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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 October to 31 December 2004.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. A joint Bureau meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention and Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP) to the Protocol was held at the Secretariat offices from 22-23 December 2004. The meeting reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the Secretariat's work programme in light of COP decisions as well as the preparation for upcoming meetings and status of the Secretariat Trust Funds.
4. The Executive Secretary participated in the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES COP-13), which was held in early October in Bangkok, Thailand, where he addressed the plenary session highlighting the importance of ongoing synergy between the CBD and CITES.
5. On the margins of CITES COP-13, the Executive Secretary held high level talks with the Thai Minister of the Environment as well as other senior Thai government officials in respect of the organization of the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-10) and the third meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS-3) which are scheduled to be held in Bangkok in February 2005.
6. In October, the Executive Secretary presented the report of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the fifty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. In an effort to foster synergy and complementarities between the three Rio Conventions (CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD), in addition to the CBD report, the three Conventions submitted for the first time to the General Assembly a consolidated report on their cooperative and joint activities.
7. The Executive Secretary represented the CBD at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) tenth regular session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), which was held in Rome, Italy, where he made a keynote presentation on the occasion of the Commission's 20th anniversary, on November 8th. He welcomed the entry into force of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, made a number of recommendations to further strengthen CBD-FAO cooperation in several areas including, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and the further development of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use, and called for the mainstreaming of biodiversity into the sectors of agriculture forestry and fisheries to contribute to the 2010 target. On the margins of this meeting, the Executive Secretary held fruitful discussions with senior FAO officials concerning cooperation in areas related to agriculture, forestry, fisheries, nutrition and economics. An additional Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between CBD and FAO as the Secretariat of the Treaty has also been agreed.
8. The CBD delivered a statement during the high-level segment of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP-10), which took place in

Buenos Aires, Argentina, in December. The CBD also participated in the twenty-first session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA-21).

9. During the last quarter of 2004, two countries, Guatemala and Indonesia, acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, bringing the total number of Parties to the Protocol to 111.

10. Discussions are underway with the Government of Brazil in respect of preparations for COP-8 and COP/MOP-3 meetings.

11. The Secretariat was represented at the twenty-fourth session of the GEF Council, held in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. A lunchtime panel was organized to discuss relevant issues.

12. The Secretariat continued its work in collaboration with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA), participating *inter alia*, in meetings of the MA Board, and the Biodiversity Synthesis Team. The Biodiversity Synthesis Report of the MA is now available for review by SBSTA and CBD focal points.

13. The Executive Secretary made a keynote presentation on “Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition” in Montreal at an event organized by McGill University to celebrate World Food Day. The theme established by FAO for this year’s World Food Day (October 16) was “Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture”.

14. Through the kind financial support of BioNET–International, the Secretariat was able to participate in several Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) related meetings in October 2004, in Wellington, New Zealand, namely: the ninth Global Biodiversity Information Facility Governing Board (5-7 October 2004); the fifth meeting of the GTI Coordination Mechanism (8 October 2004) and the second Asian Regional Workshop on Global Taxonomy Initiative (9-10 October 2004).

15. In October, and as part of its communication and outreach efforts, the CBD organized a presentation at its offices in Montreal for journalists attending the Fourth World Conference of Science Journalists, which gave an overview of the work programmes of the Secretariat with the aim of briefing them on the basic elements of the Convention and its Biosafety Protocol.

16. The Secretariat was represented at the Third IUCN World Conservation Congress, which was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 17-25 November 2004. The Secretariat actively participated in the Conservation Platform session on the Addis Ababa Principles: Defining the Roadmap, and delivered a presentation on relevant COP decisions and future work of the Secretariat. The Secretariat also participated in and gave a presentation at the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Sponsored Workshop on High Seas Biodiversity, highlighting the CBD work programme on marine and coastal biodiversity, and focusing on COP-7 decisions on high seas marine protected areas.

17. In November, the CBD Secretariat, also representing the UNFCCC and UNCCD Secretariats, participated in the fifth meeting of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) which took place in Ottawa, Canada. The Group is proposing the establishment of a Global Earth Observation System of Systems, which has the potential to provide a number of the data needs of the three Rio Conventions.

18. The Executive Secretary hosted a meeting with the Biodiversity Team of the GEF Secretariat on 9 December at the CBD offices. Agreement was reached to strengthen cooperation in a number of areas with a view to enhancing contributions towards reaching the 2010 biodiversity target.

19. In December, a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) was signed between CBD and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), with the aim of making available to all Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and other States, data and information relating to biosafety that OECD maintains under its existing information systems through the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH).

20. The Secretariat held a staff retreat on 7 December 2004.

21. During the last quarter of 2004, the CBD Secretariat organized several meetings, namely: Coordination meeting for representatives of academic institutions actively involved in education and training programmes in biosafety (organized by SAEFL in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat) (4-6 October 2004, Geneva, Switzerland); Liaison Group meeting on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target (18 October 2004, Montreal, Canada); Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (18-20 October 2004); Biosafety Considerations in the use of Genetically Modified Organisms for Management of Animal Populations - Online Conference (18 October-15 November 2004); Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level (19-22 October 2004, Montreal, Canada); Expert group on outcome-oriented targets for the Programmes of Work on the biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems (25-27 October 2004, Montreal, Canada); Workshop on capacity-building and exchange of experiences as related to the implementation of paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol (1-3 November 2004, Bonn, Germany); Informal Meeting on Interoperability of Information among the Three Rio and Other Environmental Conventions (2-3 November 2004, Montreal, Canada); Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (9-10 November 2004, Montreal, Canada); and the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, which was held from 13-17 December in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife Canary Islands, Spain.

