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THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Note by the Executive Secretary

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. Decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff lists, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditures. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. The Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 April to 30 June 2000.

## II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. During the period under review the Secretariat organised the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention which took place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 15-26 May 2000. The meeting was attended by approximately 1500 participants representing 156 Governments, as well as non-governmental organisations, intergovernmental organisations and indigenous and local community organisations. The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties considered and adopted a total of 29 decisions covering a number of key issues regarding the effective implementation of the Convention.
4. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted by the First Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Montreal on 29 January 2000 was opened for signature in Nairobi from the 15-26 May 2000 during the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. A special signing ceremony was held on the 24 May 2000. A total of 67 States and the European Community signed the Protocol at Nairobi.

## III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

5. The Secretariat regularly reviews implementation of the Administrative Arrangements endorsed by the COP in decision IV/17. The status of implementation of the agreed Administrative Arrangements is presented in Annex I. The following, highlights the key features of the Secretariat's activities with respect to implementation of these Arrangements.

### A. Personnel Arrangements

#### Personnel Arrangements

6. As at 30 June 2000, the Secretariat had 20 regularized Professional staff members and 17 regularized General Service staff members. Additionally, 11 Professional posts and 3 General Service posts were funded from other sources. Please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annexes I and II respectively).

## **B. Financial Arrangements**

7. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2000, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,110,010 for 2000 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$4,843,113. A balance of US\$2,087,044 is still outstanding for 2000. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for prior years amounts to US\$971,489.
8. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2000, the total amount pledged for 2000 amounts to US\$174,442. The total collected for 2000 as at 30 June 2000 was US\$31,760. Total unpaid pledges for prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$59,232.
9. The Government of the United Kingdom has contributed for various activities of the Convention including the publication of the CBD Handbook and CBD Brochure as well as for the meeting of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. Funds were also provided by the Government of Spain for hosting the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j) which took place in Seville, Spain from 27 –31 March 2000. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.
10. Further contributions totalling US\$560,916 were pledged as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**) in 2000 of which a total of US\$443,320 has been collected. Additionally, US\$102,963 has been collected during 2000 for prior years' pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2000 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$363,409. Annex IV contains details.
11. Invoices have been sent to the 174 Parties to the Convention listed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1, Part A of Decision III/24, inviting them to pay their contributions to the Trust Fund for 1999 and 2000. To date seventy-eight countries have paid their assessed contributions for 2000 amounting to 71% of the total amount pledged to the Trust Fund in 2000. The Statement of Contributions to the General Trust Fund, as provided by the Trustee as at 30 June 2000 is attached as Annex V to this report.

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

### SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS DIVISION

#### **DECISION IV/1: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE, AND INSTRUCTIONS BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

##### **Scientific assessments**

14. Representatives of the Secretariat had discussions with UNEP's Regional Coordinator on Environmental Information, Assessment and Early Warning, Dr. Ashbindu Sing, on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May on developing data bases supporting policy development.
15. At COP-5, the Conference of the Parties noted the report of the brainstorming meeting on scientific assessment (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/1), and referred it to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific,

Technical and Technological Advice for consideration and, where appropriate, use in its work. COP-5 requested SBSTTA to:

- a) identify and, where needed, further develop, procedures and methods to undertake or participate in scientific assessments, or make use of existing ones, taking into account considerations of participation, effectiveness and costs;
- b) undertake a limited number of pilot scientific assessment projects, in preparation for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and to invite, among others, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to work closely together with the Subsidiary Body in this area; and to facilitate and support the implementation of these projects; and, at an appropriate stage, to carry out an evaluation of them;
- c) develop further its methodologies for scientific assessment, and to provide advice to Parties on scientific assessment design and implementation;
- d) identify and regularly update, within the context of its programme of work, assessment priorities and information needs;

16. In decision V/1, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to consult with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment on possible mechanisms of cooperation. These consultations were held 18 April 2000. The Executive Secretary also participated in a meeting of the MEA Executive Committee on 13 May 2000. COP 5 requested SBSTTA to identify opportunities for collaboration with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in contributing to the assessment needs of the Convention, in particular through pilot scientific assessment projects. It also decided to accept the invitation of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to be represented in the Executive Committee by the Chair of SBSTTA and the Executive Secretary.

### **Indicators**

17. COP-5 requested the Executive Secretary, in broad consultation with Parties, drawing on the roster of experts, and in collaboration with other relevant organizations, bodies and processes, to carry out the pending activities set out in the work programme on indicators of biological diversity as approved by decision IV/1 A of the Conference of the Parties and, in particular, to develop:

- (a) A set of principles for designing national-level monitoring programmes and indicators;
- (b) A key set of standard questions and a list of available and potential indicators, covering the ecosystem, species and genetic levels, taking into account the ecosystem approach, that may be used by Parties at their national level and in national reporting and that also allow for regional and global overviews on the state and trends of biodiversity and, if possible and appropriate, any responses from policy measures;

18. COP-5 also encouraged Parties and Governments to establish or increase regional cooperation in the field of indicators, monitoring and assessment and invited the Executive Secretary to establish a process through which the documents mentioned above are reviewed and broadly discussed at regional workshops on the basis of case-studies submitted by Parties, Governments and relevant organizations.

### **Ecosystem approach**

19. The Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/10: Progress Report on the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, marine and coastal biological diversity and forest biological diversity and UNEP/CBD/COP/5/12: Progress Report in cross-cutting issues, including on the ecosystem approach on the basis of the outcome of SBSTTA recommendation V/10. During COP 5, the Secretariat presented the document to Working Group 1 and serviced the meeting in preparing the relevant decision. COP discussion on the ecosystem approach resulted in the adoption of decision V/6 on the ecosystem approach.

20. Details on the ecosystem approach have been introduced on the website in the light of the latest available information under thematic areas (<http://www.biodiv.org/ISSUES/HTML>).

### **Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species**

21. In order to assist COP-5 the Executive Secretary prepared an information paper (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/9) on 'Gaps in measures taken to prevent the introduction of, or the adverse effects from, alien invasive species and genotypes that threaten marine and coastal ecosystems, habitats or species'.

22. COP-5 produced Decision 8 on alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species. COP-5 urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to apply the interim guiding principles in the implementation of Article 8(h) of the CBD, and to submit to the Executive Secretary written comments on them to help in their further elaboration before COP-6, as well as to submit case-studies to the Executive Secretary, particularly focusing on thematic assessments. COP-5 requested the Convention's clearing-house mechanism to disseminate and compile these case-studies.

23. COP-5 requested the Executive Secretary to cooperate with other international bodies and other relevant international and regional binding and non-binding instruments to coordinate work on alien invasive species, and to report on potential joint programmes of work to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The Secretariat has begun work on this cooperation.

24. COP-5 invited the Parties, Governments, the Global Invasive Species Programme and other relevant bodies, to disseminate publicly available information which they hold or acquire, including databases of alien species, through the Convention's clearing-house mechanism, and work has begun on determining what resources will be required to enable this.

25. COP-5 also requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with a range of bodies to assist the Parties to the Convention in their work on alien invasive species, particularly in developing standardized terminology, developing risk assessment criteria, developing socio-economic assessments with particular reference to the implications for indigenous and local communities, developing means to enhance the resistance or recover capacity of ecosystems, developing a reporting system for new invasions, and in assessing priorities for taxonomic work.

26. COP-5 further requested the Executive Secretary in collaboration with a range of bodies to develop a paper containing a comprehensive review, a progress report, and options for future work, for consideration by the SBSTTA and COP VI.

27. During COP-5 the Secretariat attended several meetings regarding alien invasive species work of the Convention, including a New Zealand government presentation on new national legislation to control

alien species invasions, and the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) presentation on global and African projects.

### **Global Taxonomy Initiative**

28. COP-5 produced Decision 9 on the Global Taxonomy Initiative: implementation and further advance of the Suggestions for Action. COP-5 agreed to the establishment of a GTI coordination mechanism to assist the Executive Secretary to facilitate international cooperation and coordinate activities, and urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake a set of priority activities to further the GTI, and contact has been made with relevant organizations regarding their participation.

29. COP-5 requested Parties to communicate to the Executive Secretary and the GTI coordination mechanism suitable programmes, projects and initiatives for consideration as pilot projects under the GTI, by 31 December 2001. COP V also requested all Parties and Governments to designate a national GTI focal point by 31 December 2000, linked to other national focal points, and participate in the development of regional networks to facilitate information sharing. These requests were communicated to the Parties and Governments in writing in June 2000.

30. The Secretariat has started to draft as a component of the strategic plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity, a work programme for the GTI, as requested by COP-5. The Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the GTI coordination mechanism was requested by COP-5 to initiate short-term activities, including regional meetings to prioritize the most urgent global taxonomic needs and facilitate the formulation of specific regional and national projects to meet the needs identified. Discussions were held with representatives of the Swedish government on logistics for two regional meetings to be funded by Sweden.

31. During COP-5 the Secretariat attended several meetings regarding the GTI, including participation in a GEF panel discussion on information management and taxonomy based on GEF projects in Costa Rica and Southern Africa, meetings on the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), and the Bionet International global network for taxonomy.

32. On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2000 the Secretariat participated in a workshop sponsored by UNESCO on 'Exploring How to Build Taxonomic Capacity for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity'.

