 28 to 30 March 2007, and presented the outcomes of the Group of Technical Experts on an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance, held in Peru.

### **VIII/10: Operations of the Convention**

70. In response to paragraph 33 of decision VIII/10, dealing with the use of CBD tools such as principles and guidelines by other international organizations and institutions, the Secretariat compiled a list of all relevant international organizations for each set of guidelines and principles. The Secretariat 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. So far, eight submissions have been received by the Secretariat.

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

### **VIII/25 and VIII/26: Incentive Measures**

72. The Secretariat finalized the work requested by COP decision VIII/26 for the preparatory process for the in-depth review of the programme of work on incentive measures. The requested documentation was prepared and communicated to Parties, other governments and international organizations and stakeholders, with an invitation to contribute to the in-depth review by submitting information on experiences in the implementation of the programme of work on incentive measures, and views on the elements enumerated in decision VIII/26 (see notifications 2007-032 and 2007-033).

73. Consistent with a request expressed in COP decision VIII/26, to disseminate information on valuation methods in order to promote a common understanding of valuation techniques among governments and stakeholders, the Secretariat gave an expert presentation on valuation tools to the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which was held in Montreal from 19 to 23 February 2007.

74. The Secretariat published, as CBD technical series no. 28, in-depth information on the application of tools for biodiversity valuation, including a total of thirteen valuation studies applying a range of valuation tools and covering different ecosystems around the globe. The Secretariat also published, in form of a poster, the options for the application of tools for valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and functions that were annexed to decision VIII/25. The poster and the technical series document were made available to the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

75. The Secretariat participated in the exploratory dialogue on building an enabling environment for increasing investment in sustainable land management through market access and trade, which was organized jointly by the UNFCCC Global Mechanism and the International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), and took place in Geneva, from 29 January to 2 February 2007. The purpose of the participation was to present an overview of pertinent CBD provisions and work on market development for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, in particular in the context of the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry- and subhumid lands, and to help identifying opportunities for enhanced synergy and cooperation with UNCCD on the topic of market development, through concrete activities that promote the development of markets and trade in biodiversity-based goods that are produced in a sustainable manner.

76. The Secretariat represented the Convention in the meeting of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment in Special (negotiating) Session (CTE-SS), which took place in Geneva, on 1 March 2007, the first time after WTO Members formally resumed their negotiations on the Doha agenda in February 2007.

77. The Secretariat participated in the UNEP/WWF symposium on Disciplining Fisheries Subsidies: Incorporating Sustainability at the WTO and Beyond, which took place in Geneva on 1 and 2 March 2007, with a view to inform participants on the CBD's interest in the WTO fisheries negotiations as they relate to the work on marine and coastal biodiversity as well as on perverse incentives, and to inform on pertinent CBD work on criteria and indicators as useful input into the process.

#### **VIII/12: Transfer of Technology and Technology Cooperation**

78. Further to the request by COP in decision VIII/12, the Secretariat continued its work for improving the effectiveness of the clearing house mechanism of the Convention as a mechanism to foster technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation, by exploring options for achieving interoperability with a number of existing databases of key partner institutions and processes.

79. The Secretariat continued the preparations for the upcoming Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation, *inter alia* by securing funding for this meeting, which is tentatively scheduled to take place 10 to 12 September 2007. In light of the limited number of nominations of experts received so far, an extended deadline (30 March 2007) for nominations of experts was communicated to Parties, other governments and relevant international organizations by notifications 2007-028 and 2007-029.

### **BIOSAFETY**

#### **THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

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

80. The Secretariat organised the Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol on 19 to 23 February 2007 in Montreal, Canada. The meeting was attended by 167 experts representing Governments and relevant organisations, including intergovernmental, non-governmental and industry representatives. The organization of the meeting was made possible by the generous contribution of the Governments of Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Iceland, as well as the European Commission.

81. The meeting considered information put together by the Secretariat on various topics identified by the Working Group itself to be relevant for its work. Expert presentations regarding (i) tools for valuation of biodiversity, (ii) financial security to cover liability for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms, and (iii) on transnational procedures, were made by a secretariat staff and two senior experts invited from other organizations. The Working Group

considered a synthesis on proposed operational texts on approaches, options and issues identified pertaining to liability and redress in the context of Article 27 of the Cartagena Protocol.

82. In the course of its five-day meeting, the Working Group compiled further operational text submitted by regional groups or individual delegates as contained in Annex II of the report. It also produced a blue print describing the future elements and structure of a possible COP/MOP decision on international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movement of Living Modified Organisms. The report of the meeting, including the two annexes, is contained in document UNEP/CBD/BS/WG-L&R/3/3, which is available on the website of the Secretariat at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/bs/bswglr-03/official/bswglr-03-03-en.pdf>

83. The Working Group have invited Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations and stakeholders to make further submissions, preferably in the form of operational text for consideration at its next meeting. The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled to take place from 22 to 26 October 2007 in Montreal. The Group has indicated that it will embark on negotiating the approaches, options and other proposals that are before it at its next meeting.

### **BS-1/7, BS-11/1 and BS-III/1: Compliance**

84. The third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 5 to 7 March 2007 following the kind offer made by the Government of Malaysia. Following prior consultations and agreement among Committee members, the third meeting of the Committee was conducted in an open session and announced this decision on the Secretariat's web page three weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

85. The Committee reviewed document UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/3/2, put together by the Secretariat, on information and experience regarding repeated cases of non-compliance under the compliance mechanisms of other multilateral environmental agreements in preparation for a response to the request made by the third meeting of COP-MOP to compile further information on experience of other multilateral environmental agreements on the issue.

86. The Committee also examined issues relating to:

- Conflict of interest as specified under rule 11 of its rules of procedure,
- Review of general issues of compliance and lessons learnt for use in the upcoming review of first national reports which are due by the 11 September 2007.
- Possible contribution of the Committee to the process of evaluation of the effectiveness of the compliance procedures and mechanisms in the context of the overall evaluation of the Protocol planned by the COP-MOP,
- The question of whether open or closed session of the Compliance Committee meetings- rule 14 of the rules of procedure.
- Rule 18 on voting.

87. The Compliance Committee agreed to have its next meeting in Montreal in the first week of December 2007 instead of the scheduled date of 28 to 30 January 2008 by the Secretariat so as to fulfill the request made to it by the COP-MOP at its third meeting (decision BS-III/15) to prepare a report on general issues of compliance and to make the report available six months prior to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, which would take place from 12 to 16 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany. A report of the meeting is available on the website of the Secretariat at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/bs/bbcc-03/official/bbcc-03-03-en.pdf>



### **BS-I/5, BS-II/3 and BS-III/3: Capacity Building**

#### **Third Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organisations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity Building Activities**

88. As part of the operationalization of the Coordination Mechanism, the Secretariat organised and serviced the third Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organisations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity Building Activities which took place in Lusaka, Zambia, 26 to 28 February 2007. It was attended by 42 participants. The meeting was hosted by the Government of Zambia and the Government of Germany provided financial support for participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

89. The main focus of the meeting was on regional and sub regional approaches to capacity-building in biosafety and on options for building national capacities for implementation of the LMO identification requirements under Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Protocol. The Secretariat prepared a background document reviewing regional and sub regional approaches to capacity building and cooperation in biosafety, (UNEP/CBD/BS/CM-CB/3/2).

90. The main output of the meeting was the “Guidance for promoting regional and sub regional cooperation activities in biosafety”.

91. The meeting also identified the following areas as some of the critical common capacity building needs for many countries which should be discussed at future coordination meetings with a view to identifying possible solutions for addressing them:

- Socio-economic considerations related to decision making on LMOs (including Intellectual Property Rights)
- Integration of biosafety into the broader national development plans, strategies and programmes, such as PRSPs and the national programme for achieving the MDGs
- Implementation of LMO identification and documentation
- Environmental risk assessment and post release LMO monitoring and evaluation

92. The Secretariat was further requested to initiate studies into the first two topics.

#### **The Second International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and Training, Kuala Lumpur, 16 to 18 April 2007**

93. Preparations for the second international meeting of academic institutions and organizations involved in biosafety education and training continued. The meeting is scheduled to take place 16 to 18 April 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, following the offer by the Government of Malaysia to host it through the University of Malaya. It is being co-sponsored by the Governments of Switzerland and Denmark and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The Provisional Agenda, Annotations to the Provisional Agenda and working documents for the meeting are being finalized to be posted on the CBD website.

### **BS-III/4: Capacity Building (Roster of Experts)**

94. Pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 decision BS-III/4, the Secretariat organised the fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity Building for Biosafety in Lusaka, back-to-back with the Coordination meeting, from 1 to 2 March 2007. It was attended by 18 participants from Governments and relevant organisations. The meeting discussed draft criteria and minimum requirements (including minimum

qualifications or experience) for experts to be included in the roster and the quality control mechanism for the roster. The meeting reiterated the usefulness of the roster and made a number of recommendations for its improvement. The report of the meeting (UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/4/3), including recommendations on the above issues, will be submitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fourth meeting in 2008.

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

95. As part of the implementation of the multi-year programme of work in the development and operation of the BCH, and in response to a number of recommendations made by the Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC) at its second meeting in Geneva on 23 and 24 November 2006, the Secretariat improved the structure of the Management Centre of the BCH by integrating together both registration and editing features on a single page and expanding registration options to general users.

96. Furthermore, in accordance with recommendations made by the BCH-IAC, the Secretariat developed additional tools to improve accessibility of information such as sample filled common formats for reporting information, expanded guidance in completing the forms, and updating of some fields in the formats.

97. Pursuant to paragraph 15 of decision BS-III/2, the Secretariat also produced a new offline version of the BCH on CD-ROMs for distribution to National Focal Points who have limited or expensive Internet access. The CD-ROM includes all records that are contained in the BCH databases including the search functions required to access those records. English versions of the CD-ROMs were sent out on 9 March 2007.

98. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also continued to provide 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.

### **BS-II/6 and BS-III/6: Cooperation**

99. In March 2007, the Secretariat signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the area of biosafety capacity-building and information sharing. The MoC identifies the following areas for collaboration:

- (a) Cooperate in strengthening the capacity of developing countries with regard to the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
- (b) Identify, design and implement, as appropriate, projects that contribute to biosafety capacity building efforts;
- (c) Strengthen collaboration in maintaining and facilitating the use of biosafety information systems consistent with the Biosafety Clearing-House of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
- (d) Cooperate in research projects of common interest;
- (e) Pool resources together and organize joint workshops, conferences, and training programmes;

- (f) Prepare, jointly, training tools, modules and courses on biosafety; and
- (g) Provide opportunities for staff exchange.

