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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOL

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report provides a summary of the main activities undertaken by the Secretariat from January to December 2007 in the implementation of the work programme in accordance with the decisions adopted by eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the third meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, held in Curitiba, Brazil, in March 2006.
2. In accordance with the agreed work programme of the Convention, the Secretariat organized over the reporting period 41 meetings (see Annex I) with the participation of 3,186 delegates including 769 sponsored delegates. It prepared 135 pre-session documents comprising 3,420 pages and serviced six major inter-sessional meetings under the Convention and its Protocol. The meetings organized included the third and fourth meetings of the Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol, held in Montreal in February and October 2007; the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, held in Paris in July 2007; and the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit sharing and the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention, held in Montreal in October 2007.
3. The Secretariat also serviced the third and fourth meetings of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol held in Montreal in February and November 2007, as well as a meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee for the Biosafety Clearing House. It also organized the meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance, held in Lima in January 2007. The Secretariat also serviced meetings of the SBSTTA Bureau in March and July 2007, as well as meetings of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties in July and October 2007. The first meeting of the Bureau of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol was also convened in October 2007.

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4. The Secretariat mobilized US\$ 2.4 million for the participation of eligible countries in meetings under the Convention and signed a four-year framework agreement with the Government of Netherlands worth US\$ 2.1 million and an agreement with the Government of Germany to the value of US\$ 1.4 million on biodiversity and poverty alleviation. In addition, the French Government has seconded for an initial period of two years a senior staff member on biodiversity for development. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has also decided to second a part-time staff member as a liaison officer. UNEP agreed to provide a part-time Liaison Officer for the Convention in Geneva and to provide financial support for the joint liaison officer with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in New York. In implementing its work programme, the Secretariat has enhanced its collaboration with its partners at various levels.

II. ENHANCING PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

5. The Executive Secretary met with senior representatives from the United Nations and partner organizations with the aim of further enhancing cooperation. A number of agreements were also signed in this regard. A list of meetings with heads of agencies/organizations and other events attended by the Secretariat is available in Annex II below. A list of agreements signed by the Secretariat in 2007 is available in Annex III. A full list of current memoranda of cooperation is available on the Secretariat website (<http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/mou-moc.shtml>).

A. *Enhancing partnership with the United Nations Headquarters*

6. In May, the Executive Secretary had the privilege of meeting with Mr Ban Ki-Moon, the United Nations Secretary General of the United Nations. The Executive Secretary also attended a meeting convened by the Secretary-General on 13 December 2007 on the coordination with the heads of agencies on climate change. Meetings were also held with other senior United Nations officials, as well as with the Executive Director of the Secretary General's High-Level Panel on System-wide Coherence. The Executive Secretary was also invited in May to present the perspective of the multilateral environmental agreements by the two co-chairs of the consultation of the United Nations General Assembly on the international environmental governance. The Executive Secretary had also a meeting with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Director-General of FAO, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD as well as the Director-General of IUCN.

7. For the first time in the history of the Convention, the Secretariat hosted the annual meeting of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues on 17-19 September 2007. Following the meeting, the Secretariat organized the International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-Sharing from 19 to 21 September 2007, in which the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development in the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA), through a live video link, delivered a message on behalf of the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. Also in September, at the kind invitation of the Secretary-General, the Executive Secretary participated in the General Assembly's High-Level meeting on Climate Change in New York. The Secretariat is also serving as a member of the recently established "UN-Oceans Task Force on marine protected areas and other area-based management tools".

8. Further to the meeting held with the executive secretaries of the five United Nations regional commissions in October 2006, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat and the regional commissions was signed in October 2007, further enhancing cooperation as well as integrating the three objectives of the Convention into relevant regional activities and processes.

B. Partnership with UNEP as the host organization

9. The Executive Secretary addressed 145 memoranda to the Executive Director of UNEP to keep him informed on the activities of the Secretariat. Furthermore, the Secretariat also provided more detailed information on its work in its regular submissions to the *UNEP Link* publication, which is distributed to all UNEP staff. As further evidence of UNEP support to the work of the Convention, a part-time Liaison Officer based in Geneva referred to in paragraph 4 above is working to promote the biodiversity agenda in Europe.

10. In the reporting period, the Executive Secretary held five meetings with the Executive Director. The Executive Director also visited the Secretariat in Montreal and had a meeting with all staff on 17 September 2007. In December 2007, he met with the two Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. The Executive Secretary also had a meeting with the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP, who visited the Secretariat in February 2007.

11. Meetings were also held with directors and regional directors of UNEP. The Director of the UNEP Division of Environment Law and Conventions (DELC), the Director of the UNEP Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), and the Director of the UNEP Regional Office for North America all visited the Secretariat to discuss collaboration. Meetings were also held with the Director of UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE), the new Director of the UNEP Regional Office for Europe, and the Director of the UNEP Environmental Management Group. Meetings were also held with other senior UNEP staff, including: the Coordinator of the UNEP Coordination Office for the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (UNEP-GPA) and the Senior Programme Officer for Land Degradation from the UNEP Division for Global Environment Facility Coordination (UNEP-DGEF). A meeting was also held with a member of the TUNZA Youth Advisory Council of UNEP.

12. The Secretariat participated actively in the task team on UNEP administrative support services to multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), which was established in April 2007 with a view to defining the main framework, principles and actions for more effective and efficient administrative arrangements for UNEP-administered Convention secretariats. The terms of reference directed the task team to consider the respective roles and responsibilities of the Executive Director and the executive heads; the relationship between the Executive Director and the MEA governing bodies, and the range of administrative support received by MEA secretariats. The task team finalized its report in July, and a meeting to discuss the report was held in August 2007. In line with the recommendations of the task team, an MEA Management Team was established to discuss common administrative, management and programmatic issues. The MEA Management Team held its first meeting via teleconference on 19 November.

13. The Secretariat is working closely with UNEP on the issue of climate change and has joined the task force established by UNEP to define its role in the international climate change agenda. The Secretariat provided input to the UNEP climate-change strategy document to reflect activities undertaken by the Convention on Biological Diversity on the issue of climate change.

14. At the invitation of the UNEP Division of Communications and Public Information, the Secretariat has taken part in the UNEP Online Expert for a Day, a feature on the UNEP website that allows the wider public interactive-online access to environmental experts (within UNEP and the conventions) through an automated, real-time question-and-answer format. Relevant Secretariat staff members participated on the following issues: forest biodiversity (29 November), biodiversity and climate change (2 December), technology and biodiversity (6 December), protected areas, national

biodiversity strategy/action plan and national biodiversity legislation (13 December), and financing for biodiversity, global environment and sustainable development (14 December).

15. At a meeting held in July 2007, the Executive Secretary and the Director of the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) discussed several issues, including the implementation of the memorandum of understanding on capacity-building signed between the two organizations in September 2006, a proposal to develop a new database on protected areas and the launching of a new activity on forest mapping. In October 2007, UNEP-WCMC provided the Secretariat with an updated multi-year programme of work in reference to the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding. A similar agreement may be developed after the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

16. In March 2007, the Managing Director of UNEP/GRID-Arendal visited the Secretariat office. He met with the Executive Secretary, as well as other relevant staff members. He also had an opportunity to meet and address the Secretariat staff. In May 2007, the North American Coordinator of the Polar Programme of UNEP/GRID-Arendal gave a keynote presentation on the four Arctic flagship species during the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Convention and the UNEP/GRID-Arendal in October 2007, on the margins of the Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, for the enhanced cooperation between the Secretariat and the Centre on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

17. It should also be mentioned that the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation, held in Geneva from 10 to 12 September, was co-hosted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and UNEP.

C. Partnership with the host country

18. Meetings were held with authorities from both the Canadian and Quebec Governments, as well as with the municipal authorities with a view of enhancing the support of the host country to the Convention on Biological Diversity. An informal host country committee was established on 22 June. It comprises high-level officials, including representatives from: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa, the Ministère des relations extérieures et du développement durable du Québec, the City of Montreal, Montreal Botanical Gardens, Montreal International, as well as the Canadian focal points for the Convention and SBSTTA. The main issues during the meeting were: office space, the rent, the elements of a long-term strategic partnership, the role of Canada as the Chair of the G8 in 2010, and the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010. An informal host country committee will meet once every six months. A memorandum of understanding with the Mayor of Montreal was signed in February 2007. Support to the Convention on Biological Diversity was included in the mid-term sustainable development strategy of the City of Montreal.

19. In March, a meeting was held in Ottawa with senior representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada. In April, relevant staff from the Secretariat met with authorities from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Ottawa for an emergency-preparedness briefing. In June 2007, the Citizen and Immigration Liaison Officer and Advisor from Protocol Office in Ottawa visited the Secretariat and met with the Executive Secretary. A representative from the Adaptation and Impacts Research Division of Environment Canada visited the Secretariat and held meetings with relevant staff members. On the margins of the Paris Conference for Global Ecological Governance, the Executive Secretary attended a dinner event at the invitation of the Premier of the Province of Quebec. The President, as well as the Director, of the Quebec Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement visited the Secretariat and made a presentation to the staff about their work.

20. The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) was celebrated in partnership with the Canadian authorities. 300 participants attended the celebration at the Montreal Botanical Garden. On this occasion, the members of the Steering Committee of the Canadian universities and research institutions held its second planning meeting at the Secretariat headquarters to take stock of the progress achieved. The meeting also provided an opportunity for a joint meeting with some representatives from the biodiversity-related conventions who were taking part in the celebrations for the International Day in Montreal. The meeting welcomed the University of Laval as a new member to the group. In all, during the reporting period, the Secretariat made 27 presentations, including 12 by the Executive Secretary, on biodiversity-related issues at various Canadian universities.

21. In the context of its education and public awareness programme, the Secretariat organized a painting competition for youth and children from schools in the Montreal area. More than 250 entries were received, and a special awards ceremony was held at the IDB celebrations at the Montreal Botanical Garden. Moreover, Secretariat staff and volunteers from Montreal universities also visited over 50 schools and gave presentations on biodiversity and climate change to further promote biodiversity education and awareness in the school curriculum.

22. In November 2007, at the invitation of the Secondary Schools United Nations Simulation (SSUNS), the Secretariat set up a kiosk during their Model United Nations Simulation event in Montreal. With more than a thousand participants in attendance, the Secretariat staff made use of the event to interact with the delegates and distribute outreach materials.

23. In December, Secretariat staff, at the invitation of the Biodôme de Montréal, participated in the review of the museum's public displays and provided advice on the redrafting of all information and outreach materials to highlight biodiversity. A re-crafting of the museum's displays is planned for 2010.

D. Partnership with Parties

24. A four-year (2008-2011) letter of intent in support of the implementation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties was signed with the Government of the Netherlands for US\$ 2.1 million on 7 December 2007. An agreement with the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for US\$ 1.4 million was signed on 18 December 2007 on the implementation of the Convention and poverty alleviation. In addition, the French Government has seconded to the Secretariat a senior staff member for an initial period of two years on biodiversity for development. A partnership with the European Commission in the amount of 620,000 euros was signed on 17 December 2007, Norway provided a financial contribution of US\$ 317,068 for the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, and Spain provided a contribution of 800,000 euros in support of additional approved activities (625,000 euros) and the participation of developing countries and economies in transition in the activities of the Convention (175,000 euros).

E. International organizations and multilateral environmental agreements

19. The Secretariat has continued its efforts aimed at enhancing its collaboration with the Rio conventions, the biodiversity-related conventions, and other multilateral environmental agreements.

1. Enhancing the collaboration between the Rio conventions

20. The eight meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the three Rio conventions was convened in Bonn on 7 June 2007 at the premises of the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The meeting considered the document prepared by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological at the request of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting on options for enhancing the synergies among the Rio conventions. The meeting discussed and identified concrete

areas of collaboration between the three secretariats on issues related to outreach, communication and public awareness. It was agreed that joint publication on forests, climate change, and biodiversity and land degradation as well as on adaptation be prepared jointly by the three secretariats and submitted to the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC. The ninth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group was held in Madrid on 12 September 2007, on the margins of the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. The meeting agreed on the four following areas of collaboration: a joint newsletter, a joint webpage, communication and outreach. The meeting approved the two joint publications, on forests and adaptation, which were launched in Bali on 13 December 2007. The tenth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group will be held in May 2008 in Bonn, on the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and will be chaired by the CBD Executive Secretary. Three meetings with the new Executive Secretary of the UNCCD were held, in Madrid and New York in September 2007 as well as in Bali in December 2007. The Executive Secretary attended the high-level segment of eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD and was part of a ministerial panel on desertification and climate change.

21. In May 2007, the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC visited the Secretariat and took part in the celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity held at the Montreal Botanical Garden. He also participated and gave a presentation at the first CBD Linnaeus Lecture, launched on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Swedish taxonomist Carl Linnaeus. In June 2007, the Inter Press Service featured a joint article of the Executive Secretaries of the CBD and UNFCCC on “15 Years after the Rio Earth Summit, Practical Action is Needed”. The Executive Secretary participated in the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Bali, Indonesia, as well as in the high-level segment of the meeting.

22. In enhancing partnership with UNCCD, the Secretariat organized two side-events on the margins of the fifth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 12 to 21 March 2007, namely: (i) achieving the 2010 biodiversity target in agro-ecosystems within the dry and sub-humid lands of Latin America and the Caribbean; and (ii) preparatory meeting on obstacles to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in dry and sub-humid lands. On the margins of the United Nations High-level event on climate change, held in New York in September 2007, the Executive Secretary met the new UNCCD Executive Secretary and held bilateral meetings to discuss ways to further implement the joint work programme and the implementation of the 2010 biodiversity target.

2. *Enhancing the collaboration with the biodiversity-related conventions*

23. In January 2007, Mr. Peter Bridgewater, then Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, paid a visit to the Secretariat to finalize the new joint programme between the two secretariats. Mr. Bridgewater attended the celebration of the International Day on Biodiversity and participated in the first CBD Linnaeus Lecture. The Executive Secretary had also a meeting in September 2007 with the new Secretary General of Ramsar.

24. In September 2007, the Executive Secretary attended and addressed the participants in the second session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, which took place in Rome. A meeting was held with the Secretary of the Plant Treaty on the margins of the Rome meeting.

25. As was agreed at the last meeting of the Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group, on 14 September 2006, the first meeting of the chairs of the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions was convened on 1 July 2007, with the participation of the respective heads of the

relevant conventions, including the three Rio conventions and the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as the members of the SBSTTA Bureau. The meeting, which was held back-to-back with the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA, offered an opportunity to discuss collaboration. The full report of the meeting can be accessed at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-01/official/csab-01-03-en.pdf>. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in May 2008, during the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Bonn.

3. *Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010*

26. The Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010, which is comprised of UNEP, UNCTAD, UNDP, IUCN, WWF International, the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Bioversity International (formerly IPGRI), the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), at its first meeting held on 15 September 2006, agreed to: (i) promote the integration of the 2010 target in the Millennium Development Goals as a way of mainstreaming biodiversity into economic sectors and related work on indicators; (ii) make use of communication, education, public awareness and outreach to increase understanding about biodiversity and the 2010 target as a key component of capacity development; and (iii) increase inter-agency collaboration on specific issues. In adopting its resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity at its sixty-second session, the United Nations General Assembly took note of the establishment of this innovative inter-agency coordinating mechanism. The second meeting of the Task Force was tentatively planned for September 2007, however, due to conflict with meeting dates, it has been decided to convene the meeting in conjunction with ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

4. *Enhancing partnership with international organizations and relevant multilateral environment agreements (MEAs)*

27. At the invitation of the Secretariat, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has agreed to jointly prepare a special issue of *Gincana* magazine, focusing on finance and biodiversity, as well as to bear the cost of translating the issue into French and Spanish. The magazine will be launched in early 2008. To enhance dialogue between the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the GEF, the Bureau meeting held in Paris in July 2007 included a working lunch with the GEF Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson. Moreover, a high-level dialogue took place between the GEF CEO/Chairperson and the participants in the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on 9 July 2007.

28. At the closure of the Cities and Biodiversity meeting, which took place in Curitiba, Brazil, in March 2007, a memorandum of cooperation aimed at further enhancing cooperation and providing assistance to Parties to the Convention to respond to their capacity-building needs within the framework of their efforts towards achieving the 2010 biodiversity target, was signed between the Secretariat and the UNITAR. The Executive Secretary also held meetings with the Executive Director of UNITAR in May 2007 and September 2007 to discuss collaboration and implementation of the signed agreement.

29. As a demonstration of collaboration between sister agencies, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) agreed to host two major meetings under the Convention at its headquarters in Paris: the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA (2-6 July) and the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (9-13 July). The Director-General of UNESCO attended and addressed the opening plenary.

30. In February 2007, the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, as well as the Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO paid a visit to the Secretariat and

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addressed the staff about UNESCO's work in relation to that of the Convention. Further to this, the Executive Secretary was invited to deliver a keynote presentation at the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO on: "Linking Networks, Sharing Ideas", which took place in Ottawa. An addendum to the memorandum of understanding signed between the Secretariat and UNESCO in 1998 is being finalized, with the aim to further strengthen collaboration in response to the enhanced phase of implementation of the Convention and to meet the challenges of the 2010 biodiversity target. In May 2007, at a meeting with the Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York, several issues were discussed including: the secondment of a part-time UNESCO staff as a liaison officer, and the CBD initiative on cities and biodiversity, in particular participation at the Shanghai Expo 2010, which will be held under the theme of urban sustainable development, and participation in the inter-agency task force on cities and biodiversity. In May 2007, several Secretariat staff members gave a presentation on the work of the Convention to the staff of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics in Montreal. In November 2007, representatives from UNESCO visited the Secretariat office and gave a presentation on UNESCO's initiative on ecosystem-based marine spatial management.

31. Following the confirmation by FAO that it would host the thirteenth meeting of SBSTTA and the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas in February 2008, the Secretariat is working closely with FAO staff to ensure the smooth running and success of these two major meetings. Meetings were held with: the Director-General, the Assistant Director-General, and the Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Division. In September 2007, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of the FAO Senior Agricultural Officer, who met with the Executive Secretary and held meetings with relevant Secretariat staff members. During a meeting held in November 2007, in the margins of the second session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the FAO Director-General confirmed the part-time secondment of an FAO staff member to the Secretariat. Discussions also revolved around the preparations for the meetings to be hosted by FAO in February 2008, as well as collaboration with regard to the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, under the theme "Agriculture and biodiversity".

32. The Secretariat was represented the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, which took place in The Hague. A representative from the Secretariat delivered a statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary and participated in a panel on multilateral environmental agreements and business engagement at a side-event on 6 June.

33. At a meeting with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, held in New York in May, the following issues were discussed: the secondment of UNDP staff to the Secretariat and the participation in the high-level segment of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Associate Administrator of UNDP visited the Secretariat in September 2007 and met with the Executive Secretary to discuss collaboration. In June 2007, the Environmental Operations and Policy Adviser in the Energy and Environment Group of UNDP visited the Secretariat and gave a presentation on UNDP experiences with the Millennium Development Goals and the role of strategic environmental assessment in achieving sustainable development.

34. In March 2007, the Secretary and the Chair of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention visited the Secretariat, and discussed among others, the elements of a draft memorandum of cooperation. In November 2007, the Executive Secretary was invited to address the 27th meeting of the Bern Convention Standing Committee. It is planned that the memorandum of cooperation will be signed on the margins of the thirteenth meeting of SBSTTA, in Rome.

