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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report is prepared in keeping with decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff lists, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditures. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. The Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 31 March 2001.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. On 13 February 2001, the Bureau of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties met in The Hague. The Host Government Agreement (HGA) for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-6) and the first Meeting of the Parties (MOP-1) was signed on the same day with officials of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, host country of both meetings.
4. The Secretariat has been active in preparing for the sixth meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-6) which was held back-to-back with the second meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing. These meetings took place in Montreal from 12-16 March and 19-22 March respectively. The SBSTTA Bureau held a meeting in Montreal on 11 March to discuss the organization of work for SBSTTA-6.
5. As a follow-up to the recommendations of the first meeting of the Inter-governmental Committee on the Cartagena Protocol (ICCP-1), the Secretariat organized the African Regional Meeting on the Biosafety Clearing-house and the Clearing-house Mechanism of the CBD in Nairobi, Kenya, from 26 to 28 February 2001. Moreover, the Secretariat organized a Liaison Group meeting of Technical Experts of the Biosafety Clearing-house in Montreal from 19-20 March. The ICCP Bureau met on 21 March in Montreal to discuss the outcome of this meeting.
6. The Executive Secretary participated in a number of important meetings during the first quarter of 2001, namely: the first meeting of the Environmental Management Group (EMG) which took place in Geneva on 22 January, the twenty-first session of the UNEP Governing Council, Nairobi, Kenya, from 5 to 9 February and the ninth meeting on Coordination of Environmental Convention Secretariats which was also held in Nairobi from 11 and 12 February 2001. In addition, on 23 January the Executive Secretary met with senior officers at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris to discuss possibilities of cooperation between the two organizations in particular with regard to the implementation of the Biosafety Clearing-house.
7. In February 2001, the Executive Secretary signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) concerning the collaborative Development of a UN Atlas of the Oceans. In March the MOC between the General Secretariat of the Council of Europe, in his capacity as Secretariat of the Bern Convention and the CBD Secretariat was signed on the margins of SBSTTA-6.

8. In February, the Secretariat participated in the Central American Workshop on Taxonomic Needs Assessments on the Global Taxonomy Initiative in San José, Costa Rica and co-sponsored the Global Taxonomy Initiative Regional Meeting in Africa which was held in Cape Town, South Africa.

9. In March, and on the margins of SBSTTA-6, the Secretariat and the Government of Quebec signed the Understanding concerning Exemptions, Fiscal Advantages and Courtesies (Entente). The Executive Secretary met with officials from the Government of Quebec to investigate further cooperation particularly with regard to increasing public awareness of the Secretariat within the Province of Quebec and arrangements for internship programmes within the Secretariat.

10. Preparations are underway for the third CBD/UNESCO Consultative Working Group of Experts on Biological Diversity Education and Public Awareness which is scheduled to be held in Bilbao, Spain in May 2001.

11. As per COP-5 decisions, discussions are underway between the CBD Secretariat and other United Nations agencies and international organizations to foster links and cooperation as well as explore possibilities of collaboration and partnerships, particularly with regard to the establishment of the Biosafety-clearing house.

12. Vacancy announcements for the nine new posts approved by the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-5) have been advertised. Applications are being reviewed by Departmental Panels and it is expected that these posts be filled during the second quarter of 2001.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

13. 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

14. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 23 regularized Professional staff members and 17 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. Additionally, 7 Professional posts and 5 General Service posts were funded from other sources. Between January and March 2001 the following staff members joined the Secretariat: Mr. Worku Damena, Associate Legal Affairs Officer Biosafety; Mr. Heikke Toivanen, Senior Programme Officer Forestry, and Ms. Johany Martinez, Personnel Assistant. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex I Appendix 1, and Annex II respectively).

B. Financial Arrangements

15. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 March 2001, of the total pledged contributions of US\$6,595,881 for 2001 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust**

Fund), the total contributions received amounted to US\$2,443,779. A balance of US\$4,152,102 is still outstanding for 2001. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for prior years amounts to US\$759,029. The Government of Canada (Quebec) has also pledged an additional contribution to the BY Trust Fund of US\$1 million over a five-year period. Additionally, the Government of Canada pledged a total of US\$400,000 to the Convention for a period of three years. The first instalment of US\$400,000 for 2001 has been allocated to the BE and BZ Trust Funds.

16. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 March 2001, the total amount pledged for 2001 amounts to US\$659,648. The total collected for 2001 as at 31 March 2001 was US\$180,718, and an additional \$476,213 has been collected in 2001 for prior years. Total unpaid pledges for 2001 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$556,999.

17. During the first quarter of 2001, new pledges and contributions were received from the Governments of Canada, France, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The Government of Canada pledged funds for additional approved activities, including the 2nd Expert Panel on Access and Benefits Sharing and several consultancies, the Government of France pledged funds for the Meeting on Liability and Redress, the United Kingdom pledged contributions for several activities including the 2nd Technical Expert meeting on Forests, the 2nd Expert Panel on Access and Benefits Sharing, the Global Taxonomy Initiative, the Biosafety Clearing House and several consultancies. The United States of America also contributed funds for the Biosafety Clearing House. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

18. Pledges totalling US\$335,000 have been made so far as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**) in 2001, of which US\$57,000 has already been paid. Additionally, US\$83,784 has been collected during 2001 for prior years' pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2001 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$597,068. Annex IV contains details.

19. Invoices have been sent to the 174 of the 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 2000 and 2001. To date forty seven countries have totally or partially paid their assessed contributions for 2001 representing 37% of the total amount pledged to the Trust Fund in 2001.

20. The Bureau of the COP-5 during its meeting on 13 February 2001 in the Hague, authorized the Secretariat to utilise a total of US\$931,000 from savings and surpluses in the BY Trust Fund for the following activities: SBSTTA-6 (\$500,000); Second Expert Panel on Access and Benefits-sharing (\$81,000); Second review of the Financial Mechanism (\$150,000); Pilot phase of the Biosafety Clearing-house (\$100,000) and Strategic Plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity (\$100,000).

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS DIVISION

The sixth meeting of SBSTTA and preparation for the seventh meeting

21. The Secretariat finalized the preparation for the sixth meeting of SBSTTA including (i) the dispatch of all the pre-session documents (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/1) in all UN languages to all national focal points; (ii) the preparation and dispatch of information documents (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/INF 1 to INF 14; (iii) the poster session and (iv) two technical publications.
22. The Secretariat serviced the meeting and participated in a number of side events. The report of the meeting was finalized and has been cleared by the rapporteur. It will be posted on the web and mailed to national focal points.
23. The Secretariat has posted a notification to announce the dates and venue for the seventh meeting of SBSTTA as well as the draft provisional agenda for SBSTTA-7. The Secretariat is presently preparing the relevant documentation.

DECISION V/2: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATER ECOSYSTEMS (IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION IV/4)

Inland water ecosystems biological diversity

Joint Work Plan with the Ramsar Convention

24. The Secretariat continued implementing the Joint Work Plan with the Ramsar Convention and in particular promoted the implementation of the second phase of the River Basin Initiative (establishment phase), as follow:
 - (a) A Management meeting on the River Basin Initiative (RBI) was held via teleconference with the Ramsar Bureau and the Secretariat of the RBI (25-26 and 30 January). Decisions were made on fund raising, partnership arrangements and the secretariats activities. The management committee revised the project document on the River Basin Initiative. The activities and arrangements for GEF PDF-A (global review of and support to integrating wetland and river basin management) were discussed in detail and some further notes on the key actions/approach during the Block A phase were prepared.
 - (b) An informal meeting of RBI potential partners was held in Montreal on 13 March 2001. The Ramsar Bureau, CBD Secretariat and the RBI Secretariat organized the meeting and gathered the representatives of potential partner organizations including IUCN, Wetlands International, World Water Council, UNESCO, FAO, UNEP, Millennium Assessment, GIWA and ICLARM. The participants discussed the needs of focal points of the CBD and the Ramsar Conventions as well as the options for information exchange tools and process for collection/analysis of case studies. Participants were encouraged to brief their respective organizations on the issues discussed and to facilitate the development of partnership arrangements. The above-named organizations will

be represented in the meeting of the Advisory Committee of the RBI that will be held in Montreal in May 2001.

(c) The Executive Secretary, in cooperation with the Ramsar Bureau and the RBI secretariat, prepared a questionnaire on preliminary needs and contributions assessment on RBI that was distributed to delegates and observers to the sixth meeting of the SBSTTA. A similar questionnaire has been prepared for the CBD and Ramsar Contracting Parties and is available through the CBD clearing-house mechanism and will be sent to all CBD National Focal Points.

(d) The CBD Secretariat, Ramsar Bureau and the RBI Secretariat organized a side event on RBI during SBSTTA6 in Montreal on 13 March 2001 to discuss needs/contributions assessment of focal points of the CBD, Ramsar and other organizations.

25. With regard to the progress report on biological diversity of inland waters presented at the sixth meeting of SBSTTA, the Subsidiary Body through recommendation VI/3 requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the second joint work plan with the Ramsar Convention and a draft third joint work plan for consideration by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to make the report of the World Commission on Dams (Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-making) available through the clearing house mechanism. The Secretariat has agreed to meet with the representatives of the Ramsar Convention Secretariat to respond to SBSTTA on the joint work plan.

26. In response to a request from the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Secretariat contributed to the factual task manager report on Chapter 18 of Agenda 21 on Freshwater.

Web page

27. To better communicate the goals and objectives of the programme of work on inland water biological diversity a new page devoted to this topic has been created on the CBD's website. This web page provides a basis for the sharing and exchange of technical and scientific expertise on this thematic area and includes: documents and decisions of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA documents and information papers, programme of work on inland waters and other documents and information published by other organizations that are related to different fields of water-related issues and biodiversity of inland waters. Moreover, links to the other conventions and organizations active in this field are available.