22. The CBD actively participated in a number of important meetings during the fourth quarter of 2004: WTO Workshop on environmental goods and services (11 October 2004, Geneva, Switzerland); WTO Committee on Trade and Environment (12-14 October 2004, Geneva, Switzerland); Experts International Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing (24-27 October 2004, Cuernavaca, Mexico); Workshop on Protected Areas in Meso-American countries (25-30 October 2004, Guatemala City, Guatemala); Second Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership (28-29 October 2004, Cusco, Peru); Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (1-5 November 2004, Geneva, Switzerland); Central and East European Working Group for the Enhancement of Biodiversity (CEEWEB) Conference on "Time is Life" (3-4 November 2004, Budapest, Hungary); First Advisory Committee Meeting of ALTER-Net (4-5 November 2004, Budapest, Hungary); Workshop on the Management of Biodiversity in Relation to Oil and Gas Activities in Latin America (23-24 November 2004, Quito, Ecuador); United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Training Workshop on "Wetlands, Biodiversity and Water: new Tools for the Ecosystem Approach (29 November-3 December 2004, Kushiro, Japan); Bar of the District of Columbia discussion on "The United States and the Convention on Biological Diversity (1 December 2004, Washington, D.C, U.S.A.); Indigenous Peoples' Preparatory Meeting on Traditional Forest-related Knowledge and the Implementation of Related International Commitments (6-7 December 2004, Costa Rica); Expert Meeting on TFRK and Implementation of Related International Commitments (8-10 December 2004, Costa Rica); and the UNEP-GEF Regional Consultation on the BCH, sponsored by UNEP-GEF (13-14 December 2004).

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

23. During this period, there were 33 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were three vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, five professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

24. There were 22 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and four vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, five staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

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

B. Financial Arrangements

26. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2004, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,741,394 for 2004 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$8,558,366, of which \$607,611 were 2004 pledges paid in 2003, and \$1,963,045 were 2005 pledges paid in 2004. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2004 and prior years amount to US\$1,146,073. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

27. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2004, the total pledged for 2004 amounts to US\$1,646,125. The total collected for 2004 as at 31 December 2004 was US\$1,1072,279. Total unpaid pledges for 2004 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$721,009. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

28. Pledges totalling US\$339,039 were made as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**) in 2004. As at 31 December 2004, US\$312,514 has been paid. Total unpaid pledges for 2004 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$76,509. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

29. As at 31 December 2004, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,022,422 for 2005 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), the total contributions received in advance of 2005 amounted to US\$363,894. Total unpaid pledges to the BG Trust Fund for 2005 amount to US\$1,658,528. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

30. As at 31 December 2004, one Party has contributed to the newly established Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$28,793 have been made and received. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

31. As at 31 December 2004, three Parties have contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$88,614 have been made and received. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

PREPARATIONS FOR THE TENTH MEETING OF SBSTTA

32. The Secretariat finalized background documents for SBSTTA 10, which are available on the web site.

33. The Secretariat issued invitations to all NFPs, and SBSTTA-FPs, regarding participation in the tenth meeting of the SBSTTA to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 7 to 11 February 2005.

34. In paragraph 19(g) of decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop an Internet portal to facilitate implementation of the work programme.
35. In the same paragraph, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop a toolkit for building capacity in integrated approaches, and to develop case studies on the effects on forest biological diversity of insufficient forest law enforcement.
36. In paragraph 42 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties, requested the Executive Secretary to establish a liaison group on non-timber forest resources, to develop, *inter alia* proposals to bring harvesting of non-timber forest products, with emphasis on bushmeat, to sustainable levels.
37. In decision VII/1, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to propose, in collaboration with the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity, outcome-oriented targets to be integrated into the forest work programme.
38. In response to these decisions, the following activities were carried out:
- (a) Forest web portal
39. For the months of November-December, the forest web portal covered objective 3, goal 3, element 1 of the forest work programme on protected forest area networks.
- (b) Cross-sectoral integration - Development of a toolkit for building capacity in integrated approaches and planning
40. The bibliographic and web-based research and the compilation of best practices on integrated approach and planning continued. Taking into account the comprehensive nature of the issue, the work may require further development and will continue through 2005. An interim report will be presented at SBSTTA 10 for feedback and for further collaboration.
- (c) Insufficient forest law enforcement
41. The compilation of the report on the “Effects of insufficient forest law enforcement on forest biological diversity” is continuing. Contributions received from Parties and organizations further to the notifications sent out in May-June 2004 have been included in the draft document. Canada, Mauritius, Poland and Thailand submitted voluntary reports. CIFOR and GREENPEACE reviewed the draft report and made some suggestions. FAO, the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) and the World Bank sent some useful background documents. In addition, some case studies on unauthorized harvesting of non-timber forest resources have been identified and analysed for inclusion in the report.
- (d) Incorporation of outcome-oriented targets into the work programme
42. The Secretariat finalized the draft working document to be discussed at the intersessional meeting of the AHTEG on the incorporation of outcome oriented targets into the forest work programme, that will take place from 14-16 of March 2005 in Montreal, with financial assistance from the European Commission. Invitations were sent to AHTEG members.
- (e) Non-timber forest resources
43. The Secretariat commented on the first draft of the document on unsustainable harvesting of bushmeat prepared through a consultancy with CIFOR. The final version of the document is expected to be ready by 31 January 2005, and then it will be posted for wider review.

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

44. In decision VII/2 on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to further develop mechanisms for facilitating the synergistic implementation of the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions, especially at the national level.

45. In response the following activities were carried out:

46. The Secretariat finalized the report of the Regional Workshop for Africa on Synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity, held at Gaborone, Botswana from 13 to 17 September 2004, and transmitted it to UNCCD, UNFCC, GEF, WHC, Ramsar, CITES, CMS and to all participants.

47. The UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), in collaboration with UNCCD and CBD, prepared a project concept for a "Dryland watch", which aims to assess biodiversity and risk in the world's major arid zones, and identify possible global priorities for management intervention. The Secretariat is currently seeking additional funds for the undertaking.

DECISIONS VI/5 AND VII/3: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

48. In decision VII/3, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to consider the report of the AHTEG on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (GURTs) at its tenth meeting with a view to providing advice to the COP at its eighth meeting, also taking into account decision VII/16 on Article 8j.

49. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with FAO and IPGRI, to undertake the necessary consultations and bring forward options for consideration by the eighth meeting of the COP for a crosscutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition.

50. In decision VI/5, the Conference of Parties established an International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity as a crosscutting initiative within the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and other relevant organizations, to facilitate and coordinate this initiative.

51. In response to these requests and as part of the implementation of the programme of work the following activities were undertaken:

52. The Secretariat has prepared the current status of the consideration of GURTs, including draft recommendations to be considered by SBSTTA 10 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/15).

53. The options for the cross-cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition were further discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the FAO and IPGRI, representatives of the Government of Brazil and individual technical experts. A document explaining the status of progress on the options has been prepared for the information of SBSTTA 10 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/13). This included the suggested addition of "health" to the focus of the initiative and an outline of the subject matter. A recommendation is to consider the matter in depth at the forthcoming 32nd Session of the Standing Committee on Nutrition to be held in Brasilia, Brazil, from 14 to 18 March 2005.