35. During the visit in September 2006 of the President and the Secretary General of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), a proposal to develop a formal agreement with the Secretariat was considered. After further discussions on this regard, a memorandum of cooperation

was signed between the Secretariat and IFAP, on the margins of the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA in Paris. The agreement established a framework for cooperation in the area of biological diversity of relevance to agriculture.

36. Also on the margins of the SBSTTA meeting, a memorandum of understanding was signed with the IUCN to enhance cooperation and collaboration to support the integration of biodiversity in European Development Cooperation, and in particular in the implementation of the Message from Paris, as referred to the Countdown 2010 agreement signed with the Secretariat in June 2007.

37. In March 2007, the Head of the Countdown 2010 Secretariat, together with the Network Development Officer, visited the Secretariat and addressed the staff on their work in relation to the objectives of the Convention, and presented a short animation for raising awareness of the 2010 biodiversity target entitled “The BioDaVersity Code”, explaining in a simple way the dependence of humans on ecosystem services. In June 2007, the Executive Secretary delivered a keynote presentation at the opening plenary of the Countdown 2010 Partners Assembly in Brussels and signed a memorandum of understanding with Countdown 2010, which focuses on, but is not limited to, public awareness on the 2010 biodiversity target, collaboration in support of the post-Paris process, building on the outcomes of the IUCN Conference on Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation in 2006, and exploring means to build on the momentum created by the establishment of the 2010 target and to develop an action plan beyond 2010. The Executive Secretary was appointed as member of the Countdown 2010 Advisory Board in June 2007.

38. The Memorandum with the German Ministry of Development Cooperation (BMZ) set the context for further collaboration, including through its technical assistance agency GTZ. Collaboration is ongoing in the areas of capacity development on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, support to the programme of work for protected areas, capacity development for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness. The Secretariat has worked for the development of an exhibition on the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, which was launched on World Environment Day in Berlin.

39. In a meeting between the Executive Secretary and the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) in October 2007, closer cooperation was agreed on a number of issues, including on forests and climate change, and on the biodiversity-relevant Global Objectives of UNFF. Possible joint activities during the International Year of Biodiversity (2010) and the International Year of Forests (2011) were discussed.

40. In January 2007, the Executive Secretary visited the United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) in Yokohama, Japan, and held meetings with senior staff to discuss enhanced collaboration. Elements of a memorandum of understanding were also finalized, geared to promote a strong scientific and technical partnership, focusing on cooperation in the fields of research and capacity-building, education, communication and public awareness. The Executive Secretary was also invited to be a guest at the biodiplomacy lectures on integrating 2010 target into the Millennium Development Goals, organized by UNU, with the participation of ambassadors accredited to Tokyo. The Executive Secretary also met with a senior UNU-IAS staff member, attending the 2007 meeting of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues, held in the Secretariat premises in September 2007. UNU-IAS has expressed plans to organize a “Business Clinic” during the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, building on the success of the high-level breakfast meeting of business community during the eighth meeting.

41. The Executive Secretary met with the IUCN Director General and other senior representatives in September 2007. Two meetings were held with the Director of the IUCN Regional Office for Europe

and relevant staff members. In February 2007, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of the IUCN Senior Programme Advisor, together with a representative from Pyxis Innovation, who gave a presentation to Secretariat staff members on “Enabling the Global Grid”, an initiative aimed at integrating biodiversity data in a common spatial framework. In April 2007, the IUCN Senior Gender Adviser visited the Secretariat and held meetings with relevant staff members. A brainstorming session on gender issues was held with relevant IUCN staff in Paris in July 2007. On the margins of the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, a memorandum of understanding was signed with IUCN-The World Conservation Union with the aim of enhancing cooperation and collaboration to support the integration of Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation, and in particular in the implementation of the Message from Paris, as agreed upon in Art. 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 11 June 2007 between Countdown 2010 and the Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity. In April 2007, the Executive Secretary was invited to the Research Workshop of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre held in April 2007 in Ottawa and delivered a presentation on the “Agenda of environmental law research in the support to the enhanced phase of implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity”. A meeting with representatives from the IUCN Environmental Law Centre took place in May 2007.

42. In February 2007, the WWF-International Director of Policy, as well as CBD Advisor visited the Secretariat and gave a presentation to the staff on their work and its relevance to the objectives of the Convention. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of the WWF European Forest Policy coordinator in August 2007. In early 2007, a meeting was held with the Head of the WWF-International Business and Industry Relations/Director of One Planet Living in Geneva, Switzerland.

E. Partnership with the Group of 77 and China on South-South cooperation

43. In efforts to strengthen the partnership with the Group of 77 and China on South-South cooperation, the Executive Secretary participated and gave a presentation on the South-South Cooperation Biodiversity Initiative at the 41st meeting of the Chairmen/Coordinators of the Group of 77 Chapters, which was held in Rome on 26-27 February 2007. The South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity Initiative was well received and was acknowledged in the communiqué adopted by the meeting, which was consequently forwarded to the United Nations Secretary-General by Ambassador Munir Akram, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77. Paragraph 28 of the communiqué states: “we welcome the preparation of a multi-year plan on South-South cooperation on biodiversity, to be submitted to the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to be held in May 2008 in Bonn, Germany, as well as the brainstorming session held in Montreal, Canada on 6-8 November 2006.” The full text of the Communiqué can be accessed at: <http://www.g77.org/chmeeting/0702/communique.php>.

44. The Executive Secretary was also invited to join the panel of experts convened to conclude the elaboration of the Development Platform for the South, and attend its first meeting in New York, on 18-19 October 2007. The Executive Secretary submitted two issue papers: one entitled “Biodiversity and Climate Change Elements of an Agenda for South-South Cooperation” and the other “South-South Cooperation for Promoting Life on Earth”.

F. Partnership with local authorities: cities and biodiversity

45. On the margins of the UNEP Governing Council, held in Nairobi in February 2007, a meeting was held between the Executive Secretary and the Secretary-General of ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability to discuss collaboration on issues related to biodiversity and cities. The Executive Secretary also met with the Mayor of Montreal in February 2007 for this same reason.

46. At the initiative of Mr. Alberto Richa, Mayor of Curitiba, a meeting on “Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity target”, was held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 26 to 28 March 2007, with the participation of 75 mayors and city officials. The meeting coincided with the first anniversary of the historic high-level segment of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in March 2006. The meeting provided a unique opportunity to review the experience of cities, as well as enhance the engagement by local authorities on issues related to the implementation of the Convention. The meeting adopted the Curitiba Declaration on cities and biodiversity.

47. An inter-agency task force was established to assist in the preparation of the meeting in Curitiba. The composition of the task force includes UNEP, UNEP/WCMC, UN-HABITAT, UNITAR, ICLEI and IUCN. The task force held teleconferences on the preparation and follow-up of the Cities and Biodiversity meeting. A new section on the Convention website devoted to cities and biodiversity was launched. The Executive Secretary had two meetings with the Mayor of Bonn for the preparation of the Municipal Pre-Conference on Biodiversity, to be held in Bonn prior to the high-level segment of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. Similarly, at their meeting held in September 2007, the Executive Secretary discussed with the Secretary-General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands the possibility of collaboration with regard to a planned meeting of Ramsar on cities, wetlands and biodiversity.

G. Partnership with scientific institutions and partners

48. In February 2007, a signing ceremony was held at Montreal City Hall, welcoming the Muséums Nature Montréal as a new member of the Steering Committee. The agreement was signed by the Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Gerard Tremblay, on behalf of the Muséums Nature Montréal, which is comprised of: Montreal Botanical Garden, the Biodôme de Montréal, and the Montreal Insectarium and Planetarium. In May 2007, relevant staff members gave a presentation to Biodôme staff on the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its mandate and objectives.

49. At the kind invitation of the Director-General of the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle, in Paris, the second meeting of the Steering Committee was held on 17 October at the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle. The meeting took stock of the progress achieved, activities to be undertaken in 2008, in particular during the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and areas for potential contribution to the celebrations of the 2008 International Day for Biological Diversity and the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. In July 2007, the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle kindly hosted the training workshop for participants attending the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA.

50. On the margins of the Countdown 2010 Partners Assembly, the Executive Secretary visited the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Resources and the European Network of Science Centres and Museums, and held meetings with the respective directors of both institutions. Discussions focused on the engagement of the Consortium of Scientific Partners in the celebration of the 2010 International Year for Biodiversity.

51. Partnership with universities was further enhanced notably by the Secretariat participation in the Yale summer internship programme, which complemented cooperation already in place with a number of universities. A memorandum of understanding was finalized with the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies of Kobe University in Japan and will be signed in January 2008.

52. On the margins of the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA, a meeting with the chairs and the executive secretaries of the scientific bodies of the Rio conventions, the biodiversity-related conventions and the Chairperson of STAP was convened by the Chair of SBSTTA, in order to enhance cooperation on issues related to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target. It was agreed that the second such meeting be

held in conjunction with the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the third meeting on the margins of the IUCN Congress in Barcelona in October 2008. With the financial support of Canada, a meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau and experts from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was held in Montreal in March 2007.

H. Engaging indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention

53. The Voluntary Fund for the participation of indigenous and local communities in meetings held under the Convention is now fully operational, thanks to generous donations by the Governments of Spain, Canada and Norway, as well as the European Community. In 2007, a total of US\$ 363,000 has been received allowing for indigenous and local community participation in the Indigenous and Local Community Expert Seminar on Access and Benefit-sharing held in September in Montreal, the fifth meetings of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing and the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, held in Montreal in October, the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, to be held in Geneva in January 2008, the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas and the thirteenth meeting of SBSTTA, to be held in Rome in February 2008, and the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. By the end of 2007, a total of 56 indigenous and local community representatives were funded to participate in meetings held under the Convention and it is anticipated that a further 60 indigenous and local community representatives will be funded for meetings leading up to and including the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

54. With the generous support of the governments of Canada and Spain, the SCBD organized the first workshop of the “Indigenous communities, tourism and biodiversity workshop series: new information and web-based technologies”, 19-21 November 2007, in Sainte-Catherine de la Jacques Cartier, Canada. For this first edition the SCBD has gathered representatives from five Arctic countries; Canada, Finland, Sweden, Russia, Mongolia, USA (Alaska). This particular workshop aimed mainly at : building capacity on areas of interest to indigenous and local communities and in particular with regards to the use of web based technologies and tools for marketing purposes; promoting knowledge on biodiversity tourism in the Arctic region, and; testing and assessing CBD and other web tools available to indigenous and local communities, refining needs assessments for future training workshops in this series. Additional workshops are scheduled to take place in Latin America, Africa, the Pacific and Southeast Asia, with a focus on forest basins, islands, mountains, and dry and sub-humid areas.

I. Engaging the parliamentarians in the implementation phase of the Convention

55. Due to the significant role played by parliamentarians in promoting implementation of the CBD at the national level, the Secretariat continues to make numerous efforts to further their engagement in the work of the Convention. A special webpage devoted on Parliamentarians and Biodiversity, which includes among others relevant news, case studies and events, has been created and is accessible on the newly designed Secretariat website at: <http://www.cbd.int/parliamentarians/default.shtml>. The Executive Secretary also issued a message to the participants of the 13th General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians’ Conference on Environment and Development, held in Islamabad from 26 February to 3 March 2007.

J. Private-sector engagement

56. In collaboration with the Harvard Business School, and in the context of the COP-8 decision on the engagement of the private sector, the Executive Secretary attended the Agribusiness Seminar held in January 2007, in which a case study on the Convention on Biological Diversity was carried out. The Secretariat also participated in the McGill University Business Fair, which took place in February 2007.

57. The Executive Secretary attended the ministerial panel organized at BIO 2007 held in Boston. At the kind invitation of the Secretary of State for Environment of Portugal, the Executive Secretary attended the High Level Conference on Business and Biodiversity, which took place on 12-13 November 2007. The Executive Secretary participated in the “Roundtable on Next Steps for Europe on Biodiversity”, and made the closing statement with the Minister of the Environment of Portugal. The Secretariat also contributed to the Lisbon Conference as member of its organizing committee. Three issues of the Secretariat’s *Business 2010* newsletter were produced.

K. Engaging children and youth on biodiversity issues

58. In its efforts to increase youth involvement and awareness on biodiversity issues, a special webpage devoted on Children and Youth has been created and is accessible on the newly designed Secretariat website at: <http://www.cbd.int/youth/default.shtml>. It provides among others relevant messages and special news and activities. Two issues of the CBD newsletter for youth and biodiversity *Gincaniño* were issued. A children and youth painting competition was organized during the International Day for Biological Diversity. On the occasion of International Youth Day, on 12 August, the Executive Secretary issued a message to the youth of the world.

59. The presence of the youth at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties gave a strong message to the international environmental community in their efforts to protect biodiversity. As such, the Government of Germany and the City of Bonn are currently exploring the possibility of organizing a Youth Summit, to take place on the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Bonn, Germany. Likewise, Biodôme de Montréal has expressed plans to host a Youth Summit on the effects of climate change in the polar regions for Earth Day 2008, and have suggested to the Secretariat to take advantage of this occasion to inform the youth delegates about the 2009 Biodiversity Youth Symposium, an event to be co-organized by HabitatNet and the Macoun Marsh Project, both to take place in Montreal and Ottawa, with the collaboration of the Secretariat. There will be similar youth events at Quebec museums in 2008.

III. ACHIEVING UNIVERSALITY OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

60. The Secretariat has made numerous efforts to secure the accession to the Convention by the few countries that have are not yet a Party to the Convention. Letters encouraging accession to the Convention were sent to the minister responsible for the environment of Brunei Darussalam in January, February and June 2007. Letters were also sent in February and June 2007 to the ministers responsible for environment in Andorra, Iraq and Somalia. A meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Somalia was held in New York in September 2007. During his visit to Washington, D.C., in June 2007, the Executive Secretary met with senior representatives from the United States Department of State as well as with major environmental non-governmental organizations to discuss the issue of accession of the United States to the Convention. To further promote accession to the Convention, the Secretariat sent on 6 September, a letter to Governments that are not yet Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity informing them about a treaty event entitled: Focus 2007 – Towards Universal Participation and Implementation - A Comprehensive Legal Framework for Peace, Development and Human Rights, held in New York on 25-27 September and 1-2 October 2007. On the news of its recent accession to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Secretariat sent a letter in November 2007 to the Government of Iraq on the issue of accession to the Convention, once again highlighting the consequences and benefits of such action. Continuous efforts are being made by the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity to achieve universality.

IV. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

61. In 2007, the Secretariat stepped up its efforts on outreach and public awareness, ensuring that the biodiversity message reaches as wide an audience as possible.

A. *Conveying the biodiversity message*

62. To raise awareness and further communicate the biodiversity message in international forums, the Executive Secretary delivered a total number of 89 statements and 17 messages on United Nations special observances. A full list of the statements and messages are available in Annex IV and Annex V, respectively. The Executive Secretary participated in 7 press conferences at major local and international events, and also gave a total of 32 interviews with media. Moreover, the Executive Secretary contributed articles for publication to local and international journals and periodicals. A total of 30 press releases and 30 Communiqué were issued, with 20 translated to French and Spanish.

B. *Celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity*

63. The theme of this year's International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) was "Biodiversity and Climate Change". On May 22, to mark the celebration of IBD, a special ceremony was held at the Montreal Botanical Gardens, with the participation for the first time of four Ministers from the Governments of Quebec and Canada, a number of dignitaries, the Executive Secretaries of the sister conventions, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well as representatives of the Biodiversity-related Conventions and members of the diplomatic corps accredited in Montreal. Other highlights of the event were: a tree planting ceremony, short statements by several dignitaries, including the members of the Canadian Friends of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other Partner organizations, a youth delegation representing the HabitatNet Programme presented the "Youth Accord on Biodiversity", and the awarding of prizes by the Executive Secretary of the CBD, the Ambassador of Norway in Ottawa and Ms. Leger from Biodôme de Montréal to the winners of this year's IBD children's painting competition.

64. To promote awareness and to further encourage its celebration throughout the world, a variety of initiatives were carried out, thanks to the financial support from the Government of Norway. A special webpage on the International Day for Biological Diversity 2007 was created by the Secretariat. The Secretariat was able to prepare a variety of outreach materials, which were widely distributed in advance of the celebration. In partnership with Television Trust for the environment (TVE) two episodes in the BBC's "Earth Report" series, dealing with the theme of biodiversity and climate change were broadcast in April 2007. A promotional video on the issues was also produced and distributed to Parties. Through a partnership agreement with Inter-Press Services, editorial coverage of the day was secured in major newspapers around the world. Finally, in partnership with the Department of Public Information in New York, an exhibition on the impact of climate change on indigenous and local communities particularly vulnerable to Climate change was launched on 22 May 2007 in New York. The exhibit has since gone on to be shown in Paris and Rome. As a result of these, more Parties reported holding activities than ever before. A special report on the celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2007 by all Parties and organizations has been created by the Secretariat and is available on the website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/bioday/2007/ibd-2007-report-en.pdf>

65. Thanks to the support from UNEP, the Secretariat launched its newly enhanced website (<http://www.cbd.int>) in the margins of the IBD event.

66. For the first time in the history of the Convention, the 2008 IBD celebration will take place on the margins of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat is closely collaborating with the Government of Germany, host of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to ensure a

successful and memorable IBD celebration, with the participation of all Parties and relevant organizations attending the meeting, as well as that of high-level officials taking part in the Ministerial Segment.

67. The theme “Biodiversity and Agriculture” was selected for IBD 2008 as it coincides with that of the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (COP-9) in May 2008. An inter-Agency Task Force, comprised of several organizations such as: the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Centres and Secretariat of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), has been established to help guide preparations and celebration of IBD in 2008.

68. It is planned that outreach materials, including a booklet on biodiversity and agriculture, a poster and a video will be prepared by the Secretariat and will be made available to Parties in early 2008 for incorporation into national and local plans for IBD celebrations.

69. The task force held teleconferences in July 2007, and again in October and November, to contribute to the preparation of the booklet on the links between biodiversity and agriculture. This will form a central part of the information toolkit that will be distributed to Parties and partners for use in IBD celebrations and related activities around the world. Subsequent meetings of the task force will focus on the preparation of these activities, of which the centerpiece will take place in Bonn, on 22 May 2008 during COP9.

C. World Environment Day

70. For the first time in its history, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity celebrated the World Environment Day (WED) by organizing events in Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver. In Montreal, at the Secretariat office, with the participation of several members of the diplomatic corps accredited in Montreal, UNEP’s Global Outlook on Ice and Snow publication was launched, copies were distributed and the video new release was presented. In Ottawa, the launch took place at the Offices of the International Joint Commission, and gathered representatives from offices/organizations, such as: International Development Research Centre, UNESCO Canadian Commission, the Defense Science Advisory Board, the Ministry of Public Safety, the Norwegian Embassy, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Canadian Centre for Antarctic Research, the Canadian Polar Commission and the UNA-Canada. The publication was also launched in the margins of a symposium at the Carleton University. In Vancouver, two launch events took place, i.e. (1) at the Aquatic Ecosystems Research Laboratory, in collaboration with the University of British Columbia; and (2) at the Telus Whistler Conference Centre, in conjunction with the Whistler Municipal Council.