DECISION V/3 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION IV/5)

Marine and coastal biological diversity

Coral reefs

28. The discussion on the specific work plan on coral bleaching and the proposed work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs during SBSTTA 6 resulted in recommendation VI/2. The work plan was developed as a response to decision V/3 of the Conference of Parties. The work element on coral reefs will be integrated into programme element 2 (Marine and coastal living resources) as operational objective 2.3, with a minimum three-year time schedule. The coral reef work plans will now be prioritized based on input provided by the Parties, and subsequently implemented.

Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas

29. In preparation for the first meeting of the ad hoc technical expert group on marine and coastal protected areas, the Secretariat:

(a) participated in the Expert workshop on “Marine Protected Areas on the High Seas – Scientific Requirements and Legal Aspects”, which was held on the on the Isle of Vilm, Germany between February 27 and March 4, 2001. The experts in various aspects of biology and ecology of high seas environments presented an overview of the status and threats to these ecosystems, including risks to their biodiversity from human activities such as destructive fishing practices, by-catch and potential bioprospecting. With the assistance of legal experts, the workshop formulated recommendations and conclusions, based on an evaluation of existing legal instruments, on the protection of particularly vulnerable species and ecosystems such as seamounts, cold water coral communities, hydrothermal vents and their communities, deep sea fish, seabirds, cetaceans and unique scientific reference areas.

b) continued interacting with the representative of the Government of New Zealand on various matters. It was agreed that the first meeting could be tentatively scheduled for September 2001 in Leigh, New Zealand. In response to the Executive Secretary’s letter sent in November 2000 to all national focal points and relevant organizations to seek nominations of experts, a number of nominations have now been received by the Secretariat. The Secretariat’s desk study being prepared for the meeting, in line with activity (c) of operational objective 3.1 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision IV/5, annex) was sent out to a number of organizations for comments.

Co-operation

30. The Secretariat continued strengthening collaboration with Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), and the Global International Waters Assessment. Joint work programmes with the GPA and GIWA are under development. In addition, the Secretariat, together with the Co-ordinating Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan, is organizing a Joint Consultation Meeting on the Harmonization of the Implementation of the SPA Protocol and the CBD. The meeting will be held from 20-21 April 2001, in Valencia, Spain.

31. The Secretariat has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the FAO in order to become a core member participating in the UN Atlas of the Oceans project. The Secretariat will be providing biodiversity-related information to this Web-based atlas and database as another way to disseminate and exchange information.

**DECISION V/4 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Forest biological diversity

32. The ad hoc technical group on forest biological diversity held its first meeting in Montreal, Canada, from 27 November to 1st December 2000 and will hold its second one in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, from 23 to 27 April 2001. The group concluded its first meeting by adopting a programme of work for its intersessional period which mainly consists of developing the sections of the document that

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the prepared by the Secretariat for its consideration at its first meeting. This document addresses the following items: (i) status of forest biological diversity (FBD); (ii) overview of forest ecosystems functioning and related goods and services; (iii) major threats of FBD; (iv) trends of FBD; and (v) initiatives addressing FBD.

33. The Secretariat coordinated the intersessional work of the experts. Reviewed documents (i), (ii) and (iii) and drafted documents (iv) and (v). The documents have been sent for external review and posted on the CBD web site for comments from the scientific community at large.

34. The Secretariat sent out invitations for the second meeting and posted a notification for the meeting on the CBD web site.

DECISION V/5 AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: REVIEW OF PHASE I OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK AND ADOPTION OF A MULTI-YEAR WORK PROGRAMME

Agricultural biological diversity

Liaison Group

35. The Secretariat organised the second meeting of the Liaison Group on Agricultural Biodiversity, which met at FAO headquarters in Rome from 24 to 26 January 2000. Representatives of CABI; GEF Secretariat, CBD Secretariat, IPGRI (also on behalf of CGIAR), ILRI, IUCN, TSBF, UNDP(GEF), UNEP, UNU/PLEC programme and The World bank were present. Additionally resource persons came from CAMBIA, OECD, and from organizations involved with farmers, indigenous and local communities.

36. The main objective of the meeting was to review progress made so far in implementing the four elements of the programme of work. Most progress was noted in relation to programme element 2, for which case studies had been prepared on many dimensions of agricultural biodiversity.

37. The Liaison Group reviewed also the issue of the impacts of Trade Liberalization on Agricultural Biodiversity (See COP decision IV/6 paragraph 10). FAO and other members of the Liaison Group agreed to assist the Secretariat in the preparation of the paper on trade and liberalization for SBSTTA. IUCN proposed that a session of the Global Biodiversity Forum be organized on this matter, perhaps at a meeting of the WTO.

38. In addition the Liaison Group reviewed FAO's plans for developing a study on GURTs in line with COP. Finally, the members of the Liaison Group agreed to continue to provide assistance to facilitate implementation of the programme of work and agreed to communicate regularly by email and, as necessary, through teleconferences. The CBD and other web sites would be used to facilitate information exchange.

FAO International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources

39. A representative of the Secretariat assisted FAO in the negotiations of the revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IU), which was held in Rome from 3 to 10 February 2001. This fifth meeting of the contact group discussed some main issues of substance, such as the legal status of the IU, consensus in decision making by the Governing Body, International Ex situ collections and coverage of the Multilateral System. The 6th meeting of the contact

group will continue in April, after which the Commission on CGRFA can finalize the IU in June for reporting to the FAO Council in June and ultimately to the FAO Conference in November 2001.

40. The Secretariat participated in a side event which was organized on 14 March 2001 by North America Commission for Environmental Cooperation during SBSTTA 6 on Trade, Liberalization and Biodiversity: the case of the emerging agricultural trade liberalization and its impact on biodiversity.

DECISION V/6 ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

Ecosystem approach

41. The Secretariat participated in the ad-hoc intersessional Ecosystem Conservation Group meeting (ECG) on 11 March 2001 in Montreal after postponement of the 23rd ECG meeting in Rome. The ad-hoc meeting was attended by all ECG-members, namely FAO, IUCN, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, the World Bank, WRI and WWF. The meeting re-evaluated the working modus, and set up a concrete agenda for ECG's future work.

DECISION V/7 IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT AND INDICATORS

Scientific assessments

42. The discussion on this issue during SBSTTA 6 resulted in recommendation VI/5: Scientific assessments: development of methodologies and identification of pilot studies; the basis for the discussions were two pre-session documents: a progress report (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/3), and a description of assessment methodologies and potential assessment projects (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/9). Through this recommendation the Executive Secretary was requested to make the necessary arrangements in consultation with the Bureau of SBSTTA to carry out the pilot assessment projects referred to in the above-mentioned document. The Executive Secretary was also requested to identify ways and means to strengthen the assessment capacities of developing countries.

DECISION V/8 ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES

Invasive alien species

43. Three pre-session documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/6, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/7 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/8 and 6 information documents were finalized for the sixth meeting of the SBSTTA.

44. The Secretariat arranged a poster session that was a new component in the programme of the meeting of the SBSTTA. The aim was to add to the scientific input to the meeting. The poster papers covered all the CBD thematic areas. The Secretariat also published and made available at the sixth meeting of SBSTTA CBD Technical Series No.1 on "Assessment and management of alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats and species" that includes keynote addresses and extended abstracts of the poster papers presented at the SBSTTA 6 and No.2 on "Review of the efficiency of existing legal instruments applicable to invasive alien species".

45. All the thematic reports, case studies and comments received by the Secretariat on the Interim Guiding Principles on Invasive Alien Species were made available through the Convention's clearing-house mechanism.

46. During the sixth meeting of SBSTTA, the Secretariat continued cooperation with a number of organizations dealing with invasive alien species by discussing possible areas of joint activities in the light of SBSTTA recommendations. These organizations and conventions include GISP, IPPC, and the Bern Convention. On 13 March, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed with the Bern Convention.

DECISION V/9 GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE: IMPLEMENTATION AND FURTHER ADVANCE OF SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION

Global Taxonomy Initiative

47. Decision V/9 of the Conference of the Parties requests the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the Coordination Mechanism, to initiate short-term activities such as regional meetings to prioritize most urgent taxonomic needs. Two regional meetings were arranged with the assistance of the Government of Sweden. The Secretariat participated in the Central American Workshop in Costa Rica from 6-9th February 2001 and in the African Workshop in South Africa from 27th February – 1st March 2001. A written report on the first was presented to SBSTTA 6 and verbal reports were presented to SBSTTA 6 on both workshops.

48. Decision V/9 also requested Parties to designate a national GTI Focal Point by 31 December 2000, and to communicate this to the Executive Secretary. As of 20th March 2001, 14 countries had responded: Australia, Djibouti, Grenada, India, Japan, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Slovakia and Sweden. Guidelines for the functions of the GTI Focal Point have now been compiled by the Secretariat, which might simplify the choice for Parties.

49. Decision V/9 of the COP called for the submission of proposed pilot projects for the GTI to be submitted to the Executive Secretary and the Coordination Mechanism. To date seventeen submissions have been received. The Coordination Mechanism has commenced discussion via the listserv on the methods of assessing such proposals, based on a preliminary document prepared by the Secretariat.

50. Decision V/9 of the COP called for the Coordination Mechanism to establish mechanisms to use the GTI as a forum to promote the importance of taxonomy and taxonomic tools in the implementation of the Convention's programmes of work. The Coordination Mechanism has commenced discussion via the listserv on this topic, based on a preliminary document prepared by the Secretariat.

51. The Secretariat was represented at the first meeting of the Governing Board of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) in Montreal, 9-11 March 2001. In the course of the meeting presentations were given on the GTI and the CHM. The meeting concluded that GTI priorities would be used in priority setting for GBIF. The SCBD, through the GTI and CHM, was given place on the interim Science Committee of GBIF.

52. During the course of the sixth SBSTTA meeting the GTI figured in two Side Events organized by the Secretariat. In one the GTI Programme Officer presented information on the two Regional Workshops and the status of the Pilot projects requested by COP V/9. In the other the GTI Programme Officer gave a more general presentation on the GTI.