54. A background document, including progress report, on the current status of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity has been prepared for SBSTTA 10 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/14). The FAO is the lead partner in the initiative. Following the International Technical Workshop on Biological Management of Soil Ecosystems for Sustainable Agriculture, in Londrina, Brazil, from 24 to 27 June 2002, the FAO has established the soil biodiversity portal to promote the conservation and management of soil biodiversity and its role in sustainable agriculture and developed a framework for action. Suggested recommendations to SBSTTA 10 include that the COP endorse the framework.

DECISION VI/6 AND DECISION VII/3: THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

55. As requested in decisions VI/6, the Executive Secretary continues to liaise with FAO's Interim Secretariat for the Treaty and participated in the meeting the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) tenth regular session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), which was held in Rome, Italy, in November 2004.

DECISION VII/4: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS

56. In decision VII/4, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other relevant organizations, to prepare a study of the linkages between conservation and sustainable use of inland water biodiversity and poverty alleviation/sustainable livelihoods, including human health considerations, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

57. In decision VII/4, the Conference of the Parties adopted the revised programme of work on the biological diversity of inland waters. Paragraph 4 of that decision welcomes and encourages, in particular, the synergy being developed between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention in implementing the programme of work and encourages further activities aiming at avoiding overlaps in the work of both conventions. The decision requests the Executive Secretary to continue developing and strengthening collaboration with other organisations, institutions and conventions as a way to streamline many of the activities contained in the programme of work, promote synergies and avoid unnecessary duplications.

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

59. The working group of experts from the FAO and the World Fish Centre has been augmented by the addition of a post graduate student from McGill University who has contributed a draft case-study on the benefits of the ornamental (aquarium) fish trade. A work plan to complete the study is being finalized with a completion date of June 2005.

60. The Secretariats of the CBD and the Ramsar Convention have drafted a revised Memorandum of Co-operation between the two conventions.

61. Members of the Ramsar Secretariat attended the Ad-hoc Technical Expert Group meeting on indicators (19-22 October 2004) and the Expert Group on Outcome Oriented Targets meeting (25-27 October 2004). These significant activities are reported further under decision VII/30.

62. The Secretariat attended, as a resource person/trainer, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) training workshop series on Biodiversity: Wetlands, biodiversity and water: new tools for the ecosystem management, held in Kushiro, Japan, 29 November to 3 December 2004. A presentation on the role of multi-lateral agreements was made to 25 senior trainees from the same number of countries, in addition to the provision of technical support to practical exercises at the workshop, particularly relating to using the ecosystem approach for wetlands policy development and management.

63. The Secretariat has undertaken an in-depth review of the synthesis report of the Ramsar Convention on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (Wetlands and Water: ecosystem services and human well-being) and submitted its comments to the authors of the synthesis report.

64. The Secretariat prepared a brochure on the programme of work on the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems in the series of the CBD programmes of work.

DECISION VII/5: MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

65. In annex I to decision VII/3, the Conference of the Parties adopted the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, composed of six programme elements: (i) implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management; (ii) marine and coastal living resources; (iii) marine and coastal protected areas; (iv) mariculture; (v) invasive alien species; and (vi) general. Enabling activities were also included in the elaborated programme of work. The role of the Executive Secretary is to promote and facilitate the implementation of the programme of work. In addition, the Executive Secretary has been requested to undertake a number of specific tasks relating to the programme elements.

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

(a) Implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management

67. The Secretariat has sent out a notification calling for nominations for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Implementation of IMCAM. The meeting of the Expert Group is tentatively scheduled for 11-15 July 2005.

(b) Marine and coastal living resources

68. The Secretariat provided input to the Status of Coral Reefs of the World 2004 Report, produced by the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN), and released in November 2004. The foreword of the Report is signed by the Executive Secretary, and contains a section relating to the CBD. A summary of recent CBD initiatives and decisions, including the 2010 target and relevant results of COP-7, is included in the publication. Progress made to date towards the 2010 target as it relates to coral reefs is also discussed. Such progress reports will be included in each Status of Coral Reefs report up to the year 2010. The Secretariat also contributed to the chapter on cold-water coral reefs. The report is available for download at <http://www.aims.gov.au/pages/research/coral-bleaching/scr2004/>, and will be distributed in hard copy at SBSTTA 10.

69. The Secretariat participated in a workshop on High Seas Marine Protected Area Networks at the World Conservation Congress, and gave a presentation on CBD-related developments in this regard. The workshop took place on 19 November 2004 in Bangkok, Thailand.

70. The Secretariat has initiated two consultancies to prepare scientific and legal background documents on biodiversity in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction. These background documents are being prepared for the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, with funding from the European Union.

(c) Marine and coastal protected areas

71. The Secretariat continued to participate in the Steering Committee of the theme on “developing comprehensive and representative marine protected area networks” for the First International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC 1), which will take place in Geelong, Australia from 23 to 27 October 2005. The Secretariat is helping to review abstracts submitted on this theme, in the anticipation that they will contribute to the request in paragraph 37 of decision VII/5 to develop further technical advice on network design and in particular ecological coherence of networks.

(d) Mariculture

72. The Secretariat has compiled case studies of relevance for mariculture and has begun the analysis of these case studies in accordance with paragraph 47 of decision VII/5.

(e) Other

73. The Secretariat prepared a brochure on the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity as part of the CBD programmes of work series.

74. In accordance with decision VII/5 (Annex I, section C), the Secretariat has refined the draft outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, based on the results of the Expert Group on Outcome-oriented Targets for the Programmes of Work on the Biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems (25-27 October 2004, Montreal, Canada). The targets will be presented for the consideration of SBSTTA 10.

DECISION VII/6: ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

75. In recommendation VI/5 the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice decided to initiate a number of pilot assessments in order to advance assessments on current priority issues, and to test a range of methods and modalities for assessments.

76. In decision VII/6, the Conference of the Parties took note of the progress of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the outline for the synthesis report that will be prepared for the Convention on Biological Diversity and encouraged national focal points to participate in the review of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

77. In response to the SBSTTA recommendation and the COP decision the following activities were carried out:

(a) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

78. The Secretariat continued to participate in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment process, including through participation in the second round of reviews, and as a member of the writing team of the biodiversity synthesis report. A draft of the Summary for Decision-Makers of the biodiversity synthesis report is presented to SBSTTA for review (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/6), while the complete summary is made available in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/5.