71. The Executive Secretary took part in the World Environment Day celebrations in Berlin, where he issued statement on biodiversity and climate change to the G8 Summit. The Executive Secretary also inaugurated the photo exhibition “Nature: Our Precious Web,” which illustrates the themes of Global Biodiversity Outlook 2 through the photography of Geo Magazine. The Exhibition is currently touring Germany and will begin a world tour at COP-9.

D. CBD Linnaeus Lectures

72. To mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of Carolus Linnaeus, the Swedish scientist considered as the father of modern taxonomy, and as part of the celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) launched the CBD Linnaeus Lectures. These lectures, which will be used to highlight major current issues related to biological diversity and the global efforts to protect it, are planned to be organized on a regular basis at the margins of major meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity

73. The inaugural lecture held on 23 May 2007 at the Secretariat headquarters gathered guests, including: a representative of the Ambassador of Sweden in Ottawa, the heads of UNFCCC and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, other organizations and members of the diplomatic corps accredited in Montreal. Two key presentations were delivered by: (1) Mr. Peter Bridgewater on “What would Linnaeus have thought about climate change?” and (2) Mr. Yvo de Boer on “Climate Change Challenges”. The next CBD Linnaeus Lecture is envisaged to take place in the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held in Bonn, Germany in May 2008.

E. Notifications to national focal points

74. As of 21 December 2007, a total of 126 Notifications were sent to Focal Points for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Likewise, a total of 19 were sent to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Focal Points. Thanks to financial support of the Government of Spain and France, the Secretariat provided a courtesy translation of all Notifications to French and Spanish through in-house capacity.

F. Publications

75. During 2007, the Secretariat issued the third and fourth editions of its flagship magazine *Gincana*. With climate change as its main theme, *Gincana* 3 was widely distributed prior to the celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity. It featured articles from: the Prime Minister of Norway, the President of the Republic of Mauritius, the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Mr. Nicolas Hulot, to name a few. The fourth edition of the *Gincana* focused on partnership with CBD partners. A special issue of *Gincana* on finance and biodiversity, is being prepared jointly with the GEF Secretariat, and is expected to be ready in early 2008. The Secretariat also prepared two issues of *Gincaniño*, a newsletter devoted to children and youth. The Secretariat also released its publication *Pachamama*, a newsletter focusing on indigenous and local communities. Three issues of *Business.2010* newsletters were also distributed in 2007, under the following themes: travel and tourism, biodiversity and climate change, technology transfer, and financial sector. Copies of the CBD publications are accessible on the Secretariat website. In addition, the following issues of the *CBD Technical Series* were published: No. 28 An Exploration of Tools and Methodologies for Valuation of Biodiversity and Biodiversity Resources and Functions; No. 29 Emerging Issues for Biodiversity Conservation in a Changing Climate; No. 31 Cross-Roads of Life on Earth - Exploring means to meet the 2010 Biodiversity Target; and No. 32 Sourcebook on Remote Sensing and Biodiversity Indicators.

76. With the generous support of Germany, the Secretariat produced a Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development (Managing Tourism and Biodiversity), including a glossary and definitions of technical terms used in the Guidelines. As an additional tool to facilitate the implementation of the guidelines, the Secretariat launched the Biodiversity and Tourism Network, an interactive Web-based platform that promotes exchanges between users of the CBD guidelines (<http://tourism.cbd.int/>).

G. Preparations for the celebration of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity

77. In accordance with the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting aimed at proclaiming 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity, at the initiative of the Government of Brazil, the sixty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 61/203 on 20 December 2006 proclaiming 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity.

78. The Secretariat is engaging with key partners to prepare for this major event. UNEP has expressed commitment to assist the CBD in marking this important event, and has initiated this as evidenced by addressing biodiversity 2010 policy responses targets in their GEO-4 publication. Furthermore, UNEP is proposing that their GEO Year Book 2010 publication would focus on biodiversity.

79. The Secretariat is preparing a draft strategy for the celebrations which will be submitted to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties after its review by the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (IAC-CEPA) at its meeting in Bonn on 28-29 January 2008.

H. Promoting the Secretariat website as a major communication tool

80. On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, the Secretariat launched its newly designed website. A record number of 33,605 pages** were viewed on the launching day, compared to a daily average of 13,673 during 2006. With its completely new design, layout and features, the website proves to be more user-friendly, and thus a stronger tool for communication and outreach. Work is in progress in updating website contents, as well as in making the French and Spanish versions of the website fully operational. Efforts are also being made to secure additional resources to make the website available in all United Nations official languages. Since its launch, the new website has recorded a total of 3,750,586 page views as of 30 November 2007, which corresponds to a 44% increase compared to the same period in 2006.

I. Gender considerations

81. The Executive Secretary, appointed a Gender Focal Point in line with a series of internal mandates within the UN system calling for gender equality and equity and the mainstreaming of gender issues within all UN processes. This initiative also falls in line with that of the UNEP Governing Council at its twenty-third session in 2005, in its adoption of decision 23/11 on *Gender Equality in the Field of Environment*. This decision called upon Governments and UNEP itself to mainstream gender in their environmental policies and programmes, to assess the effects on women of environmental policies, and to integrate further gender equality and environmental considerations into their work. The Secretariat in collaboration with the Senior Gender Advisor at IUCN and contributions from the Government of Switzerland, has engaged in the development of a Gender Plan of Action. This Plan of Action defines the role that the CBD Secretariat will play in stimulating and facilitating efforts, both in-house and with partners at the national, regional and global levels, to overcome constraints and take advantage of opportunities to promote gender equality and equity. The Plan of Action is the Secretariat's and the Convention's continuing response to global commitments of the last decades and a reflection of the increasing awareness that gender equality and women's empowerment are important prerequisites for environmental conservation and sustainable development.

J. SCBD Museum of Nature and Culture

82. In January 2007, the Secretariat received a framed photograph of the *Vallée de la Haute-Sûre* from the Government of Luxembourg, for inclusion in the Museum of Nature and Culture.

83. The signing ceremony of the agreement between the Secretariat and the Museums Nature Montreal in February 2007 offered an opportunity for the Mayor of Montreal to present the gift from the City of Montreal as a contribution to the Museum of Nature and Culture.

** The statistics in this paragraph have been adjusted to exclude major web crawlers and internal access from SCBD.

84. In July 2007, the Secretariat received from the Sri Lankan Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources a set of commemorative stamps and souvenir postcards printed in celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, for inclusion in the CBD Museum.

85. At the opening plenary of the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, which was held from 8-12 October 2007, a gift donated by H.E. Mr. Pierre Hele, Minister of Environment of Cameroon, was presented to the CBD Executive Secretary for addition to the Museum of Nature and Culture. A donation from India was also presented to the Executive Secretary by His Excellency Mr. Shri Namo Narain Meena, Minister of State for Environment of India during a ceremony held at the Secretariat premises, on 10 October 2007. An updated list of donations to the Museum is available in Annex VI.

K. Official Car of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

86. On 15 September, a hand-over ceremony of the Toyota Prius car generously donated by Toyota Motor Corporation to be used as an official car of the Secretariat, took place at the CBD office, with the participation of representatives from the Toyota Company, the Consulate General of Japan in Montreal, and the Executive Director of UNEP. The car will be used to accommodate the high-level officials from the United Nations and Governments, as well as other dignitaries, who attend bilateral and multilateral meetings organized in Montreal, under the auspices of the Convention.

V. NATIONAL REPORTING

87. The secretariat has received 133 (70% of the total) third national reports submitted by Parties. Side events for the preparation of the fourth national report, due on 30 March 2009, were organized during the second meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation in July 2007 and also during the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions in October 2007. The fourth national reports will provide an important opportunity to assess progress towards the 2010 Target, drawing upon an analysis of the current status and trends in biodiversity and actions taken to implement the Convention at the national level, as well as to consider what further efforts are needed. A reference manual to assist with the preparation of the fourth national report, as well as a sample report, are currently being developed by SCBD and UNEP-WCMC.

88. The Secretariat prepared 181 Biodiversity Country Profiles which are available on the Convention's website, of which nearly 50% had been approved by Governments. These documents had been prepared by the Secretariat based on relevant information contained in NBSAPs, national reports and other documents submitted by Parties.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN

89. The second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention was held from 9 to 13 July 2007 at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. As decided at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Working Group would, *inter alia*, undertake an in-depth review of the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan. In Recommendation WGRI-2/1, the Working Group prepared a draft decision for the consideration of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties by which the Parties would take note of the status of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan, and includes consolidated guidance for Parties in developing, implementing and revising their national and, where appropriate, regional, biodiversity strategies and action plans, and equivalent instruments, as well as priority areas for capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology. Some other outcomes of the second meeting related to the process for updating and revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010, preparation of a resource mobilization strategy in support of implementation of the Convention, a four-year (2010-2014) framework for programme priorities related to the use of GEF

biodiversity resources, fourth national reports due in 2009 and the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

VII. NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLANS

90. At 31 October 2007, 152 (80% of the total) Parties have finalized their NBSAPs or equivalent policy instruments, and 20 Parties have informed the Secretariat that they are preparing their NBSAPs. Eighteen Parties have not prepared an NBSAP or initiated the process to do so, or have not informed the Secretariat that they have done so. The need for countries to update their NBSAPs in order to incorporate the implementation of the goals of the Strategic Plan, the 2010 biodiversity target, national and regional objectives and complementary plans, was emphasized by the seventh and eighth meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Moreover, NBSAPs should highlight the use of indicators and, in accordance with Article 6 (b), the extent to which biodiversity concerns are mainstreamed into relevant sectors. To date, 13 Parties (7% of total) have completed revisions to date, with Finland recently informing the Secretariat that a revised action plan, to complement their recently adopted revised strategy, was in the final stages of preparation. Another 14 Parties have informed the Secretariat that revisions are in progress. In a noteworthy development, Japan's second NBSAP revision is scheduled for completion in 2007, the first having been completed in 2002. A few countries (Mexico, Canada, India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom) have developed or are developing sub-national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

91. A training workshop on NBSAP preparation, updating and mainstreaming was held in the margins of the second meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation. Participants included National Focal Points, Implementing Agencies, NGOs and Secretariat staff. Many of the presentations were based on the series of NBSAP training modules produced jointly by UNEP-GEF, SCBD, and UNU prior to the meeting. Feedback on the workshop was positive and more training of this nature in the margins of future CBD meetings was favoured by participants. A poster session on the implementation of NBSAPs and their contribution to the 2010 Biodiversity Target, utilizing an online poster generation tool developed by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), was also held during the second meeting. While all submissions utilized the 11 goals under the 2010 Biodiversity Target as a standard reference frame, individual posters focused on several key issues including: mainstreaming and the link to sustainable development and sectoral engagement; NBSAP planning processes; evaluating, monitoring, revising, and updating NBSAPs; achievements related to terrestrial and marine protected areas; integration into national planning and the subsequent implementation of the Ecosystem Approach; legal frameworks for implementing the Convention; application of CBD thematic programmes and cross-cutting issues such as agrobiodiversity, ABS, biosafety, and education and public awareness; and sub-national biodiversity strategies and action plans. A similar session is being planned for COP-9.

92. In response to paragraph 6 of decision VIII/8, a series of regional and sub-regional capacity-building workshops are being organized during 2008. The purpose of the workshops is to strengthen national capacity for the development, implementation, review and update of NBSAPs and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors, and cross-sectoral strategies such as poverty eradication strategies, through the exchange of experience in these areas and training in the use of relevant tools and mechanisms. The workshops will provide an opportunity for countries to identify ways and means of overcoming challenges in the implementation of NBSAPs. The results of the workshops will also inform the ongoing review of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan to be considered by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Subregional capacity building workshops for implementation of the programmes of works on protected areas and access and benefit-sharing

93. The Secretariat, established an informal consortium of partners including the members of international conservation NGOs (The Nature Conservancy, WWF, Conservation International, BirdLife International, Wildlife Conservation Society), IUCN–World Commission on Protected Areas, the European Commission, the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and Organization of East Caribbean States Protected Areas and Associated Livelihoods Project, to facilitate implementation of the programme of work. This informal consortium of partners raised funding and coordinated a series of eight sub-regional workshops covering, Caribbean, East Caribbean States, Latin America, South and West Asia, ASEAN, Eastern Europe, Anglophone Africa and Central Asia and Caucasus sub-regions, beginning June 2006 to August 2007. More than 500 practitioners were trained. The final one in this series to be held in Libreville in January 2008 for the francophone African countries

94. These workshops focused on practical hands-on-tools and training on priority activities including ecological gap assessments, monitoring and enhancing management effectiveness including capacity assessments and development of sustainable finance planning, identified by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 9 of decision VIII/24. The workshops covered 80 countries and were attended by nearly 500 protected area planners, practitioners and policy makers. These workshops have resulted in the following significant benefits:

- (a) Reached out to countries, opening a dialogue and understanding the obstacles and needs;
- (b) Generated the development of a comprehensive set of learning materials and case studies;
- (c) Provided a forum for regional level discussions, cooperation and future collaboration;
- (d) Presented to policy makers an introduction to and overview on key issues; and
- (e) Improved motivation towards taking on-the-ground actions.

95. The sub-regional workshops provided an important platform for the countries to identify challenges/ obstacles in the implementation of the programme of work and practical ways and means to address obstacles for enhancing the implementation of the programme of work. The informal consortium met on 29 and 30 November 2007 to take stock of the progress made and discuss a plan of action until 2010.

96. The Secretariat has also actively contributed to the ongoing Dutch-German capacity-development initiative for Africa on access and benefit-sharing. A database on capacity-building projects related to access and benefit-sharing is also available on the website of the Convention.

VIII. THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

97. Working together with Parties and other stakeholders, the Secretariat continued to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Meetings and training workshops on various issues under the Protocol were organised. Continuously, the central portal of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) was managed. Information and other support were also provided to Parties and other stakeholders.

98. During the year, support for the Protocol continued to grow. The number of ratifications to the Protocol grew from 137 to 143 (as of 15 November). The latest countries that became Parties to the Protocol were: Malta, Costa Rica, Qatar, Gabon, Saudi Arabia and Republic of Korea. At the end of the

publication, Figure 1 shows the total number of ratifications and its rapid growth since 2000. The implementation of the Protocol also continued to gain momentum. This is partly demonstrated by the number of Parties that have embarked on putting in place national legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Protocol. For example, 94 countries funded by through UNEP-GEF project and with support from the Secretariat, finalized the development of their National Biosafety Frameworks. Furthermore, more than 60 Parties and 3 non-Parties submitted their first national report in accordance with Article 33 and relevant decisions of the Parties to the Protocol. The Protocol covers safe transport, handling and use of living modified organisms (LMOs). Figure 2 shows the total number of decisions on LMOs submitted to the BCH. Most submissions were related to maize products while fewer submissions were related to tomatoes and rice.

A. *Liability and redress*

99. During 2007, the Secretariat organized the third and fourth meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol. Both meetings were held in Montreal from 19 to 23 February 2007 and 22 to 26 October 2007, respectively. The third meeting considered a blue print to a potential scenario of a draft decision on international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms. Regional groups, representatives of individual Governments and relevant international organisations also submitted compiled operational texts. The fourth meeting focused on streamlining and consolidating the proposed operational texts on approaches and options pertaining to liability and redress in the context of Article 27 of the Protocol. The streamlined text will be used as the basis for further negotiations at the final meeting of the Working Group in March 2008, in Colombia.

B. *Compliance*

100. During the year, the Compliance Committee under the Protocol held its third and fourth meetings in March and November 2007, respectively. The third meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur and was conducted in an open session. The Committee discussed possible lessons learnt from the review of general issues of compliance made on the basis of the interim national reports that were submitted by Parties two years after the entry into force of the Protocol. It also considered the experience of other multilateral environmental agreements regarding measures for addressing cases of repeated non-compliance. At the fourth meeting, the Committee further refined its report on experiences of other multilateral environmental agreements regarding measures against cases of repeated non-compliance. In addition, the Committee reviewed general issues of compliance on the basis of the information made available by Parties through their first national reports submitted four years after the entry into force of the Protocol.

C. *Risk Assessment and Risk Management*

101. The Secretariat organized three regional workshops on capacity-building and exchange of experiences on risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms. All the three workshops aimed at enabling participants to, *inter alia*, exchange experiences and lessons learned in conducting/reviewing risk assessments and to review existing guidance materials. The workshops also considered the need for further guidance and to identify mechanisms for promoting cooperation and networking in risk assessment and risk management. The first workshop was held for African countries from 23 to 25 August 2007 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. At this workshop, 57 participants from 25 countries and 16 organisations attended. The second workshop was held for the Central and Eastern Europe countries from 26 to 28 November in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. At this workshop, more than 30 participants attended ranging from research scientists and regulators to decision-makers in the field. The third workshop was held for the Latin American and the Caribbean countries from 10 to 12 December in Bridgetown, Barbados. At this workshop, more than 40 participants attended including research scientists, regulators and decision-makers in the field.

102. The Secretariat also actively participated in the planning and facilitation of the Canada-Norway Expert Workshop on Risk Assessment for Emerging Applications of Living Modified Organisms. The workshop, which was held in Montreal from 4 to 6 June 2007, gathered more than 60 experts in the field of risk assessment. They shared information on existing guidance on the risk assessment of genetically modified fish, trees, pharmacrops and viruses for the management of animal populations. The experts also identified gaps in information and science that could have an impact on the risk assessment of those types of LMOs. Another issue considered was the appropriateness of using the current models for risk assessment with respect to those LMOs.

D. Capacity-building, education and training

103. During 2007, the Secretariat organized three capacity-building meetings and workshops, namely: the third Coordination Meeting for governments and organizations, the Liaison Group on capacity-building and the meeting of academic institutions and organizations.

104. The third Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations implementing and/or funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities took place in Lusaka, Zambia on 26 to 28 February. More than 43 participants, including Government officials, and representatives from intergovernmental organizations, civil society, the business community and academia attended. The main output was the draft guidance document entitled, the “Guidance for Promoting Regional and Subregional Approaches to Capacity-Building in Biosafety”. Participants also identified common issues on which many countries require capacity-building support. These include: socio-economic considerations, risk assessment and identification and documentation requirements for shipments of LMOs (Article 18.2 of the Protocol).

105. The Secretariat also serviced the fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety. It took place in Lusaka, Zambia, on 1 to 2 March 2007. Eighteen participants attended the meeting. At this meeting, participants made recommendations regarding the minimum criteria and requirements for nomination of experts to the Roster of Biosafety Experts and elements for a quality control mechanism. The recommendations are expected to enhance the effectiveness and use of the Roster.

106. Building on the achievements from past meetings related to academia, the Secretariat supported the “Second International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations Involved in Biosafety Education and Training”. Sixty-three participants attended this three-day meeting, which was held in April 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They discussed long-term formal biosafety education and training measures to strengthen human resources for the effective implementation of the Protocol. Participants from the different regional groupings (i.e. Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western European and other Groups) agreed to come together and develop initiatives to promote biosafety education and training. The work would include collecting and sharing information on existing academic programmes, identifying key players and reviewing countries’ training needs in biosafety. Participants also made recommendations with regard to the establishment of networks of academic institutions, the development of curriculum for biosafety and the enhancement of the delivery mechanisms. For example, a recommendation was made to establish a central resource centre and an online bulletin board on the BCH.