53. SBSTTA 6 considered the Draft Work Programme of the GTI (document UNEP/CBDSBSTTA/6/10) and a progress report on the GTI (document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/INF.4) in a half-day session, together with a drafting group meeting and subsequent Working Group discussion and plenary. As a result SBSTTA made three recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, which can be found in document UNEP/CBD/COP/6/2.

DECISION V/10 GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

Global Plant Conservation Strategy

54. A meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation was held at the Secretariat of the CBD in Montreal on 11 March 2001. A group of eleven organizations participated including CITES, the International Association of Botanic Gardens, Botanic Gardens International, FAO, IUCN, IUCN/SSC, UNESCO, Planta Europa, WWF and a representative of the Gran Canaria Declaration.

55. The meeting included a wide-ranging discussion on the scope and elements of the proposed strategy. Participants were in full agreement of the need for the urgent development of a Global Plant Conservation Strategy. Participants agreed that the proposed strategy should include targets for plant conservation that are measurable, achievable and quantifiable.

56. The meeting concluded that there is a need for the preparation of a draft strategy document for consideration by SBSTTA 7 in November, 2001 and participants offered their support to the CBD Secretariat to help elaborate and draft this document. For this purpose, the participants agreed to continue to communicate, *inter alia* by email, to elaborate further the elements of the strategy and to help define its objectives, measurable targets and a proposed timeline.

DECISION V/23 CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN DRYLAND, MEDITERRANEAN, ARID, SEMI-ARID, GRASSLAND AND SAVANNAH ECOSYSTEMS

Dry and sub-humid lands biological diversity

57. The Secretariat discussed the next steps for the development and implementation of the joint work programme consistent with paragraph 8 of decision V/23 between SCBD and SCCD on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands on 14 and 15 March in the margins of SBSTTA 6. Support from the GEF Secretariat was recognized in the light of the commitment by GEF to support land degradation issues through the relevant GEF Action Plan. Progress report will be reported at SBSTTA 7 in November 2001.

DECISION V/24 SUSTAINABLE USE AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE

Sustainable use

58. As follow-up to decision V/24 paragraph 1, various international organizations, such as Ramsar, IUCN, FAO and CITES involved in sustainable use initiatives were approached for case studies on best practices for synergies on the issue.

59. Discussions with the Netherlands' authorities were held on cooperation on projects in sustainable use. It was agreed that the Secretariat would organize together with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Wageningen University, three Regional Workshops in Mozambique in July 2001, subject to financial support from the Netherlands, to develop elements to be used as a basis for guiding principles for sustainable use for consideration in future meetings of SBSTTA and COP.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS DIVISION

60. The main event within the mandate of SEL during the period under review was the second meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing. Two brochures were finalized and circulated to participants during SBSTTA 6: the first one explains in simple language the social, economic and legal issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity. The second brochure focuses on traditional knowledge and biological diversity (Article 8 (j)).

DECISION V/15 INCENTIVE MEASURES

61. Consistent with decision V/15, the Secretariat invited a number of international organizations to contribute to its work to gather information on perverse incentive measures and to the elaboration of proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures, for consideration by SBSTTA 7. Responses revealed a high degree of interest among organizations to contribute to this work.

62. In addition, the Secretariat convened a liaison group meeting, on 13 March 2001 in Montreal, to agree on the next steps to implement decision V/15 on incentive measures. It was agreed that the organizations represented in the liaison group would work together with the Secretariat in the coming months to (i) gather and disseminate additional information on instruments in support of positive incentives, (ii) develop a matrix identifying the range of instruments available, and (iii) elaborate proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures for consideration by SBSTTA 7. The organization of a workshop on incentive measures is also under consideration with the support of the Government of the Netherlands.

DECISION V/16: ARTICLE 8 (j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

63. Work is in progress to analyse information submitted to the Secretariat and to prepare relevant reports and documents for the second Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions. A notification has been posted on the CBD website reminding Parties, Indigenous and local community organizations and other relevant organizations of the importance of submitting their contributions regarding:

- i. The call for case studies (paragraph 13)
- ii. An outline of a composite report on the status and trends in relation to Article 8(j) and related provisions; and
- iii. Developing guidelines for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding any development proposed to take place on sacred sites and on lands or waters occupied or used by indigenous and local communities.

64. On the margins of SBSTTA 6, the Secretariat held discussions with representatives of indigenous and local communities with a view to identifying their needs in terms of communication.

DECISION V/18: IMPACT ASSESSMENT, LIABILITY AND REDRESS

65. Preparations are well under way for the workshop on liability and redress under the CBD, which will be held in Paris, in June 2001. The Secretariat is drafting a background document and has received many nominations of experts from Parties. The Secretariat will select participants from that list.

DECISION V/21: COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES

Climate Change

66. The Executive Secretary invited as keynote speaker on the subject of climate change, the Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC), and Co-Chair of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, Dr. Robert Watson to address the opening-session of SBSTTA 6 on 12 March 2001.

67. The Secretariat also prepared for SBSTTA 6 two documents on biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/11 and an information document containing a brief overview of the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/INF/13. This resulted in recommendation VI/8 "Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change".

68. The Secretariat continued discussions with the Secretariat of the UNFCCC and the Chair of IPCC to explore areas for joint activities.

DECISION V/25: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

69. Following a preparatory meeting held in December 2000, in Bonn, Germany, and with the assistance of a small advisory committee, the Secretariat continued the preparation of the workshop on sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems, consistent with paragraph 2 of decision V/25 on biological diversity and tourism. A background document is being finalized. On the invitation of the Executive Secretary, nominations of experts in the field of sustainable tourism were received from a number of Governments. Participants in the workshop will be selected from that list of government nominated experts as well as from competent international organizations and NGOs. The workshop will be convened in the Dominican Republic from 4-7 June 2001.

70. The purpose of the workshop is to develop guidelines that will be submitted to the review of SBSTTA7 and forwarded to the CSD as a contribution to the international work programme on sustainable tourism development.

71. The Secretariat participated in a Workshop on Ecotourism Certification from 15 to 29 January 2001. Experiences and insights about the topic from the different regions and divergent viewpoints were shared with more than 230 people from fifteen countries. It was agreed to continue discussions in the virtual reunion "Green Building and the Tourism Industry", which will be reconvened from 4 to 15 June 2001 (<http://forums.about.com/ab-ecotourism/>).

DECISION V/26: ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES

72. Two notifications were sent out to national focal points, on 19 January 2001, inviting Parties to submit to the Secretariat their views on issues to be discussed at the first meeting of the Ad hoc open-ended Working Group on access and benefit-sharing, which will meet in Bonn, Germany, from 22-26 October 2001, including information related to the role of intellectual property rights in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing arrangements. A reminder was sent on April 2, 2001.

73. Two notifications were sent, in January 2001 and March 2001, informing Parties and governments that the Panel of Experts on access and benefit-sharing would hold its second meeting, from 19-22 March 2001, in Montreal, Canada. The list of government nominated experts and observers invited to participate in this second meeting was included in the second notification.

74. As mandated by decision V/26 of the COP, the second meeting of the Panel of Experts on access and benefit-sharing was successfully held in Montreal, Canada, on 19-22 March 2001. Participants included 50 experts selected on the basis of government nominations and 23 observers. Funding for the meeting was provided by the Governments of Belgium, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

75. The main issues addressed included: the assessment of user and provider experience in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, the identification of approaches for the involvement of stakeholders in access and benefit-sharing arrangements and complementary options to address access and benefit-sharing in the framework of the Convention. On the basis of discussions carried out on the previous items, participants identified elements that may serve as a basis for the development of international guidelines and other approaches on access and benefit-sharing, by the Ad Hoc open ended Working Group on access and benefit-sharing. The report of the second meeting of the Panel of Experts will be presented to the Ad hoc open-ended Working Group on access and benefit-sharing, at its first meeting, in October 2001, in Bonn, Germany.

DECISION V/27: CONTRIBUTION OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY TO THE TEN-YEAR REVIEW OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio + 10)

76. The Executive Secretary set up an internal task force to provide advice and coordinate the Secretariat's contribution to the preparatory process for the Summit. The Executive Secretary has been invited by the General Assembly to « participate fully » in the process and the Summit.

77. The Secretariat provided advice to the task managers in the preparation of their reports to the first meeting of the Preparatory Commission. In addition, work has begun on the preparation of the report by the Executive Secretary to the Secretary General, as well as a brochure setting out the role of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the implementation of Agenda 21, past accomplishments and prospects for the future.

BIOSAFETY UNIT

**DECISION V/1: WORK PLAN OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

The Biosafety Protocol

78. During its first meeting held from 11 to 15 December 2000 in Montpellier, France, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) adopted a number of recommendations requesting action from Governments, relevant organizations, the Bureau of the ICCP and the Secretariat, on a number of issues that were for consideration by the meeting.

79. In a notification issued on 12 January 2001, the Executive Secretary conveyed to all national focal points a summary list of the requests and recommendations addressed to Governments, together with the submission dates for each of them. He also issued a notification to relevant organizations conveying relevant requests addressed to them by the ICCP, in particular those organizations which were specifically mentioned in the report of the meeting in the context of specific issues (e.g. OECD, UNIDO and ICGEB for issues related to information-sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House; UNEP and GEF for issues related to capacity-building; etc.)

80. In order to begin a timely implementation of the recommendation made by ICCP 1 regarding the pilot phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), the Executive Secretary convened a liaison group meeting of technical experts from 19 to 20 March 2001 in Montreal to provide advice on technical issues associated with the implementation of the pilot phase, taking into account the objectives, characteristics and elements of this pilot phase as identified by the ICCP at its first meeting. Members of the Bureau of the ICCP also attended the liaison group meeting as observers.

81. Following the meeting of the liaison group of technical experts on the BCH, the Bureau of the ICCP met on 21 March 2001 in Montreal to consider, *inter alia*, the recommendations made by the liaison group and provide the Secretariat with guidance on their implementation. The Bureau endorsed the recommendations and requested the Secretariat to convey them as an information note to all Governments and invite feedback in order to ensure transparency in the development of the pilot phase of the BCH.