(b) Review of pilot assessments

79. A document on “Scientific assessments: Review of methods and modalities for assessments, and pilot assessments initiated by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/7) has been prepared and an updated list of scientific assessments relevant to the Convention is being presented in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/3.

DECISIONS VI/7-A and VII/7: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

80. In decision VI/7 A, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to, *inter alia*, prepare, in collaboration with relevant organizations, in particular the International Association for Impact Assessment, proposals for further development and refinement of guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental-impact-assessment legislation or processes and in strategic impact assessment. In decision VII/7, COP urged Parties and other Governments that have not done so to contribute case-studies on current experiences in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment procedures that incorporate biodiversity-related issues as well as experiences in applying the guidelines contained in the annex to decision VI/7 A.

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

(a) Further development of guidelines for environmental impact assessment

82. The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment has been commissioned to analyse case studies, extract lessons learned and develop generic guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental-impact-assessment legislation or processes and in strategic impact assessment. Support for two workshops to discuss and review these guidelines by impact-

assessment practitioners has been requested. It is anticipated that, following peer review, the guidelines can be presented to SBSTTA-11.

(b) Capacity development in biodiversity and impact assessment

83. As a member of the Steering Committee of the project on “Capacity building in biodiversity and impact assessment in developing countries” (CBBIA), the Secretariat has participated in the selection of small grants and components of regional projects

(c) EIA portal

84. Work has begun on the development of a web portal on EIA/SEA. The work has focused on the identification of suitable case studies. An intern has been recruited who will concentrate on the development of the portal in early 2005.

DECISION VII/8: MONITORING AND INDICATORS

85. In decision VII/8, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaborating with FAO, the OECD, the European Environment Agency, and other relevant international and regional organizations and initiatives on the further development and consolidation of indicators relevant to the 2010 target.

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

87. The GEF-funded project on Biodiversity Indicators for National Use (BINU) has come to a close and a report of the main project findings and a CD-ROM of supporting results will be made available to participants of SBSTTA-10. Preparations for a side event at SBSTTA-10 are underway in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC and the Netherlands Environmental Agency (RIVM).

DECISIONS VI/8 AND VII/9: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

88. In decision V/9 on the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI), the Conference of the Parties established a Coordination Mechanism of the GTI to assist the Executive Secretary to facilitate international cooperation and coordinate activities under the GTI.

89. In decision VII/9 on the GTI, the COP requested the Executive Secretary in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism of the GTI to develop the process and guidelines for the in-depth review, including mechanisms for monitoring progress in the implementation of the programme of work for the GTI, to be finalized during the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological.

90. In of the same decision, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI to further facilitate the synergistic collaboration between existing initiatives, including the clearing-house mechanism, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), and regional and sub-regional taxonomic networks in order to develop more accessible information sources for countries on their biodiversity

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

(a) Meeting of the GTI coordination mechanism

92. The fifth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI was held on the margins of GBIF Governing Board (G9) meeting in Wellington, New Zealand on 8 October 2004. The main highlights of the meeting included: (i) the review of the draft GTI document on the development of a process and guidelines for the in-depth review of the programme of work (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/16), prepared by the Executive Secretary for consideration by SBSTTA at its tenth meeting in February 2005; and (ii) the proposal on outcome oriented targets for monitoring the progress in the implementation of the programme

of work for the GTI. Targets and related indicators for assessing progress in the implementation of the programme of work for the GTI were proposed for each of the five operational objectives. It was suggested that these targets would need to be revisited, refined and new ones added in future.

(b) GTI regional and global meetings.

93. The Secretariat has contributed to the organization of the second GTI regional workshop for Asia-Oceania held in Wellington, New Zealand from 9 to 10 October 2004. Sixty-two participants including taxonomists, policy makers and bioinformatics specialists, from 27 countries attended the workshop. The meeting discussed issues facing Asia-Oceania in relation to how descriptions and documentation of biological diversity in the region could be improved to expedite and promote conservation, sustainable use and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of biological diversity. The Secretariat made a presentation on the programme of work for the GTI and how to access GEF funding. Other highlights included presentations on synergies between GBIF and GTI; Ocean Biogeographic Information System, the Pacific Biodiversity Information Forum (PBIF); Bio NET-INTERNATIONAL's Asia-Pacific regional networks; Species 2000 Asia-Oceania; vernacular taxonomies and project ideas from Bio NET-INTERNATIONAL case studies.

(c) Co-ordination with existing activities:

94. The Secretariat attended the GBIF Governing Board (G9) meeting held from 5 to 7 October 2004 in Wellington, New Zealand, and made a poster presentation on the programme of work for the GTI and the relationship of the GTI and GBIF. The highlights of the meeting were the Executive Secretary's report on progress with the implementation of the GBIF data portal; training activities for data providers; the formation of an Information Communication Technological Experts Advisory Group; the forthcoming planning workshop for establishing the "Species Bank" work programme to be held from 2 to 3 March 2005 in Amsterdam; progress in the implementation of the joint GBIF/UNESCO chairs in biodiversity informatics; and the 2004 GBIF demonstration projects.

95. The Secretariat also participated in the Pacific Biodiversity Information System meeting held on 7 and 8 October 2004 and made a presentation on how to access GEF funding for projects with a taxonomic component. The meeting was convened to identify a list of projects and prepare proposal outlines for consideration at a GTI regional workshop held from 9 to 10 October 2004 in Wellington, New Zealand.

(d) The process and the guidelines for the in-depth review of the GTI

96. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism of the GTI, has developed the process and the guidelines for the in-depth review, including mechanisms for monitoring progress in the implementation of the programme of work for the GTI, for the consideration of SBSTTA at its tenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/16).

97. By the end of 2004, the Secretariat had received a total of 33 reports on the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative. A synthesis of information contained in these reports is being prepared for consideration at the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

DECISION VII/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

98. In decision VI/9 the Conference of the Parties invited relevant international and regional organizations to endorse the strategy and to contribute to its implementation, including adopting these targets, in order to promote a common effort towards halting the loss of plant diversity.

99. In Paragraph 6, the COP further emphasized the need for capacity building, particularly in developing countries, Small Island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, in order to enable them to implement the strategy. Furthermore, the COP invited Parties, other Governments, the financial mechanism, and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely support to the

implementation of the strategy, especially by developing country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing states among them, and Parties with economies in transition.