107. The Secretariat also participated in and facilitated a number of capacity-building meetings and workshops that other partner agencies organised. One workshop included the East and Central Africa Regional Consultation on Biosafety, which was held from 24 to 25 May 2007 in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. The consultation was to enable key country biosafety stakeholders to identify common areas of interest and biosafety activities that could be collaboratively undertaken at the sub-regional level to enhance the implementation of national biosafety frameworks. Another workshop included the Third Global National Project Coordinators Meeting for the Biosafety Implementation Projects. At this

meeting, 42 participants including donors were present in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, from 28 May to 1 June 2007. The initiative was to discuss coordination, budgeting and communications with the various agencies involved in the implementation projects.

108. The capacity-building databases in the Biosafety Clearing-House continued to expand. A number of new records were added to the databases for projects, short-term opportunities and biosafety training courses. Several new biosafety resource materials were also collected and added to the Biosafety Information Resource Centre.

109. In addition, the Secretariat has initiated or contributed to capacity development activities in other areas, such as access and benefit-sharing and protected areas.

110. With respect to capacity-development for access and benefit-sharing, the Secretariat has been actively contributing to the ongoing Dutch-German ABS Capacity-development Initiative for Africa which is ongoing. A database on capacity-building projects related to access and benefit-sharing is also available on the website of the Convention.

E. Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

111. During the year, the BCH, the main mechanism to facilitate the exchange of information on LMOs, underwent a significant re-design. This was done to improve its user-friendliness and the overall quality of the information registered, particularly with regards to the Biosafety Information Resource Centre (BIRC). For example, a number of primary search interfaces in the section on 'Finding Information' have been merged to improve access to cross-referenced data and the retrieval of information from multiple databases. The BCH also adopted a new web address: <http://bch.cbd.int/>.

112. In October 2007, the Secretariat organised the third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC) in Montreal. The members of the Committee welcomed the redesigned BCH, reviewed the progress made in its implementation and provided advice on various technical aspects. They also shared case studies and information on the status of and experiences on national implementation. These included presentations on ongoing BCH capacity-building activities and information-sharing partnership arrangements. The Committee made a number of recommendations with respect to the following: management of information at the national level, design of the BCH Central Portal, capacity-building and a new questionnaire to better evaluate the BCH.

F. Public awareness and outreach

113. A number of public awareness activities within the framework of the Outreach Strategy for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety were implemented. The Secretariat published the second and third issues of the *Biosafety Protocol News* newsletter. The newsletter, which was launched in 2006, has the objective of promoting public awareness about the Protocol and its processes and encouraging the exchange of the information, experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of the Protocol at the various levels. The second issue featured articles on national experiences in the implementation of the Protocol with particular reference to the development of national biosafety frameworks and the BCH. The third edition featured experiences in the implementation of LMO identification and documentation requirements under the Protocol. Furthermore, two of the old brochures and pamphlets on the Protocol were updated to reflect the latest developments. The new publications can be found at: <http://www.cbd.int/programmes/outreach/awareness/publications.shtml?grp=cpb>

114. The Secretariat continued to strengthen its collaboration with different partner organizations. In 2007, it undertook joint activities with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Green Customs Initiative, the Aarhus Convention, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB).

115. In its joint activities with the Green Customs Initiative since 2006, the Secretariat aims at strengthening the capacities of customs officers to detect and control the illegal trade of living modified organisms. The initiative also contributes to the enforcement of the requirements for documentation and identification of living modified organisms under the Protocol. During 2007, the Secretariat developed a module on the Cartagena Protocol as part of the Green Customs Guide. It also facilitated a training session on the Protocol at the Green Customs Train-the-Trainer Workshop for the Asia and the Pacific Region, which was held in Shanghai in May 2007. Furthermore, it contributed resource materials to training workshops for the Indian Ocean Islands in Mauritius and West Africa in Dakar, Senegal. In recognition of its active participation in the Green Customs Initiative, the Secretariat received an award from the Executive Secretary of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer 20 September 2007 during the celebrations that marked the 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol.

116. In March 2007, the Secretariat signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with UNIDO. Under the MoC, the two organizations will collaborate in strengthening the capacities of developing countries to implement the Biosafety Protocol and to share information through the BCH. The implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation commenced immediately when UNIDO and the Secretariat organized jointly in March 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, the second meeting of academic institutions that provide education or training programmes in biosafety.

117. As part of the ongoing collaboration with the Codex Alimentarius, the CBD Secretariat made a written submission to the Codex Secretariat describing the CBD's activities in relation to biotechnology. The submission was considered at the 7th Session of the Codex *Ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on Foods derived from Biotechnology which was held in Chiba, Japan on 24 to 28 September 2007.

Figure 1

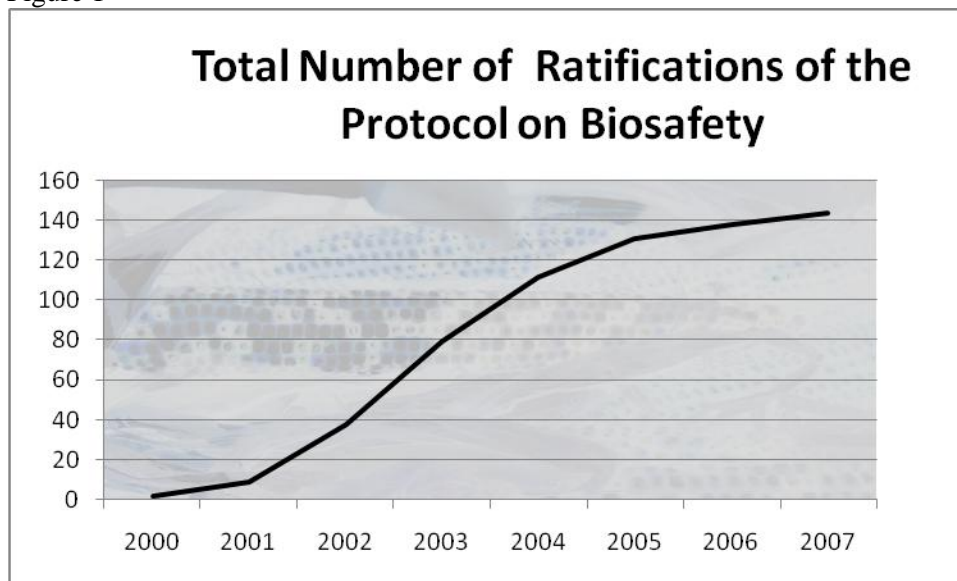
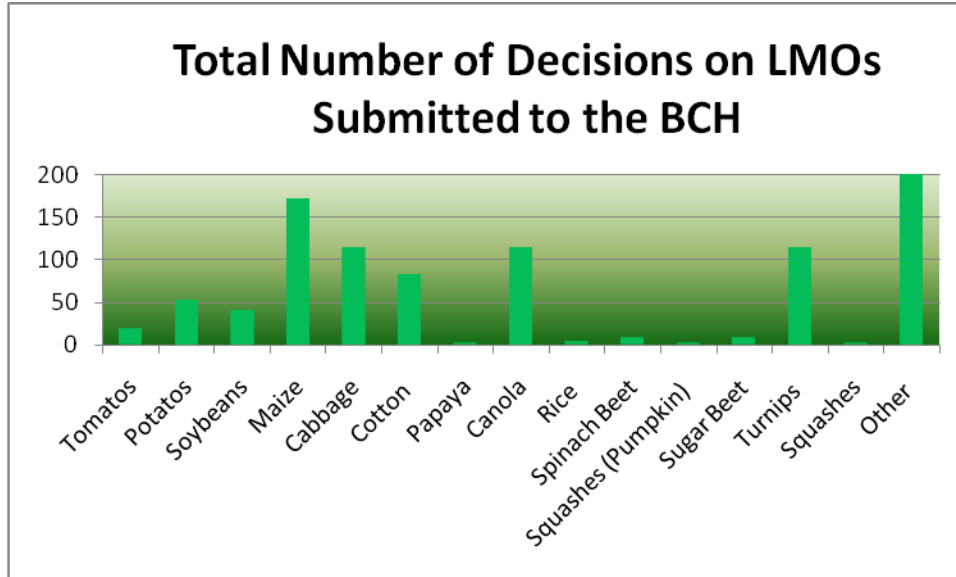


Figure 2



VIII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. *Recruitment and personnel issues*

118. Since January 2007, a total of 40 memoranda were sent to UNON/UNEP regarding personnel issues. This compares with 90 in all of 2006. A major effort was made to step up the recruitment process and fill the vacancies in the Secretariat, resulting in 37 Professional staff members being regularized on posts funded from the core budget. The Secretariat has also finalized its recommendations for one additional post. Additionally, seven Professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources. The Executive Secretary has made a tremendous effort to ensure that all vacant posts were filled in 2007.

119. In paragraph 8 of its decision VIII/16, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to secure more resources from the programme support to fund Convention activities... and in keeping with this decision the Secretariat has sent requests and follow-ups to UNEP on 11 February 2007, 16 February 2007, 22 February 2007, 8 March 2007, 21 May 2007 and 28 May 2007 requesting additional funding from the Programme Support funds. In keeping with decision VII/34, paragraph 12, of the Conference of the Parties, which notes “the need for the development of safeguards for the use and distribution of common resources for Secretariat and other services between the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol and calls on the Executive Secretary to make proposals for such safeguards”, the Secretariat has requested and UNEP has agreed, that a P-3 Fund Management Officer post be established to be paid for by UNEP from the programme support costs, and the recruitment process was completed and the successful candidate has reported to work. This staff member is responsible for overseeing the expenditures incurred under the Biosafety Protocol. Additionally, in response to paragraph 33 of decision VIII/31, which “authorizes the Executive Secretary to fill a P-2 position in his office through, *inter alia*, the adjustment of the staffing in the Secretariat”, UNEP has also agreed to fund a P-2 post in the Office of the Executive Secretary from the programme support costs effective January 2007. The recruitment process was completed and the successful candidate has reported to work.

120. With regard to general service posts, 26 General Service staff members have been regularized on posts funded by the core budget. The Secretariat has finalized its recommendations for one additional post and there is one vacant post, which is funded from other sources. Additionally, six staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources. The number of interns and short-term staff members working at the Secretariat has increased from 24 in 2006 to 29 in 2007.

B. Enhancing collaboration for meeting conference services capacities

121. At a meeting between the Executive Secretary and the Secretary-General of ICAO, agreement was reached on the need to develop a formal agreement between the two institutions with a view to maximizing the benefits of the relationship, and guide the Secretariat with the lead United Nations agency in Canada. As a result a series of meetings at the technical level were held with the relevant ICAO departments in June and November 2006. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Executive Secretary and the Secretary General of ICAO was signed on 19 February 2007. It covers issues related to administration, conference services, information and communication technologies, languages services, travel, publication and printing.

122. An agreement has been reached in principle with the Division of Conference Services of UNON for the provision of interpretation services for all meetings under the Convention from 2008 to 2010. The draft Memorandum of Understanding has been forwarded to UNON and will be signed before the end of 2007.

123. Due to the high volume of documents translated by the Secretariat, the Conference Services and the ICT teams have been collaborating on the development of a Document Translation Management System (DTMS) to streamline the document translation process, and to easily generate status reports (by meeting, translator and/or budget line) as well as the corresponding statistics. This system was launched in November 2007 and is currently operational in its pilot phase. In the future it is planned to enhance this System to further streamline the Secretariat's document management workflow.

C. Implementing 2006 audit recommendation

124. Following the audit of the Secretariat which took place in 2006, to date the auditors have closed their recommendations on the following subjects as the Secretariat has fully complied with them:

- Recommendation 1 - NGO accreditation
- Recommendation 2 - Roles and responsibilities of SCBD Division
- Recommendation 3 - Creation and implementation of MOUs
- Recommendation 5 - UNON services provided to SCBD
- Recommendation 11 - Training Policy
- Recommendation 12 - Overtime Policy
- Recommendation 13 - File completeness
- Recommendation 14- Funding Strategy
- Recommendation 17 - Electronic Funds Transfer of salaries
- Recommendation 20 - Travel Agency
- Recommendation 21 - Disposal of obsolete assets
- Recommendation 23 - Room Inventories
- Recommendation 24 - Stocktaking Procedures

Recommendation 26 - ICAO Security discussions

Recommendation 28 - Identification cards

125. The Secretariat is in the process of addressing the remaining 15 recommendations and expects that additional recommendations will be officially closed before the end of 2007.

126. In keeping with the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, the Secretariat has made the necessary arrangements for the United Nations External Board of Auditors to audit the accounts of the Secretariat during March 2008, prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It is expected that the report of the auditors will be presented to COP-9.

D. Administrative arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and UNEP

127. Further to the request by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (decision VII/33, paragraph 6), the Secretariat brought to the attention of the Executive Director of UNEP the need to review the administrative arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP. A draft revised administrative arrangement was submitted to UNEP in January 2006.

E. Greening the operations of the Secretariat

128. The Greening task force established within the Secretariat continues to review all activities and to recommend measures to minimize the environmental impact of Secretariat activities. A Staff Awareness Bulletin, developed by the task force, is occasionally distributed to all staff.

129. In support of the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat and the Green Belt Movement, which is funded through voluntary contributions from bilateral and multilateral donors, in December 2006, the Secretariat welcomed a generous financial contribution by the Global Environment Facility in support of this initiative, and have extended to the GEF a full member status to the Steering Committee for the implementation of the Green Belt Movement agreement. The first meeting of the steering committee is tentatively planned in 2008.

130. In May 2007, a three-year contract was signed between the Secretariat and MKI Travel and Conference Management Inc., in the margins of the IBD celebrations in Montreal. While mainly focusing on providing cost effective travel management services to participants of CBD-organized meetings, the agreement also refers to the carbon neutralization initiative of the Secretariat, in particular Article 7 on Support of SCBD's Special Initiatives.

131. Letters were sent to the United Nations Secretary General on 14 June and 16 July 2007, in respect of his announcement to green the United Nations offices. On 6 September 2007, a letter was sent to the Director of the UNEP Environmental Management Group expressing the Secretariat's support with respect to the C-neutrality and sustainable procurement initiative, and the Secretariat's interest to join the "C-neutral club". Moreover, the Secretariat provided input to the GHG Inventory Information Questionnaire.

F. Enhancing staff performance

132. Continuous efforts have been made to facilitate communication between the staff and different Secretariat divisions. Regular staff meetings are held, on which a total of 14 meetings were convened in 2007. A total of 10 Management Committee meetings were held. To enhance the flow of information, as of 15 November 2007, a total of 987 correspondences were sent to all staff by the Office of the Executive Secretary. In addition, in April 2007, the Secretariat organized an E-PAS training programme for all

staff. The training comprised of three separate groups: (1) for Senior Management, (2) for Professional staff, and (3) for all General Service staff. On 7-8 November, the Secretariat held a two-day training workshop, with a focus on two issues, namely: Time Management and Conflict to Collaboration. Moreover, a staff retreat was held on 9 November 2007, under the theme 'The Secretariat I want and the CBD we want' at the Montreal Botanical Gardens. A follow-up to the retreat is planned for January 2008. The cost of the training workshop and staff retreat was borne by UNEP.

G. Financial issues

133. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 October 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\$ 8,324,988 of which \$2,085,899 were 2007 pledges paid in 2006, and \$6,239,089 were pledges paid in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). The total pledged for 2007 amounts to US\$ 1,504,827 of which \$1,347,703 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$ 447,708. Pledges totalling US\$ 760,407 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\$ 691,689 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$ 150,600.

134. As at 31 October 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$ 2,204,807 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$ 2,227,820 of which US\$ 822,886 was received in advance of 2007 and US\$1,404,934 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Three Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). To date US\$ 227,918 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Four 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\$ 147,346 have been received in 2007, of which US\$ 87,932 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$ 111,757.

135. 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 (**VB Trust Fund**) has been established. Pledges were received from: Spain (210,000 euros); EEC (25,000 euros) and Norway (US\$ 50,000). Contributions of US\$ 375,647 have been received in 2007. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 to the VB Trust Fund amount to US\$ 14,038. Details of the various Trust Funds are reproduced in Annex VII.

Status of expenditures:

136. COP-8 approved a budget of US\$11,012,400 for the BY Trust Fund for 2007. As at 31 October 2007, a total of US\$9,395,675 was spent or committed. This represents 85.3% of the approved amount.

137. COP/MOP-3 approved a budget of US\$2,615,000 for the BG Trust Fund for 2007. As at 31 October 2007 a total of US\$1,279,144 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 48.9% of the approved amount.

138. Given the need to enhance resource mobilization for activities requested of the Secretariat by the Conference of the Parties and Subsidiary Bodies during the enhanced phase of implementation, a task force was convened in October 2007 by the Executive Secretary with the mandate to: (i) evaluate the

extent to which resources mobilized to date have contributed to overall resource needs, and (ii) develop a resource-mobilization strategy. The Task Force organized a retreat for all staff members with the theme “The Secretariat we want”, which was held in the Montreal Botanical Garden in early November. The final report of the Task Force will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

IX. THE WAY FORWARD

139. Preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (19-30 May 2008) and for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (12-16 May 2008) are fully on track. The provisional agendas for both meetings were finalized, approved by the Bureau and sent to all Parties together with the official invitation to the meeting through notifications 2007-124 and 2007-125 of 23 October 2007, that is, seven months before the meetings. The annotated agenda for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties was finalized and forwarded to the Bureau for approval six months before the opening of the meeting. The annotated agenda for the fourth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol was cleared by the Bureau at its meeting in October 2007. Both documents are available on the Secretariat website.

140. The Host Government Agreement between the Secretariat and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany will be signed in early 2008, by the Executive Secretary and the Federal Minister of the Environment Germany, Mr. Sigmar Gabriel. The information for participants is available on the Secretariat website.

141. The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be preceded by regional preparatory meetings and other events will take place in connection with the meeting. As a follow-up to the Mayors Conference on “Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target” in Curitiba, Brazil, the City of Bonn and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), in cooperation with the “Service Agency Communities in One World”, a Municipal Pre-Conference on Cities and Biodiversity will be convened immediately prior the High Level Segment of the Conference of the Parties with the expected participation of around 80 mayors.

142. Another important dimension of ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be the active participation of the other major stakeholders including NGOs and Youth. A NGO meeting will be convened in Berlin in February 2008, 100 days before the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. As a follow up of the Lisbon Conference on business and biodiversity, and as part of the EU initiative “Building Better Partnerships: linking Business to Biodiversity”, a message will be transmitted to the Conference of the Parties and its High-level Segment reflecting commitment of the business community for the implementation of the three objectives of the convention.