82. The Bureau also considered a number of other issues related to the implementation of the inter-sessional work requested by ICCP 1 and provided guidance to the Secretariat as appropriate. The minutes of the Bureau meeting and the Note by the Bureau on technical issues associated with the implementation of the pilot phase of the BCH were transmitted to all national focal points and also made available on the website of the Secretariat.

83. As part of the implementation of the recommendations of ICCP 1 on the establishment of the pilot phase of the BCH, the Secretariat initiated consultations with OECD, UNIDO and ICGEB in order to seek the appropriate administrative arrangements for partnerships to facilitate implementation of the pilot phase.

84. A regional workshop for Africa on the Biosafety Clearing-House and the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention (CHM) was organized by the Secretariat from 26 to 28 February 2001 in Nairobi, Kenya. The aim of the meeting was to provide countries of the region with an opportunity to express their needs and expectations with regard to the establishment of the pilot phase of the BCH, keeping in mind the broader context of the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention. The report of

the meeting has been forwarded to all national focal points and is also available on the website of the Secretariat.

85. Similar workshops will be organized in the coming months for other developing regions, namely, Asia/Pacific, GRULAC and CEE. The Government of the United States of America has provided financial support (US\$ 360,000) to the Secretariat to facilitate this activity.

86. The Secretariat is continuing with the implementation of the various inter-sessional activities approved by ICCP 1. The emphasis is currently on three issues: i) development and implementation of the pilot phase of the BCH; ii) preparations for the open-ended meeting of experts on capacity-building for the implementation of the Biosafety Protocol to be held in Cuba in June 2001; and, iii) preparations for the meeting of government-nominated experts on Handling, Packaging, Transport and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (Article 18 of the Protocol) which will be held in Paris, France, from 13 to 15 June 2001.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTREACH DIVISION

DECISION V/11: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND DECISION V/13: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

87. The contract for the second review of the Financial Mechanism was awarded to the Groupe-Baastel in Hull, Canada. The contractor is preparing a work plan and drafting the questionnaire as required in decision V/12.

88. Due to the lack of voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund with specific reference to the second review, the COP Bureau authorized the use of US\$150,000 from surpluses and savings for the second review.

89. Comments on biodiversity proposals received from the GEF Implementing Agencies during the period were provided to Operations Coordination at the GEF Secretariat in order to promote the consistency of the project proposals with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties. It should be noted that the current Work Programme could have been significantly larger on the basis of proposals that had been technically considered had it not been for the current level of available financial resources.

90. The GEF annual report, *The Difference GEF Makes: Year 2000 Annual Report*, was approved by the GEF Council and is available on the GEF website.

91. In further developing its capacity development initiative, GEF convened a number of teleconferences to prepare its report on CDI for the May Council meeting. The Secretariat attended these meetings, and provided written comments. The GEF convened a consultation meeting with interested Parties on the margins of SBSTTA-6.

92. The GEF Secretariat is exploring the development of a strategy for sustaining the benefits of conservation which would help to put GEF biodiversity activities in a broad context of sustainable development. Sustainable use and benefit sharing are among the major concerns of the draft strategy. The Secretariat welcomed the new development and provided comments on the draft.

93. The Secretariat cooperated with the GEF Secretariat on its second Overall Performance Study. The Independent Evaluation Team held a teleconference with the Secretariat, and convened a meeting with interested Parties on the margins of SBSTTA-6.

DECISION V/12: SECOND REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

94. The Secretariat has been developing a presentation format in order to make available a funding database through the website of the Convention. The planned items now include project hosting country, funding sources, project category, year, amount, and key words.

95. With financial assistance from the Quebec government, an intern from the École nationale d'administration publique was recruited to provide assistance in developing the database, in particular in the field of private financial resources including grant-making foundations.

96. The Secretariat has been in close collaboration with the GEF Secretariat with respect to the workshop on financing for biodiversity. An exploratory meeting was held in Paris from 15-16 March 2001. The Secretariat participated in the GEF-UNEP Information Sharing and Data Exchange Workshop. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for July 2001 in Cuba in conjunction with two other meetings to be convened by the Secretariat.

97. The Secretariat continues to monitor developments under the General Assembly's Preparatory Committee for the financing for development process and under the Commission on Sustainable Development. A finance workshop under the United Nations Forest Forum was held in Oslo in January 2001.

98. The Biodiversity Support Programme, sponsored by the USAID, convened a Roundtable Workshop "Indigenous Peoples and Biodiversity Governance: Donor Best Practices Supporting Civil Society and Conservation" in Denmark from 7-9 March 2001. The Workshop produced the Hundested Recommendations.

DECISION V/14 SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM (ARTICLE 18)

Clearing-house Mechanism

99. As per Article V/14, 7(e) the CHM participated in the fourth Task Force Meeting of the European Community Clearing-house Mechanism, Brussels, Belgium on 11 January 2001, and gave a presentation on the completion of the information exchange phase of the CHM and on its new focus on technical and scientific exchange.

100. In support of Article V/14, Annex II (a), a new re-designed and updated CBD web site was launched on February 15.

101. The CHM participated in the African Regional Meeting on the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Clearing-house Mechanism held in Nairobi, Kenya on 26-28 February 2001 in response to Article V/14, Annex II (d).

102. On 2-4 March 2001, the CHM gave a presentation on COP Decision V/14 during the plenary to the Canadian Biodiversity Network Conference, held in Ottawa, Canada in support of Article V/14, 7(e).

103. The CHM continues to monitor developments in bioinformatics and participated in the first meeting of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility Governing Board, held in Montreal, Canada as per Article V/14, 7(e).

104. In response to decision V/14.9 the Executive Secretary convened a meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the CHM in Montreal, Canada on March 11, 2001 prior to SBSTTA 6. The report of this meeting is posted on the CBD website.

105. In support of the recommendation to develop a pilot initiative to assist the thematic issues within the work programme of the SBSTTA, decision V/14, Annex II (e), a presentation was made at the SBSTTA 6 Workgroup on Invasive Alien Species on information issues pertaining to an invasive alien species programme, in Montreal, Canada.

106. The CHM participated in the Liaison group meeting of technical experts on the Biosafety Clearing-house, held in Montreal, Canada. During the meeting, the CHM gave a presentation on databases, XML and interoperability issues.

107. The CHM continues to discuss with key international initiatives the possibility of establishing cooperative arrangements with those international thematic focal points that can provide relevant thematic information as per Article V/14, Annex II (e). In support of the above, CHM participated in a workshop on Preventing the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in North America, organized by the North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation, in Montreal, Canada.

DECISION V/17: EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

108. The Secretariat organized a side event on education and Public Awareness (EPA) in coordination with UNESCO on 14 March 2001 on the margins of SBSTTA 6. UNESCO and the SCBD briefed participants on progress made on the implementation of decision V/17, and feedback was received on the following topics:

- i) Communication of biodiversity issues;
- ii) Promotion and profile of the CBD and its Secretariat;
- iii) Education – through the CBD- mechanism, programmes of work and national strategies.

109. In addition, a presentation was given on the outcome of an “International Workshop on Internet-based Nature Observation Projects.

110. With regard to the follow-up of EPA it has been decided to hire a consultant to prepare a concise report for COP-6.

DECISION V/19: NATIONAL REPORTING

111. By the end of March 2001, the Secretariat had received the following reports from Parties and Governments: forty eight thematic reports on alien species, six thematic reports on benefit sharing and two thematic reports on forest ecosystems. One Party also submitted its second national report. All the reports received are posted on the Convention's website.

112. A number of Parties have indicated to the Secretariat that they do not expect to submit their second national report by the deadline established by the Conference of the Parties (15 May 2001). However, if Parties do not adhere to the agreed deadline it will not be possible for the Secretariat to analyse the reports in time to provide the Open-ended Intersessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and the Implementation of the Convention (19-21 November 2001) with a synthesis of information on national implementation of the Convention. It will similarly not be possible to prepare the advice to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties called for in paragraphs 9 (a) and (b) of decision V/19 for distribution six months before the opening of the meeting (i.e. by early October 2001) in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision IV/16.

113. Work continued on the preparation of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. A meeting of the Advisory Group was held from 25-26 January in Geneva to consider the draft report. The draft text, incorporating the suggestions of the Advisory Group, was distributed to delegations at the sixth meeting of SBSTTA. SBSTTA adopted a recommendation requesting Parties and other participants to provide the Executive Secretary with any comments they may have on the draft by 30 April in order to allow the Secretariat to proceed with the completion and publication of the first GBO in time for the seventh meeting of SBSTTA.

DECISION V/20: OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

114. The agenda for COP 6 was agreed by the President and the Executive Secretary and distributed on 16 February 2001, in accordance with the rules of procedure. Its structure and the timing of COP 6 reflect the wishes of the COP as outlined in paragraph 2 of decision V/20. The terms of office of the existing members of the Bureau of the COP also reflect the changes to the rules of procedure outlined in paragraph 5 of decision V/20.

115. Preparations for the development of a strategic plan for the Convention are ongoing. In October 2000, Governments, IGOs and NGOs were invited to submit their views on the Strategic Plan. The deadline for submissions was 31 December 2000. Submissions were made by: New Zealand, the Seychelles, Sudan, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development and Birdlife International. Verbal submissions were made by: Denmark, Canada, Norway, the President of COP, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, India, Brazil and SPREP during the first meeting of the ICCP in December 2000. The audit report of the OIOS also made a number of observations of relevance. During this period the Secretariat reviewed the available NBSAPs. It also reviewed the plans of relevant organizations and companies.

116. Based on these submissions and the review of NBSAPs the Executive Secretary prepared a Note on the Strategic Plan that was distributed on 13 March 2001. He also held a workshop during SBSTTA 6 on 13 March 2001 to introduce this Note and Parties provided their preliminary views on the contents of this Note. Parties and other stakeholders are requested to provide their written comments on this Note by 30 April 2001. As of 24 April one Party and three other organisations have provided comments.