33. In April 2000 the Secretariat contacted all Parties requesting information on national taxonomic needs assessments, and requested information on registers of taxonomic expertise and biological collections via a short questionnaire. Some 20 Parties had provided responses to the Secretariat by the end of June 2000.

### **DECISION IV/4: STATUS AND TRENDS OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATER ECOSYSTEMS AND OPTIONS FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE**

34. The Secretariat prepared for COP-5 the following document, which served as a basis for discussions leading to the adoption of decision V/2, UNEP/CBD/COP/5/10: Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, marine and coastal biodiversity, and forest biological diversity.



35. COP-5 in its decision V/2, paragraph 2 and decision V/21, paragraph 4, endorsed the second joint work plan for the period 2000-2001 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat, which includes, inter alia, a River Basin Initiative.

36. The Secretariat contributed to the development of the River Basin Initiative (RBI) under the framework of the joint work plan between CBD and Ramsar. On the occasion of the fifth meeting of the COP, a representative of the Executive Secretary of CBD and the Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention officially launched the RBI. The Initiative continues attracting collaborators and partners.

37. Preliminary discussions took place between the CBD Secretariat and the UNEP Coordination Office for the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA) to explore areas for a possible joint programme.

38. In preparation for and during COP-5, the Secretariat has been in contact with the World Commission on Dams (WCD) and attended the side-event organized by WCD during COP-5. The Commission provided the Secretariat with its annual report for 1999. It will produce its final report in November 2000, and COP-5 requested the Subsidiary Body on Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to consider the recommendations therein. The Executive Secretary contacted the Director General to inform the Commission about COP-5 decisions relating to WCD and ask for an interim report containing elements that could be considered for integration in the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

#### **DECISION IV/5: CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY, INCLUDING A PROGRAMME OF WORK**

39. In response to decision V/4, the Executive Secretary contacted the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) inviting them to cooperate on forest biological diversity. In addition the Executive Secretary has sent a letter to the Parties, other Government and relevant bodies inviting them to submit case studies on the coral bleaching phenomenon for dissemination through the clearing house mechanism.

40. The Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between SCBD and the Barcelona Convention Secretariat was finalized, with the assistance of the representative of the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas-RAC SPA. Subsequently, the MOC was signed on the occasion of COP-5. The annex to this MOC contains a list of activities to be carried out jointly by two Secretariats in the year 2000-2001.

41. The Coordination Office of the Global Plan of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA) has expressed its interest in cooperating with SCBD in particular with regard to the Jakarta Mandate and inland waters biodiversity programmes.

42. The SCBD was not able to participate in the CPC ICRI meeting in Noumea, New Caledonia, held during COP-5 meeting from 25 to 26 May 2000. The next meeting of CPC ICRI will be held on 28 to 29 October 2000 in conjunction with the 9<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) in Bali, Indonesia.

43.. As part of its outreach effort, the Secretariat produced a brochure on the Jakarta Mandate on marine and coastal biological diversity with the assistance of the Government of Sweden. The brochure was distributed to the Parties and other participants during COP-5. Copies have also been distributed to all partner organizations and interested individuals upon request.

44. Work on the production of a booklet on coral bleaching (Management of Bleached and Severely Damaged Coral Reefs) is on-going in collaboration with IUCN, WWF and the Coral Reef Degradation in the Indian Ocean (CORDIO)-Project. The booklet is expected to be ready before the IUCN Congress in Jordan in September 2000 and the International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) in Bali, October 2000 and will be distributed at the sixth meeting of SBSTTA.

45. The Secretariat continues its effort to update the data base on the roster of experts on marine and coastal biological diversity.

#### **DECISION IV/6: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

46. The Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/11: Agricultural Biological Diversity: Review of Phase I of the Programme of Work and adoption of a Multi-year work programme for agenda-item 16.2 of COP-5. This formed the basis for a constructive discussion, which resulted in the adoption of decision V/5. Also three information documents were prepared for this agenda item:

- (i) Summaries of case-studies on soil biota, pollinators and landscape diversity, and of coverage of agricultural biodiversity in national reports (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/10);
- (ii) The ecosystem approach: towards its application to agricultural biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/11);
- (iii) Report on the negotiations to revise the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources”(UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF12).

47. The various side-events on this thematic area, which were held in parallel with the Conference of the Parties, were attended by representatives of the Secretariat.

48. The Secretariat was also represented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Global Biodiversity Forum (GBF), which was held in Nairobi from 12-14 May 2000. GBF focused on following three main items:

- (i) Biodiversity and poverty alleviation;
- (ii) Instruments for access and benefit-sharing from genetic resources;
- (iii) Agricultural biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods: the case of dryland
- (iv) ecosystems.

49. During this occasion, a representative of the Secretariat gave a presentation on Access and Benefit-sharing of genetic resources.

50. The web pages on agricultural biodiversity have been updated in light of the latest data available (<http://www.biodiv.org/agro/>).

51. A representative of the Secretariat visited FAO in Rome from 13 to 15 June, 2000, to brief various experts of different divisions on the outcome of COP-5. Also issues for potential SCBD-FAO cooperation were discussed. In this context an informal meeting was held with the Chair of the

Interdepartmental Working Group on Biodiversity. Also the meeting of the Special Working Group on Biosafety, GMO's and Alien Invasive Species was attended on behalf of the Executive Secretary.

52. As a result of this visit, FAO may facilitate a provision of case studies related to Programme Element 2 of phase I of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity concerning in situ management of plant genetic resources, soil biodiversity (in cooperation with UNESCO's Tropical Soil Biological Diversity and Fertility Programme), pest control and pollinators, and provide experience of pilot projects relevant to Programme Element 3 through the application of farmer field schools to the management of agricultural biodiversity.

#### **DECISION IV/7: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

53. The Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/10: Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, marine and coastal biodiversity, and forest biological diversity. The discussions of this topic resulted in the adoption of Decision V/4.

54. In addition, the Secretariat started to compile Country Reports from Parties with a view to preparing a preliminary synthesized report on the information on forest biological diversity made available by Parties. Thirty national reports were studied. The outcome of this work was provided to the fifth Conference of the Parties as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/18). The Secretariat is pursuing the compilation of national reports and sent a questionnaire to all Parties requesting information on national taxonomic needs assessments, and requested information on registers of taxonomic expertise and biological collections. Some 20 Parties had provided responses to the Secretariat by the end of June 2000.

55. A representative of the Secretariat had meetings with a number of experts from the forestry department of FAO in Rome with the aim to emphasize the importance of FAO contributions to the CBD work on Forest biological diversity. As a result of this, FAO might provide the Secretariat with following inputs:

- (i) Forest Resources Assessment 2000 (FRA 2000);
- (ii) Forest gene resources data base;
- (iii) Forest criteria and Indicators;
- (iv) Forest fire assessments;
- (v) incorporation of biological diversity issues into national forest programmes.

#### **DECISION IV/8: ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING**

56. The Secretariat prepared for COP 5 document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/21 on access to genetic resources which, together with the reports of the Intersessional Meeting on the Operations of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/4) and the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-Sharing (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/8) formed the basis for discussions on this issue and the subsequent adoption by the Conference of the Parties of its decision V/26 on access to genetic resources.

57. Some of the major highlights of decision V/26 include the reconvening of the Panel of Experts to conduct further work on outstanding issues; the establishment of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group composed of representatives, including experts, nominated by Governments and regional

economic integration organisations, with the mandate to develop guidelines and other approaches for submission to the Conference of the Parties and to assist Parties and stakeholders in addressing specified elements as relevant to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing; and further information gathering with regard to *ex situ* collections acquired prior to the entry into force of the Convention and not addressed by the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

#### **DECISION IV/9: IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8 (j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

58. COP-5 adopted decision V/16 on Article 8(j) and related provisions. The COP endorsed the programme of work, contained in the annex of the decision, and decided to implement the programme of work, giving priority to tasks 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11, as well as 7 and 12. The COP decided also to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions.

59. COP-5 recognized the importance of the participation of indigenous and local communities in the programme of work, and in paragraph 10 of the decision V/16 recognized the importance of women to be fully incorporated in the activities when implementing the programme of work. This programme of work should promote within the framework of the Convention a just implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, at local, national, regional and international levels and ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities at all stages and levels of its implementation.

60. The Secretariat participated in and made a presentation at the International Bureau meeting on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources meeting held in Geneva from 17-18 April, 2000. The meeting addressed the issues relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity, namely, access to genetic resources, benefit sharing, traditional knowledge, and technology transfer and their relationship with international treaties on intellectual property.

#### **DECISION IV/10: MEASURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

##### **Public education and awareness : Article 13**

61. Letters were sent to all National Focal Points to the Convention on Biological Diversity for case studies, on GTI-coordination mechanism and for the ad hoc technical expert group on forest biodiversity.

62. The Secretariat continued its collaboration with UNESCO to explore the feasibility of launching a global initiative on biological diversity education, training and public awareness. As previously noted, a draft proposal was submitted to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Following the request from the Conference of the Parties to convene a consultative group of experts to identify priority activities for the proposed global initiative, the Secretariat and UNESCO collaborated on the arrangements for convening this meeting at the earliest possible date. The consultative group of experts will meet in Paris on 11 to 13 July 2000.