143. The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will include a high-level ministerial segment organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau. The high-level segment will take place from 28 to 30 May 2008 at the World Conference Center Bonn. It is expected that it will include a component with contributions of the German Federal Chancellor, other Heads of state and government as well as the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Annex I

List of CBD meetings in 2007

	Dates	Meeting	Venue
1	22-25 January 2007	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance	Lima, Peru
2	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
3	26-28 February 2007	Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities	Lusaka, Zambia
4	1-2 March 2007	Liaison Group Meeting on Capacity-Building for Biosafety	Lusaka, Zambia
5	5-7 March 2007	Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
6	19-20 March 2007	Round table on the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change	Montreal, Canada
7	26-28 March 2007	Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Curitiba, Brazil
8	2-4 April 2007	South and West Asia sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas	Dehradun, India
9	16-18 April 2007	Second International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations Involved in Biosafety Education and Training	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
10	30 April – 3 May 2007	Advisory Group for the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
11	22 May 2007	International Day for Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada
12	28 May-1 June 2007	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	FAO, Rome, Italy
13	1 July 2007	Capacity-Building Workshop for SBSTTA-12 Participants (CBW SBSTTA-12)	Paris, France
14	1 July 2007	First Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions	
15	1 July 2007	SBSTTA Bureau meeting	Paris, France
16	2-6 July 2007	SBSTTA-12	Paris, France
17	7 July 2007	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC)	Paris, France

	Dates	Meeting	Venue
18	8 July 2007	COP-8 Bureau meeting	Paris, France
19	8 July 2007	CEPA-IAC meeting	Paris, France
20	8 July 2007	Capacity-building Workshop for National Focal Points (CBW WGRI-2)	Paris, France
21	9-13 July 2007	Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2)	Paris, France
22	13-16 August 2007	Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas	Cape Town, South Africa
23	23-25 August 2007	African Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
24	10-12 September 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation	Geneva, Switzerland
25	17-19 September	Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues	Montreal, Canada
26	19-21 September	Indigenous and Local Communities Experts for the International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
27	2-4 October 2007	Expert Workshop on ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection	S.Miguel Island, Azores, Portugal
28	4-5 October 2007	Meeting of the Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC)	Montreal, Canada
29	5 October 2007	Atelier de renforcement des capacités préparatoire aux négociations sur l'APA pour les pays francophones	Montreal, Canada
30	5-6 October 2007	Capacity building Workshop and briefing of African delegates prior to ABSWG-5	Montreal, Canada
31	7 October 2007	COP-8 Bureau meeting	Montreal, Canada
32	8-12 October 2007	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABSWG-5)	Montreal, Canada
33	13 October 2007	Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in Support of Implementation of the Convention	Montreal, Canada
34	14 October 2007	COP-MOP Bureau meeting	Montreal, Canada
35	15-19 October 2007	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-5)	Montreal, Canada

	Dates	Meeting	Venue
36	17 October 2007	Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners and Institutions	Paris, France
37	22-26 October 2007	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol	Montreal, Canada
38	19-23 November 2007	Arctic Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies	Quebec City, Canada
39	21-23 November 2007	Fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee	Montreal, Canada
40	26-28 November 2007	Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
41	10-12 December 2007	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of LMOs	Barbados

Annex II

**MEETINGS WITH HEADS OF AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS
ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARIAT**

Date	Meeting
07 January 2007	Harvard Agribusiness Seminar
09 January 2007	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 2007	Meeting with representatives from IUCN, including the 2010 Countdown Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
21 January 2007	ABS Dialogue on the Role of Documentation in ABS and TK Governance, Lima, Peru
22 January 2007	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 2007	Meeting with the Programme Director as well as the incoming Chair of the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM), Geneva, Switzerland
24 January 2007	Meeting with Nippon Keidanren (Japanese Business Federation) and JICA - Tokyo, Japan
24 January 2007	IUCN-ICMM dialogue meeting, Geneva, Switzerland
24 January 2007	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 2007	Presentation at the "17 ^e Symposium de Sciences Biologiques" on climate change – Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada
25 January 2007	UNEP Finance Initiative meeting on biodiversity /ecosystems work stream, Geneva, Switzerland
25 January 2007	Meeting with the United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies, Tokyo, Japan
25 January 2007	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 2007	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
26 January 2007	Presentation on the CBD and climate change and biodiversity at the McGill Model United Nations Assembly – Montreal, Canada
26 January 2007	Meeting with the Mayor of Nagoya as well as the Vice-Governor of Aichi Prefecture - Tokyo, Japan
27 January 2007	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

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29 Jan-2 Feb	60 th Session of the Council of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations, Vienna, Austria
30 January 2007	Meeting with representatives from the Victoria University of Wellington – Wellington, New Zealand
30 January 2007	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
01 February 2007	Visit of senior representatives from the Government of India
02 February 2007	McGill Business Conference on Sustainability Fair
2-3 February	Paris Conference for Global Ecological Governance – Paris, France
02 February 2007	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
02 February 2007	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
06 February 2007	Ministerial Panel Discussion on Globalization and the Environment, at the margins of the UNEP GC-24/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
06 February 2007	Meeting with the Secretary General, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Nairobi, Kenya
07 February 2007	Ministerial Panel Discussion on United Nations Reform, at the margins of the UNEP GC-24/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
07 February 2007	Global Network for Women Ministers of Environment, at the margins of the UNEP GC-24/GMEF, Nairobi, Kenya
07 February 2007	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 2007	Visit of the Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Greece to ICAO
12 February 2007	Meeting of the inter-agency task force for the Cities and Biodiversity meeting (teleconference)
13 February 2007	Visit of the Director of the COHAB Initiative
13 February 2007	Meeting with representatives of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
15 February 2007	Visit of the Assistant Director General of UNESCO for Natural Sciences
15 February 2007	Visit of the Secretary General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO
16 February 2007	Visit of the Director of Policy, as well as the CBD Advisor at WWF
19 February 2007	Visit of the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP

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19 February 2007	Meeting with senior representatives from the Ministère des Relations Internationales du Québec
20 February 2007	Visit of the President, as well as the Director, of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE)
20 February 2007	Visit of the IUCN Senior Programme Advisor, as well as the President of Pyxis Innovation
21 February 2007	Meeting with the Director of Yale University Internship Programme – Montreal, Canada
22 February 2007	Meeting with the Mayor of Montreal, on the preparation of the meeting on Cities and Biodiversity - City Hall, Montreal, Canada
22 February 2007	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 2007	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 2007	Meeting with representatives from the GEO, GTZ and Countdown 2010 Secretariat, Hamburg, Germany
01 March 2007	Presentation of a representative from the Université de Montréal, on the suggested “International Biodiversity Institute” of the Montreal Botanical Garden
01 March 2007	Speaker at the Canadian Institute of International Affairs on the theme “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
02 March 2007	Visit of the Senior Programme Officer for Land Degradation and acting SPO for Biodiversity in UNEP's Division of GEF Co-ordination
05 March 2007	Visit of the Director of UNEP GRID-Arendal
05 March 2007	Meeting with representatives from MKI Travel
05 March 2007	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
07 March 2007	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

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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
08 March 2007	Ceremony in celebration of the International Women's Day – ICAO, Montreal, Canada
8-10 March	International Tourism Börse, Berlin, Germany
09 March 2007	Meeting of the inter-agency task force for the Cities and Biodiversity meeting (teleconference)
11 March 2007	Meeting with representatives from the Australia Department of the Environment and Heritage, Canberra, Australia
12 March 2007	Lecture on economics of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use – UQAM, Montreal, Canada
12 March 2007	Visit of a representative from GTZ
12 March 2007	Collaborative Partnership on Forests meeting, Rome, Italy
12-13 March	Visit of the Secretary, as well as the Chair of the Standing Committee, of the Bern Convention
13 March 2007	Conference: “Les mesures d'accès et de partage des avantages (APA) en matière de biodiversité: Quelles règles pour la bioprospection?” – Université de Montréal-CEDRIE, Montreal, Canada
13 March 2007	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 2007	Presentation at McGill University on the theme: “Major issues under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety”
14 March 2007	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 2007	Participate in interviews for the post of the GEF Biodiversity Team Leader
15 March 2007	Meeting with the Australian delegation – Ottawa, Canada
16 March 2007	Meeting with senior representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada
16 March 2007	Keynote presentation on “La diversité biologique et la diversité culturelle ou les éléments constitutifs de la vie sur terre” at the 47 th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO on “Linking Networks, Sharing Ideas”, Ottawa, Canada
19 March 2007	Meeting with the Director of UNEP Division of Environmental Law and Conventions
19 March 2007	Meeting with the Coordinator of the UNEP/GPA
21 March 2007	Presentation by the CBD-SBSTTA Focal Point/SBSTTA Bureau Member for Madagascar
21 March 2007	Presentation by the CBD-SBSTTA Focal Point/SBSTTA Bureau Member for Australia
21-22 March	Visit of the Japanese delegation
22 March 2007	Presentation to a graduate class about the CBD and the importance of the International Day for Biological Diversity – University of Chicoutimi, Quebec
23 March 2007	Visit of the two ABS Co-Chairs
25 March 2007	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 2007	Keynote lecture at the International Student Conservation Conference, on the theme “Biodiversity and the 2010 target” – Cambridge, U.K.

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27 March 2007	Meeting with representatives of the Universidade Livre do Meio Ambiente (UNILIVRE) - Curitiba, Brazil
27-28 March	Canadian Indigenous Biodiversity Network preparatory meeting for the Working Group on Article 8(j) meeting, Ottawa, Canada
27 March 2007	“50 ans d’intégration européenne”, Université de Montréal, Québec
28 March 2007	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 2007	Meeting with representatives from the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) – London, U.K.
29 March 2007	Meeting with the Head of UNILIVRE
29 March 2007	Meeting with the Governor of Parana, Brazil
29-30 March	Brazil Tour Operators Association – Business meeting – Sao Paulo, Brazil
1-5 April 2007	Workshop to enhance the capacity of MEA negotiators and prepare for CBD COP negotiations, organized by BfN, UNEP and CBD - Isle of Vilm, Germany
04 April 2007	First workshop of the UNEP Finance Initiative Biodiversity and Ecosystems workstream - London, U.K.
10 April 2007	Meeting with representatives from the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics - Paris, France
10-12 April 2007	Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme meeting -London, U.K.
10-12 April 2007	Marine Protected Areas Summit organized by IUCN-WCPA - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
12 April 2007	Emergency preparedness briefing with representatives from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) - Ottawa, Canada
10-13 April 2007	European regional preparatory meeting for the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12) of the CBD - Isle of Vilm, Germany
12-13 April 2007	First meeting of the Friends of the United Nations Environment Organization - Agadir, Morocco
12-13 April 2007	Conference on international environmental law, organized by the American Law Institute and American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
13 April 2007	Various meetings with representatives from SustainAbility, DEFRA, Sustainable Finance and the Business and Biodiversity Offset Programme (BBOP) - London, U.K.
16 April 2007	Meeting with the Consul General of Japan in Montreal - Montreal, Canada
16 April 2007	Meeting with the representative of CABI - Montreal, Canada
16 April 2007	Meeting with representatives from GTZ on the preparation of the International Day for Biological Diversity celebrations in Vietnam
17 April 2007	Visit of Mrs. Lorena Aguilar Revelo, IUCN Senior Gender Adviser - Montreal, Canada
19 April 2007	Biodiversity Conservation Standards Workshop, jointly organized by IUCN and OASIS - Geneva, Switzerland
19 April 2007	Opening of the on-campus training session of the UNIDO Biosafety Diploma course - University of Malaya, Malaysia
19 April 2007	Presentation on the “Agenda of environmental law research in support to the enhanced phase of implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity” at the Research workshop of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law - Ottawa, Canada

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19 April 2007	Presentation on Climate Change and Biodiversity at the University of Ottawa - Ottawa, Canada
19-20 April 2007	International Conference in Defence of the Quality of the Night Sky and the Right to Observe the Stars - La Palma, Spain
19-20 April 2007	Expert Consultation on Proposed Knowledge Base on Genetically Modified Agricultural Products - Ames, Iowa, U.S.A.
22 April 2007	Interview with Radio Canada on the occasion of Earth Day - Montreal, Canada
22-24 April 2007	International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) General meeting - Tokyo, Japan
23 April 2007	Visit of several officials from the Hainan Province (China) on a study tour in Canada, to present a project on payments for the ecosystem services (PES), with support by CIDA and IUCN - Montréal, Canada
23 April 2007	Telephone interview with Mr. Hamid Tahri from the Algerian newspaper <i>El watan</i> , (article to be published on 26 April 2007)
23-27 April 2007	UNEP-GEF BCH Training Workshop for Regional Advisors - New Delhi, India
24 April 2007	Meeting with Dr. Hans Peter Schipulle, Deputy Director General BMZ Commission for Liaison with International Organizations - Bonn, Germany
25 April 2007	Interview with <i>Deutsche Welle</i> radio as well as a press conference on COP-9 - Berlin, Germany
25-26 April 2007	Meeting with the Director General of the Federal Environment Ministry of Germany and the President of the Federal Agency for the Conservation of Nature - Bonn, Germany
26 April 2007	Biodiversity and Tourism Network presentation, CBD main conference room (Secretariat office)
26 April 2007	Meeting with the Federal Environment Minister of Germany - Berlin, Germany
26 April 2007	Meeting with representatives from German NGOs - Berlin, Germany
26 April 2007	Meeting with Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Environment Ministry of Germany - Berlin, Germany
27 April 2007	Meeting with the Mayor of Bonn - Bonn, Germany
30 April-1 May 2007	Participate in the Selection and Interviewing Skills Workshop, organized by the Human Resources Unit at the United Nations Headquarters - New York, U.S.A.
01 May 2007	Expert panel on International Environmental Governance - New York, U.S.A.
02 May 2007	Meeting with representatives from the IUCN Environmental Law Centre - Montreal, Canada
2-3 May 2007	Brainstorming Workshop on the Belgian Partnership for the Clearing-House Mechanism - Brussels, Belgium
2-4 May 2007	Undertake training in IMIS Personnel Module, provided by the IMIS Training Unit at the United Nations Headquarters - New York, U.S.A.
2 and 3-4 May 2007	WTO Committee on Trade and Environment meeting, and its Special Session - Geneva, Switzerland
3-4 May 2007	Visit of Professor Ben Bell from the Victoria University of Wellington - Montreal, Canada
04 May 2007	Meeting with MEA representatives, UNEP and WTO staff - Geneva, Switzerland
7-8 May 2007	Meet with relevant staff at the FAO Headquarters, in preparation for the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas - Rome, Italy
7-8 May 2007	Participate and address the 2007 BIO International Convention, as well as take part as panel member in the Ministerial session of the conference - Boston, U.S.A.
7-18 May 2007	Twenty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - Bonn, Germany

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08 May 2007	Tree planting ceremony in support of the UNEP campaign <i>Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign</i> at the Ottawa City Hall – Ottawa, Canada
09 May 2007	Meet with relevant staff at the UNEP-DTIE office, in preparation for the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity - Paris, France
09 May 2007	Advisory Board meeting of the Union of Ethical BioTrade - Geneva, Switzerland
9-11 May 2007	High level Segment of the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development - New York, U.S.A.
9-11 May 2007	International Expert workshop on “A global network of protected forest areas under the CBD: opportunities and challenges” - Freiburg, Germany
10 May 2007	Vitafoods Discussion Forum - Geneva, Switzerland
10-11 May 2007	Meet with relevant staff at the UNESCO Headquarters, in preparation for the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity - Paris, France
11 May 2007	Joint UNCTAD and IFC Workshop on business engagement in biodiversity-related conventions with a special focus on the sector of natural ingredients for cosmetics, food and pharmaceutical industries - Geneva, Switzerland
11 May 2007	Meeting of the <i>Ad hoc</i> MEA Working Group - Geneva, Switzerland
12 May 2007	Presentation of NBSAPs at the “Making NAPAs work: process and implementation lessons” side event organized by the Government of Germany, in the margins of UNFCCC SBSTA 26 - Bonn, Germany
12-13 May 2007	Keynote presentation on GRID/Arendal Event “Linking Tourism and Conservation” and Project Development Meeting - Arendal, Norway
14 May 2007	Presentation to the UNESCO Institute of Statistics staff - Montreal, Canada
14-16 May 2007	Moderate the session on ecotourism and biodiversity at the Global Ecotourism Conference - Oslo, Norway
15 and 17 May 2007	Training of the Montreal Biodome staff on the work of the CBD - Montreal, Canada
15 May 2007	Participate in the opening of the indigenous cultural exhibition, in the margins of the sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues - New York, U.S.A.
15-18 May 2007	Attend and serve as resource person for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety the Green Customs Train-the-Trainers Workshop on MEA-related trade controls - Shanghai, China
16 May 2007	Meeting with Mr. Louis-Noël Jail from the <i>Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie</i> (IEPF) of the <i>Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie</i> (OIF) - Montreal, Canada
16 May 2007	Meeting with representatives from the <i>École des Hautes Études Commerciales Montréal</i> - Montreal, Canada
17 May 2007	Statement by the Executive Secretary delivered at the sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues - New York, U.S.A.
17-18 May 2007	<i>Conserver, exploiter, partager. Les enjeux de la mise en oeuvre de la Convention sur la diversité biologique</i> , Colloque du CEDRIE - Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Canada
18 May 2007	Visit and presentation made by Dr. David Towns, Senior Scientist of the New Zealand Department of Conservation - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
22 May 2007	Press conference on the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, in the margins of the sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, concerning indigenous and local communities highly vulnerable to climate change - New

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	York, U.S.A.
22 May 2007	Press conference with the Minister of Environment of Canada, at the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity - Montreal, Canada
22 May 2007	Interviews with <i>Tierramérica</i> , <i>Le Devoir</i> and Metro newspapers
22 May 2007	Presentation at the International Day for Biological Diversity celebration - Nagoya, Japan
22 May 2007	Presentation on the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity celebration at the Millennium Seed Bank - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, United Kingdom
22 May 2007	Signing of the agreement between the CBD Secretariat and the MKI Travel and Conference Management Inc., in the margins of the celebrations for the International Day for Biological Diversity - Montreal, Canada
22-23 May 2007	Attend the DIVERSITAS EcoSERVICES Working Group meeting - Paris, France
23 May 2007	Visit and presentation made by Mr. Faisal Moola, Director of Science at the David Suzuki Foundation - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
24-25 May 2007	Attend the UNEP-GEF East and Central Africa Regional consultation - Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
25 May 2007	Meeting with the Secretary General and other senior representatives of the United Nations - New York, U.S.A.
25 May 2007	Meeting with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme - New York
25 May 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of the Secretary General's High-Level Panel on System-wide Coherence - New York, U.S.A.
25 May 2007	Meeting with the Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York - New York, U.S.A.
28-31 May 2007	Attend the third meeting of the National Project Coordinators, Implementation of NBF Projects - Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
04 June 2007	Opening speech at the Workshop on risk assessment of LMO, arranged by Norway and Canada - Montreal, Canada
05 June 2007	Participate as a speaker in a high-level panel discussion on the importance of preventing biodiversity loss and climate change, on the occasion of World Environment Day, and delivery of a statement on biodiversity and climate change by the ES, addressed to the G-8 on behalf of UNEP, UNDP, Countdown 2010, and Equator Initiative - Berlin, Germany
05 June 2007	Inauguration of a 2010 photo exhibit prepared by GTZ and GEO magazine - Berlin, Germany
05 June 2007	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the SCBD and the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development - Berlin, Germany
5-7 June 2007	Attend the joint BP-INFO-PAP/RAC NFPs meeting - Palermo, Italy
06 June 2007	Participate on the panel on MEAs and business engagement (side event), in the margins of the CITES COP-14 - The Hague, Netherlands
07 June 2007	Seventh meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions - Bonn, Germany
08 June 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of UNITAR, Geneva, Switzerland
08 June 2007	Meeting with the Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture Management Division in FAO - Rome, Italy
08 June 2007	Meeting with representatives from the Secretariat of the Global Reporting Initiative - Amsterdam, Netherlands
11 June 2007	Participated in the Countdown 2010 Partners Assembly - Brussels, Belgium