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

100. Preparations for the second issue of a bi-annual newsletter on biosafety, known as the Biosafety Protocol News, are advanced for its publication in the early part of the next quarter. The second edition will feature national level experiences and lessons learned in the development of National Biosafety Frameworks and the Biosafety Clearing House.

### **Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol**

101. As of 31 March 2007, with the recent ratifications of Malta, Costa Rica and Qatar in the last quarter, 140 Parties to the CBD have acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website: <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/default.aspx>

## **OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS**

### **VIII/6: Communication, Education and Public Awareness**

102. In accordance with decision VIII/6, the following activities were carried out between January and March 2007:

103. Work was carried out on the preparation of information materials for the celebration of the *International Day for Biological Diversity* in May 2007 on the theme of biodiversity and climate change. With the generous financial support of the government of Norway, the following materials were produced or were under preparation:

- (a) A brochure, in all six United Nations languages
- (b) A poster, in all six United Nations languages
- (c) Fact sheets on the relationship between climate change, biodiversity and the achievement of the millennium development goals
- (d) A promotional video on climate change and biodiversity
- (e) In collaboration with TVE, two episodes of the TVE series, *Earth Report* on the theme of biodiversity and climate change, for world-wide broadcast in April 2007

104. The brochure, poster and fact sheets were completed by March 2007 and posted on the CBD website. A meeting of the Secretariat's Task Force for the International Day for Biological Diversity was held on 15 February 2007. Work was carried out to prepare a major international celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity to be held in Montreal on 22 May 2007 and to encourage celebrations by partner organizations and Parties.

105. Work was carried out on the preparation of the third issue of the *Gincana* magazine to be published in April 2007 on the theme of biodiversity and climate change. The magazine includes articles from the Prime Minister of Norway and the President of Mauritius and a message from the Executive Secretary of the United Nations. The magazine together with other informational materials prepared for

the International Day for Biological Diversity will be distributed to Parties and stakeholders in April 2007.

106. An annual report on activities of the Convention, entitled *Convention on Biological Diversity: Year in Review 2006*, was prepared and published in March 2007. The review provides a summary of major events and developments that took place in 2006 including COP8 and follow-up activities.

107. The second issue of the CBD business newsletter, *Business.2010*, on the theme travel and tourism, was published in March 2007. The first issue of a newsletter for children and youth, *Gincaniño*, was also published and distributed in March 2007.

108. Other outreach work aimed at children and youth included preparation of training materials for teachers in primary and high schools and involvement in the International Day on Biological Diversity including a painting competition and preparation of a Youth Accord for the international day.

109. Work was carried out in the context of the Heads of Agencies Task Force on the 2010 Biodiversity Target to further common messaging to support attainment of the target, including participation in a meeting of the task force held in Geneva on 28 February 2007, and further work on the design of a common 2010 web portal. Work was carried out on the design and preparation of an enhanced website for the CBD.

## IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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

110. Preparations for the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, which will be held back to back to SBSTTA in Paris from 9 to 13 July 2007, are well in hand. The meeting will *inter alia* review the implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan focusing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans. As requested by the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat is preparing a synthesis/analysis of information on the status of NBSAP development and implementation to assist the Working Group in this work, drawing upon (i) information provided by Parties in their 3<sup>rd</sup> National Reports, (ii) additional information provided by Parties in response to letters sent by the Executive Secretary in May 2006 pursuant to Decision VIII/8 paragraph 4 and a reminder notification sent in January 2007 (iii) reviews of NBSAPs, and other sources.

111. The documentation for the meeting is being finalized and will be soon be available on the Secretariat website and circulated to Parties.

112. A high-level panel on Biodiversity and the MDGs is being organized for the first day of WGRI-2 with participation from UNEP, the Earth Institute, the World Bank, GEF, IUCN, and UNDP's Energy and Environment Group. Side events also are being organized on the support to Parties through the Bali Strategic Plan as well as lessons from GEF-supported National Capacity Self-Assessments. Additional side events are being organized by organizations and Parties, including ones on the development of sub-national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national experiences, and setting national goals and targets for 2010. A poster session on NBSAPs and their contribution to the 2010 Biodiversity Target, highlighting major activities, achievements, and country experiences, is being organized. The poster session will be launched at the opening reception of the meeting on 9 July 2007.

113. Since the request for information on the status of NBSAPs referred to in the previous paragraph, 8 Parties have provided their NBSAPs to the Secretariat. This brings the total number of countries that have completed their NBSAPs to 134, with another 36 countries having preliminary versions of their

NBSAPs. In addition, 15 Parties had responded with information about the status of NBSAPs, in response to the letter from the Executive Secretary.

114. Training materials are being designed to enhance capacity of National Focal Points to Implement the Convention, the terms of reference for which are stated in Decision VIII/10. A series of training modules are being prepared covering a range of issues. 7 modules dealing with the NBSAP process are being finalized and some will be used in training sessions being held at the Muséum Histoire Naturelle on the weekend prior to the commencement of WGR12.

#### **VIII/11: Scientific and Technical Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism**

115. Activities mostly consisted in the development of the new version of the Convention website, as a major contribution to the information exchange goal of the CHM Strategic Plan. The launch date has been set to the International Biodiversity Day (22 May 2007). A company specialized in website design has been mandated to prepare the graphical layout of the new website. In terms of infrastructure, new features have been added to the CBD content management system such as a wiki-style syntax and improved support for translation.

116. Some initial work has also been carried out on the development of a portal to enhance the global network of national clearing-house mechanisms, as specified by Goal 3 of the CHM Strategic Plan. The objective is to have a common domain name (chm-cbd.net) shared by all national clearing house mechanisms. At this stage, 18 national CHM websites have joined this initiative and have configured their website to be part of the common domain.

117. The Secretariat contributed technical expertise during the second week of the sub-regional training workshop on the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism organized in Rabat, Morocco, from 5 to 16 March 2007. This sub-regional training workshop was jointly organized by the Governments of Morocco and Belgium within the framework of the partnership between some African countries and Belgium to strengthen the capacity of national clearing-house mechanisms in Africa. The objective was to assist three countries from the Maghreb sub-region (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia) in the implementation of their national CHM websites. Fifteen participants were trained on the use of European CHM Portal Toolkit, on web-based technologies, and on matters related to the clearing-house mechanism. Participants also benefited from a fruitful exchange of national experiences.

118. Finally, contacts were established with several partner organizations and discussions took place on how the clearing-house mechanism could make the best possible contribution to the 2010 target and the implementation of the Convention. The clearing-house mechanism was also actively involved in the management review process undertaken by the Secretariat with a view to improve its effectiveness and efficiency. A recommendation was made to strengthen SCBD's CHM team by allowing it to work full-time on the CHM programme of Work. Another important recommendation was to develop and implement a comprehensive knowledge management strategy to facilitate access to information and allow a global follow-up of all activities related to COP Decisions.

#### **VIII/14: National Reporting**

119. A draft synthesis of information contained in third national reports is being prepared and will be presented to the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation.

120. A training module on national reporting had been prepared for upcoming training workshops for national focal points, which will be held prior to the second meeting of the Working Group on Review on Implementation (in Paris, France from July 9 to 13 2007).

121. A letter had been sent to the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, requesting that funding be provided to eligible countries for the preparation of their fourth national report.

122. Some tools such as reference manual for preparing the fourth national report are being developed to assist Parties in preparing the fourth national report.

123. Consultations had been undertaken with relevant Parties to see whether it is possible to get contributions to the sample report for the fourth national report, as requested in paragraph 18 (c) of decision VIII/14.

124. Work has been initiated on the harmonization of reporting on inland waters ecosystems. A matrix has been prepared by UNEP-WCMC, with inputs from both SCBD and the Ramsar Secretariat, to identify common and different elements of reporting for the two Conventions. This provides a basis for further work on harmonization.

125. At the end of March 2007, a total of 122 third national reports and 123 second national reports had been received. An informal reminder was sent in February to those Parties that had not submitted their third national reports, in particular those that had not initiated a process to get funds and prepare the report.

126. Thus far, a total of 45 responses had been received to the request that Parties update their country profiles, which were prepared on the basis of information contained in national reports and national biodiversity strategies and action plans. An informal reminder was sent in February to those Parties that had not provided an updated country profile.

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

127. The Secretariat has participated in consultations with a few NFP's, partner organizations and other stakeholder groups to discuss implementation, exchange experiences and discuss and capacity related issues. Consultations have been held with Ramsar, BAPE Secretariat, Canadian University Biodiversity Consortium, GRID-Arendal, Berne Convention, Countdown 2010, Australia, Madagascar and Japan as well as the Co-Chairs of ABS working Group.

#### **VIII/16: Cooperation with other Conventions and International Organizations and Initiatives**

128. The Secretariat participated in the Second Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures taking place at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy, from 26 to 30 March 2007. The Secretariat submitted a report to the Committee in January.

### **VIII/18: Further Guidance to the Financial Mechanism**

#### **VIII/13: Review of Implementation of Financial Resources and Financial Mechanism**

129. The Secretariat received three submissions from Germany and the European Commission on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, as well as submissions from Mexico, Honduras, Switzerland, Argentina, Canada, in response to the notifications on Articles 20 and 21.

130. The Secretariat is organizing side events in collaboration with relevant organizations, such as a side-event organized by UNEP on the IPES research project undertaken jointly with IUCN, as well as potential events by OECD/DAC, and UNEP Finance Initiatives.

131. The Secretariat is collaborating in the organization of an international workshop on environmental funds, which will be held from 9 to 11 May 2007 in Lima, Peru. The meeting is organized by the Latin American Network of Environmental Funds (RedLAC) with a view to making recommendations to implement Decision VIII/13, paragraph 7. Representatives of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) also visited the Secretariat to discuss issues related to environmental funds.

132. Discussions were held with the GEF Secretariat concerning the Handbook on the GEF and major policy documents to be agreed upon at the June 2007 GEF Council meeting will be incorporated into the Handbook.

133. The Secretariat has been part of the GEF Technical Advisory Group for developing a new strategy for biodiversity. It conveyed to GEF a message from Georgia regarding support for third national reporting.

134. The Secretariat invited the GEF to provide an information note on the experience gained by the GEF and its Implementing Agencies on NCSA of relevance to biodiversity.

135. A questionnaire, using the criteria adopted in the guidelines for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, was circulated to Parties and relevant organizations (SCBD/ITS/YX/57189) in January 2007 to collect information and views from the Parties and other stakeholders. The Secretariat received a response from Egypt to its questionnaire on the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

136. The GEF Secretariat announced that the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund became effective on 8 February 2007 with twenty Instruments of Commitment and two Qualified Instruments of Commitment in the amount of SDR 960 million.