117. The Government of the Seychelles and the Executive Secretary have agreed to convene a workshop on the Strategic Plan from 28 to 30 May 2001 and arrangements for this meeting are currently being finalised.

118. Many of the changes to the modus operandi of SBSTTA made in Part III of decision V/20 contributed to the success of the sixth meeting of SBSTTA on March 2001. For example, there will be two meetings of SBSTTA before the next meeting of the COP. The Chair of SBSTTA has represented the Subsidiary Body at a number of meetings of the scientific bodies of other conventions. The sixth meeting of SBSTTA made a number of specific requests to the Executive Secretary to prepare documents for the seventh meeting of SBSTTA. SBSTTA 6 agreed to test a range of methods and modalities for assessments, in accordance with paragraph 29 (b) of decision V/20 and launched assessments on forest biological diversity, rapid assessment methods for the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems, rapid assessment methods for marine and coastal biological diversity, the impacts of invasive alien species and interlinkages between biological diversity and climate change.

119. SBSTTA 6 also invited the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to integrate assessments of the following topics in its work: the interrelationship between biodiversity and climate change, inland water biological diversity, its uses and threats; further aspects of marine and coastal biological diversity, and further aspects of forest biodiversity

120. Preparations for the open-ended meeting to assist with the preparations for COP 6 have also begun with the Executive Secretary and the Bureau having decided its date (19 – 21 November 2001) and venue (Montreal). The Executive Secretary has also prepared a draft agenda for the consideration of the President of the COP.

ANNEX I

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 23 regularized Professional staff members and 17 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. Additionally, 7 Professional posts and 5 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

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 France has pledged funds for the Workshop on Liability and Redress, scheduled to take place in Paris in June 2001, the Government of the United Kingdom contributed a total of US\$177,718 for several activities including the Second Ad Hoc Technical Experts Meeting on Forests scheduled to take place in Edinburgh, Scotland in April 2001, the Second Meeting of the Expert Panel on Access and Benefits sharing of Genetic Resources which took place in Montreal from 19-22 March 2001 and the Biosafety Clearing House. The Government of the USA also pledged funds for the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH), and in particular the Regional Workshops for the BCH. The Government of Canada also pledged US\$122,000 in support of approved activities of the Convention, in particular the Second Meeting of the Expert Panel on Access and Benefits sharing of Genetic Resources.

3. For 2001 a total of US\$659,648 has so far been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$180,718 has been collected as at 31 March 2001. Additionally, \$476,213 was collected in 2001 for pledges from 2000 and prior years. 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 31 March 2001, total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2000 and prior years amounted to US\$759,029. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2001 is US\$6,595,881. Of this amount, US\$2,443,779 or 37% was received as at 31 March 2001. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2001 amounts to US\$4,152,102. Total unpaid pledges for 2001 and prior years is therefore US\$4,911,131. Additionally, a total of US\$200,000 per year for the period 2001-2005 has been pledged as an additional contribution to the BY Trust Fund by the Government of Canada (Quebec). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

5. As at 31 March 2001, a total of US\$335,000 has been pledged for 2001 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum includes pledges from Canada (\$278,000), New Zealand (\$13,200) and the United Kingdom (\$43,800), for the Sixth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice which took place in Montreal Canada from 12 – 16 March 2001.

6. As at 31 March 2001, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2001 amounted to US\$57,000 or 17% of the total pledged so far for 2001. Additionally, US\$83,784 has been collected in 2001 for prior years. A total of US\$594,068 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2001 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

III Accounting and Reporting

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

7. At present seven UNEP staff members, the Chief, Fund Management and Administration, the Administrative Officer, the Finance Officer, the Senior Finance Assistant, two Finance Assistants and the Personnel Assistant are funded from the programme support funds (PSC). Additionally, UNEP has provided funding for one additional general service administrative post to be paid from PSC.

Conference and Other Services

8. During the period January to March 2001, conference servicing assistance was provided by UNEP/UNON for three meetings – African Regional Meeting on the Biosafety Clearing House; SBSTTA-6 and Expert Panel on Access and Benefits Sharing of Genetic Resources.

Appendix 1

STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

1 January – 31 March 2001

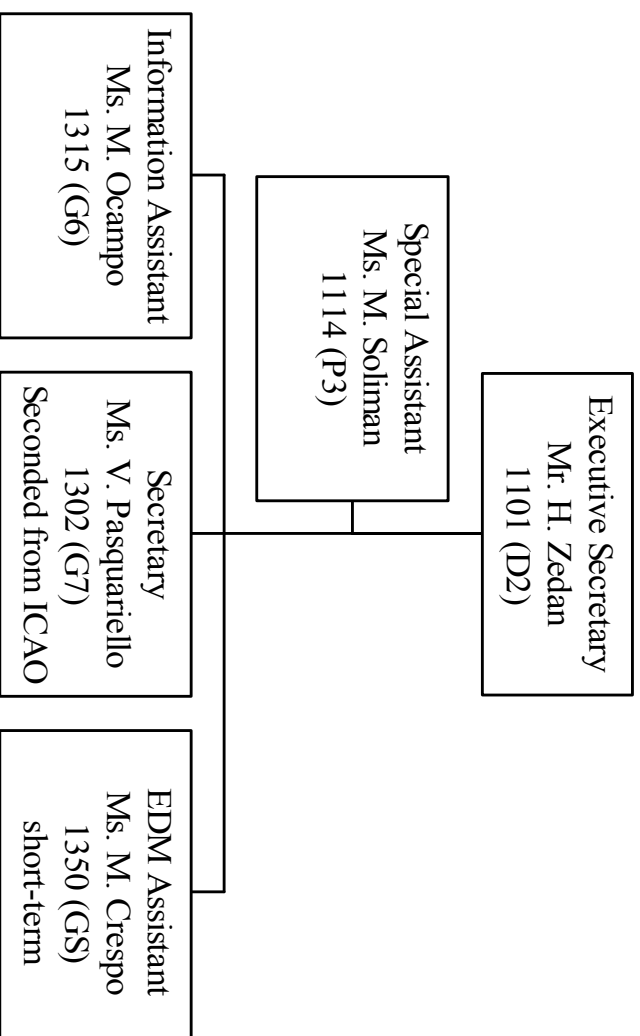
Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1101	D2	Executive Secretary	Mr. H. Zedan (Regularized)
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert (Regularized)
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy (Regularized)
1104	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. C. Sendashonga (Regularized)
1105	D1	Principal Officer (I&O)	Mr. A. Nogueira (Regularized)
1106	P4	Chief, Fund & Admin. (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray – (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (I&O)	Mr. S. Johnston (Regularized)
1108	P4	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. D.Ogolla (Regularized)
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1110	P4	PO Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. J-P. Le Danff (Regularized)
1111	P4	PO, Agricultural Biodiversity (STTM)	Mr. D. Cooper –(Regularized) (Post funded by FAO)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (I&O)	Mr. M. Silva (Regularized)
1114	P3	Special Assistant to the ES. (EDM)	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Ms. H. Marrie (Regularized)
1116	P4	PO, Reports & Reviews (I&O)	Mr. A. Gross (Regularized)
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (I&O)	Mr. Z. Bamba (Regularized)
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli (Regularized)
1119	P3	Information Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Post will be filled on 15 May 2001)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (I&O)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P3	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. M. Vierros (Regularized)
1122	P3	PO, Financial Resources (I&O)	Mr. Y. Xiang (Regularized)
1123	P3	Environmental. Affairs Officer , Reports/Reviews (I&O)	Vacant (funding by the Government of Quebec is still pending)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. N. Patel (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1125	P4	Regulatory Scientist - (Biosafety)	Vacant (funding by the Government of Quebec is still pending)
1126	P3	Associate Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1127	P2	Associate Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena (Regularized)
1128	P2	Associate Computer Systems Officer (I&O)	Mr. Q. Nguyen (Regularized)
1129	L5	Senior Programme Officer (STTM & I&O)	Mr. A. Heydendael (Regularized) (Post funded by The Netherlands)
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Ms. P. Mirabzadeh (Regularized)
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)

Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1133	P3	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand (Regularized)
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (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 (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Vacant (Post previously funded by Australia & Sweden)
1138	L2	JPO, CHM (I&O)	Ms. T. Alstadheim (Regularized) (Post funded by Norway)
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1142	P3	PO, Reports (I&O)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1143	P3	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1144	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (EDM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1147	L5	Senior Professional Officer, Forests (STTM)	Mr. H. Toivonen (Regularized) (Post funded by Finland)