63. Work on preparing the reader's guide "Sustaining Life on Earth: How the Convention on Biological Diversity promotes nature and human well-being" was completed. The guide was published and launched at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The guide is being translated into the other official languages. A short explanatory brochure on the Convention was also prepared and distributed in English and French at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The booklet "Convention on Biological Diversity: The Jakarta Mandate – from global consensus to global action" was also published and distributed during the meeting.

64. A Draft of the Handbook of the Convention on Biological Diversity was launched during a side-event parallel to COP-5. Delegates were requested to submit amendments and/or corrections to the text in due course. The final Handbook together with the COP-5 decisions will be issued in due course. All these publications are available upon request to the Secretariat.

65. As requested by the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat is planning to develop its public information and outreach activities over the coming period through both the electronic and print media, including through the use of the clearing-house mechanism.

### **Liability and Redress:**

66. Secretariat prepared for COP 5 document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/16 containing a synthesis of submissions from governments and international organisations provided in response to a questionnaire on liability and redress regimes. The document formed the basis of discussions on this issue by the Conference of the Parties resulting in the adoption of decision V/18 on impact assessment, liability and redress. The major highlights of the decision include the renewal of the invitation to Parties, governments and relevant international organisations to provide the Executive Secretary with information on national, international and regional measures and agreements on liability and redress; the organisation of a workshop by the Government of France on liability and redress within the context of the Convention; and the decision to consider at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties a process for reviewing paragraph 2 of Article 14, including the establishment of an ad hoc technical expert group.

## **DECISION IV/16: INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS AND THE PROGRAMME OF WORK.**

### **ANNEX II: ITEMS FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION**

#### **Drylands, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland, and savannah biological diversity**

67. The Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/19: Options for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland and savannah ecosystems for COP-5 consideration. During COP-5, the Secretariat presented this document in working group I and serviced the meeting during the discussion on this matter. It also serviced the contact group that was established to support working group I in this respect. The discussion resulted in the adoption by COP of decision V/23 on "Consideration of options for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland and savannah ecosystems.

68. As requested by SBSTTA in its recommendation V/8, the Secretariat also prepared possible elements of a joint work programme with the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification which was submitted to COP-5 consideration under document UNEP/CBD/COP5/INF/15. This document was prepared in close cooperation with this Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. It was well received by the Conference of the Parties.

### **Sustainable use, including tourism**

69. The Secretariat prepared documents UNEP/CBD/COP/5/20 and UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/13 on this issue, which was being discussed under agenda-item 22 at COP-5 together with Incentive Measures (Document UNEP/CBD/COP/5/15). This resulted in three separate decisions:

- (i) V/24:Sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue;
- (ii) V/25:Biological diversity and tourism; and
- (iii) V/15:Incentive measures.

70. Different side-events on the subject showed that the issue has become popular and a much debated issue in recent years. However, sustainable use should be supported by mechanisms by which the opportunities and benefits reach all communities involved and ensure an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable community life.

### **PREPARATION FOR MEETINGS SBSTTA 6 and 7**

71. The provisional agenda for SBSTTA 6 and 7 was circulated on request of the chairman of the Bureau to the members of the Bureau for their comments. Preliminary annotated provisional agendas were prepared and an overview of activities in preparation for SBSTTA 6, 7 and beyond besides priority tasks and a SBSTTA 6 to 9 table were prepared.

### **BIOSAFETY UNIT**

#### **DECISION IV/3: ISSUES RELATED TO BIOSAFETY**

72. Pursuant to the adoption of the Biosafety Protocol and related decision EM-I/3 on interim arrangements by the resumed session of the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ExCOP 1) on 29 January 2000, letters were sent out by the Executive Secretary to all National Focal Points on 27 March, 2000 transmitting this decision. Parties and States were invited to provide the Secretariat with the names and coordinates of their focal point(s) for the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) pursuant to paragraph 11 of decision EM-I/3. They were also requested to provide information on existing programmes in their countries for regulating living modified organisms and possibilities of providing related technical assistance (paragraph 12 of decision EM-I/3), as well as the names and coordinates of national experts in fields relevant to risk assessment and risk management related to the Protocol for inclusion in the roster of experts established pursuant to paragraph 14 of decision EM-I/3.

73. At the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-5), the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was opened for signature. A special signing ceremony convened by the Depositary was held on 24 May 2000 in conjunction with the high-level segment of COP-5. At the closure of the meeting on 26 May 2000, 68 Parties had signed the Protocol

74. The high-level segment focused on capacity building endeavours to promote the ratification of the Protocol. More than 25 Ministers attended the event, which followed the ministerial round table on capacity building to facilitate the implementation of the Biosafety Protocol organized by the Government of Kenya on 23 May 2000.

75. COP 5 adopted decision V/1 on the work plan of ICCP which had been developed by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau of the ICCP pursuant to paragraph 10 of decision EM-I/3. The dates and venue of the first ICCP meeting were also announced (11 to 15 December 2000 in Montpellier, France). The offer by the Government of France to host the meeting was welcomed by COP-5.

76. COP-5 emphasized the priority of launching the Biosafety Clearing-House no later than the date of entry into force of the Protocol and requested the Executive Secretary to convene a meeting of technical experts on the Biosafety Clearing-House prior the first meeting of the ICCP (paragraph 3 of decision V/1).

77. The ICCP Bureau met on 25 May 2000 to discuss the preparations for the two upcoming meetings, namely, the meeting of technical experts on the Biosafety Clearing House and the first meeting of the ICCP. The Bureau agreed that the meeting of technical experts should be held during the period 11-15 September 2000 at the seat of the Secretariat in Montreal and provided guidance on criteria to use in selecting the experts. Subsequently, on 26 May 2000, letters were sent by the Executive Secretary to all National Focal Points, inviting Parties and States to submit names of experts on the basis of the criteria suggested by the Bureau. These experts will be included in a roster from which the Panel of experts will be constituted by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau of the ICCP.

78. The Secretariat is currently undertaking the preparations for the meeting of technical experts on the Biosafety Clearing-House and the preparations for the first meeting of the ICCP.

#### IMPLEMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION DIVISION

#### **DECISION IV/2: REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM**

79. The CD-ROM referred to in the previous Quarterly Report was produced and launched at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It is entitled "CBD Documents 1993-2000: The official documents of the Convention on Biological Diversity on CD-ROM" and contains all the official documents from meetings under the Convention up to and including SBSTTA-5. It thus includes documents from COP-1 to COP-4, SBSTTA-1 to SBSTTA-5, ICCBD-1 and 2, the Biosafety Working Group, ISOC, Workshop on Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity, the Extraordinary Meeting of the COP, as well as the pre-session documents for COP-5. To the extent possible, versions in all six UN languages are included. Copies were distributed to each delegation at COP-5, as well as to individual delegates and observers. Over two thousand copies were distributed. The CD-ROM has been posted on the Convention's website and plans are in hand to produce a second edition containing the full set of documents from COP-5.

80. Resources are being invested in improving the quality of the on-line services provided by the Secretariat. Important technical work is underway to upgrade the hardware and software infrastructure, improve security, develop databases, and streamline web content management. Simultaneously, work has started on restructuring the content of the website and redesigning its appearance. It is planned that the revision of the website will be completed before the end of the year and that the new structure and layout will facilitate better navigation by users.

81. As previously noted, the arrival of a Junior Professional Officer has enabled work to proceed on developing the role of the clearing-house mechanism with respect to its role in facilitating scientific and technical cooperation and the transfer of technology. As requested by the Conference of the Parties, attention will be devoted to this over the coming period including the development of a prototype electronic platform for scientific and technical cooperation in biodiversity.

82. During COP-5 the Secretariat established a cyber-café which was well used by delegates. A number of presentations and demonstrations of national clearing-house mechanisms took place.

83. The Unit is collaborating with the Biosafety Unit in the preparation of the meeting of experts on the Biosafety Clearing House to be held from 11 to 13 September 2000 in Montreal.

84. The recruitment process for the post of Programme Officer (Clearing-house mechanism), currently vacant, is underway.

#### **DECISION IV/14: NATIONAL REPORTS BY PARTIES**

85. The matrix for national reports, revised in accordance with the recommendation of SBSTTA, together with formats for thematic reports previously described were considered by the Conference of the Parties. In accordance with its decision, the matrix is being revised to incorporate obligations on Parties arising from the decisions of the fifth meeting and the revised matrix will be transmitted to Parties by September 2000.

#### **DECISION IV/11: REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM**

#### **AND**

#### **DECISION IV/13: ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM**

86. Some thirty-three biodiversity proposals were received from the GEF Implementing Agencies during the quarter. Comments on these were provided to Operations Coordination at the GEF Secretariat. The Secretariat has also revised its checklist for GEF project proposals based on the experience gained so far, with a view to further promoting the consistency of the project proposals with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties.

87. The Secretariat attended the fifteenth meeting of the GEF Council and made a statement informing Council members of recent developments under the Convention. Among a number of decisions taken by the GEF Council was the development of an initial strategy for assisting countries to prepare for the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

#### **DECISION IV/12 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

88. Work continues on the establishment of a database on biodiversity funding institutions. When complete, the database will be made available through the Clearing-house mechanism.