137. Enabling activity project proposals received from the GEF and reviewed were:

- Global: UNEP Support to CBD Parties for Preparation of 4th National Reports to the COP of CBD
- Guyana: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs, Preparation of Second and Third National Report (CBD) and the Clearing House Mechanism
- Jamaica: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs, Preparation of the Third National Report (CBD) and the Clearing House Mechanism
- Malawi: Development of a National Clearing House Mechanism and Assessment of Capacity Building Needs
- Namibia: Strengthening Capacity to Implement Global Environmental Conventions in Namibia
- St Kitts and Nevis: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs and Country Specific Priorities

138. The medium-sized projects (MSPs) received and reviewed included:
- Armenia: Developing Institutional and Legal Capacity to Optimize Information and Monitoring System for Global Environmental Management in Armenia
  - Bhutan: Integrated Livestock and Crop Conservation Project
  - Egypt: Mainstreaming Global Environment in national plans and policies by strengthening the monitoring and reporting system for Multilateral Environmental Agreements in Egypt
  - Jordan: Developing policy-relevant capacity for implementation of the Global Environmental Conventions in Jordan
  - Kyrgyzstan: Capacity Building for Improved National Financing of Global Environmental Management in Kyrgyzstan
  - Latvia: Developing Capacities in Education and Research for Strengthening Global Environmental Management in Latvia
  - Lithuania: Capacity Building for Systematic Global Environmental Mainstreaming by Improved Cross-sectoral Policy Planning and Programming
  - Morocco: Mainstreaming Global Environmental Aspects in the planning and monitoring processes of the National Human Development Initiative (NHDI) in Morocco
  - Namibia: Strengthening Capacity to Implement Global Environmental Conventions in Namibia
  - Romania: Strengthening Capacity to Integrate Environment and Natural Resource Management for Global Environmental Benefits
  - Slovakia: Improve the Participation and Coordination Mechanisms for Global Environmental Management in the Slovak Republic
  - Uzbekistan: Strengthening National Capacity in Rio Convention Implementation through Targeted Institutional Strengthening and Professional Development
139. The full projects (FP) received and reviewed were:
- Brazil: Effective Conservation and Sustainable Use of Mangrove Ecosystems in Brazil (SNUC)
  - Costa Rica: Overcoming Barriers to Sustainability of Costa Rica's Protected Areas System
  - Global: Conservation and Management of Pollinators for Sustainable Agriculture, through an Ecosystem Approach
  - Global: Small Grants Programme Operational Phase 4
  - Liberia: Consolidation of Liberia's Protected Area Network
  - Nicaragua: Strengthening and Catalyzing the Sustainability of Nicaragua's Protected Areas System (SINAP)
  - Seychelles: Mainstreaming Prevention and Control Measures for Invasive Alien Species into Trade, Transport and Travel across the Production Landscape
  - South Africa: National Grasslands Biodiversity Programme



**ANNEX 1 - MEETINGS**

**Meetings in 2007**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING / ACTIVITY</b>
7 January	Harvard Agribusiness Seminar
9 January	Visit of the Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands
17-19 January	UNPFII Expert Group meeting on CBD's international regime on access and benefit-sharing and indigenous people's human rights - New York, U.S.A.
19 January	Meeting with representatives from IUCN, including the 2010 Countdown Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
21 January	ABS Dialogue on the Role of Documentation in ABS and TK Governance, Lima, Peru
22 January	Cross-Industry Preparatory Meeting for the IUCN Protected Areas Categories, Geneva, Switzerland
22-24 January	IUCN meeting on indicators of trends in invasive alien species, London, United Kingdom
23 January	Meeting with the Programme Director as well as the incoming Chair of the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), Geneva, Switzerland
24 January	Meeting with Nippon Keidanren (Japanese Business Federation) and JICA - Tokyo, Japan
24 January	IUCN-ICMM dialogue meeting, Geneva, Switzerland
24 January	Meeting with the Head of WWF International Business and Industry Relations/Director of One Planet Living, Geneva, Switzerland
24-26 January	Meeting with high-level officials from the Government of Japan, including the Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet in the Prime Minister's Office as well as Vice-Ministers and other senior representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the Environment and Agriculture, Tokyo, Japan
25 January	Presentation at the "17 <sup>e</sup> Symposium de Sciences Biologiques" on climate change – Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada
25 January	UNEP Finance Initiative meeting on biodiversity /ecosystems work stream, Geneva, Switzerland
25 January	Meeting with the United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies, Tokyo, Japan
25 January	Presentation on the relevance of the 2010 biodiversity target to the Millennium Development Goals at the UNU-IAS lecture with the diplomatic corps in Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
25 January	Meeting with the Japanese Committee for IUCN and WWF, Tokyo, Japan
25-26 January	Meeting on indicators for the new biodiversity target under Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals, Cambridge, United Kingdom

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26 January	Presentation on the CBD and climate change and biodiversity at the McGill Model United Nations Assembly – Montreal, Canada
26 January	Meeting with the Mayor of Nagoya as well as the Vice-Governor of Aichi Prefecture - Tokyo, Japan
27 January	Presentation on Achieving the 2010 biodiversity target at the International Symposium on National Biodiversity Strategy of Japan to the World – Tokyo, Japan
29-31 January	Meeting with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand as well as participate at the Policy Roundtable, Wellington, New Zealand
29 January - 2 February	60 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations, Vienna, Austria
30 January	Meeting with representatives from the Victoria University of Wellington – Wellington, New Zealand
30 January	Meeting with the Minister of Conservation and the Minister of Agriculture from the Government of New Zealand – Wellington, New Zealand
30-31 January	North American regional consultation on IMoSEB – Montreal, Canada
31 Jan–1 Feb	UNCCD/GM and ICTSD Workshop on Increasing Investment in Sustainable Land Management through Market Access and Trade, Geneva, Switzerland
1-2 February	Visit of senior representatives from the Government of India
2 February	McGill Business Conference on Sustainability Fair
2-3 February	Paris Conference for Global Ecological Governance – Paris, France
2 February	Meeting with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of France, at the margins of the Paris Conference for Global Ecological Governance - Paris France
2 February	Attended a dinner event hosted by the Premier of the Province of Québec, at the margins of the Paris Conference for Global Ecological Governance - Paris France
5-6 February	Meeting at the UNESCO Headquarters to discuss the policy paper on climate change and World Heritage – Paris, France
5-7 February	UNFCCC Regional Expert Meetings on Adaptation for Small Island Developing States, Kingston, Jamaica
5-9 February	Twenty-Fourth Session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-24/GMEF), Nairobi, Kenya
6 February	Ministerial Panel Discussion on Globalization and the Environment, at the margins of the UNEP GC-24/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
6 February	Meeting with the Secretary General, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Nairobi, Kenya
7 February	Ministerial Panel Discussion on United Nations Reform, at the margins of the UNEP GC-24/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
7 February	Global Network for Women Ministers of Environment, at the margins of the UNEP GC-24/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya

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7 February	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding of the Convention on Biological Diversity with the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development of the Government of Portugal, and The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Secretariat, at the margins of the UNEP GC-24/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
12 February	Visit of the Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Greece to ICAO
12 February	Meeting of the inter-agency task force for the Cities and Biodiversity meeting (teleconference)
13 February	Visit of the Director of the COHAB Initiative
13 February	Meeting with representatives of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
15 February	Visit of the Assistant Director General of UNESCO for Natural Sciences
15 February	Visit of the Secretary General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO
16 February	Visit of the Director of Policy, as well as the CBD Advisor at WWF
19 February	Visit of the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP
19 February	Meeting with senior representatives from the Ministère des Relations Internationales du Quebec
20 February	Visit of the President, as well as the Director, of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE)
20 February	Visit of the IUCN Senior Programme Advisor, as well as the President of Pyxis Innovation
21 February	Meeting with the Director of Yale University Internship Programme – Montreal, Canada
22 February	Meeting with the Mayor of Montreal, on the preparation of the meeting on Cities and Biodiversity - City Hall, Montreal, Canada
22 February	Signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Montreal and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as presentation of gift from the City of Montreal to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture – City Hall, Montreal, Canada
24-25 February	Symposium on Business and Biodiversity in Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan
26-27 February	Presentation of the South-South Biodiversity initiative at the 41st meeting of the Chairmen/Coordinators of the Group of 77 Chapters, Rome, Italy
26 February	Meeting with the Chef de cabinet of the Director General as well as the Assistant Director General on international cooperation and MDGs of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, Italy
26-27 February	Meeting with representatives of the UNFCCC Secretariat, Bonn, Germany
28 February	Meeting with representatives from the GEO, GTZ and Countdown 2010 Secretariat, Hamburg, Germany

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1 March	Presentation of a representative from the Université de Montréal, on the suggested “International Biodiversity Institute” of the Montreal Botanical Garden
1 March	Speaker at the Canadian Institute of International Affairs on the there “Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target”, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
1-2 March	Communications workshop on Climate Change, which will be attended by communications officers of UNFCCC, CCD, CMS, DPI, DCPI and WMO – Geneva, Switzerland
1-2 March	UNEP/WWF Workshop on Disciplining Fisheries Subsidies: Incorporating Sustainability at the WTO and Beyond – Geneva, Switzerland
1-2 March	Meeting of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment in Special Session, Geneva, Switzerland
1-3 March	IMOSEB African Regional Consultations, Yaoundé, Cameroon
2 March	Visit of the Senior Programme Officer for Land Degradation and acting SPO for Biodiversity in UNEP’s Division of GEF Co-ordination
5 March	Visit of the Director of UNEP GRID-Arendal
5 March	Meeting with representatives from MKI Travel
5 March	Meeting of the inter-agency task force for the Cities and Biodiversity meeting (teleconference)
5-6 March	International Advisory Committee meeting of the GEF project on Sustainable Tourism in Biosphere Reserves, Sumava Biosphere Reserve, Czech Republic
5-9 March	International Seminar on Indicators Relevant for Indigenous Peoples, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Millennium Development Goals – Banaue, Ifugao, Philippines
5-16 March	Sub-regional training workshop intended for key partners of national clearing-house mechanisms, jointly organized by the Belgium and Morocco CHMs – Rabat, Morocco
7 March	Presentation at the McGill University on the theme: “Environmental Assessment and Sustainable Development”
7-9 March	UNFCCC - Workshop on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation – Cairns, Australia
7-22 March	Fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (CRIC-5) - Buenos Aires, Argentina
8 March	Ceremony in celebration of the International Women’s Day – ICAO, Montreal, Canada
8-10 March	International Tourism Börse, Berlin, Germany
9 March	Meeting of the inter-agency task force for the Cities and Biodiversity meeting (teleconference)
11 March	Meeting with representatives from the Australia Department of the Environment and Heritage, Canberra, Australia
12 March	Lecture on economics of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use – UQAM, Montreal, Canada
12 March	Visit of a representative from GTZ
12 March	Collaborative Partnership on Forests meeting, Rome, Italy