100. In Decision VII/10, the COP invited the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to consider how the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture contributes to the implementation of the Strategy, in particular target 9: “70 per cent of the genetic diversity of crops and other major socio-economically valuable plant species conserved, and associated indigenous and local knowledge maintained”.

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

102. The Secretariat, in collaboration with Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK and Makerere University, Uganda, secured support to host the African Regional Expert Course in Plant Conservation Strategies. The course was held in Uganda from 10 to 23 November 2004. The Course brought together experts from 16 African countries, Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

103. The British American Tobacco Biodiversity Partnership supported full participant costs while Kenya Airways supported the travel costs in part. The members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, the Botanic Gardens Conservation International in partnership with HSBC ‘Investing in Nature’, the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, Flora and Fauna International, IUCN-The World Conservation Union, Plantlife International and Plant Talk, provided in kind support for the organization of the course.

104. The course aimed to increase capacity at the regional level on the implementation of activities to achieve the sixteen targets of the strategy and to demonstrate ways in which these targets can be developed into regional/or national strategies. At the end of the course a short brainstorming workshop was held on developing a regional strategy and with the support of the IUCN Eastern African Regional Office, a way forward was agreed. An action plan for the awareness raising of the GSPC at the national and regional levels was agreed and a follow up meeting is planned in Cameroon in late 2005.

105. The Secretariat has facilitated communication with various members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and a draft work plan has been developed. Plans are underway for a partnership meeting in May 2005 and an evaluation of the progress in the implementation of the GSPC at the International Botanic Congress to be held in Vienna in July 2005.

106. At its Tenth Regular Session, the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of FAO decided that it would accept the invitation of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD to consider how the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture can contribute to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, in particular target 9, and noted the need for, and importance of, higher order indicators in this regard.

DECISION VII/11: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

107. In decision VII/11, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the relevant international and regional organizations, to:

(a) Undertake an analysis of the range of existing tools and approaches, that are consistent with the Convention’s ecosystem approach, but operate on different levels and belong to a variety of sectors/communities, and are applied in programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in order to learn from their experiences and build upon their approaches, and identify any gaps in the coverage of such tools;

(b) Where needed, facilitate development of new tools and techniques to enable the implementation of the ecosystem approach, and in collaboration with appropriate regional and international organizations develop tools specific to each sector and biome;

(c) Continue collection of case-studies at national, sub-regional, regional and international levels on the implementation of the ecosystem approach, and develop, in cooperation with the clearing-house mechanism, a database of case-studies, searchable by biome/ecoregion and sector;

(d) Make the above widely available to Parties through the development of a web-based “sourcebook” for the ecosystem approach, accessible through the clearing-house mechanism. This sourcebook should be non-prescriptive and allow adaptation to differing regional, national and local needs. It should be prepared in a language that is brief, non-technical and simple, ensuring its accessibility to practitioners working to implement the ecosystem approach on the ground. A supporting summary explanation of the ecosystem approach will also be prepared. It should be developed in collaboration with other relevant organizations, peer-reviewed and field tested as appropriate, and made available through the clearing-house mechanism, in hard copy and on CD-Rom, and periodically revised;

108. The Executive Secretary was also requested to collaborate with the Coordinator and Head of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in order to further integrate the concepts of the ecosystem approach and sustainable forest management.

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

(a) Analysis of the range of existing tools and approaches

110. A general list of tools and approaches has been drafted and developed in collaboration with the Government of the UK; a preliminary list of tools and approaches related with the forest sector has been compiled, taking into account the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity of the CBD.

(b) Database of case studies

111. A preliminary database has been published on the CBD web site, initially for internal use. The database has been populated with the case studies already submitted and existing in the archives of the Secretariat.

112. A first draft of the Ecosystem Approach Sourcebook has been created and made available for testing on the CBD web page, with assistance from the Government of the UK. It represents a useful tool to exchange information, upload documents, and use forums to stimulate discussion and exchange ideas, and it is continuously updated. It also contains the case studies database. A side event will be organized during SBSTTA 10 to introduce the sourcebook and the database to Parties, and thus stimulate the exchange of information and submission of new case studies.

DECISIONS VI/23 AND VII/13: ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES

113. In paragraph 25 of decision VI/23¹, the Conference of the Parties called on relevant organizations to contribute to the creation and maintenance of the global information network to (a) ensure effective international cooperation and expertise sharing; (b) provide information to assist countries to perform effective risk analysis; (c) provide information on potential pathway of alien invasive species; and (d) provide support for management and control efforts, particularly for locating technical support for rapid response.

114. In decision VII/13, the COP recognized the need to strengthen further institutional coordination among international organizations and also requested the Executive Secretary to explore options for closer collaboration with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in the development of a preventive strategy for invasive alien species through civil-aviation pathways.

¹ One representative entered a formal objection during the process leading to the adoption of this decision and underlined that he did not believe that the Conference of the Parties could legitimately adopt a motion or a text with a formal objection in place. A few representatives expressed reservations regarding the procedure leading to the adoption of this decision (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, paragraphs. 294-324).

115. In decision VII/13, the COP noted that specific gaps in the international regulatory frameworks at global, regional and national levels persist, notably in relation to species that are invasive, and requested the SBSTTA to establish an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG) to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks at global, and regional levels, in particular the specific gaps identified in paragraph 7 of decision VII/13, and, on the basis of the work of the expert group, to make recommendations to SBSTTA prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for the full and effective implementation of Article 8(h) of the Convention.

116. In decision V/20, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to undertake a limited number of pilot scientific assessment projects, in preparation for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Recommendation VI/5 of SBSTTA decided that the impacts of invasive alien species was a priority issue for assessment.

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

(a) Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Information Network

118. The Secretariat proposes to use funds contributed by the United States of America for invasive alien species information systems to support the development of common standards for IAS management, specifically related to development of a model for a species profile or fact sheet that will be useful to many different areas of IAS science (e.g. fisheries and agriculture as well as natural areas). The Secretariat, in consultation with several key actors on IAS, has developed the Terms of Reference and is currently in the process of hiring a consultant to carry out a broad comparative study of existing databases and species profiles, and make recommendations on the development of a meta-database, that would be used to compare and cross-search diverse sources of invasive species information and thereby assist with the development of a Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN).