89. The Secretariat continues to monitor developments under the General Assembly's Preparatory Committee for the financing for development process.

#### **DECISION IV/15: THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY WITH THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS, OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES OF RELEVANCE**



90. The Secretariat was in contact with the UN Division for Sustainable Development with regard to the outcome of the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The decision adopted by the Commission on Integrated Planning and Management of Land Resources, on Agriculture, and on Economic Growth, Trade and Investment contain references to the Convention.

91. The Commission also invited the secretariats of UNCED-related conventions to review and assess their respective programmes of work since the Conference and to report to the Commission at its tenth session in 2002 on progress made in the implementation of sustainable development-related objectives. It further invited these secretariats to support preparatory activities for the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of UNCED.

92. The Secretariat prepared the Report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly requested by its Resolution 54/221.

93. Consultations were held with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species concerning the study on how the implementation of that convention complements the implementation of the CBD. The study was submitted to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/28).

94. During COP-5, the Secretariat had informal meetings with a number of organizations to explore possibilities of collaboration and developing and implementing joint work programmes on STTM-thematic and –cross-cutting issues, e.g. WWF, Barcelona Convention, the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), FAO, UNESCO, UNCCD and others.

95. Letters were sent by the Executive Secretary to the main organizations with whom SCBD is cooperating, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD), United Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Centre for International Forest Research (CIFOR), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), the Global International Waters Assessment the Convention (GIWA), the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially Waterfowl Habitat, the World Commission on Dams. The purpose of this message is to inform these organizations on the decisions taken in their field during COP-5 and to stress the importance of collaborating in joint programmes on specific thematic areas and cross-cutting issues.

96. The Secretariat was represented during the launching of the book “Ethics, Economics and International Relations: Transparent Sovereignty in the Commonwealth of Life” by Peter G. Brown of Mc Gill School of Environment, at the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy at Concordia University, Montreal.

#### **DECISION IV/16: INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS AND THE PROGRAMME OF WORK**

97. In accordance with this decision and on the advice of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat prepared a compilation of draft decisions for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/1/Add.2). Many delegations informed the Secretariat that this was a useful innovation that facilitated the work of the fifth meeting.

98. A draft of the handbook referred to in paragraph 10 of decision IV/16 was prepared and distributed to delegates at the fifth meeting. Work has begun on incorporating the decisions of the fifth meeting with a view to publishing the full first edition later this year. An interactive electronic version of the handbook will form the basis for part of the redesigned Convention website. The possibilities of publishing the interactive version of the handbook in CD-ROM format are also being studied.

## ANNEX I

### STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS

#### I Personnel Arrangements

1. The COP approved 27 Professional posts and 20 General Services posts for the biennium 1999-2000. All these posts have been classified and advertised. The recruitment process is underway as reflected in the staff list (Appendix 1).

#### II Contributions and Funds

2. In addition to the pledges and contributions of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) reported on in the last Quarterly Report, the Government of the Netherlands has pledged to contribute funds for the secondment of a Senior Programme Officer at the CBD for the period 2001.
3. The total amount pledged for 1999 to the BE Trust Fund was US\$1,321,743. As at 30 June 2000, total unpaid pledges to the BE Trust Fund for 1999 and prior years was US\$59,232. For 2000 a total of US\$174,442 has so far been pledged of which US\$31,760 has been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.
4. With regard to the General Trust Fund for the Convention (**BY Trust Fund**), as at 30 June 2000, total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 1999 and prior years amounted to US\$971,489. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2000 is US\$7,110,010. Of this amount, US\$5,022,966 or 71% has already been received. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2000 amounts to US\$2,087,044. Total unpaid pledges for 2000 and prior years is therefore US\$3,058,533. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.
5. As at 30 June 2000, a total of US\$560,916 has been pledged for 2000 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum includes pledges from Canada, Central African Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United Kingdom .
6. Contributions totalling US\$1,176,111 were pledged in 1999 for the BZ Trust Fund. Total unpaid pledges for 1999 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund is currently US\$245,813. As at 30 June 2000, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2000 amounted to US\$443,320 or 79% A total of US\$117,596 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2000. Total unpaid pledges for 2000 and prior years is therefore US\$363,409. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.
7. The Statement of Contributions to the CBD Trust Fund, as provided by the Trustee as at 30 June 2000 is attached as Annex V to this report.

### III **Budget**

8. The Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in its decision V/22 extended the three Trust Funds of the CBD for a further two years until December 2003, and approved a programme budget of US\$8,594,000 for the year 2001 and US\$10,049,900 for the year 2002. Additionally, the Conference of the Parties approved the drawing of US\$5,203,200 from the unspent balances from previous financial periods to cover part of the 2001-2002 budget. This represents a fifteen percent increase payable by the Parties from their assessed contributions over the 1999-2000 biennium.
9. The Conference of the Parties also approved an amount of US\$2,547,500 and US\$2,128,900 for 2001-2002 respectively for the BE Trust Fund, and US\$2,011,600 and US\$2,988,700 for the BZ Trust Fund. The Conference of the Parties urged Parties to contribute to these two voluntary Trust Funds.

### IV **Accounting and Reporting**

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

10. At present three UNEP staff members, the Chief, Fund Management and Administration, the Administrative Officer and the Finance Assistant are funded from the programme support funds (PSC). Additionally, UNEP has provided funding for five (5) more general service administrative staff to be paid from PSC.

#### Conference and Other Services

11. UNEP/UNON in full co-operation with the Executive Secretary of the CBD has facilitated the co-ordination and provision of conference services to the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which took place in Nairobi, Kenya from 15-26 May 2000.

**Appendix 1**  
**STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

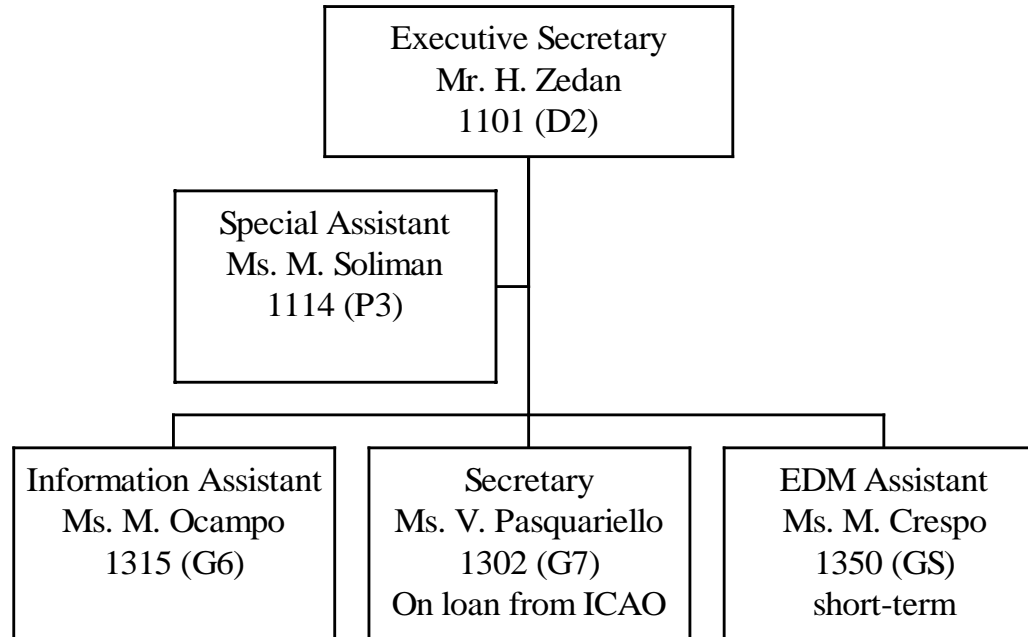
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Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1101	D2	Executive Secretary	Mr. H. Zedan (Regularized)
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert (Regularized)
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy (Regularized)
1104	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. C. Sendashonga (Regularized)
1105	D1	Principal Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1106	P4	Chief, Fund & Admin. (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray - (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (I&O)	Mr. S. Johnston (Regularized)
1108	P4	Legal Officer (SEL)	Mr. D.Ogolla (Regularized)
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Candidate expected to report on duty in July
1110	P4	Terrestrial Ecosystems, PO (STTM)	Mr. J-P. Le Danff (Regularized)
1111	P4	Agricultural Biodiversity, PO (STTM)	Mr. D. Cooper - (Post funded by FAO)
1112	P4	Marine & Coastal BD, PO (STTM)	Vacant (Post previously funded by UNESCO)
1113	P4	CHM, PO (I&O)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1114	P3	Special Assistant to the ES. (EDM)	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	Indigenous Knowledge, PO (SEL)	Ms. H. Marrie (Regularized)
1116	P4	Reports & Reviews, PO (I&O)	Mr. A. Gross (Regularized)
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (I&O)	Mr. Z. Bamba (Regularized)
1118	P3	Mtgs. Service Officer (RMCS)	Vacant (Post re-advertised)
1119	P3	Information Officer (I&O)	Ms. B. Torres (Regularized)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (I&O)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P3	Jakarta Mandate, PO (STTM)	Ms. I. Pranoto (Regularized)
1122	P3	Financial Resources, PO (I&O)	Mr. Y. Xiang (Regularized)
1123	P3	Repts/Reviews Env. Affairs Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Post funded by the Government of QUEBEC)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. N. Patel (Post funded by UNEP)
1125	P4	Regulatory Scientist - (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post funded by the Government of QUEBEC)
1126	P2	Associate Envir. Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. A. Gupte (Regularized)
1127	P2	Associate Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Vacant
1128	P2	Associate Computer Syst. Officer (I&O)	Mr. Q. Nguyen (Regularized)
1129	L5	Senior Programme Officer (STTM & I&O)	Mr. A. Heydendael (Post funded by The Netherlands)
1130	L2	JPO, STTM	Vacant (Post previously funded by the Government of Italy)