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12-13 March	Visit of the Secretary, as well as the Chair of the Standing Committee, of the Bern Convention
13 March	Conference: “Les mesures d’accès et de partage des avantages (APA) en matière de biodiversité: Quelles règles pour la bioprospection?” – Université de Montréal-CEDRIE, Montréal, Canada
13 March	Visit of the Head as well as the web designer of the IUCN Countdown 2010 Secretariat
13-14 March	Equator Initiative Board meeting – New York, U.S.A.
13-14 March	Biodiversity Data, Conservation and Traditional Knowledge meeting, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada
13-16 March	18th Session of the Commission on Forests - Rome, Italy
14 March	Presentation at McGill University on the theme: “Major issues under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety”
14 March	Meeting with representatives from the IUCN Regional Office for Europe, Brussels, Belgium
14-15 March	GEF Focal Area Technical Advisory Group meeting – Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
15 March	Participate in interviews for the post of the GEF Biodiversity Team Leader
15 March	Meeting with the Australian delegation – Ottawa, Canada
16 March	Meeting with senior representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada
16 March	Keynote presentation on “La diversité biologique et la diversité culturelle ou les éléments constitutifs de la vie sur terre” at the 47 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO on “Linking Networks, Sharing Ideas”, Ottawa, Canada
19 March	Meeting with the Director of UNEP Division of Environmental Law and Conventions
19 March	Meeting with the Coordinator of the UNEP/GPA
21 March	Presentation by the CBD-SBSTTA Focal Point/SBSTTA Bureau Member for Madagascar
21 March	Presentation by the CBD-SBSTTA Focal Point/SBSTTA Bureau Member for Australia
21-22 March	Visit of the Japanese delegation
22 March	Presentation to a graduate class about the CBD and the importance of the International Day for Biological Diversity – University of Chicoutimi, Quebec
23 March	Visit of the two ABS Co-Chairs
25 March	Meeting with the Mayors of Montreal, Bonn and Nagoya – Curitiba, Brazil
26-30 March	Ramsar’s Scientific and Technical Review Panel midterm workshops – Gland, Switzerland
27 March	Keynote lecture at the International Student Conservation Conference, on the theme “Biodiversity and the 2010 target” – Cambridge, U.K.
27 March	Meeting with representatives of the Universidade Livre do Meio Ambiente (UNILIVRE) - Curitiba, Brazil

DATES	MEETING / ACTIVITY
27 March	“50 ans d’intégration européenne”, Université de Montréal, Québec
27-28 March	Canadian Indigenous Biodiversity Network preparatory meeting for the Working Group on Article 8(j) meeting, Ottawa, Canada
28 March	Meeting with relevant staff of the UNEP-WCMC – Cambridge, U.K.
28-30 March	Workshop on the “Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance” in the African ABS Discussion, organized as part of the Dutch-German Capacity Development Initiative for Africa in collaboration with the Ethiopian Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (IBC) – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
29 March	Meeting with representatives from the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) – London, U.K.
29 March	Meeting with the Head of UNILIVRE
29 March	Meeting with the Governor of Parana, Brazil
29-30 March	Brazil Tour Operators Association – Business meeting – Sao Paulo, Brazil

## ANNEX II

### STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 25 regularized Professional staff members and 23 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 14 vacant posts, (9 professional and 5 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 6 professional posts and 6 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

2. There were 7 Interns working at the Secretariat during the period under review: Ms. Aude Tremblay from Canada, working on Access and Benefit Sharing with SEL, Ms. Hiroko Kodaka from Japan, working on Forest Biodiversity with STTM, Mr. Kieran Noonan-Mooney from Canada, working on Forests Biodiversity with STTM, Ms. Nancy Beaulne from Canada, working with Education and Public Information, Ms. Patrycja Ochman from Canada, working on Traditional Knowledge with SEL, Ms. Geneviève Leblanc from Canada, working on the Cooperation with Universities Programme, and Ms. Marie Martinez from France, working on Protected Areas with STTM.

#### II Contributions and Funds

3. During the first quarter of 2007, four new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Canada pledged Cdn\$140,000 for the Biodiversity and Climate Change Activities; Sweden pledged SEK 1,000,000 in support of Various Approved Activities; 625,000 Euros was received from Spain for various Approved Activities, and US\$10,000 was received from IBRD to support Tree Planting Activities that offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

4. For 2007 a total of US\$1,082,752 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$820,636 or 76% has been collected as at 31 March 2007. 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 2007 is US\$8,160,677. Of this amount, US\$4,487,740 or 55% has been received as at 31 March 2007. A total of US\$279,693 has also been collected in 2007 as advance payments for 2008 and future years. Additionally, US\$1,070,000 has been pledged and US\$204,000 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2007. US\$981,515 has also been collected in 2007 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

6. As at 31 March 2007 a total of US\$257,651 has been pledged for 2007 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Sweden (SEK 200,000); Spain (175,000 Euros) and Iceland (US\$1,979).

7. As at 31 March 2007, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2007 amounted to US\$228,957 or 88.9% of the total pledged for 2007. Additionally, \$119,839 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$120,708 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2007 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

8. As at 31 March 2007, a total of forty-four (44) countries have paid US\$1,017,640 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 46.2% of pledges for 2007. A total of US\$382 has also been collected in 2007

as advance payments for 2008 and future years. US\$202,327 has also been collected in 2007 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 31 March 2007, no pledges and/or contributions were made to the Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, **(BH Trust Fund)** in 2007. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

10. As at 31 March 2007, the Governments of Iceland and Norway have pledged a total of US\$17,852 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\$1,979 or 11% 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-8 approved a budget of US\$11,012,400 for the BY Trust Fund for 2007. As at 31 March 2007, a total of US\$2,618,823 was spent or committed. This represents 23.8% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-3 approved a budget of US\$2,615,000 for the BG Trust Fund for 2007. As at 31 March 2007 a total of US\$518,242 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 19.8% 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); Associate Executive Assistant (P-2); Senior Finance Assistant (G-8); Finance Assistant (G-5); Personnel Assistant (G-7); Conference Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-7) and Administrative Assistant (G-6).



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

January - March 2007

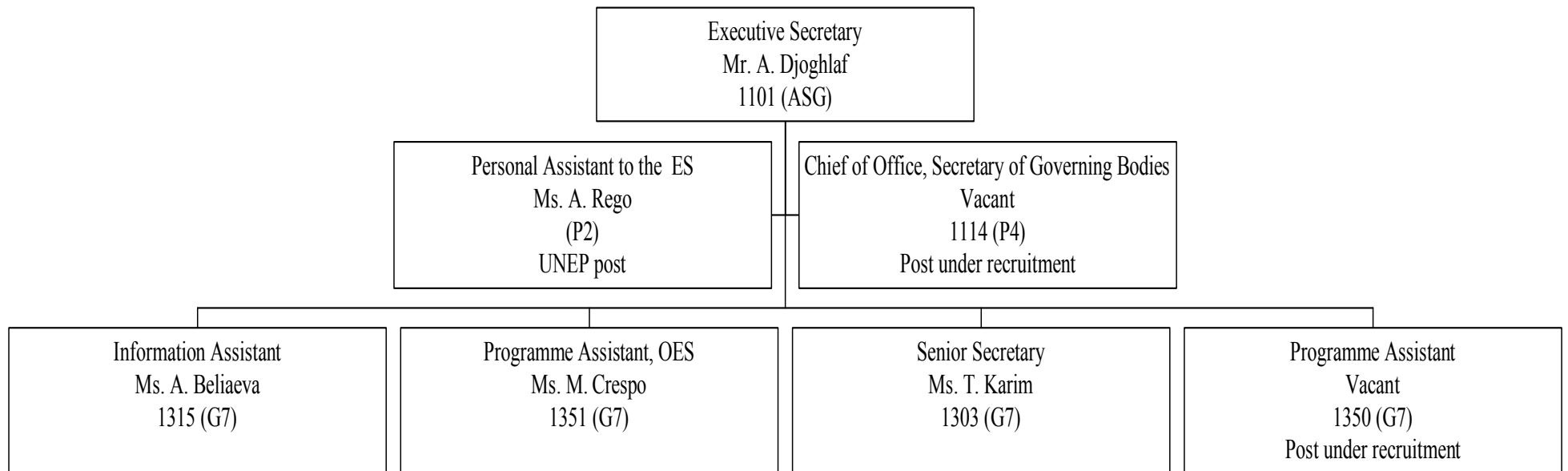
<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>STAFF MEMBER</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaf
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
1104	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary	Vacant (Post advertised)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	Programme Officer (OMG)	Mr. N. Bertrand
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	Ms. M. Khan
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P3	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale
1127	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (OMG)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P4	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (BS)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. Jaime Webb
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. Oliver Hillel
1144	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (ITS)	Mr. D. Cooper
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (OMG)	Mr. P. LeBlond
	P2	Personal Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego (Post funded by UNEP)
	L1	Junior Professional Officer - Forests (STTM)	Mr. R. Kohsaka (Japan)
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. T. Karim
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. L. Boutin
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
1307	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. D. Stepic
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefebvre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Vacant (Post Advertised)
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva

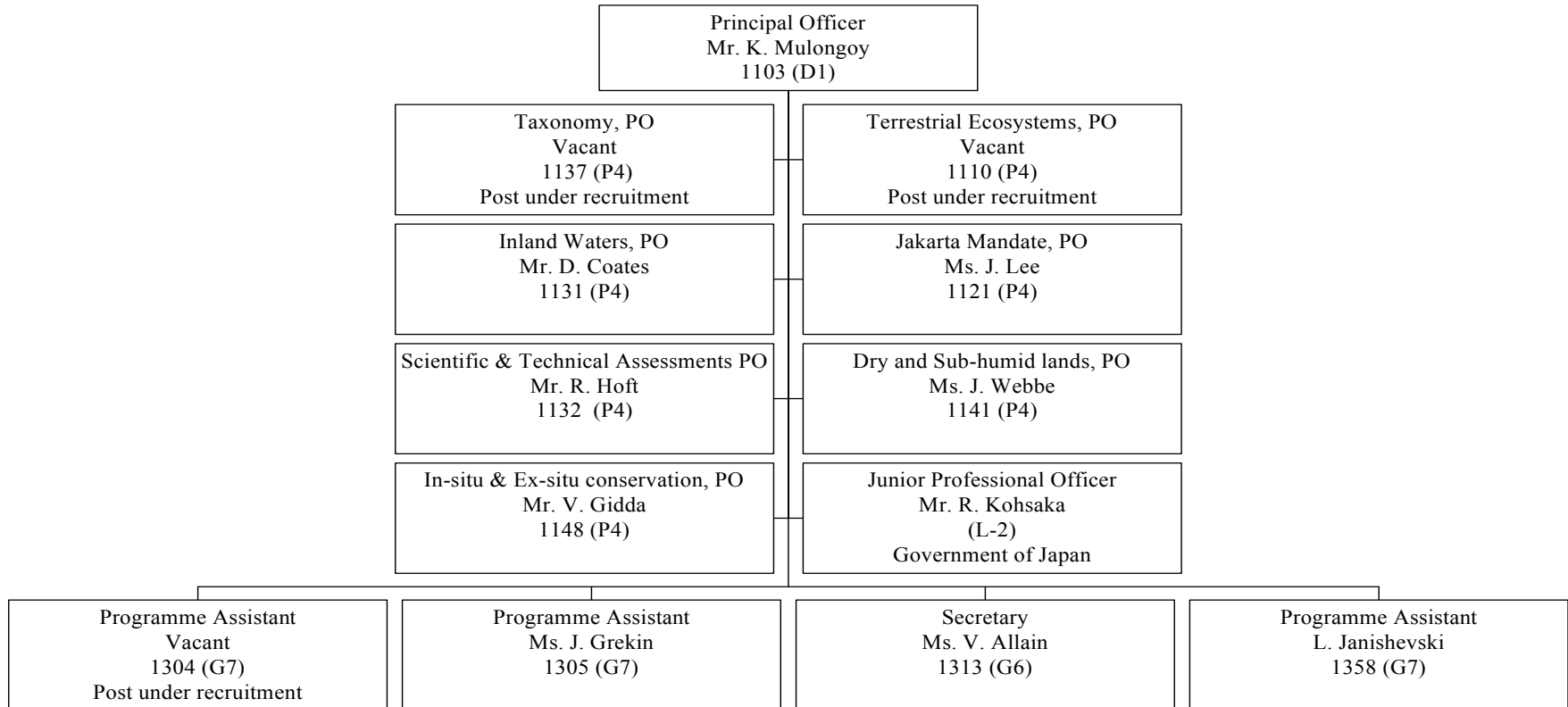
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1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Vacant
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. J. Datinginoo (Post funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	GS	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	Ms. F. D'Amico
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G7	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb
1357	G7	Meeting Services Assistant	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1358	G7	Programme Assistant (STTM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)

**ANNEX III  
ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF THE CBD SECRETARIAT**

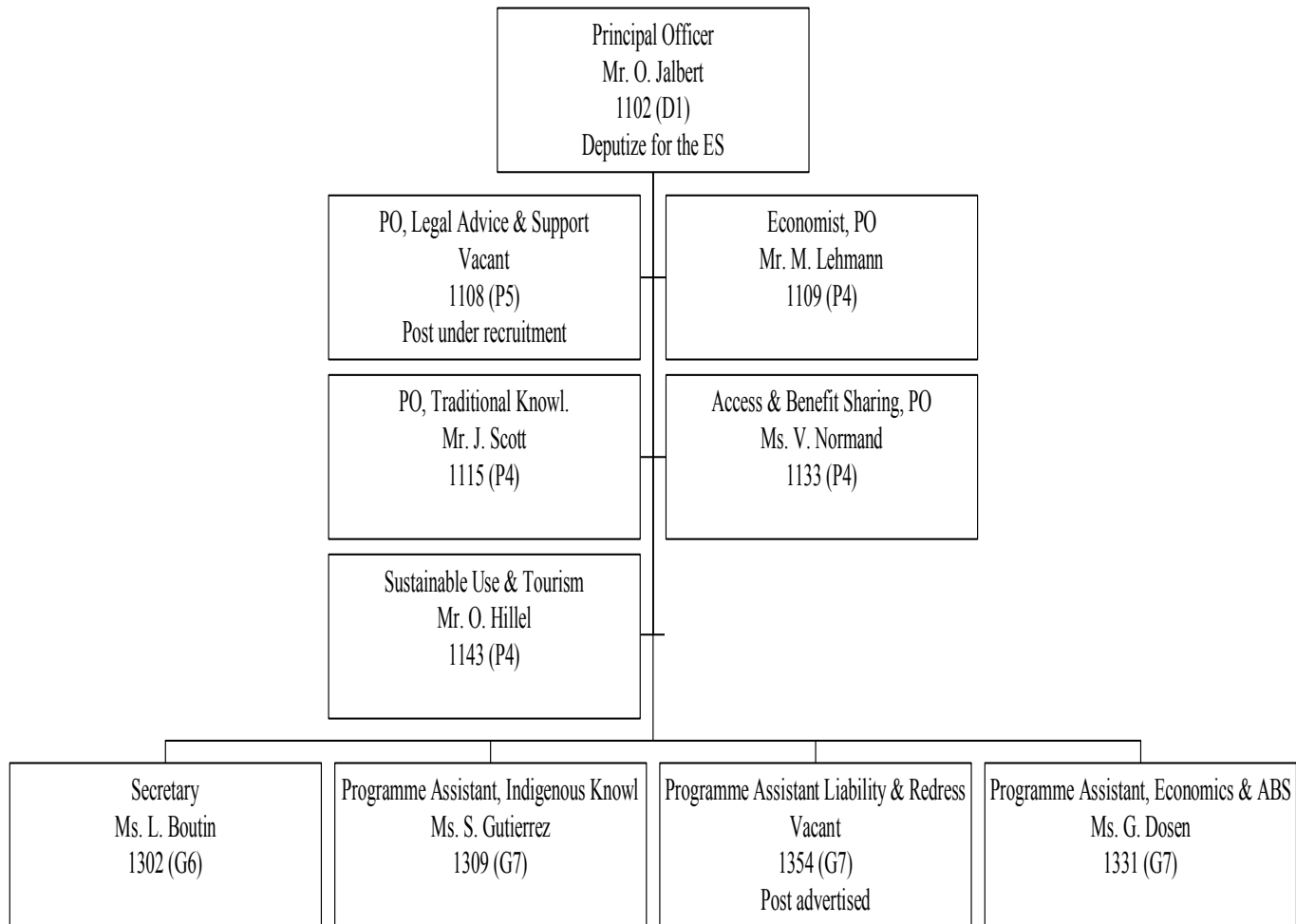
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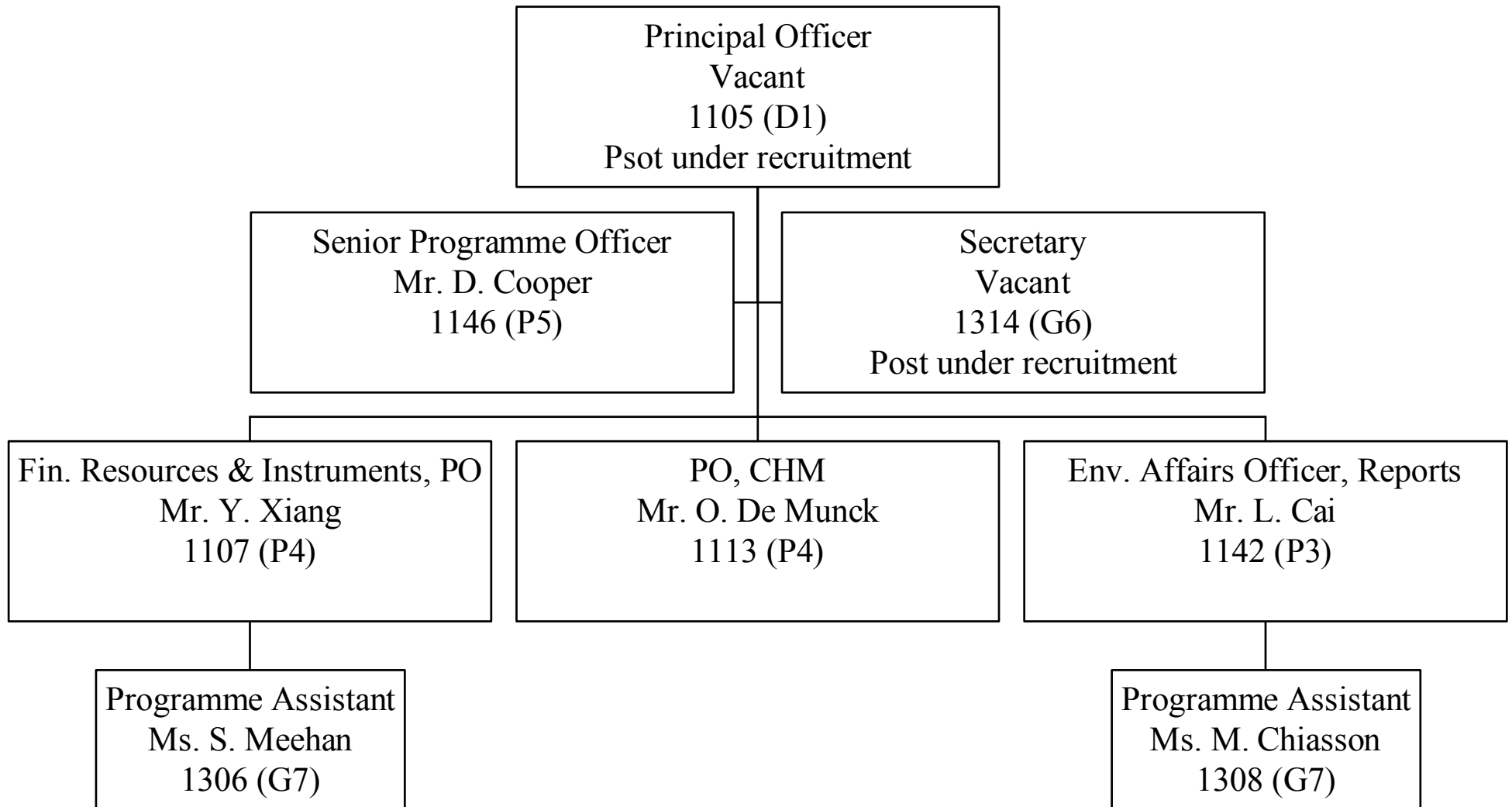
## Scientific, Technical & Technological Matters