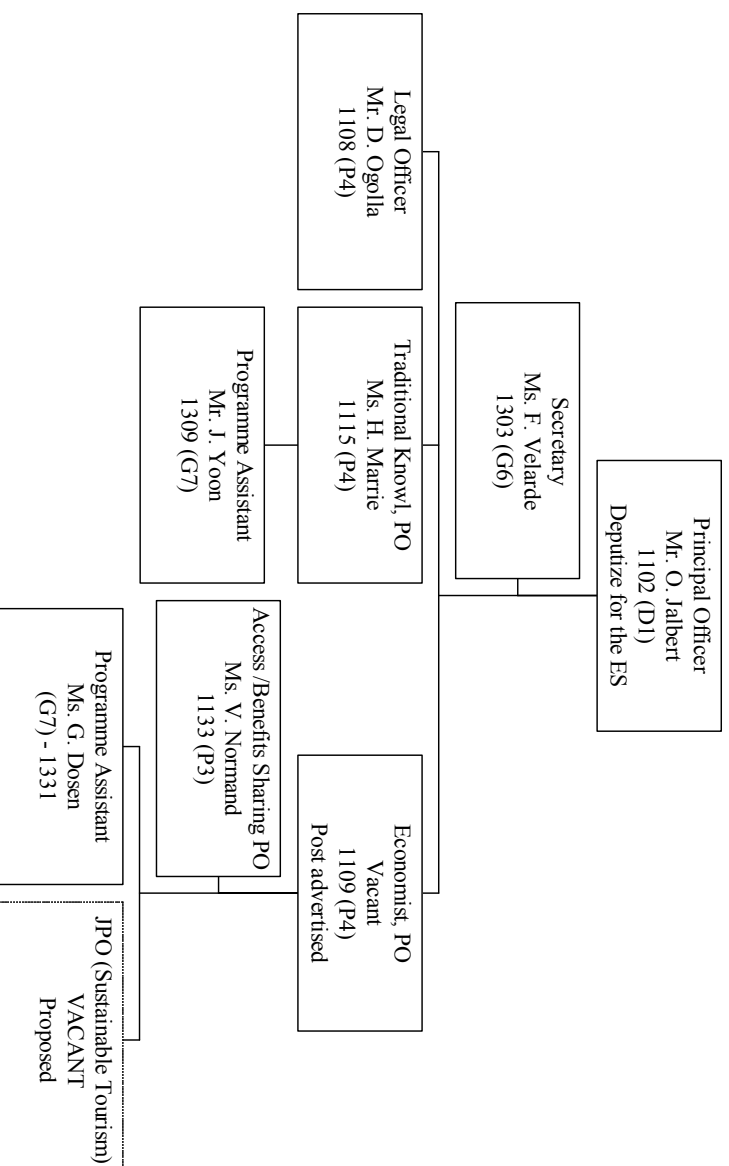
Post #	Level	Title	GENERAL SERVICE STAFF
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (EDM)	Ms. V. Pasquariello (Regularized) (on secondment from ICAO)
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. F. Velarde (Regularized)
1304	G7	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 (Regularized)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Regularized)
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (on secondment from ICAO). Post funded by UNEP
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (I&O)	Ms. J. Huppé (Regularized)
1315	G6	Information Assistant (EDM)	Ms. M. Ocampo (Regularized)
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (I&O)	Mr. V. Gopez (Regularized)
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Ms. L. Boutin (Regularized)

Post #	Level	Title	GENERAL SERVICE STAFF
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. R. Bellido (Short-term)
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. L. Rubello (Regularized)
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, CHM (I&O)	Mr. H. Perea (Regularized)
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen (Regularized)
1332	G5	Contributions Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Harrison (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1334	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. L. Ali (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1337	G5	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress). Post funded by UNEP
1350	GS	EDM Assistant – (EDM)	Ms. M. Crespo (short-term). Post being classified.
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (EDM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (I&O)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress) – new post
1320	G6	Temporary Assistance (short term)	Ms. F. D’Amico (Library Assistant)

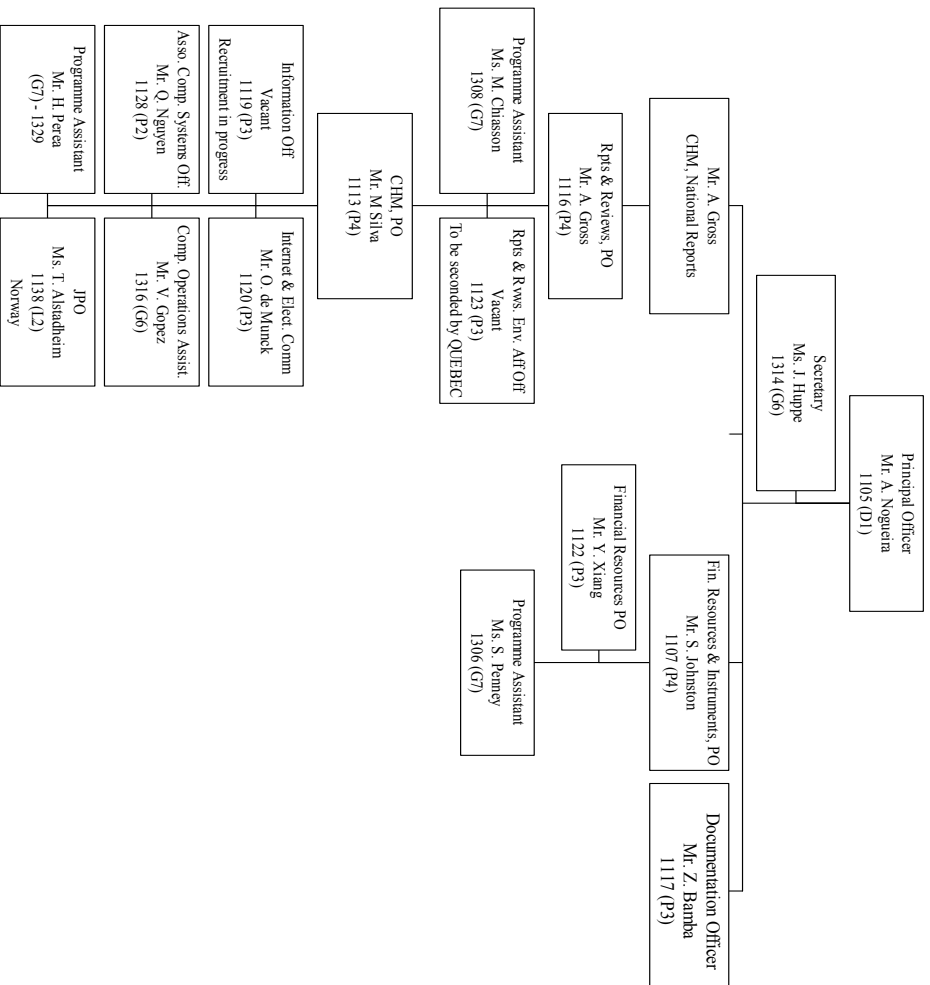
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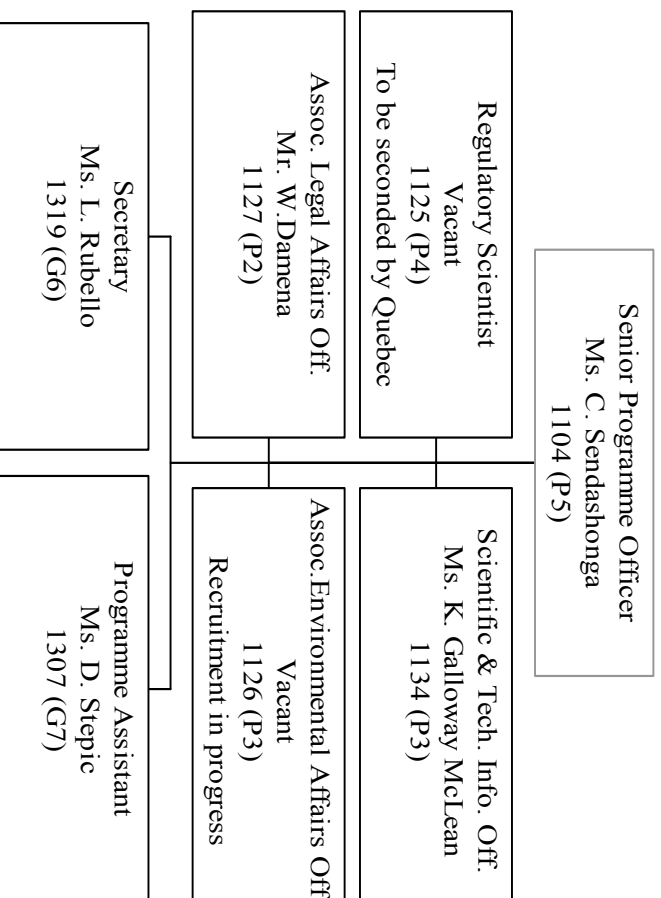
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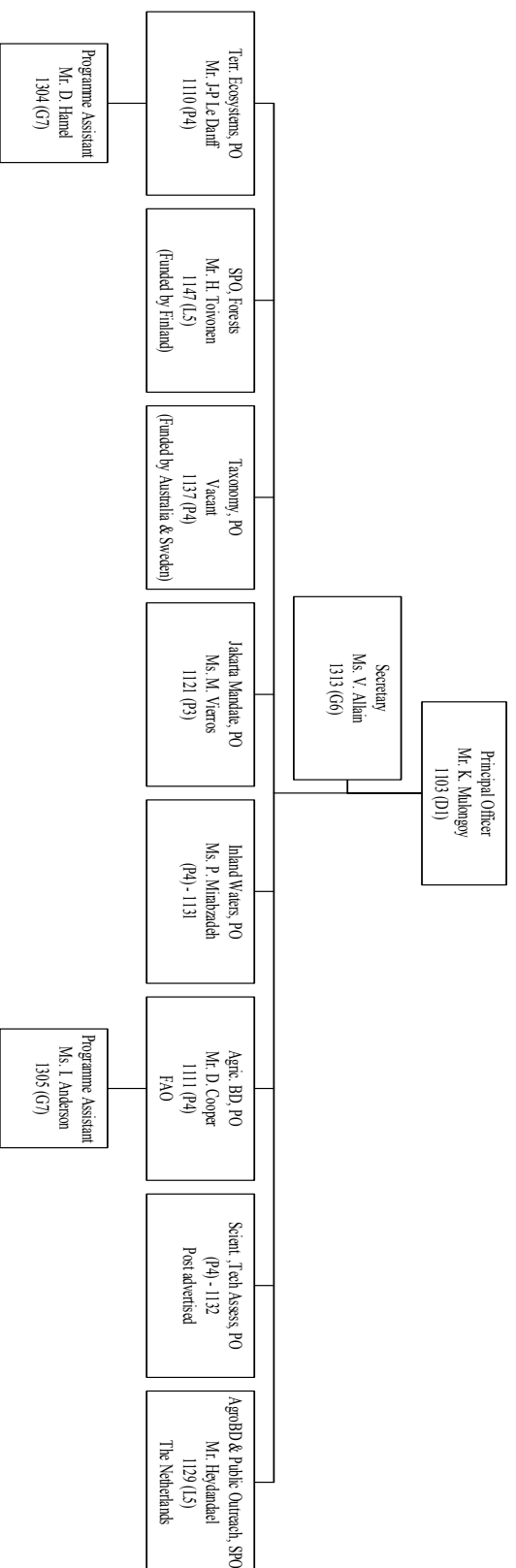
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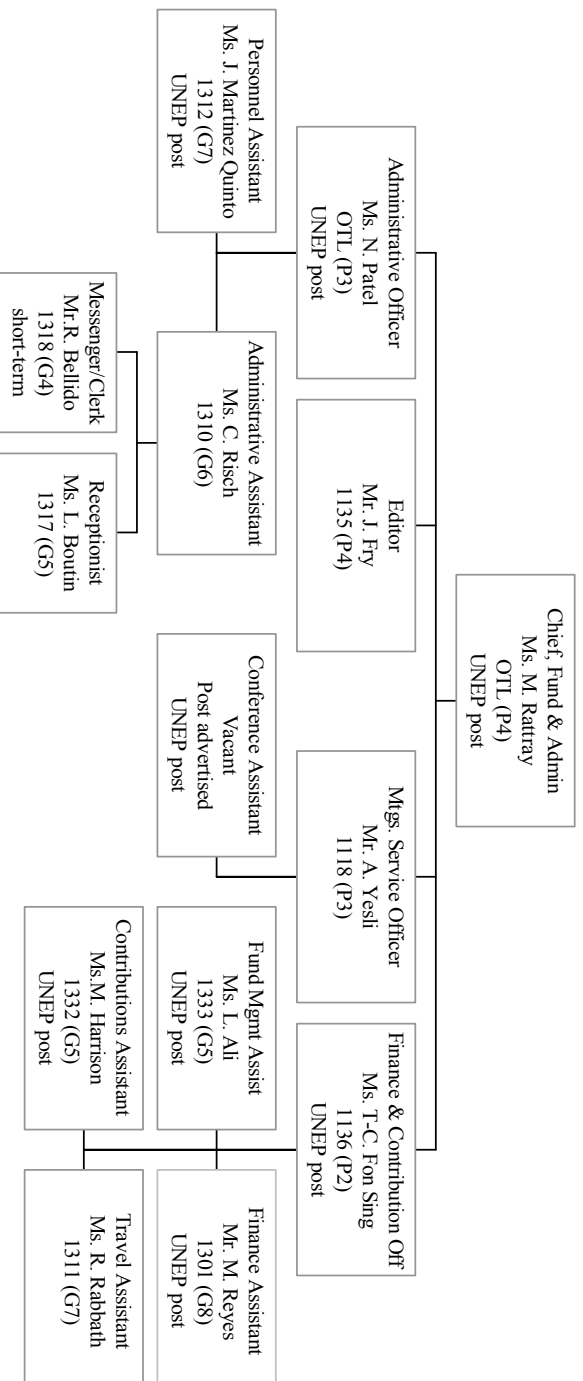
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Scientific, Technical & Technological Matters