1131	P4	Inland Waters, PO (STTM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1132	P4	Scientific, Tech. Assessment (STTM)	Mr. A. Alm (Regularized)
1133	P3	Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Candidate expected to report on duty in July
1134	P3	Scientific, Tech Info (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P4	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Mr. I. Cresswell (Post funded by Australia & Sweden)
1138	L2	JPO, CHM (I&O)	Ms. T. Alstadheim (Post funded by Norway)
<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b><u>GENERAL SERVICE STAFF</u></b>
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the ES (EDM)	Ms. V. Pasquariello (short-term - on loan from ICAO)
1303	G6	Secretary to Principal Off. (SEL)	Ms. F. Velarde (Regularized)
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. I. Anderson (Regularized)
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. S. Penney (Regularized)
1307	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. D. Stepic (Regularized)
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. M. Chiasson (Regularized)
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Mr. J. Ho Yoon (Regularized)
1310	G6	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. C. Risch (short-term)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Regularized)
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant - (RMCS)	Vacant Post funded by UNEP
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (I&O)	Ms. J. Huppe (Regularized)
1315	G6	Information Assistant (EDM)	Ms. M. Ocampo (Regularized)
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (I&O)	Mr. F. Dejon (Regularized)
1317	G4	Receptionist (RMCS)	Ms. L. Boutin (Regularized)
1318	G4	Messenger (RMCS)	Ms. M. Harrison (Regularized)
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. L. Rubello (Regularized)
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, CHM (I&O)	Mr. H. Perea (Regularized)
1331	G7	Programme Assistant, Economics (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen (Regularized)
1332	G5	Contributions Assistant - (RMCS)	Mr. D. de Guzman (short-term). Post funded by UNEP
1334	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. L. Ali (short-term). Post funded by UNEP
1337	GS	Conference/ Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Vacant. Post funded by UNEP
1350	GS	EDM Assistant - (EDM)	Ms. M. Crespo (short-term).

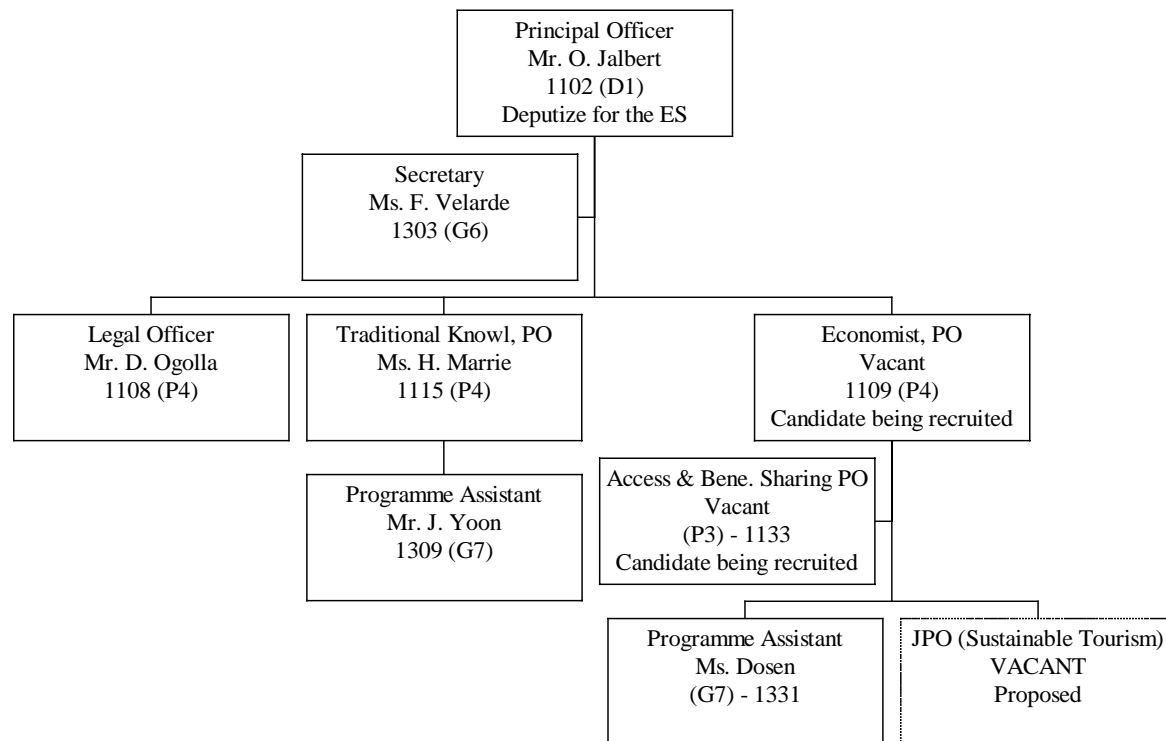


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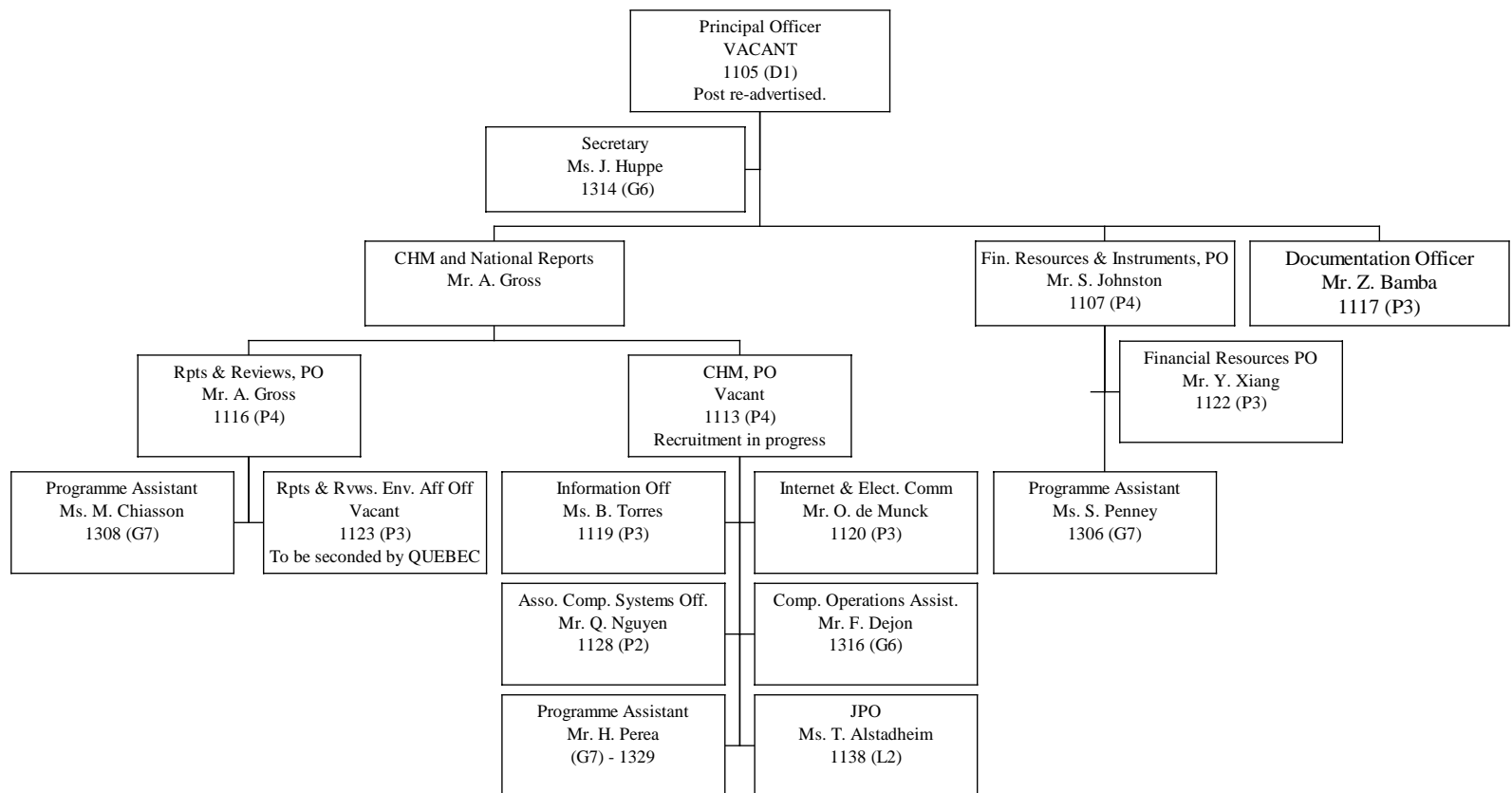