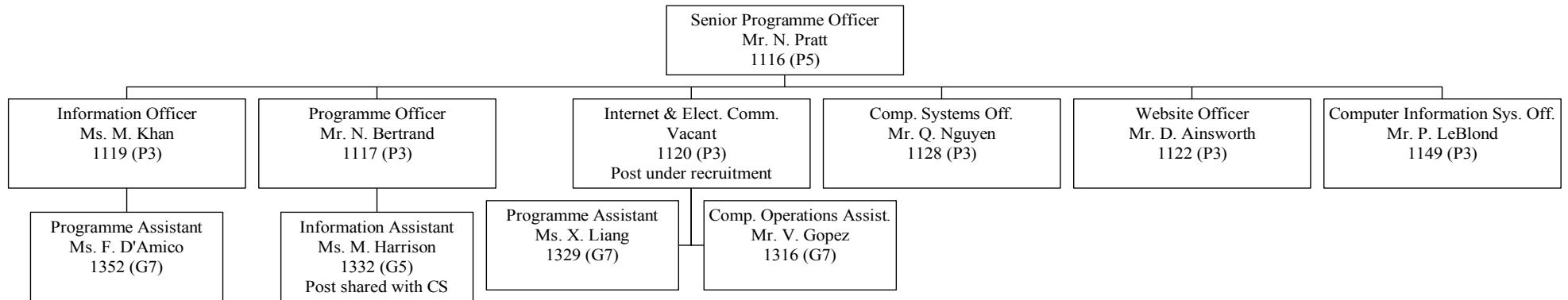
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## Implementation & Technical Support

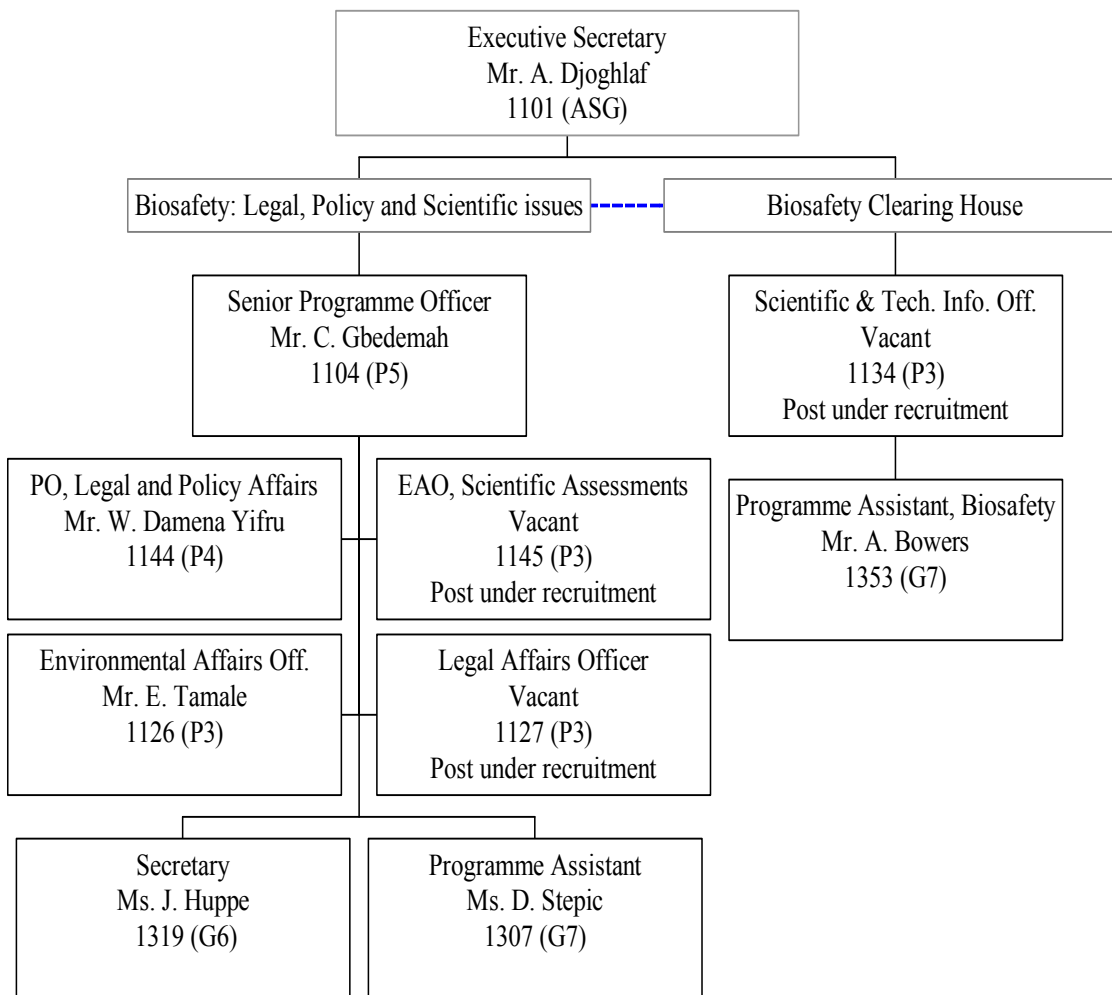


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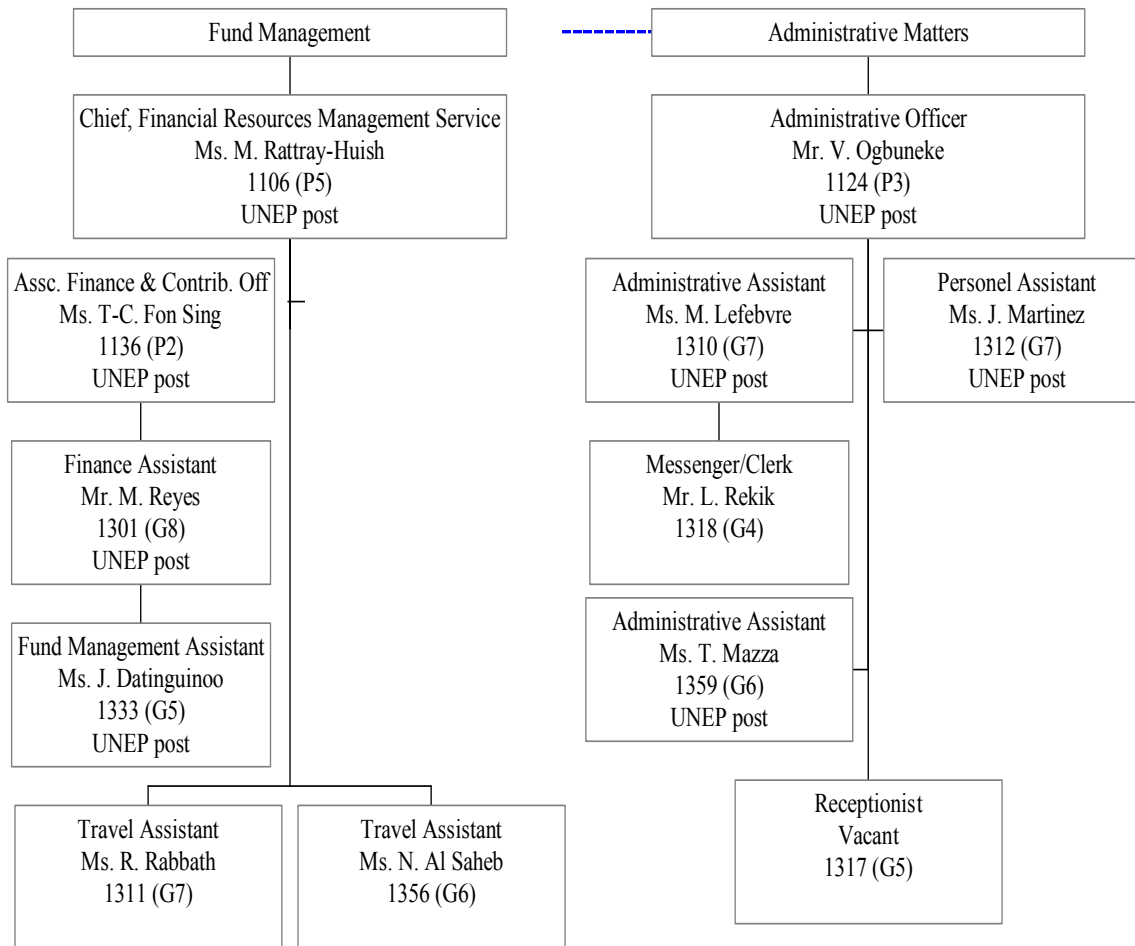




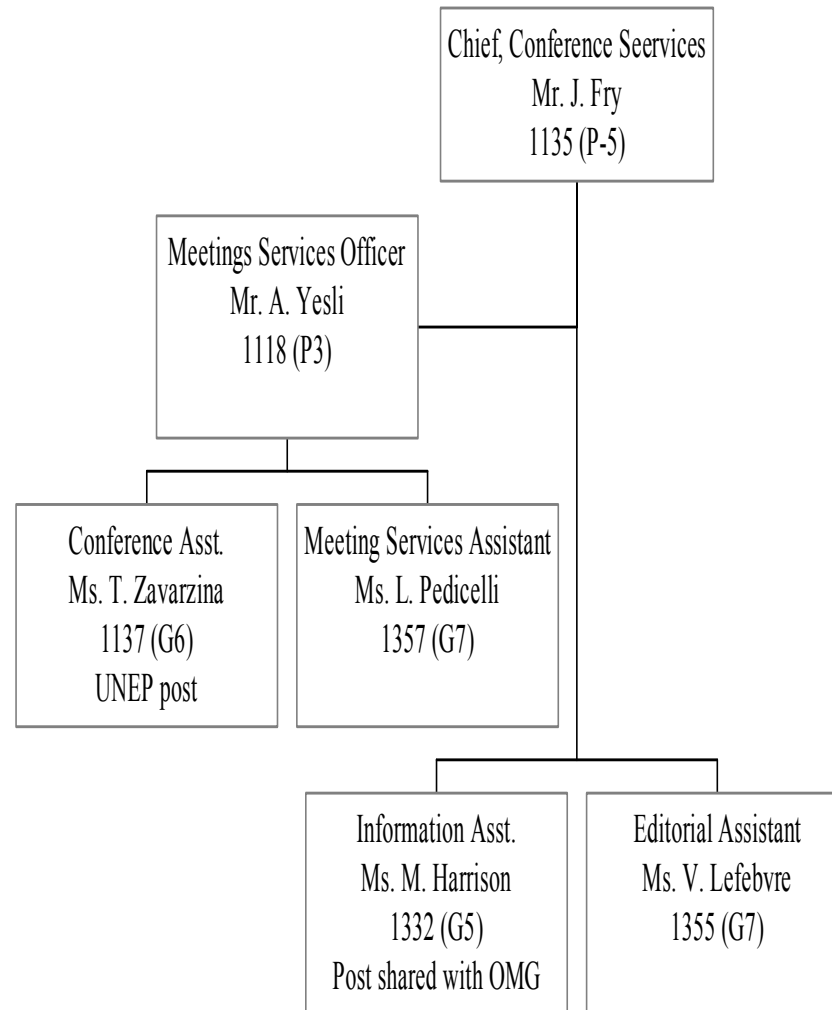
# Biosafety Protocol



# 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 31 March 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Canada	21,592			1/			21,592
Canada			118,644	9/			118,644
EEC	59,065			2/			59,065
EEC	296,443			13/	205,250		91,193
Germany	17,159			3/			17,159
IBRD			10,000	12/		10,000	0
Italy	50,000			4/			50,000
Spain	25,000			5/			25,000
Spain	323,050			6/	323,050		0
Spain			810,636	11/		810,636	0
Spain	102,912			14/	102,912		0
Sweden	13,287			7/			13,287
Sweden	13,288			8/			13,288
Sweden			143,472	10/			143,472
<b>Total</b>	<b>921,796</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,082,752</b>		<b>631,212</b>	<b>820,636</b>	<b>552,700</b>