119. The report of the Global Invasive Species Programme on the project on assessment of impacts of invasive alien species in inland waters (as described in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/3) has been prepared as an information document for SBSTTA 10 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/4).

(b) Collaboration with other organizations with IUCN/Invasive Species Specialist Group (IUCN/ISSG)

120. The Secretariat visited the office headquarters of the IUCN/ISSG in Auckland, New Zealand in October 2004 to discuss areas of mutual relevance and possibilities for developing a joint work plan including data sharing and participation in each other's meetings. It was agreed to develop a joint work plan.

(c) Collaboration with ICAO.

121. The Secretariat continued discussions with the ICAO on ways and means of preventing the spread of IAS through civil aviation. ICAO has informed the Secretariat that it has conducted a worldwide survey on the IAS problem *vis-à-vis* international air transportation to find out if member States were aware of intentional and unintentional introductions of IAS through air transportation; if they had entered into any agreements with governments or international organizations (other than ICAO) that directly address the prevention/management of the unintentional introduction and spread of IAS via international civil aviation; and if they had in place outbound border control and management programmes to prevent the unintentional export of species that were invasive elsewhere. The ICAO has also requested member States to provide "best practices" in combating the spread of IAS via civil aviation. A meeting is planned between the two organizations in the first half of 2005.

(d) The AHTEG to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks

122. The host country agreement with the government of New Zealand to host the AHTEG to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks was signed on 26 October 2004. A notification inviting nominations of experts to serve in the expert meeting was sent to National Focal Points on 18 November 2004.

DECISION VII/15: BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

123. In decision VII/15 the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to develop advice or guidance for promoting synergy among activities to address climate change at the national, regional and international level where appropriate, including activities to combat desertification and land degradation, and activities for biodiversity conservation.

124. In response to this decision, the Secretariat communicated with Finland's Ministry of Environment in order to formalize the financial contribution pledged by the Finnish Government during the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat also drafted the terms of reference for a consultancy to prepare two background documents for an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group that would start its work after SBSTTA 10 in February 2005. On 1 December 2004, the Government of Finland confirmed its financial support for holding the meeting.

125. Submission of case studies by Parties on biodiversity and climate change pursuant to paragraph 20 of the same decision is underway.

126. The Secretariat participated in the twenty-first session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change SBSTA and made a statement on the agenda item on cooperation with relevant international organizations. The Secretariat co-hosted two side events: one on Country Experiences in Implementing National Capacity Self Assessments and the other on climate impacts and adaptation options for peatlands.

DECISIONS VI/20 AND VII/26: COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS

127. In decision VI/20 the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA and the Executive Secretary to:

continue to cooperate with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), including its Kyoto Protocol, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) with a view to maximizing synergies between these processes;

continue cooperation as a member of the joint liaison group consisting of the UNFCCC, UNCCD and CBD. The COP also urged the joint liaison group to become fully operational in order to facilitate cooperation between the conventions both at national and international levels; and

take the actions elaborated in the third joint work plan (2002-2006) between the CBD and the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar) into full consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas.

128. In decision VII/26, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in close collaboration with relevant conventions, organizations and bodies, to examine options for a flexible framework in order to enhance implementation through improved cooperation.

129. In response to these decisions, the following activities were carried out by the Secretariat:

130. The Secretariat co-organized and attended a meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions on 16 August in Gland, Switzerland. The group comprises the CBD, WHC, CMS, CITES and Ramsar Conventions. Discussions included options under the aforementioned decision by focussing on targets as a unifying theme for expanded collaboration. A follow-up meeting was agreed for the margins of the biodiversity conference to be held in Paris in January 2005.

131. In preparation for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target, the Executive Secretary established task forces on indicators and convened a meeting of a Liaison Group of international organizations on 18 October 2004 in Montreal.

The meeting served to discuss the role of conventions, assessment processes and relevant organizations in monitoring progress towards the 2010 target.

DECISION VII/27: MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

132. In decision VII/27 the Conference of the Parties adopted the programme of work on mountain biological diversity and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake supporting activities geared to facilitating its implementation.

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

134. The Secretariat liaised with ICIMOD, International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change, the Sustainable Mountain Partnership and DIVERSITAS on the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity.

135. The Secretariat participated in the Second Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership held in Cusco, Peru, on 28-29 October 2004 and gave a keynote address on the programme of work on mountain biological diversity.

DECISION VII/28: PROTECTED AREAS

136. In decision VII/28 the Conference of Parties adopted the programme of work on protected areas (annex to the decision) and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake supporting activities aimed at facilitating its implementation. In paragraph 25 of the decision, COP established an *ad hoc* open-ended working group on protected areas to support and review implementation of the programme of work and requested the Executive Secretary to make arrangements to hold one meeting before COP- 8.

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

138. The Secretariat has initiated a consultancy to analyse existing tool kits and guidelines for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas, including ecological corridors and buffer zones, for possible use in preparing background documents for the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas.

139. Consultations were held with the EU on the draft provisional agenda of the donors meeting on protected areas and on the draft outline of the background documents for the first meeting of the ad hoc working group on protected areas.

140. The Secretariat participated in the second IUCN-World Conservation Congress, held in Bangkok from 17-25 November 2004 and made presentations on (i) "The Programme of Work on Protected Areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity: What will it take to implement " and (ii) "High Seas Marine Protected Areas".

141. Publication of the programme of work on protected areas in the series of the CBD programmes of work was finalized.

142. The Secretariat, in collaboration with IUCN-WCPA and The Nature Conservancy, participated in the preparation of a guide on the protected areas programme of work. The draft guide is currently under peer - review. The guide contains information on how to implement the programme of work on protected areas and includes the full text of decision VII/28 and the programme of work on protected areas as an annex. The Nature Conservancy circulated hard copies of the guide during the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Bangkok, seeking comments from the wider biodiversity community. The guide will be published in English, French and Spanish and will be ready for the first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc working group on protected areas in 2005.

143. Discussions were held with protected area officials of the Governments of Australia and Canada and with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

144. The Secretariat participated in the Workshop on Protected Areas for the Meso-American Region, held in Guatemala City, Guatemala on 28 and 29 October 2004 and presented a keynote address in Spanish entitled "EL programa de trabajo sobre areas protegidas del Convenio sobre Diversidad Biologica".

145. A draft annex to the Memorandum of Cooperation with IUCN on the implementation of decisions VII/5 (marine and coastal biological diversity) and VII/28 (protected areas), was developed and sent to IUCN for finalization.