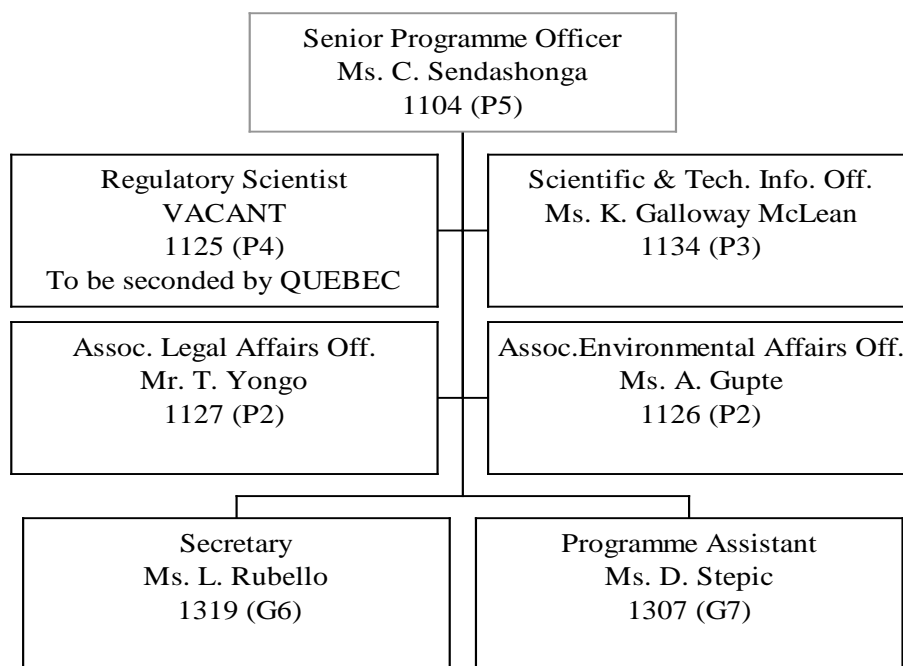
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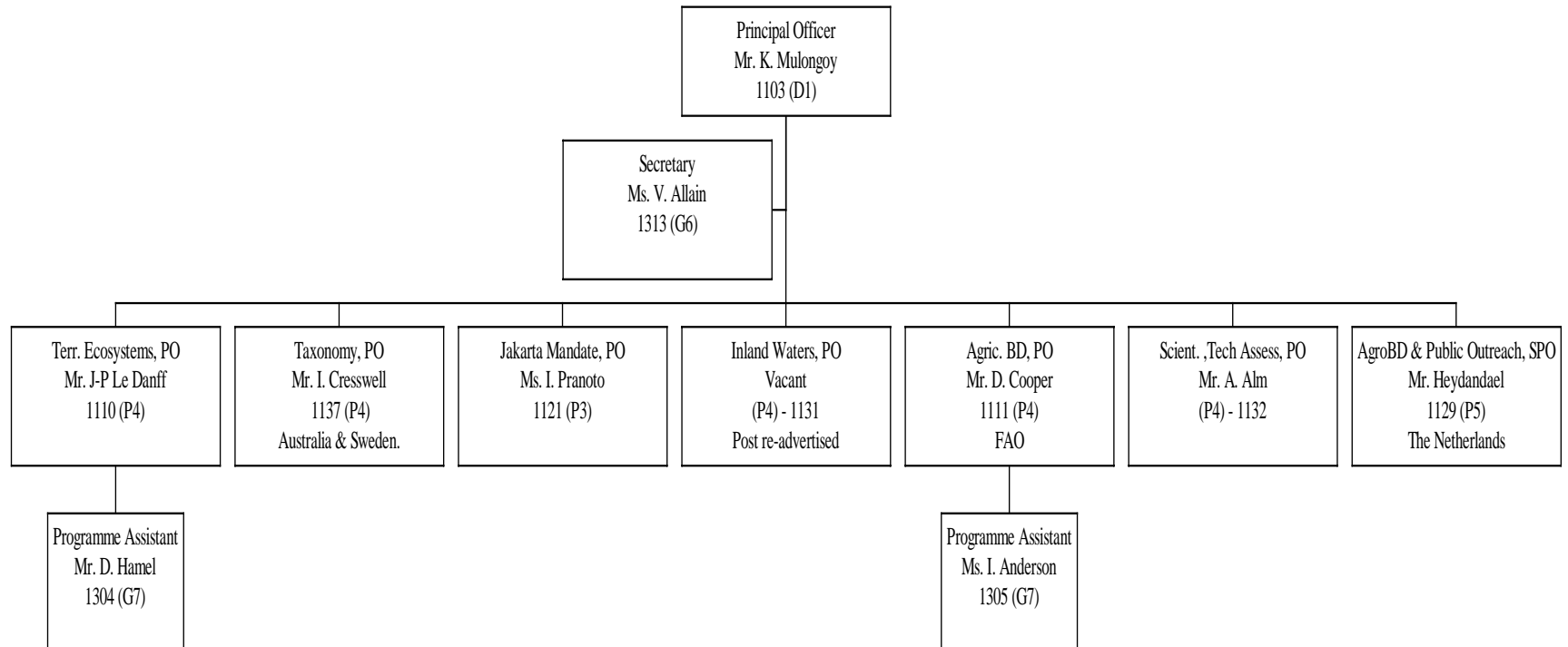
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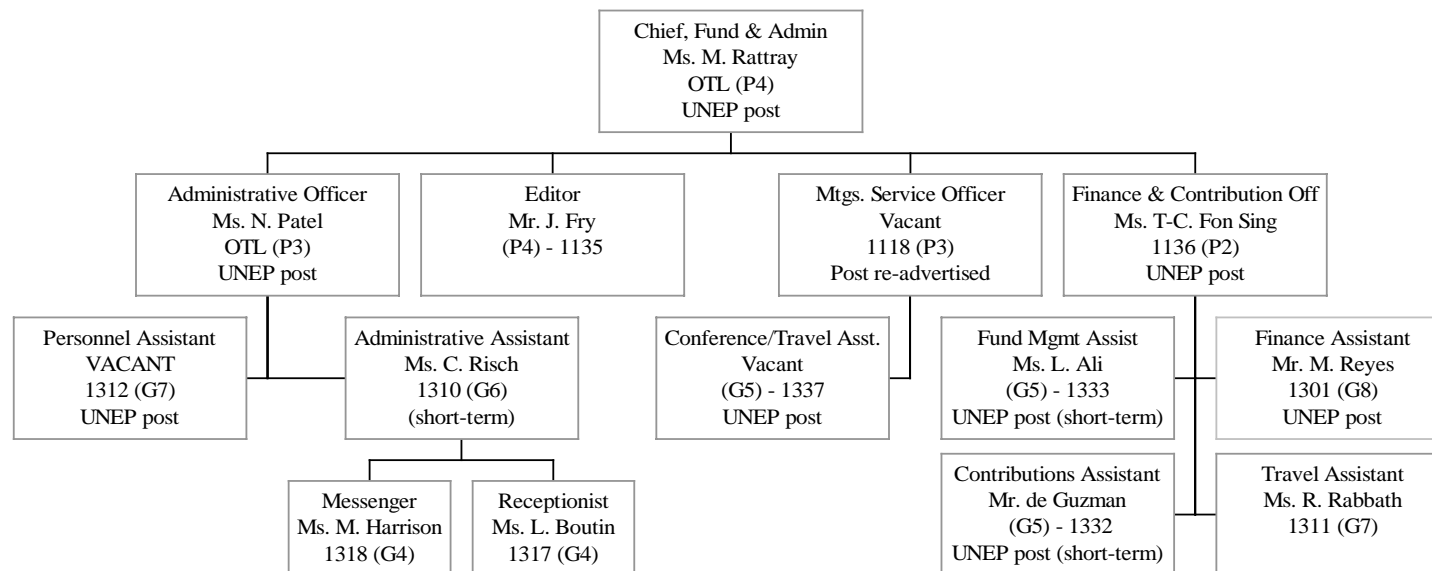
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## Scientific, Technical & Technological Matters



## Resource Management & Conference Services



**ANNEX III**

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER  
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)  
Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2000 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.99</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2000</b>		<b>Collections in 2000 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2000 for 2000 &amp; futures yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2000 &amp; prior years</b>
France	497	(497)	0	2/	0	0	0
Namibia	0	1,000	0	8/	1,000		0
Netherlands	0	0	142,682	9/			142,682
Spain	211,692	0	0	3/	211,692	0	0
Sweden	59,232	0	0	1/	0	0	59,232
UK	0	0	7,940	4/	0	7,940	0
UK	0	0	7,940	5/	0	7,940	0
UK	0	0	7,940	6/	0	7,940	0
UK	0	0	7,940	7/	0	7,940	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>271,421</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>174,442</b>		<b>212,692</b>	<b>32,760</b>	<b>201,914</b>