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

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

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

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

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

6/Spain pledged Euros 250,000 in support of Implementation of Programme of Work on Article 8(j)

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

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

9/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 140,000 towards the Biodiversity and Climate Change Activities

10/Sweden pledged SEK 1,000,000 for Various Approved Activities

11/Spain pledged Euros 625,000 for Additional Approved Activities

12/IBRD pledged US\$ 10,000 to support Tree Planting Activities that offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions

13/EEC pledged Euros 225,000 towards Various Approved Activities

14/Spain pledged EUR 80,000 - ABS Group of Technical Experts, Lima, Peru, January 2007

## ANNEX V

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

Status as at 31 March 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Denmark	40,000		1/			40,000
EC	138,340		6/	95,783		42,557
Iceland			7/	1,979	1,979	0
Spain			5/	226,978	226,978	0
Sweden	9,457		2/			9,457
Sweden			4/	28,694		28,694
Switzerland	24,056		3/	24,056		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>211,853</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>257,651</b>	<b>228,957</b>	<b>120,708</b>

1/Denmark pledge for support of participants from central and eastern european countries to CBD meetings.

2/Sweden pledged SEK 500,000

3/Switzerland pledged CHF 30,000 - 5th Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing

4/Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 - Participation in ABS-6 meeting

5/Spain pledged - EUR 175,000 for Participation in CBD meetings

6/EC pledged EUR 105,000 - Participation in Meetings of Article 8(j), ABS and 2nd AHWG on Protected Areas

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

ANNEX VI

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

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	211				0	211	211
Albania	0	527			527	0	0	0
Algeria	0	8,008				0	8,008	8,008
Angola		105	2,173			0	(2,068)	(2,068)
Antigua & Barbuda		316	646			0	(330)	(330)
Argentina	379,377	100,736				379,377	100,736	480,113
Armenia	0	211			211	0	0	0
Australia		167,752	167,752		175,177	0	(175,177)	(175,177)
Austria		90,514	90,514			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	527				0	527	527
Bahamas	0	1,370			2,800	0	(1,430)	(1,430)
Bahrain		3,161	3,161			0	0	0
Bangladesh	31	816				31	816	847
Barbados		1,054	1,054			0	0	0
Belarus	38,081	1,897				38,081	1,897	39,978
Belgium	111,577	112,643		111,577		0	112,643	112,643
Belize	0	105				0	105	105
Benin		211	494			0	(283)	(283)
Bhutan		105	105			0	0	0
Bolivia	1,678	948				1,678	948	2,626
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	316				0	316	316
Botswana		1,264	5,168			0	(3,904)	(3,904)
Brazil	136,643	160,481				136,643	160,481	297,124
Bulgaria	0	1,791			1,791	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	935	211				935	211	1,146

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Burundi	791	105				791	105	896
Cambodia		211	431			0	(220)	(220)
Cameroon		843	1,349			0	(506)	(506)
Canada	0	296,411			296,411	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,641	105				3,641	105	3,746
Central African Rep.	6	105				6	105	111
Chad		105	25			0	80	80
Chile		23,498	7,981			0	15,517	15,517
China	0	216,328				0	216,328	216,328
Colombia		16,333	80		16,644	0	(391)	(391)
Comoros	2,899	105				2,899	105	3,004
Congo	18	105				18	105	123
Congo Dem. Rep	5,492	316				5,492	316	5,808
Cook Islands	203	105				203	105	308
Costa Rica	7,164	3,161				7,164	3,161	10,325
Cote d'Ivoire		1,054	7			0	1,047	1,047
Croatia	0	3,899				0	3,899	3,899
Cuba	29,365	4,531				29,365	4,531	33,896
Cyprus	0	4,110				0	4,110	4,110
Czech Republic		19,283	19,283			0	0	0
Denmark		75,657	75,657			0	0	0
Djibouti	301	105				301	105	406
Dominica	234	105				234	105	339
Dominica Rep.	0	3,688				0	3,688	3,688
Ecuador	1,563	2,002		1,563		0	2,002	2,002
EEC	0	204,018				0	204,018	204,018
Egypt	24,398	12,645		19,851		4,547	12,645	17,192
El Salvador	4,473	2,318				4,473	2,318	6,791
Equatorial Guinea	189	211				189	211	400
Eritrea	25	105				25	105	130
Estonia		1,264	1,264			0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	421				0	421	421
Fiji		421	4,365			0	(3,944)	(3,944)



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Finland		56,163	56,163			0	0	0
France		635,392	635,392			0	0	0
Gabon		948	25,327			0	(24,379)	(24,379)
Gambia	104	105				104	105	209
Georgia	22,078	316				22,078	316	22,394
Germany	0	912,731			912,731	0	0	0
Ghana	1,768	421				1,768	421	2,189
Greece	55,319	55,847		55,319		0	55,847	55,847
Grenada	0	105				0	105	105
Guatemala		3,161	3,161			0	0	0
Guinea	905	316				905	316	1,221
Guinea-Bissau	2,420	105				2,420	105	2,525
Guyana	104	105				104	105	209
Haiti	2,467	316		2,467		0	316	316
Honduras	3,083	527				3,083	527	3,610
Hungary		13,277	13,277			0	0	0
Iceland		3,583	7,282			0	(3,699)	(3,699)
India	20	44,362				20	44,362	44,382
Indonesia	13,908	14,963				13,908	14,963	28,871
Iran	31,921	16,543				31,921	16,543	48,464
Ireland		36,880	36,880			0	0	0
Israel	0	49,209				0	49,209	49,209
Italy		514,742	514,742			0	0	0
Jamaica		843	843			0	0	0
Japan	0	1,795,354				0	1,795,354	1,795,354
Jordan	2,236	1,159		1,148		1,088	1,159	2,247
Kazakhstan	2,841	2,634				2,841	2,634	5,475
Kenya		948	0			0	948	948
Kiribati		105	193			0	(88)	(88)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	61	1,054				61	1,054	1,115
Korea, Rep. of	49,148	189,248			87,652	49,148	101,596	150,744
Kuwait	0	17,070				0	17,070	17,070

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Kyrgyzstan	301	105				301	105	406
Lao PDR	15	105				15	105	120
Latvia		1,581	1,581		1,651	0	(1,651)	(1,651)
Lebanon	3,687	2,529				3,687	2,529	6,216
Lesotho		105	216			0	(111)	(111)
Liberia	736	105				736	105	841
Libya	30,394	13,909				30,394	13,909	44,303
Liechtenstein	0	527			527	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,529	2,529			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	8,114			8,114	0	0	0
Macedonia, TFYR	626	632				626	632	1,258
Madagascar	32	316		32	677	0	(361)	(361)
Malawi	25	105				25	105	130
Malaysia	15	21,390				15	21,390	21,405
Maldives	0	105				0	105	105
Mali		211	449			0	(238)	(238)
Malta	0	1,475			1,475	0	0	0
Marshall Island	0	105				0	105	105
Mauritania	1,730	105				1,730	105	1,835
Mauritius	0	1,159				0	1,159	1,159
Mexico	13,674	198,415			198,415	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States	0	105				0	105	105
Moldova, Rep. of		105	105			0	0	0
Monaco		316	646			0	(330)	(330)
Mongolia	0	105				0	105	105
Morocco	21,697	4,952		21,697		0	4,952	4,952
Mozambique		105	56		141	0	(92)	(92)
Myanmar	808	816				808	816	1,624
Namibia	0	632				0	632	632
Nauru	3,019	105				3,019	105	3,124
Nepal		421	89			0	332	332
Netherlands	0	178,078				0	178,078	178,078
New Zealand		23,287	23,287			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Nicaragua	0	105				0	105	105
Niger	2,755	105				2,755	105	2,860
Nigeria		4,426	9,048			0	(4,622)	(4,622)
Niue	203	105				203	105	308
Norway		71,547	71,547			0	0	0
Oman		7,376	7,376			0	0	0
Pakistan		5,795	5		5,741	0	49	49
Palau		105	207			0	(102)	(102)
Panama	2,681	2,002		1,215		1,466	2,002	3,468
Papua New Guinea	0	316				0	316	316
Paraguay	11,518	1,264				11,518	1,264	12,782
Peru	66,877	9,694		16,610		50,267	9,694	59,961
Philippines	21,532	10,010		8,907		12,625	10,010	22,635
Poland		48,576	48,576			0	0	0
Portugal		49,525	1,026			0	48,499	48,499
Qatar		6,744	6,744			0	0	0
Romania	0	6,322				0	6,322	6,322
Russian Federation	0	115,909				0	115,909	115,909
Rwanda		105	86			0	19	19
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,070	105				2,070	105	2,175
Samoa	25	105				25	105	130
San Marino	0	316				0	316	316
Sao Tome Principe	572	105				572	105	677
Saudi Arabia	0	75,130				0	75,130	75,130
Senegal		527	3,500			0	(2,973)	(2,973)
Seychelles		211	496			0	(285)	(285)
Sierra Leone	297	105				297	105	402
Singapore		40,884	40,884			0	0	0
Slovak		5,374	5,374			0	0	0
Slovenia		8,640	8,640			0	0	0
Solomon Is.	2,420	105				2,420	105	2,525