146. The Executive Secretary sent letters to some academic institutions, scientific organizations and civil society, particularly those identified as collaborators in the programme of work on protected areas, requesting them to provide the Secretariat with information concerning their activities to implement the programme of work on protected areas. On the basis of the information received from Parties and other collaborating organizations, the Executive Secretary will prepare and present a report to a meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas scheduled to be held in June 2005

147. A document has been prepared for the review of the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, which will be considered at the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas to be held in June 2005.

DECISION VII/30: STRATEGIC PLAN: FUTURE EVALUATION OF PROGRESS

148. In decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties adopted a framework to enhance the evaluation of achievements and progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan. The framework includes (i) focal areas, (ii) goals and sub-targets to facilitate coherence among the programmes of work, and to provide a flexible framework for national targets and (iii) indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level.

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

(a) Indicators

150. The Executive Secretary convened a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target, from 19-22 October 2004 in Montreal. The meeting was preceded, on 18 October, by a one-day meeting of a Liaison Group of international organizations, which discussed the role of conventions, assessment processes and relevant organizations in monitoring progress towards the 2010 target. Task forces, established by the Executive Secretary to prepare and review background documents on the indicators that were considered ready for immediate testing and use and to discuss options for the other indicators, prepared the two meetings.

151. In reviewing these documents, the AHTEG made a number of general observations on the suite of indicators and also provided specific recommendations on each indicator. The AHTEG recommended that, in addition to the eight indicators, which the Conference of the Parties had considered ready for immediate testing and use, another five indicators should be tested immediately including by reporting trends in the second Global Biodiversity Outlook.

152. Several pre-session and information documents have been prepared for SBSTTA-10. Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/9 on "Indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level" summarizes the observations of the AHTEG and document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/10 contains the "Draft outline of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook", taking into account the recommendations from the Group.

153. The full report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for Assessing Progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target is contained in UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/7. Documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/10 to 22 contain background documents on the thirteen indicators, which the AHTEG considered ready for immediate testing and use.

154. The Secretariat participated in "TIME IS LIFE", a conference on halting biodiversity loss by 2010 organized by the Central and East European Working Group for the Enhancement of Biodiversity (3-4 November 2004, Budapest, Hungary) to inform participants about progress made within the CBD context and invite them to get engaged in the process and contribute information to the assessment.

155. The Secretariat also participated in the First Network Advisory Committee Meeting of the Long-Term Biodiversity, Ecosystem and Awareness Research Network (ALTER-Net) (5 November 2004, Budapest, Hungary) to promote the 2010 framework as a flexible system to which research undertaken within ALTER-Net can and should contribute.

(b) Outcome-oriented targets

156. The Secretariat convened an Expert Group meeting on outcome-oriented targets for the programmes of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal biological diversity, 25-27 October 2004. A revised set of draft outcome oriented targets was prepared for consideration by SBSTTA 10. UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/6 refers to the report of the workshop, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8 refers to recommendations regarding targets for the two programmes of work, including marine and coastal biodiversity, and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/Add 1 and 2 refers to the detailed draft targets for the programmes of work on the marine and coastal biological diversity and the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

(c) Preparation of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

157. The AHTEG meeting on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target (mentioned above) considered the draft outline of the GBO 2 and made comments. A draft outline of the GBO has been prepared for consideration by SBSTTA 10 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/10).

158. Following an earlier notification, a reminder was sent to Parties to request them to submit information concerning any reviews they had undertaken of national implementation of the Convention. This information was specifically requested in both decision V/20, and decision VII/30.

**DECISION VII/31: THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2010**

Island Biodiversity

159. The Secretariat organized the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on island biodiversity which met in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, from 13 to 17 December 2004. The meeting resulted in the draft programme of work on island biodiversity, the Canary Islands Declaration on protecting island biodiversity from the impact of alien species and a number of recommendations addressed to the Subsidiary Body of the Convention. The report of the meeting is contained in document UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/6, available on the CBD website. It will be forwarded to the tenth meeting of the SBSTTA, for review and recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

160. The Secretariat is working on the preparation of a side event on the draft programme of work on island biodiversity to be organized on the margins of the Mauritius International Meeting (MIM) on 11 January 2005. The side event is intended to raise awareness on the programme of work on island biodiversity under development within the Convention and to explore ways and means to strengthen synergy in implementation with the Barbados Programme of Action and the recommendations from the MIM.

161. In response to Decision VII/31, para 8 (a), the Secretariat is organizing a meeting of the liaison group on island biodiversity, scheduled to meet prior to the tenth meeting of the SBSTTA in Bangkok, in February 2005.

162. The Secretariat is also developing a web portal for island biodiversity issues aimed at facilitating the input from the widest possible range of Parties, countries, and relevant organizations, stakeholders and indigenous and local communities, particularly from small island developing States.

DECISION VII/32: MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

163. During the reporting period under consideration, there has been no new updates with respect to paragraphs 2(a), 5 and 6 of decision VII/32 primarily because the specific activities to respond directly to the requests contained in these paragraphs were all planned for implementation and follow-up in the first quarter of 2005 (details of these activities and their respective outcomes were highlighted in the last quarterly report). In this respect, the update on progress in the implementation of the responses to the decision will be made available in the quarterly report for the second quarter of 2005.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS

DECISION VI/13 AND DECISION VII/12 ON SUSTAINABLE USE AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE

164. Pursuant to decision VII/12, the Secretariat organized an electronic forum in order to gather further comments and proposals on issues pertaining to use of terms for sustainable use, adaptive management, monitoring and indicators. In this regard, the Secretariat issued Notification 2004-072 inviting interested experts to comment and formulate proposals. Comments received will be compiled by the Secretariat and integrated in a revised document for consideration at SBSTTA-11. The restricted website as well as instructions on how to participate in the forum are available at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/subd-forum.asp>.

165. In response to paragraph 5 of the same decision, the Secretariat is presently working on the organization of four technical expert workshops on ecosystem services assessment, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources.

166. In response to decision VII/12, the Secretariat continues to compile information on success stories, best practices and lessons learned in the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines, which will be submitted for the consideration of the SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting (Notification 2004-072).

167. In November 2004, the Secretariat participated in a conservation platform at the IUCN World Conservation Forum on the implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines. Experts present in the panel discussed possible options for the implementation of the guidelines in different biomes and sectors.