- 1/ Sweden 50% covered by SIDA for Taxonomy position (SEK1.45million for 3 years from March 1999-2002)
- 2/ France pledge FF65,000 in support of the Experts Consultation Meeting on Coral Bleaching - Philippines 11-13 October 1999
- 3/ Spain pledge for convening of the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j)-27-31 March 2000- Seville
- 4/ UK pledged UK Pounds 5,000 for PEBLDS/EU COP 5 preparatory meetings
- 5/ UK pledged UK Pounds 5,000 for the publication of the Convention Handbook
- 6/ UK pledged UK Pounds 5,000 for the Global Biodiversity Outlook meeting
- 7/ UK pledged UK Pounds 5,000 for a public information leaflet of the CBD
- 8/ Namibia old pledge (misdirected funds)
- 9/ Netherlands pledge US\$142,682 for Senior Professional Officer (Alexander Heydendael)

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

Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2000 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.99	Adjustments		Pledges for 2000	Collections in 1999 for 2000	Collections in 2000 for prior years	Collections in 2000 for 2000 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2000 & prior years
Canada	0	0	24/	34,200	0	0	34,200	0
Canada	0	0	25/	30,436	0	0	30,436	0
Central African Rep.	2,000	0	7/	0	0	0	0	2,000
Central African Rep.	0	0	21/	1,500	0	0	0	1,500
Denmark	9,356	(9,356)	2/	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	75,000	(3,626)	6/	0	0	71,374	0	0
Denmark	30,589	0	18/	0	0	30,589	0	0
Denmark	0	0	27/	77,792	0	0	0	77,792
EEC	100,229	0	1/	0	0	0	0	100,229
EEC	42,638	0	9/	0	0	0	0	42,638
Finland	20,000	0	3/	0	0	0	0	20,000
Finland	0	0	20/	44,927	0		44,927	0
France	15,947	0	10/	0				15,947
France	0	0	15/	7,661	0	0		7,661
France	0	0	16/	7,661	0	0	0	7,661
France	0	0	17/	22,982	0	0	0	22,982
Germany	0	0	22/	12,190	0	0	12,190	0
Namibia	1,000	0	8/	0	0	1,000	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	26/	24,705			24,705	0
Rep. Korea	50,000	0	4/	0	0	0	0	50,000
Switzerland	0	0	11/	29,851	0	0	29,851	0
Switzerland	0	0	12/	29,851	0	0	29,851	0
Switzerland	15,000	0	5/	0	0	0	0	15,000
UK	0	0	13/	80,000	0	0	80,000	0
UK	0	0	14/	47,040	0	0	47,040	0
UK	0	0	23/	63,000	0	0	63,000	0
UK	0	0	19/	47,121	0	0	47,121	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>361,758</b>	<b>(12,982)</b>		<b>560,916</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,963</b>	<b>443,320</b>	<b>363,409</b>

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.99	Adjustments		Pledges for 2000	Collections in 1999 for 2000	Collections in 2000 for prior years	Collections in 2000 for 2000& fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2000 & prior years
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\*\* Please note that the figures in bracket ( ) means credit

- 1/ EEC contribution towards cost of least developed countries (60% of ECU75,000)
- 2/ Denmark contribution towards travel costs for participants from developing countries i.e. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania to travel to the regional meeting before COP4 in 1998
- 3/ Finland : Assist the participation of developing countries in the negotiations on Biosafety Protocol
- 4/ Korea: contributions towards travel costs of participants to the clearing house workshop in Asia
- 5/ Switzerland: SBSTTA
- 6/ Denmark pledge for travel expenses for Central and Eastern European countries for preparatory meetings of SCBD-1999
- 7/ Central African Rep. For Biosafety Protocol Meeting - Sept. 1999
- 8/ Namibia pledge US\$1000
- 9/ EEC pledge 100,000 Euros for travel expenses for developing country parties -Biosafety Protocol Meeting Vienna 15-19 Sept.
- 10/ France pledge FF100,000 for the support of participants to the Liaison Group Meeting on Ecosystem 15-17 Sept.'99 Paris
- 11/ Switzerland pledge of Sfr50,000 for the meetings of the resumed session – Extraordinary Conference of the Parties. Montreal, Canada, 20-28 Jan 2000
- 12/ Switzerland pledged Sfr50,000 for the Fifth Meeting of the SBSTTA, 31 January – 4 February 2000, Montreal Canada
- 13/ UK pledge of UK Pounds 50,000 for the meetings of the resumed session – Extraordinary Conference of the Parties. Montreal, Canada, 20-28 Jan 2000
- 14/ UK pledged UK pounds 30,000 for the Fifth meeting of the SBSTTA, 31 January – 4 February 2000, Montreal Canada
- 15/ France pledge of FF 50,000 for Informal Consultations on Biosafety, Vienna, Austria, 15-19 September 1999
- 16/ France pledge of FF 50,000 for the meetings of the resumed session – Extraordinary Conference of the Parties. Montreal, Canada, 20-28 Jan 2000
- 17/ France pledge of FF 150,000 for the Fifth meeting of the COP, Nairobi, 15-26 May 2000
- 18/ Denmark-DKK225,000 for travel expenses for Central & Eastern European Countries - Biosafety Meeting -Vienna Sept.99
- 19/ UK pledged UK pounds 30,000 for support of developing country participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group on Art. 8(j), 27-31 March 2000, Seville, Spain
- 20/ Finland pledge FIM280,000 for Meetings 27-31 March, Seville Spain, COP-5 Nairobi 15-26 May and Intergovernmental Committee for Cartagena Protocol
- 21/ Central African Republic pledge for meeting in Seville, 27-31 March 2000
- 22/ Germany pledged DM25,000 for meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 23/ UK pledged UK pounds 30,000 for the Fifth meeting of COP, 15-26 May 2000, Nairobi, Kenya
- 24/ Canada pledge CAD 50,000 for Seville Meeting on Article 8(j), 27 – 31 March 2000
- 25/ Canada pledge CAD 45,000 for the Ad hoc open-ended intersessional working group 27-31 March 2000. Seville Spain
- 26/ New Zealand pledge NZ\$50,000 for COP-5 Meeting, 15-26 May, Nairobi Kenya
- 27/ Denmark pledge DKK620,000 for travel expenses for Central And Eastern European countries – COP-5 15-26 May 2000, Nairobi, Kenya



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

As at 30 June 2000

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$		US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Albania	0	240	613			0	(373)	(373)
Algeria	0	6,877				0	6,877	6,877
Angola	753	800		0		753	800	1,553
Antigua & Barbuda	0	160			160	0	0	0
Argentina	107,708	88,201		107,658		50	88,201	88,251
Armenia	18,775	480				18,775	480	19,255
Australia	0	118,588	118,588			0	0	0
Austria	0	75,327			75,327	0	0	0
Bahamas	(705)	1,199	494			(705)	705	0
Bahrain	2,429	1,359		3,788		(1,359)	1,359	0
Bangladesh	2,925	800				2,925	800	3,725
Barbados	705	640		705		0	640	640
Belarus	72,876	4,558				72,876	4,558	77,434
Belgium	83,020	88,281		83,020		0	88,281	88,281
Belize	1,615	80		1,615	80	0	0	0
Benin	(208)	160				(208)	160	(48)
Bhutan	0	80	80			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Bolivia	2,866	560				2,866	560	3,426
Botswana	0	800	800			0	0	0
Brazil	108,611	117,628		73,277		35,334	117,628	152,962
Bulgaria	17	880			897	17	(17)	0
Burkina Faso	516	160				516	160	676
Burundi	139	80				139	80	219
Cambodia	388	80		388	80	0	0	0
Cameroon	2,249	1,040				2,249	1,040	3,289
Canada	0	218,464			431,354	0	(212,890)	(212,890)
Cape Verde	1,844	160				1,844	160	2,004
Central African Rep.	602	80		602	30	0	50	50
Chad	2,247	80				2,247	80	2,327
Chile	14,966	2,879				14,966	2,879	17,845
China	0	79,565				0	79,565	79,565
Colombia	6,286	8,716				6,286	8,716	15,002
Comoros	2,247	80				2,247	80	2,327
Congo	1,569	240				1,569	240	1,809
Congo Dem.Rep	2,699	560				2,699	560	3,259
Cook Islands	0	80	80			0	0	0
Costa Rica	4,248	1,279				4,248	1,279	5,527
Cote d'Ivoire	0	720	700			0	20	20
Croatia	14,796	2,399				14,796	2,399	17,195
Cuba	8,679	1,919				8,679	1,919	10,598
Cyprus	0	2,719			2,719	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	8,556	8,556			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Denmark	(1,000)	55,336			54,336	(1,000)	1,000	0
Djibouti	247	80				247	80	327
Dominica	0	80	80		112	0	(112)	(112)
Dominica Rep.	2,150	1,199				2,150	1,199	3,349
Ecuador	4,190	1,599				4,190	1,599	5,789
EEC	0	149,625			149,625	0	0	0
Egypt	4,892	5,198		4,892	5,198	0	0	0
El Salvador	3,947	960				3,947	960	4,907
Equatorial Guinea	2,247	80				2,247	80	2,327
Eritrea	0	80	60		20	0	0	0
Estonia	0	960	960			0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	480	480			0	0	0
Fiji	0	320	261		302	0	(243)	(243)
Finland	0	43,421			43,421	0	0	0
France	0	523,369			523,369	0	0	0
Gabon	2,278	1,199				2,278	1,199	3,477
Gambia	520	80				520	80	600
Georgia	39,378	560				39,378	560	39,938
Germany	0	788,212			500,000	0	288,212	288,212
Ghana	1,678	560				1,678	560	2,238
Greece	26,419	28,068				26,419	28,068	54,487
Grenada	0	80	80			0	0	0
Guatemala	5,937	1,439				5,937	1,439	7,376
Guinea	1,708	240				1,708	240	1,948
Guinea-Bissau	1,768	80				1,768	80	1,848
Guyana	1,418	80				1,418	80	1,498