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
South Africa		30,769	30,769		32,130	0	(32,130)	(32,130)
Spain	0	265,537			265,537	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	0	1,791				0	1,791	1,791
St. Lucia	14	211		14	426	0	(215)	(215)
St. Kitts & Nevis	0	105				0	105	105
Sudan	6,753	816				6,753	816	7,569
Suriname	1,922	105		1,905		18	105	123
Swaziland	0	211				0	211	211
Sweden	104,166	105,161		104,166		0	105,161	105,161
Switzerland		126,130	126,080			0	50	50
Syria	19	4,004				19	4,004	4,023
Tajikistan		105	419		133	0	(447)	(447)
Thailand	0	22,023				0	22,023	22,023
Togo	0	105				0	105	105
Tonga		105	98			0	7	7
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,318			2,318	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	3,372				0	3,372	3,372
Turkey	0	39,198				0	39,198	39,198
Turkmenistan	0	527				0	527	527
Tuvalu		105	608			0	(503)	(503)
U. K.	0	645,613			645,613	0	0	0
Uganda		632	1,894			0	(1,262)	(1,262)
Ukraine	26	4,110				26	4,110	4,136
Un. Rep. of Tanzania		632	18,119			0	(17,487)	(17,487)
United Arab Emirates	45	24,762		45	24,692	0	70	70
Uruguay	9,759	5,058				9,759	5,058	14,817
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,475				11,959	1,475	13,434
Vanuatu	0	105				0	105	105
Venezuela	23,015	18,019				23,015	18,019	41,034
Viet Nam	4,470	2,213				4,470	2,213	6,683
Yemen	7,052	632				7,052	632	7,684
Serbia	5,833	2,002				5,833	2,002	7,835
Zambia		211	677			0	(466)	(466)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Zimbabwe	1,424	738				1,424	738	2,162
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,301,634</b>	<b>8,160,677</b>	<b>2,085,899</b>	<b>346,515</b>	<b>2,681,534</b>	<b>955,119</b>	<b>3,393,244</b>	<b>4,348,363</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	<b>635,000</b>	816,000		<b>635,000</b>		0	816,000	816,000
USA	0	50,000				0	50,000	50,000
Quebec	0	204,000			204,000	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,936,634</b>	<b>9,230,677</b>	<b>2,085,899</b>	<b>981,515</b>	<b>2,885,534</b>	<b>955,119</b>	<b>4,259,244</b>	<b>5,214,363</b>

## ANNEX VII

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY  
as at 31 March 2007**

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06</b>	<b>Pledges for 2007</b>	<b>Collections in 2006 for 2007</b>	<b>Collections in 2007 for prior yrs</b>	<b>Collections During 2007 for 2007 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2007</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2007 &amp; Prior years</b>
	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>		<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Albania	0	176				0	176	176
Algeria	0	2,658			2,658	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	0	105				0	105	105
Armenia	0	70				0	70	70
Austria		30,037	30,037			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	230	177				230	177	407
Bahamas	0	455				0	455	455
Bangladesh	371	220				371	220	591
Barbados		350	350			0	0	0
Belarus	0	629				0	629	629
Belgium	57,161	37,380		1,981		55,179	37,380	92,559
Belize	0	35				0	35	35
Benin		71	71			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	35				0	35	35
Bolivia	0	315				0	315	315
Botswana		420	420			0	0	0
Brazil	0	53,256				0	53,256	53,256
Bulgaria	0	594				0	594	594
Burkina Faso	128	70		128		0	70	70
Cambodia	0	70				0	70	70
Cameroon	510	280				510	280	790
Cape Verde	25	36				25	36	61
Chad		33				0	33	33
China	77,822	72,998				77,822	72,998	150,820

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Colombia		5,420	71		5,477	0	(129)	(129)
Congo	21	36				21	36	57
Costa Rica	0	702				0	702	702
Croatia	0	1,294				0	1,294	1,294
Cuba	2,742	1,504				2,742	1,504	4,246
Cyprus	0	1,364				0	1,364	1,364
Czech Republic		6,399	6,399			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	141	106				141	106	247
Denmark	0	25,107				0	25,107	25,107
Djibouti	63	35				63	35	98
Dominica	63	35				63	35	98
Dominican Republic	682	1,254				682	1,254	1,936
Ecuador	559	664		559		0	664	664
Egypt	353	420				353	420	773
El Salvador	0	769				0	769	769
Eritrea	48	35				48	35	83
Estonia	0	420				0	420	420
Ethiopia	0	140				0	140	140
European Community	62	54,877				62	54,877	54,939
Fiji	0	140				0	140	140
Finland		18,638	18,638			0	0	0
France		210,855	210,855			0	0	0
Gambia	63	35				63	35	98
Germany		302,889	302,889			0	0	0
Ghana	255	140				255	140	395
Greece	33,803	18,533		33,803		0	18,533	18,533
Grenada	63	35				63	35	98
Guatemala	0	1,050				0	1,050	1,050

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Hungary	21	4,406		21	4,406	0	0	0
India	0	14,721				0	14,721	14,721
Indonesia	0	4,984				0	4,984	4,984
Iran	10,014	5,490				10,014	5,490	15,504
Ireland		12,239	12,239			0	0	0
Italy		170,817	170,817			0	0	0
Japan	0	482,921				0	482,921	482,921
Jordan	702	385		324		378	385	763
Kenya	0	315				0	315	315
Kiribati		35	35			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	638	350				638	350	988
Kyrgyzstan	27	36				27	36	63
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		220	220			0	0	0
Latvia		525	525			0	0	0
Lesotho		35	98			0	(63)	(63)
Liberia	63	35				63	35	98
Libya	4,960	4,616				4,960	4,616	9,576
Lithuania		839	816			0	23	23
Luxembourg	0	2,693			2,693	0	0	0
Macedonia, TFYR	235	213				235	213	448
Madagascar		105	110			0	(5)	(5)
Malaysia		7,098	7,083			0	15	15
Maldives	0	35				0	35	35
Mali	128	70		128	62	0	8	8
Malta	0	371				0	371	371
Marshall Islands	63	35				63	35	98
Mauritania	34	35				34	35	69
Mauritius		385	364			0	21	21
Mexico		65,844	989		64,855	0	0	0



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

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Senegal	165	175				165	175	340
Serbia	338	681				338	681	1,019
Seychelles	20	70				20	70	90
Slovakia		1,783	1,783			0	0	0
Slovenia		2,867	2,867			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	63	35				63	35	98
South Africa	18,623	10,211			10,211	18,623	0	18,623
Spain	0	88,118			88,118	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		594	594			0	0	0
Sudan	232	220				232	220	452
Swaziland	40	72				40	72	112
Sweden		34,898	4,931			0	29,967	29,967
Switzerland		41,856	41,831			0	25	25
Syria	0	1,329				0	1,329	1,329
Tajikistan	63	35				63	35	98
Thailand	5,123	7,487				5,123	7,487	12,610
Togo	63	35				63	35	98
Tonga	0	35			35	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	647	769				647	769	1,416
Tunisia	0	1,119				0	1,119	1,119
Turkey	0	13,008				0	13,008	13,008
Uganda		210	296			0	(86)	(86)
Ukraine	0	1,364				0	1,364	1,364
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	214,246				0	214,246	214,246
United Republic of Tanzania	383	210		383	185	0	25	25
Venezuela	10,907	5,979				10,907	5,979	16,886
Viet Nam	0	734				0	734	734
Yemen	0	215				0	215	215

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Zambia		70	70			0	0	0
Zimbabwe	10	247				10	247	257
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>236,982</b>	<b>2,200,894</b>	<b>822,886</b>	<b>37,327</b>	<b>195,136</b>	<b>199,655</b>	<b>1,182,872</b>	<b>1,382,528</b>
<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	165,000	0		165,000		0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>401,982</b>	<b>2,200,894</b>	<b>822,886</b>	<b>202,327</b>	<b>195,136</b>	<b>199,655</b>	<b>1,182,872</b>	<b>1,382,528</b>

## ANNEX VIII

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

Status as at 31 March 2007 (in United States dollars)

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

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

2/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 for the 2nd International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and training, 16-18 April 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

3/EEC pledged EUR 20,000 in Support to the Biosafety Clearing House

ANNEX IX

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

Status as at 31 March 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
EEC	11,813			1/			11,813
EEC	131,752			5/	91,222		40,530
Iceland			1,979	6/		1,979	0
Norway			15,873	4/			15,873
Spain	29,586			2/	29,586		0
Spain	99,024			3/	99,024		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>272,175</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,852</b>		<b>219,832</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>68,216</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ANNEX X

**LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE  
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**  
(as at 31 March 2007)

<b>2006</b>		
<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
18 - 20 January 2006	Second Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding Biosafety capacity-building activities	Tromso, Norway
20 - 21 January 2006	Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Tromso, Norway
20-21 January 2006	Global meeting to discuss Invasive Species Profile Schema created for GISP and the CBD	Agadir, Morocco
23 - 27 January 2006	Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Granada, Spain
29 January 2006	Informal meeting of Donors on the Budget of the Convention for the 2007-2008 biennium	Geneva, Switzerland
30 January - 3 February 2006	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing	Granada, Spain
6 - 8 February 2006	Second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
20 - 24 February 2006	Second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada
11 - 12 March 2006	Biosafety-Clearing House training workshop for developing countries	Curitiba, Brazil
13 - 17 March 2006	Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Curitiba, Brazil
17 - 18 March 2006	Expert Workshop on Protected Areas	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
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

<b>2006</b>		
<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
18 - 19 March 2006	African regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Brainstorming meeting on Avian Flu	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism	Curitiba, Brazil
20 - 31 March 2006	Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Curitiba, Brazil
26 - 29 March 2006	High-Level Ministerial Segment	Curitiba, Brazil
22 May 2006	International Biodiversity Day 2006	Montreal, Canada
24 - 25 July 2006	Brainstorming meeting of SBSTTA Chairs on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body	Paris, France
26 July 2006	Meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)	Paris, France
8-9 September 2006	First Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners	Richmond, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
15 September 2006	First meeting of the Heads of Agency Task Force to Support the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Gland, Switzerland
23-25 October 2006	Liaison Group Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	Dublin, Ireland
6 - 8 November 2006	Brainstorming session on South-South cooperation	Montreal, Canada
20 - 21 November 2006	Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI-CM-07)	Montreal, Canada
20 - 23 November 2006	Regional Synergy Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Biological Diversity of Agro-Systems within Dry and Sub-Humid Lands	Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda
23- 24 November 2006	Meeting of the Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC)	Geneva, Switzerland
11 - 12 December 2006	Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC)	Montreal, Canada
12 - 15 December 2006	African Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use	Nairobi, Kenya

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12 - 16 December 2006	Workshop on the Application of the Ecosystem Approach to Protected Areas in Small Islands	Bangkok, Thailand
14 - 16 December 2006	Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and Information Exchange (Latin America and the Caribbean Region)	Quito, Ecuador

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22 - 25 January 2007	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance	Lima, Peru
19 - 23 February 2007	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol	Montreal, Canada
1 - 2 March 2007	Fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Lusaka, Zambia
5 - 7 March 2007	Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
19 - 20 March 2007	Roundtable on the Interlinkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change	Montreal, Canada
26 - 28 March 2007	Mayors' Meeting on the Contribution of Cities to the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Curitiba, Brazil