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11 June 2007	Signature of Memorandum of Understanding between Countdown 2010 Secretariat and the SCBD - Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Meeting with the Director, IUCN Brussels Office - Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Meeting with the Director of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Resources - Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Meeting with the Director of the European Network of Science Centres and Museums – Brussels, Belgium
11 June 2007	Meeting with senior officials of the European Union – Brussels, Belgium
11 – 15 June 2007	Participated in GEF Council Meeting and GEF NGO Consultation - Washington D.C., U.S.A.
12 – 13 June 2007	Participated at a Royal Society and UK Global Environmental Change Committee Biodiversity sub-committee workshop: Biodiversity – Climate Interactions: adaptation, mitigation and human livelihoods – London, U.K.
12 June 2007	Media interview with Environmental Reporter of BBC – London, U.K.
12 June 2007	Meeting with the Director of UNEP – WCMC – London, U.K.
13 June 2007	Presentation on the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Private Sector, on the occasion of the General Assembly of the Chamber of Commerce of the East of Montreal (CCIEIM) - Biodôme, Montreal, Canada
14 June 2007	Participate in the Business and Biodiversity panel, as part of the Green Week Conference - Brussels, Belgium
11 – 15 June 2007	Attended the eleventh session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
20 – 21 June 2007	21 st meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB) - Paris, France
23-27 June 2007	Conference on “Ecological Integrity and Sustainable Society” - Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
23 June 2007	Conference on Desertification, Climate Change and Biodiversity in the Mediterranean Area - Sassari, Italy
24 June 2007	Participate in the Steering Committee of the Global Forum and Special Friends - New York, U.S.A.
24 June 2007	Interview with <i>Radio Algiers</i> on climate change and biodiversity
25 June 2007	Meeting with various NGOs in the United States, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
25 – 29 June 2007	Attend and make a presentation at the panel discussion of the eighth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea - New York, U.S.A.
25-29 June 2007	Meeting of the Task Team on Administrative Arrangements for the UNEP Administered Convention Secretariats - Geneva, Switzerland
26 June 2007	Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation Standards, organized by IUCN and OASIS, and hosted by Conservation International - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
26 June 2007	Conference on Desertification and Security - Berlin, Germany
26 June 2007	Meeting with the Assistant Secretary of State as well as other senior officials from the U.S. Department of State - Washington D.C., U.S.A.
26 June 2007	Presentation on “Global Alliance for Life on Earth” at a meeting held at the United States Library of Congress and organized by the Institute for Policy Innovation - Washington D.C., U.S.A.
27 June 2007	Visit of the Citizenship and Immigration Liaison and Advisor, Protocol Office in Ottawa - Montreal, Canada

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27 – 29 June 2007	International Network on Traditional Knowledge: Climate Change, Desertification, Environmental Conflicts and Migrations - Florence, Italy
28 – 29 June 2007	Eschborn Dialogue on Capacity Development - Eschborn, Germany
01 July 2007	Meeting with NGOs attending SBSTTA 12 - Paris, France
02 July 2007	Signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), in the margins of the SBSTTA-12 meeting - Paris, France
3-12 July 2007	Participation at the Eleventh session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, as well as carry out a side event on recent developments under the CBD on issues of relevance to WIPO, with the collaboration of the co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing – Geneva, Switzerland
04 July 2007	Meeting with Norway delegation at SBSTTA to discuss preparations for the Trondheim Conference in October 2007, in the margins of SBSTTA-12 - Paris, France
05 July 2007	Meeting with the French Minister of State for Environment and Sustainable Development and Planning, in the margins of the SBSTTA-12 meeting - Paris, France
	Meeting with the Portuguese delegation to consider preparations for the workshop on criteria and classification of marine areas to be held in the Azores in October 2007, in the margins of SBSTTA 12 - Paris, France
07 July 2007	Participate in the meeting of the Board of BioNET International – Paris, France
08 July 2007	Participate in the Steering Committee meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership Project - Paris, France
10 July 2007	Participate in an informal dinner organized by the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva and the Quaker International Affairs Programme in Ottawa on the subject of “Negotiations on an international regime on access and benefit-sharing at the CBD” and present an overview of the negotiations of the international regime on ABS under the framework of the Convention, on behalf of the Executive Secretary. The meeting included the participation of the co-chairs of the Working Group on ABS and of key delegates from the intellectual property and trade communities in Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland
10 July 2007	Launch of the project "Supporting Country Action on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Programme of Work on Protected Areas", at a lunchtime side event, in the margins of WGRI-2, at the UNESCO - Paris, France
11 July 2007	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with the World Conservation Union (IUCN) Regional Office for Europe, at the margins of WGRI-2 meeting - Paris, France
15-16 July 2007	Gender brainstorming with IUCN colleagues - Paris, France
16-17 July 2007	Meeting on Mainstreaming Gender Equity and Equality into Access and Benefit sharing of Biodiversity Resources - Paris, France
16-18 July 2007	Technical visit of SCBD and UNON to Bonn on the preparation of MOP-4 and COP-9 - Bonn, Germany
20 July 2007	Participate by teleconference in the Sixth Steering Committee Meeting for UNEP-GEF Projects for ‘Development of National Biosafety Projects (NBFs)’ and ‘Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House’ – Geneva, Switzerland
23-25 July 2007	Australian Government High Level meeting on forests and climate change - Sydney, Australia
31 July -3 August 2007	4 th GEF Biennial International Waters Conference - Cape Town, South Africa
6-7 August 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of UNEP and Head of UNEP-administered Convention Secretariats - Geneva, Switzerland

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9 August 2007	Visit of Professor Gunter Pauli from the ZERI Foundation to discuss business and biodiversity - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
12-18 August 2007	Attend the World Water Week and organize a seminar on water and biodiversity entitled "Working with Nature" - Stockholm, Sweden
17 August 2007	Meeting with representatives of the IUCN-WCPA and International NGOs on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas as well as the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas - Cape Town, South Africa
20-23 August 2007	Participate in the Central Asia and Caucasus Sub-regional Training Workshop on Protected Areas - Isle of Vilm, Germany
20-22 August 2007	Attend the African Union Experts Meeting on the draft Revised Model Law - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
21 August 2007	Visit of representatives from the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
23 August 2007	Telephone interview with WorldView, Chicago Public Radio
28 August 2007	Presentation to the " <i>comité Environnement et développement durable</i> " de la <i>Conférence régionale des élus de Montréal</i> (CRÉ de Montréal) - Montreal, Canada
28 – 29 August 2007	Visit of representative of GTZ - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
31 August – 1 September 2007	Deliver an opening statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary and participate in the International Forum on Soils, Society and Global Change - Reykjavik, Iceland
30 August 2007	Visit of WWF European Forest Policy coordinator and member of the last AHTEG - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
31 August 2007	Participate in the teleconference call for the Leaders of the Working Group on Marine Biodiversity and Networks of Marine Protected Areas
2 September and 3-7 September 2007 (respectively)	Participate in workshop preparations and take part in the Regional ABS Workshop for the COMIFAC, organized in the context of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa - Douala, Cameroon
03 September 2007	Attend a workshop to discuss the "Natural Value Initiative", a joint project of the UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), FGV and Fauna & Flora International (FFI) - Sao Paulo, Brazil
03 September 2007	Had a bilateral meeting with the Assistant Director General of FAO, in the margins of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
03 September 2007	Met with the Secretary of the CPGRFA, in the margins of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
3-7 September 2007	Attend the UNEP-GEF Latin American Regional Training Workshop on the Biosafety Clearing-House - Panama City, Panama
3-14 September 2007	Participate in the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD, as well as take part in its High-Level Segment - Madrid, Spain
04 September 2007	Deliver an opening statement at the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
04 September 2007	Meeting with the Federal Swiss Councilor and State Secretary covering ABS, in the margins of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
04 September 2007	Met with the Deputy Head of the International Environmental Affairs from the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the margins of the International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
06 September 2007	Meeting with representatives of IUCN - Gland, Switzerland
06 September 2007	Meeting with the new Executive Secretary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands – Gland, Switzerland

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07 September 2007	Meeting with the new Director of the Regional Office of UNEP for Europe – Geneva, Switzerland
07 September 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of UNITAR – Geneva, Switzerland
07 September 2007	Meeting with the Director of UNEP’s Environmental Management Group – Geneva, Switzerland
10 September 2007	Meeting with the Secretary General of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland
10-12 September 2007	Participate in the UNFCCC workshop on adaptation planning and practices under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change - Rome, Italy
11-12 September 2007	Attend the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership meeting - Cambridge, U.K.
12 September 2007	Participate in the eighth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions - Madrid, Spain
12 September 2007	Met and had a bilateral meeting with the new Executive Secretary of UNCCD, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
12 September 2007	Had a working lunch with the Minister of Environment, together with the Executive Secretaries of the Rio conventions, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
12 September 2007	Participate in a side event on watershed management and poverty, organized by the Minister of Environment of Cape Verde, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
12 September 2007	Participate as a member of the ministerial panel on desertification and adaptation to climate change, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Had a meeting with the Ministers of Environment of Burkina Faso and South Africa, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Had a meeting with the President of the Tuscany Region, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Took part in a press conference with the Minister of Environment of Spain, together with the Executive Secretaries of the other two Rio conventions, in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Interview by Italian TV Rai International, and by the Algerian newspaper <i>El Watan</i> , in the margins of the UNCCD COP-8 – Madrid, Spain
13 September 2007	Meeting to discuss agreement with representatives from ICAO on the provision of medical support to the UNEP offices based in Montreal – ICAO office, Montreal, Canada
15 September 2007	Visit of the Executive Director of UNEP – CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
15 September 2007	Inauguration ceremony of the car donated by Toyota Motors, with the participation of the Executive Director of UNEP, the Consul General of Japan in Montreal, and representatives from Toyota Motors in Ottawa - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
17 September 2007	Attend the high-level segment of the nineteenth Meeting of the Parties of the Montreal Protocol – Montreal, Canada
17-21 September 2007	Attend the UNEP-GEF EU and CEE Regional Training Workshop on the Biosafety Clearing-House – Ljubljana, Slovenia
18 September 2007	Meet with the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme – Montreal, Canada
18 September 2007	Had a breakfast meeting with the Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America, together with Nobel Laureate Professor Mr. Mario J. Molina – CEC Office, Montreal, Canada
18 September 2007	Had a meeting with the Brazilian delegation for the preparation of the meeting on access and benefit-sharing – Montreal, Canada
18 September 2007	Meet with a senior staff from OECD – Montreal, Canada

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18 September 2007	Meet with a senior staff from UNU-IAS – Montreal, Canada
18 September 2007	Meet with Mr. Mohamed El-Sioufi, UN-Habitat – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Visit of the Honourable Mrs. Jessica Eriyo, Minister of State for Environment, Uganda and Dr. Fawula, Deputy Executive Director of National Environment Management Authority, Uganda – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Visit of the Chief of Interpreters, UNON – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Visit of Ambassador Thomas Kolly, Deputy Head of the International Affairs Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Visit of Ms. Caitlin MacLeod, Tunza Youth Advisory Council of UNEP – Montreal, Canada
19 September 2007	Attend a <i>Séminaire Technique Gratuit sur les nouveautés Exchange 2007 et Sharepoint 2007</i> - Microsoft Office, Montreal, Canada
20 September 2007	Meet with Dr. Rama Rao, WIPO - Montreal, Canada
20 September 2007	Visit of Ms. Rose Mukankomeje, Rwanda Environment Management Authority - Montreal, Canada
20 September 2007	Visit of Mr. Peter Bridgewater, Chairman, Joint Nature Conservation Committee of the United Kingdom -Montreal, Canada
20 September 2007	Interview by Mr. Stephen Leahy from <i>Tierramérica</i>
20-27 September 2007	Participate in the UNEP BFMS Finance-related training courses specifically tailored for Finance Assistants and those Administrative Assistants who perform finance functions at Headquarters and UNEP and HABITAT offices away from headquarters (OAHs) - Nairobi, Kenya
21 September 2007	Take part as a member of a high-level consultative group to review, evaluate, and comment on the baseline criteria for sustainable tourism, as well as attend a workshop, organized by UNEP (within the Marrakech process) and the UN Foundation, with support from IUCN and the Rainforest Alliance, to finalize the baseline criteria for sustainable tourism, - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
21 September 2007	The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity was awarded at the Twentieth Anniversary Ozone Protection in the Partners Award category, in recognition of its role as a member of the Green Customs Initiative (GCI) in the development and implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer - <i>Palais des Congrès</i> , Montreal, Canada
24 September 2007	Take part in the High-Level Event on climate change: “The Future in our Hands: Addressing the Leadership Challenge of Climate Change” - New York, U.S.A.
24-25 September 2007	Meet with members of the <i>l'Alliance des musées d'histoire naturelle du Canada (AMHNC)</i> - Ottawa, Canada
24-26 September 2007	Participate in the Second Global Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Consultation on GEO-4 - Nairobi, Kenya
25 September 2007	Deliver a presentation to the programme <i>ÉCO-Conseil 2007-2008</i> - Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, Québec, Canada
25-27 September 2007	Attend, with other GLISPA partners, a coordination meeting with representatives from the Government of Italy, 24 September 2007, as well as a strategy meeting to develop a 3-year work plan for the POW on island biodiversity - Rome, Italy
26 September 2007	Visit of Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP - Montreal, Canada

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26 September 2007	Meet with Mr. Dave Murphy, Vice President, International Organizations, Montreal International - Montreal, Canada
26 September 2007	Visit of Ms. Linda Collette, Senior Agricultural Officer, FAO - Montreal, Canada
27 September 2007	Visit of representatives from the Water Resources and Environment Agency and the Ministry of Energy and Mines, Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic - Montreal, Canada
27 September 2007	Meet with representatives from the World Bank, the Smithsonian Institution and IFC - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
28 September 2007	Visit of Mr. Adam Fenech, Adaptation and Impacts Research Division of Environment Canada - Montreal, Canada
28 September 2007	Meet with representatives from Conservation International, GEF and WWF - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
28 September 2007	Participate and make a presentation at a <i>Colloque: Les aires protégées: différentes visions, un même objectif?</i> - Université Laval, Québec, Canada
01 October 2007	Presentation on the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) - Montreal, Canada
03 October 2007	Presentation to a group of students undertaking a course on International Governance for Environmental Security on "Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss: the great new threats to peace, security and development" – Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
04 October 2007	Meet with Dr. Rym Sfarjli from Ottawa University to discuss the issue of "Women and Biodiversity" - Ottawa, Canada
04 October 2007	Provide an overview and training on the Working Groups of ABS and Article 8(j) to the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network Training Session - Montreal, Canada
04 October 2007	Presentation at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) Conference «Entre l'écologie et le social: les humains dans la biodiversité» - Montreal, Canada
4-5 October 2007	Take part in the meeting of the UNEP Expert Group on Ecosystems Management - Nairobi, Kenya
05 October 2007	Participate in the "Atelier de renforcement des capacités préparatoire aux négociations sur l'APA pour les pays francophones"- Montreal, Canada
5-6 October 2007	Attend in the Capacity Building and Briefing of African Delegates prior to WGABS-5 - Montreal, Canada
05 October 2007	Take part in the strategy/information sharing session organized by CBD Alliance for civil society, including NGOs, IPOs, social movements - Montreal, Canada
7-13 October 2007	Meetings with the following Heads of Delegation attending WGABS-5 - Montreal, Canada : Burundi, Canada, France, Germany, GTZ, India, Japan, Mali, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Smithsonian Institute, Switzerland, Tanzania, U.S.A.
08 October 2007	Presentation of the gift donated by the Government of Cameroon to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture, at the opening plenary of the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing, 8 October 2007, Montreal, Canada
08 October 2007	Attend the annual meeting of the Environmental Management Group - Geneva, Switzerland
09 October 2007	Visit of the Deputy Director, UNEP/WCMC - Montreal, Canada
10 October 2007	Presentation of the gift donated by the Government of India to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
10 October 2007	Participate via teleconference at the Executive GEFOP meeting

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10-12 October 2007	Represent the Executive Secretary at the sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” - Belgrade, Serbia
12 October 2007	Meet with the Scientific Counsellor, Embassy of France in Ottawa - Montreal, Canada
13 October 2007	Meeting with the representative of the GEF Secretariat - Montreal, Canada
15 October 2007	Meet with senior representatives of the Pacific Invasives Initiative and DRT, organized by the Department of Conservation - Auckland, New Zealand
15-19 October 2007	Meetings with the following Heads of Delegation attending WG8J-5 - Montreal, Canada: GEF Secretariat and GTZ, as well as Canada, Cote d’Ivoire, Italy, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, and U.S.A.
16 October 2007	Meet with the two ABS co-chairs - Montreal, Canada
17 October 2007	Meet with the Director of UNEP-DELCO - Montreal, Canada
17 October 2007	Take part in a one-day workshop with Victoria University of Wellington on role of New Zealand in the Island Biodiversity Programme of Work - Wellington, New Zealand
18 October 2007	Meet with Ms. Yoko Watanabe, Programme Manager, Biodiversity, Global Environment Facility - Montreal, Canada
18-19 October 2007	Participate in an expert group meeting on innovative finance for sustainable development - New York, U.S.A.
18-19 October 2007	Represent the Executive Secretary at the International Symposium on the theme “Natural History Museums and Institutions in the 21st century: impact on our common future”, organized on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the birth of the Comte de Buffon - Paris, France
19 October 2007	Participate via teleconference in the U.N. Climate Communications Group Meeting
19 October 2007	Take part and provide assistance in the joint SCBD/SPREP sub-regional capacity-building workshop, on implementing NBSAPs and mainstreaming biodiversity in the Pacific - Alotau, Papua New Guinea
19-20 October 2007	Attend the IMOSEB regional consultation for Oceania - Alotau, Papua New Guinea
22 October 2007	Contribute to the SPREP meeting on conservation serving communities including assisting with a side event on the ecosystem approach - Alotau, Papua, New Guinea
22-23 October 2007	Participate in the Post Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Partner’s Meeting - Stockholm, Sweden
23 October 2007	Meet with the Consul General of Algeria - Montreal, Canada
23 October 2007	Meet with the President of the Agence consultatif en éthique de coopération internationale (ACECI) - Montreal, Canada
23 October 2007	Meet with the following Head of Delegation attending the fourth meeting of the Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol: Japan - Montreal, Canada
23-24 October 2007	Participate in the high-level dialogue on Financing for Development - New York, U.S.A.
24 October 2007	Meet with Ambassador John Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations in New York - New York, U.S.A.
24 October 2007	Meet with the Executive Secretary of the G-77 Secretariat - New York, U.S.A.
24 October 2007	Visit of Mr. Kenrick Leslie, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
24 October 2007	Give a presentation to students and staff of Westwood Junior High School on biodiversity environmental retreat - Hudson, Quebec, Canada
25 October 2007	Visit of Ms. Federica Bietta, Coalition for Rainforest Nations - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada