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Haiti	1,154	160				1,154	160	1,314
Honduras	2,518	240				2,518	240	2,758
Hungary	0	9,596				0	9,596	9,596
Iceland	0	2,559			2,559	0	0	0
India	18	23,909				18	23,909	23,927
Indonesia	32,147	15,033		13,849		18,298	15,033	33,331
Iran	74,954	12,874		14,527		60,427	12,874	73,301
Ireland *	0	17,912				0	17,912	17,912
Israel	0	27,988			27,988	0	0	0
Italy	0	434,768			434,768	0	0	0
Jamaica	1,090	480		1,090	480	0	0	0
Japan	904,222	1,496,250		904,222	520,778	0	975,472	975,472
Jordan	1,090	480				1,090	480	1,570
Kazakhstan	53,248	3,838				53,248	3,838	57,086
Kenya	(16)	560			547	(16)	13	(3)
Kiribati	0	80				0	80	80
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	15,895	1,199				15,895	1,199	17,094
Korea, Rep. of	0	80,444				0	80,444	80,444
Kyrgyztan	4,631	480				4,631	480	5,111
Lao PDR	95	80		95	80	0	0	0
Latvia	0	1,359	1,359			0	0	0
Lebanon	846	1,279				846	1,279	2,125
Lesotho	628	160				628	160	788
Liechtenstein	0	480	480			0	0	0
Lithuania	1,656	1,199				1,656	1,199	2,855

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Luxembourg	0	5,438			5,438	0	0	0
Macedonia	620	320				620	320	940
Madagascar	0	240	787			0	(547)	(547)
Malawi	151	160		151	160	0	0	0
Malaysia	0	14,634			14,634	0	0	0
Maldives	690	80	80			690	0	690
Mali	1,844	160				1,844	160	2,004
Marshall Island	75	80				75	80	155
Mauritania	1,078	80				1,078	80	1,158
Mauritius	0	720			720	0	0	0
Mexico	26,045	79,565				26,045	79,565	105,610
Micronesia, Fed. States	75	80				75	80	155
Moldova, Rep. of	20,162	800				20,162	800	20,962
Monaco	36	320		36	264	0	56	56
Mongolia	151	160		151	160	0	0	0
Morocco	(1,903)	3,279				(1,903)	3,279	1,376
Mozambique	0	80	80			0	0	0
Myanmar	0	640			640	0	0	0
Namibia	0	560	560			0	0	0
Nauru	2,367	80				2,367	80	2,447
Nepal	(2,082)	320			621	(2,082)	(301)	(2,383)
Netherlands	0	130,502			130,502	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	17,672			17,672	0	0	0
Nicaragua	15	80		15	80	0	0	0
Niger	1,844	160				1,844	160	2,004

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/99	Pledges for 2000	Collections During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	Collections in 2000 for prior yrs	Collections During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2000	Unpaid Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Nigeria	3,011	2,559				3,011	2,559	5,570
Niue	0	80	80			0	0	0
Norway	0	48,778	558		48,220	0	0	0
Oman	0	4,078	4,078			0	0	0
Pakistan	4,441	4,718				4,441	4,718	9,159
Panama	1,722	1,040				1,722	1,040	2,762
Papua New Guinea	0	560	1,100			0	(540)	(540)
Paraguay	2,397	1,120				2,397	1,120	3,517
Peru	0	7,917				0	7,917	7,917
Philippines	0	6,477	3,054			0	3,423	3,423
Poland	0	15,673	15,673			0	0	0
Portugal	0	34,465			34,465	0	0	0
Qatar	0	2,639			2,639	0	0	0
Romania	0	4,478				0	4,478	4,478
Russian Federation	357,492	86,122		100,000		257,492	86,122	343,614
Rwanda	1,078	80				1,078	80	1,158
St.Kitts & Nevis	0	80			80	0	0	0
St. Lucia	0	80				0	80	80
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,418	80				1,418	80	1,498
Samoa	0	80	80			0	0	0
San Marino	0	160			160	0	0	0
Senegal	764	480				764	480	1,244
Seychelles	3,195	160				3,195	160	3,355
Sierra Leone	2,247	80				2,247	80	2,327
	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>Pledges for</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>

Countries	Pledges as at 31/12/99	2000	During 1999 for 2000 & future yrs	in 2000 for prior yrs	During 2000 for 2000 & future yrs	Pledges for Prior Years	Pledges for 2000	Pledges for 2000 & Prior years
Singapore	0	14,314	14,314			0	0	0
Slovak	0	2,799	2,799			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	4,878			4,878	0	0	0
Solomon Is.	1,768	80				1,768	80	1,848
South Africa	0	29,267				0	29,267	29,267
Spain	0	207,189			207,189	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	1,541	960				1,541	960	2,501
Sudan	2,220	560				2,220	560	2,780
Suriname	301	320				301	320	621
Swaziland	0	160			160	0	0	0
Sweden	0	86,282			86,282	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	97,157			97,157	0	0	0
Syria	11,531	5,118				11,531	5,118	16,649
Tajikistan	887	320				887	320	1,207
Togo	1,768	80				1,768	80	1,848
Tonga	75	80				75	80	155
Trinidad & Tobago	3,195	1,279		3,195	1,279	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	2,239	2,239			0	0	0
Turkey	26,015	35,184		26,015	7,103	0	28,081	28,081
Turkmenistan	5,973	480				5,973	480	6,453
Uganda	(1,907)	320				(1,907)	320	(1,587)
Ukraine	167,254	15,193				167,254	15,193	182,447
U. K.	0	407,020			407,020	0	0	0
Un.Rep. of Tanzania	1,229	240				1,229	240	1,469
Uruguay	12,968	3,838		6,802		6,166	3,838	10,004
<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>Pledges for</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>

	<b>Pledges as at 31/12/99</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>During 1999 for 2000 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>in 2000 for prior yrs</b>	<b>During 2000 for 2000 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Pledges for Prior Years</b>	<b>Pledges for 2000</b>	<b>Pledges for 2000 &amp; Prior years</b>
Uzbekistan	11,945	1,999				11,945	1,999	13,944
Vanuatu	75	80				75	80	155
Venezuela	(18,461)	12,794				(18,461)	12,794	(5,667)
Viet Nam	0	560	560			0	0	0
Yemen	2,096	800				2,096	800	2,896
Zambia	0	160	140			0	20	20
Zimbabwe	0	720				0	720	720
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,316,222</b>	<b>5,985,010</b>	<b>179,853</b>	<b>1,344,733</b>	<b>3,843,113</b>	<b>971,489</b>	<b>1,962,044</b>	<b>2,933,533</b>
<b>Additional Contributions</b>						0		
USA	0	125,000				0	125,000	125,000
Canada	0	800,000			800,000	0	0	0
Quebec	0	200,000	0		200,000	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,316,222</b>	<b>7,110,010</b>	<b>179,853</b>	<b>1,344,733</b>	<b>4,843,113</b>	<b>971,489</b>	<b>2,087,044</b>	<b>3,058,533</b>

\* Ireland paid 13,426 to be reflected as soon as it is clarified



**ANNEX VI**

LIST OF MEETINGS TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE  
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
(As of 30 June 2000)

<b>2000</b>		
<u>DATES</u>	<u>MEETING TITLE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
20 – 23 January 2000	Informal Consultations on a Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada (ICAO/Delta Hotel)
24 January 2000 at 8 a.m..	Bureau of COP4	Montreal (SCBD premises)
24 – 29 January 2000	Resumed Session of the First Extraordinary Meeting of the COP to finalize and adopt a Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada (ICAO/Delta Hotel)
29 January 2000	First Organizational Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP)	Montreal, Canada (ICAO/Delta Hotel)
29 January 2000 (2 to 6 p.m.)	Informal Advisory Committee of the CHM	Montreal (SCBD premises)
30 January 2000 at 2 p.m.	Bureau of SBSTTA	Montreal (SCBD premises)
31 January – 4 February 2000	Fifth Meeting of the SBSTTA	Montreal (ICAO Building)
31 January (1-3 pm)	Meeting of CHM National Focal Points	Montreal (ICAO Building)
4 February 2000	Extended SBSTTA Bureau Meeting	Montreal (SCBD premises)
13-14 March 2000	Meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Paris, France
13-17 March	Pacific Islands workshop and COP5 Preparatory Meeting	Nadi, Fiji
20-23 March 2000	Regional COP-5 Preparatory Meeting for Europe	Riga, Latvia
27-31 March 2000	Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j)	Seville, Spain
10 April 2000	Bureau of COP4	Bratislava, Slovakia
14 May 2000	Bureau of COP4	UNEP-Headquarters Nairobi, Kenya
15-26 May 2000	Fifth Meeting of the COP	UNEP Headquarters Nairobi, Kenya