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 31 March 2001 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.00	Adjustments	Pledges for 2001		Collections in 2001 for prior years	Collections in 2001 for 2001 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2001 & prior years
Belgium	187,999			1/	187,999		0
Canada	5,500			2/			5,500
Canada			122,000	13/			122,000
France	288,214			3	288,214		0
France			27,030	12/			27,030
UK			14,600	5/		14,600	0
UK			15,000	6/		15,000	0
UK			25,000	7/		25,000	0
UK			6,000	8/			6,000
UK			87,018	9/		87,018	0
UK	72,569			4		36,100	36,469
USA			360,000	10/			360,000
FAO			3,000	11/			3,000
Total	554,282	0	659,648		467,213	180,718	556,999

1/ Belgium pledge BEF8,000,000
2/ Canada pledge US\$55,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Experts Meeting on Forests
3/ France pledge for Host Government Agreement- ICCP-1, 11-15 December 2000, Montpellier France
4/ UK pledge UK pounds 50,000 for 2nd Ad Hoc Technical Experts Meeting on Forests
5/ UK pledge UK pounds 10,000 for 2nd Expert Panel meeting on Access and benefits sharing
6/ UK pledge for consultant on Global Taxonomy Initiative

- 7/ UK pledge US\$25,000 for work by Botanical Gardens Conservation International on ex-situ collections
- 8/ UK pledge US\$ 6,000 for two consultants on forestry
- 9/ UK pledge UK pounds 60,000 for Biosafety Clearing House and Technical expert meeting
- 10/ USA pledge for Biosafety Clearing House
- 11/ FAO for strengthening of existing cooperation activities and networks
- 12/ France pledge US\$27,030 for a workshop on Liability and Redress, June 2001 - Paris
- 13/ Canada pledge for 2nd Expert Panel meeting on Access and benefits sharing and other approved activities

ANNEX IV

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE
PROCESS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)
Status as at 31 March 2001 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.00	Adjustments	Pledges for 2001	Collections in 2001 for prior years	Collections in 2001 or 2001 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2001 & prior years
Canada			18/ 278,000			278,000
Central African Rep.	2,000		1/			2,000
Central African Rep.	1,500		2/			1,500
Denmark	77,792		3/			77,792
BEC	61,637		4/			61,637
Finland	20,000	(20,000)	5/			0
France	15,947		6/			15,947
France	7,661		7/			7,661
France	7,661		8/			7,661
France	22,982		9/			22,982
France	68,237		10/	68,237		0
New Zealand	0		17/ 13,200		13,200	0
Switzerland	15,000		11/			15,000
Switzerland	15,547		12/	15,547		(0)
Switzerland	13,889		13/			13,889
Spain	50,000		14/			50,000
UK	0		15/ 43,800		43,800	0
USA	20,000		16/			20,000
Total	399,852	(20,000)	335,000	83,784	57,000	594,068

** Please note that the figures in bracket () means credit

1/Central African Republic for Biosafety Protocol Meeting, Vienna Austria, 15-19 September 1999

2/Central African Republic pledge for Art. 8(j) meeting in Seville 27-31 March 2000

3/Denmark pledge DKK620,000 for travel expenses for Central and Eastern European countries-5th COP , Nairobi Kenya, 15-26 May 2000

- 4/ EEC contribution towards cost of least developed countries (60% of ECU75,000)
- 5/ Finland : Assist the participation of developing countries in the negotiations on Biosafety Protocol
- 6/ France pledge FrF100,000 for the support of participants to the Liaison Group Meeting on Ecosystem Approach, Paris, 15-17 September 1999
- 7/ France pledge FrF50,000 for Informal Consultations on Biosafety Vienna Austria, 15-19 September 1999
- 8/ France pledge FrF50,000 for Resumed Session of the Ex-COP, Montreal Canada 20-28 January 2000
- 9/ France pledge FrF150,000 Fifth Meeting of the COP, Nairobi-15-26 May 2000
- 10/ France pledge for the First meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 11-15 December 2000, Montpellier
- 11/ Switzerland: SBSSTA-3 Montreal Canada, 1-5 September 1997
- 12/ Switzerland pledge CHF25,000 for the first Meeting of ICCP on Biosafety , 11-16 December 2000, Montpellier, France
- 13/ Switzerland pledge CHF25,000 for the meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access & Benefits Sharing, Seville Spain, 27-31 March 2001
- 14/ Spain pledge in support of developing country Parties and economies in transition attending the ICCP-1, 11-15 December Montpellier, France
- 15/ UK LDC Participation at SBSSTA-6, Montreal, Canada, 12-16 March 2001
- 16/ USA pledge for Ad Hoc Technical Experts Meeting on Marine & Coastal Biodiversity, 2001
- 17/ New Zealand pledge NZ\$30,000 for Pacific Island Participants to SBSSTA-6, Montreal, 12-16 March 2001
- 18/ Canada pledge US\$278,000 for SBSSTA-6

ANNEX V

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
As at 31 March 2001

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/00	Pledges for 2001	Collections in 2000 for 2001	Collections in 2001 for prior yrs	Collections During 2001 for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for 2001 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$			US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Albania	0	263	373			0	(110)	(110)
Algeria	0	7,552				0	7,552	7,552
Angola	20	878				20	878	898
Antigua & Barbuda	0	176				0	176	176
Argentina	88,251	96,855				88,251	96,855	185,106
Armenia	19,255	527				19,255	527	19,782
Australia	0	130,223	71,896		58,327	0	0	0
Austria	0	82,717			82,717	0	0	0
Azerbaijan		965				0	965	965
Bahamas	0	1,317			1,317	0	0	0
Bahrain	0	1,493				0	1,493	1,493
Bangladesh	0	878				0	878	878
Barbados	640	702				640	702	1,342
Belarus	69,876	5,005				69,876	5,005	74,881
Belgium	88,281	96,942		88,281	44,944	0	51,998	51,998
Belize	0	88			88	0	0	0
Benin	0	176	48			0	128	128
Bhutan	0	88			88	0	0	0
Bolivia	0	615				0	615	615
Botswana	0	878			878	0	0	0
Brazil	103,647	129,169				103,647	129,169	232,816
Bulgaria	0	966				0	966	966

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/00	Pledges for 2001	Collections in 2000 for 2001	Collections in 2001 for prior yrs	Collections During 2001 for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for 2001 & Prior years
Burkina Faso	288	176				288	176	464
Burundi	219	88				219	88	307
Cambodia	0	88				0	88	88
Cameroon	3,289	1,142				3,289	1,142	4,431
Canada	0	239,897			239,897	0	0	0
Cape Verde	2,004	176				2,004	176	2,180
Central African Rep.	50	88				50	88	138
Chad	2,327	88				2,327	88	2,415
Chile	17,845	3,161				17,845	3,161	21,006
China	0	87,371				0	87,371	87,371
Colombia	15,002	9,571				15,002	9,571	24,573
Comoros	2,327	88				2,327	88	2,415
Congo	1,809	263				1,809	263	2,072
Congo Dem. Rep.	3,259	615				3,259	615	3,874
Cook Islands	0	88				0	88	88
Costa Rica	5,527	1,405				5,527	1,405	6,932
Cote d'Ivoire	20	790				20	790	810
Croatia	5,109	2,634			2,634	5,109	0	5,109
Cuba	10,598	2,107				10,598	2,107	12,705
Cyprus	0	2,986				0	2,986	2,986
Czech Republic	0	9,396				0	9,396	9,396
Denmark	0	60,765			60,765	0	0	0
Djibouti	0	88				0	88	88
Dominica	0	88	112			0	(24)	(24)
Dominica Rep.	3,349	1,317				3,349	1,317	4,666