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25 October 2007	Meet with representatives from the Kobe University Research Institute on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (KURIM), attending the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Liability and Redress - Montreal, Canada
25 October 2007	Meet with Mr. Pekka Patosaari, Head of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, as well as other relevant staff - New York, U.S.A.
25 October 2007	Meet with the new Director for Environment and Energy Group, Bureau of Policy Development of UNDP, 25 October 2007, New York, U.S.A.
25 October 2007	Meet with Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University - New York, U.S.A.
25 October 2007	Had a working lunch with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria - New York, U.S.A.
25 October 2007	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Regional Economic Commissions, as well as hold individual meetings with the five Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commissions – New York, U.S.A.
27 October 2007	Attend the Pacific Island Conference on Nature Conservation - Alotau, Papua New Guinea
26 October 2007	Meet with the delegates of Tunisia, Sudan, Syria and Jordan attending the fourth meeting of the Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol - Montreal, Canada
29 October 2007	Attend the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly - New York, U.S.A.
29-31 October 2007	Attend the 9th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, and make a presentation on collaboration between the CBD and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
29 Oct-2 Nov 2007	Attend and deliver a statement at the Second Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
29 Oct-2 Nov 2007	Participate in the Fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity - "Ecosystems and people - biodiversity for development - the Road to 2010 and beyond" - Trondheim, Norway
30 October 2007	Visit to the Norwegian Parliament - Oslo, Norway
01 November 2007	Article in the November 2007 issue of 'Vision Durable' on 'Biodiversite et Realite Commerciale'
1-2 November 2007	Participate in the WTO CTE-SS Meeting - Geneva, Switzerland
02 November 2007	Participate in the Second Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
02 November 2007	Meet with the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization - Rome, Italy
02 November 2007	Meet with the Assistant Director General of Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO - Rome Italy
02 November 2007	Meet with the Assistant Director General of Division of Agriculture, FAO - Rome Italy
03 November 2007	Meeting with the Executive Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for FAO - Rome, Italy
05 November 2007	Attend a workshop on biodiversity data, organized by IUCN - Ottawa, Canada
08 November 2007	Meeting with Professor Michel Loreau, Faculty of Science, McGill University with regard to IMoSEB - Montreal, Canada
09 November 2007	Meet with representatives of the International Organizations and IUCN on REDD mechanism, at the invitation of World Bank - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
11 November 2007	Participate as a member at the meeting of the Lisbon Conference Organizing Committee - Lisbon, Portugal
12 November 2007	Visit of Ms. Fanny Douvere and Mr. Charles Ehler, UNESCO to exchange information on the initiative on Ecosystem-based Marine Spatial Management (EBMSM) - Montreal, Canada

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12 November 2007	Deliver a lecture to International Development Studies McGill University students - Montreal, Canada
12-13 November 2007	Participate in the High Level Conference on Business and Biodiversity - Lisbon, Portugal
12 November 2007	Meet with the Director of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation - Lisbon, Portugal
12 November 2007	Meet with the delegation of France attending the Business and Biodiversity meeting - Lisbon, Portugal
12 November 2007	Bilateral meeting with the UK Parliamentary Under Secretary of State - in the margins of the Business and Biodiversity meeting, Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Meet with the Secretary of State of Portugal - Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Meet with the Director General, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Nature, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany to discuss preparations of COP-9 - Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Meet with the Director General of Nature Protection of the Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea Protection of Italy, in the margins of the Business and Biodiversity meeting - Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Meet with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of The Netherlands, in the margins of the Business and Biodiversity meeting - Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Take part and give a lecture on climate change and biodiversity at the upcoming session of the CLIMA Project - Paris, France
13 November 2007	Meet with experts in biodiversity education - Biodôme, Montreal, Canada
13-14 November 2007	Participate in the thirty-second meeting of the GEF Council - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
15 November 2007	Meet with representatives from the Secretariats of the UNFCCC and UNCCD - Bonn, Germany
15-16 November 2007	Attend the International Steering Committee of the Consultative Process towards an IMOSEB - Montpellier, France
16 November 2007	Attend the Life Sciences Symposium: Intellectual Property and Life Sciences Regulation, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the Stockholm Network - Geneva, Switzerland
16-17 November 2007	Meet with representatives of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) regarding biodiversity and climate change - London, U.K.
18-20 November 2007	Participate in the Conférence Internationale sur la solidarité et le changement climatique, organized by the Tunisian Government - Tunis, Tunisia
18 November 2007	Participate in a preparatory workshop, as well as the opening ceremony of the ABS Workshop for French speaking African Countries - Marrakech, Morocco
18 November 2007	Media interviews with the National Tunisia TV and Channel 7 as well as to Egyptian Nil TV - Tunis, Tunisia
18 November 2007	Interview with the Tunis newspaper and radio Monastir – Tunis, Tunisia
19 November 2007	Bilateral meetings with the Ministers of Environment of Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt and Italy - Tunis, Tunisia
19 November 2007	Meeting with French ambassador on Climate Change - Tunis, Tunisia
19 November 2007	Participate via teleconference in the first MEA Management Team Meeting (MMT) - Nairobi, Kenya
19-23 November 2007	ABS Workshop for French speaking African Countries, organized under the framework of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative - Marrakech, Morocco
19-23 November 2007	Participate in the UNEP/GEF Regional Training Workshop on the BCH for the Caribbean countries - Bridgetown, Barbados

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23 November 2007	Presentation at the Concordia University on Contemporary Global Issues - Montreal, Canada
26 November 2007	Participate in the round table on “Challenges for Sustainable Tourism” - Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
26-27 November 2007	Meet with representatives of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) on 26 27 November in Seattle, U.S.A.
26-28 November 2007	Participate in a workshop on “The Ecosystem Approach under the CBD and socio-economic monitoring” - University of Bremen, Germany
26-28 November 2007	Attend the review meeting of the UNEP/CBD project on trade-related impact assessment for agricultural biodiversity - Geneva, Switzerland
27 November 2007	First Review Meeting with MKI travel under the Travel Agency Contract - Montreal, Canada
27 November 2007	Attended presentation on “Protection de la Nature et changement planétaire: quell avenir pour la biodiversité”, at the Montreal Botanical Gardens - Montreal, Canada
27-29 November 2007	Attend the seventeenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations World Tourism Organization - Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
29 November 2007	Participate as UNEP Expert for the Day on the issue of forest biodiversity
29 Nov-2 Dec 2007	Participate in the First International Meeting on protected areas and tourism - Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Annex III

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN 2007

	Title	Subject	Signature
1	Memorandum of Cooperation between the SCBD and the New Partnership for Africa's Development and Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development of the Government of Portugal	Framework MOC on capacity building for the implementation of the CBD and its Cartagena protocol on Biosafety in Africa	2007-02-07
2	Memorandum of Cooperation between the SCBD and the Canadian Ministry for the Environment	Provision of computer applications for BCH	2007-02-10
3	Memorandum of Cooperation between the SCBD and the International Civil Aviation Organization	On conference servicing and other arrangements	2007-02-19
4	Memorandum of Understanding between the SCBD and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, the Paris Museum of Natural History, the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, the Royal Institute of Natural Sciences and the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, CONABIO-Mexico and Ville de Montreal	Addendum to MOU with Steering committee to promote the implementation of the CBD and its protocol through training and education	Ville de Montréal: 2007-02-22
5	Letter of intent between the SCBD and the Information and Communication Centre of the Barcelona Convention	On collaboration on initiatives and activities related to their mandate and in particular the context of their outreach, communication and education strategies	2007-03-12
6	Memorandum of Understanding between the SCBD and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research	Framework MOC on capacity building for the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target	2007-03-28
7	Letter of intent between Canadian Universities and Research Institutes and the SCBD	On scientific and technical partnership	Laval University: 2007-04-30
8	Letter of intent between the SCBD and GTZ	On collaboration in the promotion of the International Day for Biological Diversity	2007-05-14
9	Memorandum of Understanding between the SCBD and the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development	MOU on general cooperation in implementing the Convention	2007-06-5
10	Memorandum of Understanding between the SCBD and Countdown 2010	Framework MOU on general cooperation	2007-06-11
11	Memorandum of Cooperation between the SCBD and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP)	Framework MOC in the area of biological diversity of relevance to agriculture	2007-07-02

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12	Memorandum of Cooperation between the SCBD and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization	Revised MOC to enhance collaboration in the field of biosafety	2007-07-16
13	Memorandum of Understanding between the SCBD and the World Conservation Union	On enhanced cooperation between SCBD and the IUCN ROfE to support the integration of biodiversity in European Development Cooperation	2007-07-11
14	Letter of Intent between Victoria University and the CBD	On the implementation of the objectives of the Cartagena Protocol and on general cooperation	2007-07-30
15	Memorandum of Understanding between SCBD and the United Nations Regional Economic and Social Commissions	On general cooperation between SCBD and the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	2007-10-25
16	Memorandum of Understanding between SCBD and GRID Arendal	On enhance cooperation between SCBD and GA on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the Convention	2007-10-30
17	Memorandum of Understanding between the SCBD and the Government of Germany	To foster the integration of biodiversity into the poverty alleviation agenda	2007-12-20

Annex IV

CBD STATEMENTS IN 2007

	Date	Meeting
1	25 January	Statement of the Executive Secretary on Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Millennium Development Goals at the Biodiplomacy Course Lecture Series organized by UNU/IAS - Yokohama, Japan
2	27 January	Statement at the International Symposium on the National Biodiversity Strategy of Japan - Tokyo, Japan
3	6 February	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif at the Ministerial Panel Discussion on Globalization and the Environment at the Twenty-fourth Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-24/GMEF) - Nairobi, Kenya
4	7 February	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif at the Ministerial Panel Discussion on United Nations Reform at the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-24/GMEF) - Nairobi, Kenya
5	7 February	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif at the Meeting of the Network of Women Ministers of Environment - Nairobi, Kenya
6	7 February	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif to the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-24/GMEF) - Nairobi, Kenya
7	14 February	Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif to the Symposium on Climate Change and the European Water Dimension - Berlin, Germany
8	22 February	Message to the 13th General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians' Conference on Environment and Development – Islamabad, Pakistan
9	22 February	Intervention du Dr Ahmed Djoghlaif, Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la diversité biologique à l'occasion de la signature du Mémorandum d'accord avec la Ville de Montréal
10	26 February	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif at the Opening Ceremony of the 41st Meeting of the Chairmen/ Coordinators of the Group of 77 Chapters, Rome, 26 February 2007
11	26 February	Message to Parliamentarians from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif for the 13th General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians' Conference on Environment and Development
12	5 March	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif to the International Expert Seminar on Indicators Relevant to Indigenous Peoples, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the MDGS, Banaue, Ifugao, Philippines, 5 March 2007
13	16 March	Keynote presentation on “La diversité biologique et la diversité culturelle ou les éléments constitutifs de la vie sur terre” at the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO on “Linking Networks, Sharing Ideas”, Ottawa, Canada

14	19 March	Address by Dr Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Opening of the Expert Meeting on the Further Strengthening of Links between Biodiversity and Climate Change, Montréal, Canada, 19 March 2007
15	22-23 March	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl to the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) "Conference on Energy and Environment for Sustainable Development"
16	26 March	Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Opening of the Meeting on "Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target", Curitiba, Brazil, 26 March 2007
17	29 March	One Million Species Catalogue of Life symposium and launch
18	2 April	Message to the Equator Initiative Prize finalists
19	2-4 April	Contribution to the seminar on Desertification and Biodiversity - Algiers, Algeria
20	6-7 April	Message to the Circumpolar seminar on the results of the international project "Conservation Value of Sacred Sites of Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic: A Case study in the North of Russia – Salekhard, Russia
21	16 April	Message to the 3rd Global Botanic Gardens Congress - Wuhan, China
22	19-20 April	Statement at the International Conference in Defence of the Quality of the Night Sky and the Right to Observe the Stars - La Palma, Spain
23	19 April	Opening statement at the research workshop of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law – Ottawa, Canada
24	19 April	Statement during a lunch time event in the margins of the research workshop of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law – Ottawa, Canada
25	24-25 April	Message to the Ministerial Conference on the Terrafrica Strategic Investment Programme for Sustainable Land Management in Sub-Saharan Africa – Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
26	30 April	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the Second Meeting of the Advisory Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, 30 April 2007
27	1 May	Expert Panel on International Environmental Governance, New York
28	4-5 May	Message from Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, Aleppo, Syria, 4-5 May, 2007
29	7-8 May	Message to the symposium on "Asserting Rights, Defining Responsibilities: Perspectives from Small-scale Fishing Communities on Coastal and Fisheries Management in Asia", Preah Khan Hotel, Siem Reap, Cambodia
30	8 May	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the BIO International Convention - Boston, U.S.A.

31	10 May	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Fifteenth Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development - New York, U.S.A.
32	17 May	Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at its sixth session - New York, U.S.A.
33	21-22 May	Atelier Sous Régional pour la Présentation des Expériences Nationales en Matière de Biosécurité - Jnane Palace à Fès, Morocco
34	22 May	Message on the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity in Hanoi, Vietnam
35	22 May	Indigenous and Local Communities – the Human Face of Climate Change, Statement by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, for the Media Conference - UN Headquarters, New York, U.S.A..
36	22 May	Message of Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the occasion of the celebration of International Biodiversity Day at the Millennium Seed Bank - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, U.S.A.
37	22 May	Discours délivré par Ahmed Djoghlaif, Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la diversité biologique, à la conférence Mission Antarctique: La Terre vue de la mer Conférence de Jean Lemire sur les changements climatiques et la biodiversité - Montréal, Canada
38	28 May	Opening Statement of Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on the Review of the Expanded Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity - FAO, Rome
39	3-15 June	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora - The Hague, Netherlands
40	5-7 June	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the 7th INFO/RAC NFPs Meeting of Barcelona Convention, Palermo, Italy, 5-7 June 2007
41	11 June	Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the Eleventh Session of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
42	11 June	Statement delivered by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Countdown 2010 Partners Assembly - Brussels, Belgium
43	12-13 June	Statement delivered by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Royal Society and the Biodiversity Sub-Committee of the UK Government Global Environmental Change Committee Workshop Biodiversity – Climate Interactions: adaptation, mitigation and human livelihoods - The Royal Society, London, U.K.
44	26 June	“Global Alliance for Life on Earth” - Statement by Dr Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at a Meeting organized at the United States Library of Congress by the Institute for Policy Innovation, Washington DC, 26 June 2007

45	27-30 June	Message on the occasion of the OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge, and Policy "Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies" - Istanbul, Turkey
46	2-6 July	Discours prononcé par Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la diversité biologique À la Douzième réunion de l'Organe subsidiaire chargé de fournir des avis scientifiques, techniques et technologiques de la Convention sur la diversité biologique
47	2-6 July	Message on the occasion of the First Congress on Ecosystem and Biodiversity Management - Havana, Cuba
48	3-12 July	Statement at the eleventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources Traditional Knowledge and Folklore - WIPO, Geneva, Switzerland
49	9-13 July	Discours prononcé par Docteur Ahmed Djoghlaïf Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la diversité biologique à la Deuxième réunion du Groupe de travail spécial à composition non limitée sur l'examen de l'application de la Convention sur la diversité biologique
50	23-24 July	Message on the occasion of the International Research Conference on Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources - Kigali, Rwanda
51	8-10 August	Message from Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the First Regional Scientific Conference on Traditional Arabic and Islamic Medicine - Amman, Jordan
52	28 August	Intervention du Docteur Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la diversité biologique, à la réunion du Groupe de travail sur l'environnement et le développement durable de la Conférence des élus de Montréal, Montréal
53	31 August	Statement Delivered on Behalf of Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the International Forum on Soil, Society and Global Change - Selfoss, Iceland
54	1-7 September	Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the First International Technical Conference for Animal Genetic Resources - Interlaken, Switzerland
55	10-12 September	Opening Remarks by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation - Geneva, Switzerland
56	13 September	Statement of Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the Occasion of the High-level Segment of the Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification - Madrid, Spain
57	17 September	Opening Statement of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, to the Annual Meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues - Montreal, Canada
58	19-21 September	Opening Statement by Dr Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the International Indigenous and Local Community Consultation on Access and Benefit-Sharing and the Development of an International Regime - Montreal, Canada

59	27-29 September	Statement delivered on behalf of Mr. Ahmed DjoghlaF, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the Mexican Forest Exposition for the XXIst Century
60	2-4 October	Statement by Ahmed DjoghlaF , Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Expert Workshop on Ecological Criteria and Biogeographic Classification Systems for Marine Areas in Need of Protection - Azores, Portugal
61	4-5 October	International Conference "Strategies for a Sustainable Development of the Caspian Sea" - Baku, Azerbaijan
62	08 October	Statement by Mr. Ahmed DjoghlaF, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing - Montreal, Canada
63	10-12 October	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed DjoghlaF, to the Sixth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" - Belgrade, Serbia
64	15 October	Statement by Mr. Ahmed DjoghlaF, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions - Montreal, Canada
65	18-19 October	Discours prononcé par M. Ahmed DjoghlaF, Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la diversité biologique, à l'occasion du Symposium international pour célébrer le 300ème anniversaire de la naissance du comte de Buffon - Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
66	22 October	Opening statement at the Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol - Montreal, Canada
67	22 October	La conférence de l'Association de recherche sur le climat et l'environnement sur l'Adaptation au changement climatique en Afrique - Algiers, Algeria
68	24-26 October	Message of the Executive Secretary to the Climate 2050 Conference - Montreal, Canada
69	25 October	Message from the Executive Secretary on the Launch of the Fourth Global Environment Outlook (GEO-4)
70	29 October	Statement by Mr. Ahmed DjoghlaF, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Fifth Trondheim Conference on "Ecosystems and people - biodiversity for development – the road to 2010 and beyond" - Trondheim, Norway
71	29 October	Statement by Dr Ahmed DjoghlaF, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly - New York, U.S.A.
72	30 October	Presentation by Mr. Ahmed DjoghlaF, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at Norwegian Parliament - Trondheim, Norway
73	30 Oct-1 Nov	International Conference on "Rapid Urbanisation and Land Use Conflicts in Coastal Cities - Aqaba, Jordan
74	31 October	Statement by Mr. Ahmed DjoghlaF, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Workshop on Small Sea Changes: Big Business Impacts - City Conference Centre, London, U.K.