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/00	Pledges for 2001	Collections in 2000 for 2001	Collections in 2001 for prior yrs	Collections During 2001 for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for 2001 & Prior years
Ecuador	0	1,756				0	1,756	1,756
EEC	0	164,850			164,850	0	0	0
Egypt	0	5,708			5,708	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	1,054				0	1,054	1,054
Equatorial Guinea	2,327	88				2,327	88	2,415
Eritrea	0	88				0	88	88
Estonia	0	1,054			1,054	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	527			527	0	0	0
Fiji	0	351	351			0	0	0
Finland	0	47,681			47,681	0	0	0
France	0	574,718				0	574,718	574,718
Gabon	3,477	1,317				3,477	1,317	4,794
Gambia	0	88				0	88	88
Georgia	39,938	615				39,938	615	40,553
Germany	0	865,545			865,545	0	0	0
Ghana	2,238	615				2,238	615	2,853
Greece	0	30,821				0	30,821	30,821
Grenada	0	88				0	88	88
Guatemala	7,376	1,581				7,376	1,581	8,957
Guinea	1,948	263				1,948	263	2,211
Guinea-Bissau	1,848	88				1,848	88	1,936
Guyana	1,498	88				1,498	88	1,586
Haiti	1,314	176				1,314	176	1,490
Honduras	575	263				575	263	838
Hungary	0	10,537				0	10,537	10,537
Iceland	0	2,810			2,810	0	0	0
India	50	26,255				50	26,255	26,305

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/00	Pledges for 2001	Collections in 2000 for 2001	Collections in 2001 for prior yrs	Collections During 2001 for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for 2001 & Prior years
Indonesia	33,331	16,508				33,331	16,508	49,839
Iran	73,301	14,137				73,301	14,137	87,438
Ireland	0	19,669	16,113			0	3,556	3,556
Israel	0	30,734				0	30,734	30,734
Italy	0	477,424				0	477,424	477,424
Jamaica	0	527				0	527	527
Japan	975,472	1,648,500		975,472		0	1,648,500	1,648,500
Jordan	0	527				0	527	527
Kazakhstan	57,086	4,215				57,086	4,215	61,301
Kenya	0	615	3			0	612	612
Kiribati	80	88				80	88	168
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	17,094	1,317				17,094	1,317	18,411
Korea, Rep. of	0	88,337				0	88,337	88,337
Kyrgyzstan	5,111	527				5,111	527	5,638
Lao PDR	0	88				0	88	88
Latvia	0	1,493	867			0	626	626
Lebanon	34	1,405				34	1,405	1,439
Lesotho	788	176				788	176	964
Liberia	0	161				0	161	161
Liechtenstein	0	527			527	0	0	0
Lithuania	2,855	1,317				2,855	1,317	4,172
Luxembourg	0	5,971			5,971	0	0	0
Macedonia	940	351				940	351	1,291
Madagascar	0	263	548			0	(285)	(285)
Malawi	0	176				0	176	176

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/00	Pledges for 2001	Collections in 2000 for 2001	Collections in 2001 for prior yrs	Collections During 2001 for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for 2001 & Prior years
Malaysia	0	16,069				0	16,069	16,069
Maldives	0	88				0	88	88
Mali	2,004	176				2,004	176	2,180
Malta		922				0	922	922
Marshall Island	0	88				0	88	88
Mauritania	1,158	88				1,158	88	1,246
Mauritius	0	790			790	0	0	0
Mexico	12,677	87,371				12,677	87,371	100,048
Micronesia, Fed. States	0	88				0	88	88
Moldova, Rep. of	20,962	878				20,962	878	21,840
Monaco	20	351		20	372	0	(21)	(21)
Mongolia	0	176				0	176	176
Morocco	0	3,600				0	3,600	3,600
Mozambique	0	88				0	88	88
Myanmar	0	702			702	0	0	0
Namibia	0	615				0	615	615
Nauru	2,447	88				2,447	88	2,535
Nepal	0	351	2,383			0	(2,032)	(2,032)
Netherlands	0	143,306				0	143,306	143,306
New Zealand	0	19,406			19,406	0	0	0
Nicaragua	0	88				0	88	88
Niger	2,004	176				2,004	176	2,180
Nigeria	5,570	2,810				5,570	2,810	8,380
Niue	0	88			88	0	0	0
Norway	0	53,564			53,564	0	0	0
Oman	0	4,478			4,478	0	0	0
Pakistan	4,718	5,181				4,718	5,181	9,899

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Panama	2,762	1,142				2,762	1,142	3,904
Papua New Guinea	0	615	560			0	55	55
Paraguay	3,517	1,229				3,517	1,229	4,746
Peru	7,917	8,693				7,917	8,693	16,610
Philippines	0	7,113				0	7,113	7,113
Poland	0	17,211	17,211			0	0	0
Portugal	0	37,846				0	37,846	37,846
Qatar	0	2,898				0	2,898	2,898
Romania	0	4,917				0	4,917	4,917
Russian Federation	0	94,572				0	94,572	94,572
Rwanda	1,158	88				1,158	88	1,246
St.Kitts &Nevis	0	88				0	0	0
St. Lucia	80	88				80	88	168
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,498	88				1,498	88	1,586
Samoa	0	88				0	0	0
San Marino	0	176				0	176	176
Senegal	20	527				20	527	547
Seychelles	3,355	176				3,355	176	3,531
Sierra Leone	2,327	88		500		1,827	88	1,915
Singapore	0	15,718				0	0	0
Slovak	0	3,073				0	3,073	3,073
Slovenia	0	5,356				0	5,356	5,356
Solomon Is.	1,848	88				1,848	88	1,936
South Africa	29,267	32,139		29,267		0	0	0
Spain	0	227,516				0	168,835	168,835

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/00	Pledges for 2001	Collections in 2000 for 2001	Collections in 2001 for prior yrs	Collections During 2001 for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for 2001 & Prior years
Sri Lanka	2,501	1,054				2,501	1,054	3,555
Sudan	2,780	615				2,780	615	3,395
Suriname	621	351				621	351	972
Swaziland	0	176				0	176	176
Sweden	0	94,747				0	94,747	94,747
Switzerland	0	106,689	106,664			0	25	25
Syria	0	5,620				0	5,620	5,620
Tajikistan	1,207	351				1,207	351	1,558
Togo	0	88				0	88	88
Tonga	0	88				0	88	88
Trinidad & Tobago	0	1,405				0	1,405	1,405
Tunisia	0	2,459				0	2,459	2,459
Turkey	0	38,636				0	38,636	38,636
Turkmenistan	6,453	527				6,453	527	6,980
Uganda	0	351	1,587			0	(1,236)	(1,236)
Ukraine	37,924	16,684				37,924	16,684	54,608
U. K.	0	446,954	446,954			0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	15,630				0	15,630	15,630
Un. Rep. of Tanzania	1,050	263				1,050	263	1,313
Uruguay	7,451	4,215				7,451	4,215	11,666
Uzbekistan	11,963	2,195				11,963	2,195	14,158
Vanuatu	155	88		155		0	88	88
Venezuela	0	14,050	5,667			0	8,383	8,383
Viet Nam	0	615				0	615	615
Yemen	2,896	878				2,896	878	3,774
Zambia	20	176				20	176	196

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/00	Pledges for 2001	Collections in 2000 for 2001	Collections in 2001 for prior yrs	Collections During 2001 for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2001	Unpaid Pledges for 2001 & Prior years
Zimbabwe	720	790				720	790	1,510
Sub Total	1,852,724	6,595,881	671,337	1,093,695	1,772,442	759,029	4,152,102	4,911,131
Additional Contributions							0	0
USA	0						0	0
Canada	0						0	0
Quebec	0	200,000					200,000	200,000
Grand Total	1,852,724	6,795,881	671,337	1,093,695	1,772,442	759,029	4,352,102	5,111,131

ANNEX VI

LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(As of 31 March 2001)

2001		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
24 – 26 January 2001	Liaison Group on Agricultural Biodiversity	Rome, Italy
25- 26 January 2001	Global Biodiversity Outlook Advisory Group	Geneva, Switzerland
6-9 February 2001	Central American Workshop and Taxonomic Needs Assessment on the Global Taxonomy Initiative	San José Costa Rica
13 February 2001	COP-5 Bureau Meeting	The Hague, The Netherlands
26- 28 February 2001	African Regional Meeting on Biosafety Clearing House Mechanism	Nairobi, Kenya
27 February – 1 March 2001	Global Taxonomy Initiative African Regional meeting	Capetown, South Africa
11 March 2001	Informal Consultation on the proposed Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	Montreal, Canada
11 March 2001	Informal Advisory Committee Meeting of the Clearing House Mechanism	Montreal, Canada
12-16 March 2001	Sixth Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-6)	Montreal, Canada
13 March 2001	Liaison Group Meeting on Incentive Measures	Montreal, Canada
14 March 2001	Meeting with SBSTTA Focal Points, CHM Focal Points, and Informal Advisory Committee Focal Points	Montreal, Canada
16 March 2001	COP-5 Bureau Meeting	Montreal, Canada
19-20 March 2001	Liaison Group Meeting of the Biosafety Clearing House	Montreal, Canada
19-22 March 2001	Second Meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefits Sharing	Montreal, Canada
21 March 2001	ICCP Bureau Meeting	Montreal, Canada