75	02 November	Closing statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Second Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Rome
76	2-6 November	World Ocean Week - Xiamen, P.R. China
77	5-7 November	Fifth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe - Warsaw, Poland
78	5-8 November	COP-5 of the Nairobi Convention and COP 8 of the Abidjan Convention - Johannesburg, South Africa
79	12 November	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Thirty-second Meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
80	13 November	“Engaging Business for Protecting Life on Earth” - Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the High-level Conference on Business and Biodiversity - Lisbon, Portugal
81	13-14 November	Statement at the Informal meeting of the Puembo Initiative "Towards a Shared Agenda of Latin American Forests - Leiden, Germany
82	15-16 November	Message of the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, to the General Assembly on Sustainability inTuscany - Florence, Italy
83	15-16 November	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the occasion of a Donor Coordination Workshop on the Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas in Mongolia
84	18 November	Intervention du Dr Ahmed Djoghlafl, Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la diversité biologique à la Conférence de Solidarité internationale pour des stratégies face aux changements climatiques dans les régions africaine et méditerranéenne - Tunis, Tunisia
85	26 November	Statement by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of the 27th Meeting of the Bern Convention Standing Committee
86	26-27 November	Conference on "Nature Conservation in Sabah: The Quest for the Gold Standard" - Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
87	27-29 November	Conference on Forestry and Forest Products Research - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
88	05 December	Statement of the Executive Secretary on the occasion of Germany's first National Forum on Biodiversity - Berlin, Germany
89	12 December	Statement at the High-Level Segment of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia

Annex V

LIST OF MESSAGES FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN 2007

	Date	Meeting
1	1 February	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity, on the Occasion of World Wetlands Day
2	3 March	Message on the celebration of the African Environment Day
3	8 March	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the Occasion of International Women's Day, 8 March 2007
4	22 March	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the occasion of the World Water Day
5	23 March	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the Occasion of World Meteorological Day - 23 March 2007
6	12-13 May 2007	Message by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the Occasion of the World Migratory Bird Day 2007 - Migratory Birds in a Changing Climate
7	22 May	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the Occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity
8	05 June	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, for the World Environment Day, Berlin, Germany
9	17 June	Message from the Executive Secretary Ahmed Djoghlafl on the Occasion of World Day to Combat Desertification
10	20 June	Message from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of World Refugee Day, 20 June 2007
11	09 August	Message from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl on the Occasion of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People
12	12 August	Message from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of International Youth Day, 12 August 2007
13	16 September	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
14	01 October	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of World Habitat Day
15	16 October	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl on the occasion of World Food Day
16	24 October	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of United Nations Day
17	11 December	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of the International Mountains Day

Annex VI

**LIST OF DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURE AND CULTURE AS OF 31
DECEMBER 2007**

	Country	Description	Date Received
1	Republic of Croatia	Painting "Uvala"	February 2006 (presented during Biodiversity in Europe meeting)/2 March 2006 (received by Secr)
2	Slovak Republic	Eight (8) artistic drawings by children and two (2) landscape pictures	13 March 2006
3	Guinea Bissau	2 wooden statues	March 2006 - COP 8
4	Fed. Republic of Brazil – H. E. Ms. Marina Silva	Artisan Items	March 2006 - COP 8
5	Fed. Republic of Brazil - Mayor of Curitiba	Pencil Sketch Botanical Gardens	March 2006 - COP 8
6	Fed. Republic of Brazil – Governor of Parana	Wood carving – perched bird	March 2006 - COP 8
7	Cote d'Ivoire	Poster "Palmier"	March 2006 - COP 8
8	Chile	Wood carving – plough with oxes	March 2006 - COP 8
9	People's Republic of Algeria – Ministry of Environment	Mosaic – port of Algiers	March 2006 - COP 8
10	Czech Republic	Framed child's artwork	March 2006 – COP 8
11	Republic of Mauritius	Painting "Waterfall"	20 March 2006
12	Hungary	Ceramic Plant Holder	2 May 2006
13	Austria	Wooden bowl	15 May 2006
14	Government of Quebec	"Planète Captive"	23 May 2006
15	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Decorated wooden Vase	8 June 2006
16	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Traditional "Gabba" – piece of cloth with traditional embroidery	8 June 2006
17	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Wooden box	8 June 2006
18	Ireland	Bog Oak	8 June 2006
19	Poland	Woodcarving – Bison bonasus	14 June 2006
20	Bhutan	Tangkha - Mural Scroll	3 July 2006
21	People's Republic of Algeria – Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Mosaic – Algiers Casbah	19 July 2006
22	India	Two (2) Peacock Ceramic Vases	November 2006 (presented during visit to India)/10 October 2007 (received by Secretariat)
23	Republic of Tunisia	Mosaic "Solidarity for a Sustainable Biodiversity"	12 October 2006
24	Canada	Indigenous Art Painting	24 Nov 2006
25	Canada	Whale head	24 Nov 2006
26	Luxembourg	Framed photograph of the <i>Vallée de la Haute-Sûre</i>	29 January 2007
27	City of Montreal	Three (3) framed photographs	22 February 2007
28	Sri Lanka	Commemorative IBD stamps and souvenir postcards	6 July 2007
29	Cameroon	Wood-carving	8 October 2007

Annex VII

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

Status of contributions as at 31 October 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
AFD		2,837	24/			2,837
Canada	21,592		1/			21,592
Canada		120,909	9/		120,909	0
CIFOR		2,000	21/		2,000	0
EEC	59,065		2/			59,065
EEC	296,443		13/	205,250		91,193
EEC		41,914	17/		41,914	0
France		14,184	23/			14,184
Germany	17,159		3/			17,159
IBRD		10,000	12/		10,000	0
Italy	50,000		4/			50,000
Italy		3,000	16/		3,000	0
Japan		5,000	22/		5,000	0
Norway		200,000	25/		184,374	15,626
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

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Spain		54,054	19/			54,054
Sweden	13,287		7/			13,287
Sweden	13,288		8/			13,288
Sweden		144,217	10/		144,217	0
The Nature Conservancy		10,000	18/		10,000	0
UK		70,423	20/			70,423
WWF		15,653	15/		15,653	0
Total	921,796	1,504,827		631,212	1,347,703	447,708

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 for the ABS Group of Technical Experts, Lima, Peru, January 2007

15/WWF pledged CHF 20,000 towards the Sub-Regional Anglophone African Workshop on Protected Areas

16/Italy pledged US\$ 3,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review and Implementation of the programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, Rome, Italy, 28 May -1 June 2007

17/EEC pledged Euros 31,356 towards Various Approved Activities

18/The Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the Anglophone African Sub-Regional Workshop on Protected Areas, Cape Town,

South Africa, 12-16 August 2007

19/Spain pledged EUR 40,000 towards the Implementation of POW on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the CBD

20/UK pledged GBP 35,000 towards the costs of holding African Regional Workshops on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

21/CIFOR pledged US\$ 2,000 towards the publication of CBD Technical Series on Bushmeat

22/Japan pledged US\$ 5,000 towards the Asian Regional Capacity Building Workshop on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Singapore City, Singapore, 14-18 January 2008

23/France pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Translation of CBD Website into French

24/Agence Française de Développement pledged EUR 2,000 towards the Publication of 'Sur La Terre'

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

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

Status of contributions as at 31 October 2007 (in United States dollars)

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			16,371	0	(8,363)	(8,363)
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		94,521	0	(94,521)	(94,521)
Azerbaijan	0	527			527	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	1,370			2,800	0	(1,430)	(1,430)
Bahrain		3,161	3,161		3,301	0	(3,301)	(3,301)
Bangladesh	31	816		31	816	0	0	0
Barbados		1,054	1,054		1,100	0	(1,100)	(1,100)
Belarus	38,081	1,897		5,000	1,897	33,081	0	33,081
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		110	0	(110)	(110)
Bolivia	1,678	948			948	1,678	0	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	316			646	0	(330)	(330)
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

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
Burkina Faso	935	211				935	211	1,146
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		67	0	13	13
Chile		23,498	7,981		15,517	0	0	0
China	0	216,328			216,328	0	0	0
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			3,899	0	0	0
Cuba	29,365	4,531				29,365	4,531	33,896
Cyprus	0	4,110			4,110	0	0	0
Czech Republic		19,283	19,283		20,137	0	(20,137)	(20,137)
Denmark		75,657	75,657		78,976	0	(78,976)	(78,976)
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			203,978	0	40	40
Egypt	24,398	12,645		24,398	12,645	0	0	0
El Salvador	4,473	2,318				4,473	2,318	6,791
Equatorial Guinea	189	211				189	211	400

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
Eritrea	25	105		25	467	0	(362)	(362)
Estonia		1,264	1,264		1,320	0	(1,320)	(1,320)
Ethiopia	0	421			861	0	(440)	(440)
Fiji		421	4,365			0	(3,944)	(3,944)
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		20,311		1,767	316	2,083
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	424	0	(319)	(319)
Haiti	2,467	316		2,467		0	316	316
Honduras	3,083	527		523		2,560	527	3,087
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	0	0	0
Indonesia	13,908	14,963		13,908	30,588	0	(15,625)	(15,625)
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		880	0	(880)	(880)
Japan	0	1,795,354			1,795,354	0	0	0
Jordan	2,236	1,159		1,148		1,088	1,159	2,247

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
Kazakhstan	2,841	2,634				2,841	2,634	5,475
Kenya		948	0		1,938	0	(990)	(990)
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		49,148	189,248	0	0	0
Kuwait	0	17,070			17,070	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	301	105				301	105	406
Lao PDR	15	105		15	215	0	(110)	(110)
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		2,641	0	(2,641)	(2,641)
Luxembourg	0	8,114			8,114	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	626	632				626	632	1,258
Madagascar	32	316		32	677	0	(361)	(361)
Malawi	25	105		25	215	0	(110)	(110)
Malaysia	15	21,390		15	43,712	0	(22,322)	(22,322)
Maldives	0	105			215	0	(110)	(110)
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			1,159	0	0	0
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

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
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			178,078	0	0	0
New Zealand		23,287	23,287		24,318	0	(24,318)	(24,318)
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		86		117	105	222
Norway		71,547	71,547			0	0	0
Oman		7,376	7,376		7,703	0	(7,703)	(7,703)
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		49,525	0	(1,026)	(1,026)
Qatar		6,744	6,744			0	0	0
Romania	0	6,322			12,924	0	(6,602)	(6,602)
Russian Federation	0	115,909			115,879	0	30	30
Rwanda		105	86			0	19	19
Saint Vincent &	2,070	105				2,070	105	2,175

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
Grenadines								
Samoa	25	105				25	105	130
San Marino	0	316			316	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	572	105				572	105	677
Saudi Arabia	0	75,130			75,130	0	0	0
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		42,694	0	(42,694)	(42,694)
Slovak		5,374	5,374		5,612	0	(5,612)	(5,612)
Slovenia		8,640	8,640		9,023	0	(9,023)	(9,023)
Solomon Is.	2,420	105		2,420	215	0	(110)	(110)
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			215	0	(110)	(110)
Sudan	6,753	816				6,753	816	7,569
Suriname	1,922	105		1,922	1,684	0	(1,579)	(1,579)
Swaziland	0	211				0	211	211
Sweden	104,166	105,161		104,166	105,161	0	0	0
Switzerland		126,130	126,080		131,738	0	(131,688)	(131,688)
Syria	19	4,004		19	4,004	0	0	0
Tajikistan		105	419		133	0	(447)	(447)
Thailand	0	22,023			22,023	0	0	0
Togo	0	105			197	0	(92)	(92)
Tonga		105	98		107	0	(100)	(100)
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,318			2,318	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	3,372			6,893	0	(3,521)	(3,521)
Turkey	0	39,198			39,198	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
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		0	5,058	5,058
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,475		1,475		10,484	1,475	11,959
Vanuatu	0	105				0	105	105
Venezuela	23,015	18,019		23,015	983	0	17,036	17,036
Viet Nam	4,470	2,213		4,470	4,524	0	(2,311)	(2,311)
Yemen	7,052	632				7,052	632	7,684
Serbia	5,833	2,002				5,833	2,002	7,835
Zambia		211	677		500	0	(966)	(966)
Zimbabwe	1,424	738				1,424	738	2,162
Sub Total	1,301,634	8,160,677	2,085,899	481,448	6,239,089	820,186	(164,311)	655,875

Additional Contributions								
Canada	635,000	647,700		635,000	647,700	0	0	0
USA	0	0				0	0	0
Quebec	0	204,000			204,000	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,936,634	9,012,377	2,085,899	1,116,448	7,090,789	820,186	(164,311)	655,875

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

Status of contributions as at 31 October 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 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Canada			17/	37,736			37,736
Denmark	40,000		1/				40,000
Denmark			11/	31,694		31,694	0
Denmark			13/	27,076			27,076
EC	105,402		6/		72,977		32,425
Finland			12/	20,463		20,463	0
Finland			16/	13,381		13,381	0
Germany			8/	51,100		51,100	0
Iceland			7/	1,979		1,979	0
Ireland			14/	67,250		67,250	0
Norway			9/	91,973		91,973	0
Norway			18/	50,000		46,094	3,906
Spain			5/	226,978		226,978	0
Sweden	9,457		2/				9,457
Sweden			4/	28,843		28,843	0
Switzerland	24,056		3/		24,056		0
Switzerland			15/	41,244		41,244	0
UK			10/	70,690		70,690	0
Total	178,915	0		760,407	97,033	691,689	150,600

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

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

3/Switzerland pledged CHF 30,000 towards the 5th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing

4/Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the participation costs to the 6th Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing

5/Spain pledged EUR 175,000 towards the participation of Delegates in CBD Meetings

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

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

- 8/Germany pledged EUR 38,325 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 9/Norway pledged NOK 550,000 for participation in activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 10/UK pledged GBP 35,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 11/Denmark pledged DKK 175,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 12/Finland pledged EUR 15,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 13/Denmark pledged DKK 150,000 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 14/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the 5th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing
- 15/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 16/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the 5th Meetings of the Access and Benefit-Sharing and of the Article 8(j), Montreal, Canada, October 2007
- 17/Canada pledged CAD 40,000 towards the 5th Meetings of the Access and Benefit-Sharing and of the Article 8(j), Montreal, Canada, October 2007
- 18/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Developing Countries

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BG)

Status of contributions as at 31 October 2007 (in United States dollars)

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\$
Albania	0	176				0	176	176
Algeria	0	2,658			4,649	0	(1,991)	(1,991)
Antigua and Barbuda	0	105				0	105	105
Armenia	0	70				0	70	70
Austria		30,037	30,037		22,498	0	(22,498)	(22,498)
Azerbaijan	230	177				230	177	407
Bahamas	0	455				0	455	455
Bangladesh	371	220				371	220	591
Barbados		350	350		262	0	(262)	(262)
Belarus	0	629			629	0	0	0
Belgium	57,161	37,380		31,187	37,380	25,974	0	25,974
Belize	0	35				0	35	35
Benin		71	71			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Bolivia	0	315				0	315	315
Botswana		420	420		314	0	(314)	(314)
Brazil	0	53,256			53,256	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	594			594	0	0	0
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			33	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
China	77,822	72,998		77,822	72,998	0	0	0
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			1,294	0	0	0
Cuba	2,742	1,504				2,742	1,504	4,246
Cyprus	0	1,364			1,364	0	0	0
Czech Republic		6,399	6,399		4,793	0	(4,793)	(4,793)
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	1,239	0	15	15
Ecuador	559	664		559		0	664	664
Egypt	353	420				353	420	773
El Salvador	0	769			769	0	0	0
Eritrea	48	35				48	35	83
Estonia	0	420			734	0	(314)	(314)
Ethiopia	0	140			245	0	(105)	(105)
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
Gabon		135				0	135	135
Gambia	63	35				63	35	98
Germany		302,889	302,889			0	0	0
Ghana	255	140				255	140	395

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
Greece	33,803	18,533		33,803		0	18,533	18,533
Grenada	63	35				63	35	98
Guatemala	0	1,050			1,838	0	(788)	(788)
Hungary	21	4,406		21	4,406	0	0	0
India	0	14,721			25,727	0	(11,006)	(11,006)
Indonesia	0	4,984			4,984	0	0	0
Iran	10,014	5,490				10,014	5,490	15,504
Ireland		12,239	12,239		9,167	0	(9,167)	(9,167)
Italy		170,817	170,817			0	0	0
Japan	0	482,921			482,921	0	0	0
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		393	0	(393)	(393)
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		652	0	(629)	(629)
Luxembourg	0	2,693			2,693	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	235	213				235	213	448
Madagascar		105	110			0	(5)	(5)
Malaysia		7,098	7,083		5,322	0	(5,307)	(5,307)
Maldives	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Mali	128	70		128	62	0	8	8
Malta	0	371				0	371	371

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
Marshall Islands	63	35				63	35	98
Mauritania	34	35				34	35	69
Mauritius		385	364			0	21	21
Mexico		65,844	989		114,173	0	(49,318)	(49,318)
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		101,397	0	(44,263)	(44,263)
New Zealand	0	7,801				0	7,801	7,801
Nicaragua	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Niger	63	35				63	35	98
Nigeria		1,469	1,469			0	0	0
Niue	63	35		35		28	35	63
Norway		23,743	3,737			0	20,006	20,006
Oman	0	2,448			4,281	0	(1,833)	(1,833)
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			16,098	0	22	22
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			3,669	0	(1,571)	(1,571)

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
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			35	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	3,778				0	3,778	3,778
Senegal	165	175				165	175	340
Serbia	338	681		338	1,207	0	(526)	(526)
Seychelles	20	70				20	70	90
Slovakia		1,783	1,783		1,336	0	(1,336)	(1,336)
Slovenia		2,867	2,867		2,148	0	(2,148)	(2,148)
Solomon Islands	63	35				63	35	98
South Africa	18,623	10,211		18,623	10,211	0	0	0
Spain	0	88,118			88,118	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		594	594		445	0	(445)	(445)
Sudan	232	220				232	220	452
Swaziland	40	72		40	127	0	(55)	(55)
Sweden		34,898	4,931		29,401	0	566	566
Switzerland		41,856	41,831		31,351	0	(31,326)	(31,326)
Syria	0	1,329				0	1,329	1,329
Tajikistan	63	35				63	35	98
Thailand	5,123	7,487		5,123	7,487	0	0	0
Togo	63	35				63	35	98
Tonga	0	35			35	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	647	769		647	1,345	0	(576)	(576)
Tunisia	0	1,119			1,119	0	0	0
Turkey	0	13,008			13,008	0	0	0
Uganda		210	296			0	(86)	(86)

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
Ukraine	0	1,364				0	1,364	1,364
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	214,246			214,246	0	0	0
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	138	215				138	215	353
Zambia		70	70		200	0	(200)	(200)
Zimbabwe	10	247				10	247	257
Sub Total	237,120	2,204,807	822,886	169,843	1,404,934	67,278	(23,013)	44,265
Additional Contributions								
Canada	165,000	168,300		165,000	168,300		0	0
Grand Total	402,120	2,373,107	822,886	334,843	1,573,234	67,278	(23,013)	44,265

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES (BH)**

Status of contributions as at 31 October 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	4,268				1/	4,268		(0)
EEC	26,350				3/	18,244		8,106
Netherlands				68,400	4/		68,400	0
Norway				173,000	5/		159,518	13,482
Switzerland	40,102				2/	40,102		0
Switzerland				34,188	6/			34,188
Total	70,720		0	275,588		62,614	227,918	55,776

1/Canada pledged CAD 4,969 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

4/Netherlands pledged towards the Regional Capacity Building Workshops on Risk Assessment and Risk Management

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

6/Switzerland pledged CHF 40,000 in support for the CEE Regional Workshop on Capacity Building/Risk Assessment

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR FACILITATING PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING PARTIES, IN PARTICULAR THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND THE SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES AMONGST THEM, AND PARTIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION (BI)

Status of contributions as at 31 October 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
Finland			10,702	8/		10,702	0
Iceland			1,979	6/		1,979	0
Norway			15,873	4/			15,873
Norway			75,251	7/		75,251	0
Spain	29,586			2/	29,586		0
Spain	99,024			3/	99,024		0
Sweden			43,541	9/			43,541
Total	272,175	0	147,346		219,832	87,932	111,757

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

7/Norway pledged NOK 450,000 towards the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 22-26 October 2007

8/Finland pledged EUR 8,000 towards the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol

9/Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 22-26 October 2007

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE
THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE
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Status of contributions as at 23 November 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 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
EEC			1/	32,938		22,806	10,132
Norway			3/	50,000		46,094	3,906
Spain			2/	306,747		306,747	0
Total	0	0		389,685	0	375,647	14,038

1/EEC pledged EUR 25,000

2/Spain pledged EUR 210,000

3/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000