DECISION VI/14 AND DECISION VII/14 ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

168. In accordance with decision VII/14, the Secretariat has initiated work to develop a user's manual that would facilitate the implementation of the CBD guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism adopted at COP-7. To this end, with the financial assistance of the Government of Germany, the Secretariat has involved a number of experts in the preparation of the draft manual. The experts will meet to review their work in the Bahamas from 20 to 24 January 2005. Following the revision of the material produced by the experts, the Secretariat will prepare the first draft of the manual, that will be subsequently circulated

among CBD national Focal Points, indigenous and local community organizations, other interested IGOs and NGOs. Comments received through the consultation will be integrated in the final draft.

169. The Secretariat continues to assist and collaborate with international organizations and Parties in the implementation of the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development. In order to assess the adaptability of the guidelines, test their effectiveness and identify constraints to their implementation, the Secretariat is also gathering and analyzing the case-studies on the implementation of the guidelines.

DECISION VI/10 AND DECISION VII/16 ON ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

170. Composite Report: The Secretariat has identified consultants to complete phase one of the composite report and to carry out the work on phase two. The hiring process has been completed, contracts have been signed and work commenced. The Secretariat brought the consultants together in a teleconference on 21 December 2004 to plan the work and to encourage them to work together as a team for the completion of their respective regional reports.

171. Advisory/Steering Committee: Following up on the request of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary established an advisory group/steering committee in which indigenous and local communities will be represented to assist in the completion of the composite report and to undertake a peer review of the revised version. The Executive Secretary issued notification 2004-053, inviting Parties to nominate experts for the advisory group no later than 31 August 2004. A notification was issued announcing the selection of 16 candidates taking into account relevant expertise, gender balance, equitable geographic distribution and the nature of the mandate of this group. It is envisaged that the group will meet together in Montreal once during 2005 (mid-year) and conduct most of their work electronically.

172. Workshop based on the “Akwé Kon Guidelines”: The Secretariat has initiated work to organize a workshop on cultural, environmental and social impact assessments aimed at further strengthening the understanding of the link between environment and cultural diversity, based on the “Akwé Kon Guidelines” to be held in the first half of 2005, at a venue yet to be determined, and has identified funding. In particular, the Secretariat has contacted relevant agencies to enquire about their interest in becoming active partners by providing financial and technical support to this initiative. The Secretariat is examining ways of working in partnership with other UN organisations towards a common event.

173. UNPFII Workshop on Free, Prior and Informed Consent: In preparation for the SCBD participation in the UNPFII workshop on free, prior and informed consent scheduled for 17-19 January 2005, the SCBD has provided a background paper to the UNPFII on the subject of prior and informed consent as it related to the work of the CBD as our contribution to their international workshop.

174. Seventh session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on IPRs, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore: In October the SCBD participated in the WIPO IGC meeting and updated the IGC on recent developments arising from COP7. The Secretariat also participated in two side events, firstly on recent developments at COP 7 of relevance to WIPO and secondly on the launch of the joint “UNEP/WIPO Study on the Role of Intellectual Property Rights in the Sharing of Benefits arising from the use of Biological Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge”.

175. Expert meeting on Traditional Forest Related Knowledge: In December, the Secretariat participated in the pre-com and Expert meeting on Traditional Forest Related Knowledge hosted by the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tropical Peoples of the Tropical Forests. A diverse audience of interest-holders received an update on COP7 decisions of relevance to indigenous and local communities and were informed of ways and means, and encouraged to contribute to the work programme of Article 8j. The meeting’s report is expected to contain recommendations on improving the implementation of

international commitments made by governments to various environmental treaties and in particular the Forest Principles (UN Forum on Forests) and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

DECISION VI/11 AND DECISION VII/17 ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

176. A notification was sent to Parties and Governments regarding funding for the meeting of a group of legal and technical experts on liability and redress in the context of paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Convention in accordance with decision VII/17. No response has been received from Parties and Governments to date.

177. Work continued on updating documentation prepared pursuant to decision VI/11, paragraph 2.

DECISION VI/15 AND DECISION VII/18 ON INCENTIVE MEASURES

178. The Secretariat finalized the preparation of documentation as requested by decision VII/18 for the tenth meeting of the SBSTTA, and started the preparation of documentation for the eleventh meeting.

179. The Secretariat participated in meetings of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment in Regular and in Special (negotiating) Session, on 12 to 14 October 2004, with a view to observing negotiations on paragraph 31 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration and assess the consequences for CBD work, as well as to update delegates on recent developments in implementing relevant decisions of COP-7 and COP-MOP 1. The statement given at the meeting of the CTE in Special Session on 12 October was circulated to delegates as document TN/TE/INF/9.

DECISION VI/24 AND DECISION VII/19 ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING AS RELATED TO GENETIC RESOURCES

180. In preparation for the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, the following pre-session documents were completed:

- Agenda UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/3/1
- Revised annotated provisional agenda UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/3/Add.1/REV
- Compilation of views, information and analysis on the elements of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/3/3
- Use of terms related to access and benefit-sharing: compilation of existing definitions UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/3/4
- Analysis of measures taken by Governments to ensure compliance with prior informed consent of the Contracting Party providing genetic resources and mutually agreed terms on which access was granted, and of other approaches, including an international certificate of origin/source/legal provenance UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/3/5
- Strategic Plan: future evaluation of progress – the need and possible options for indicators for access to genetic resources and in particular the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/3/6
- Compilation of submissions provided by Parties, Governments, indigenous and local communities, relevant organizations and stakeholders in preparation for the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/3/INF/1

181. The database on access and benefit-sharing measures and the database on capacity-building for access and benefit-sharing have been updated regularly based on information provided by Parties and relevant organizations and research carried out regarding the development of new ABS measures.

182. The Secretariat participated in the international expert workshop on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, organized jointly by Canada and Mexico, held in Cuernavaca, Mexico, from 24 to 27 October 2004.

DECISION VI/27B AND DECISION VII/33 ON OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

183. The Secretariat continued to review COP decisions with a view to making proposals regarding their retirement or consolidation pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of decision VII/33.

184. The Secretariat prepared and transmitted to Parties Notification 2004-042 seeking views regarding options for setting priorities during COP meetings pursuant to the decision. Responses have been received from Australia, The Bahamas and Jordan.

185. The Secretariat is continuing to review the administrative arrangements between UNEP and the SCBD with a view to proposing changes for the consideration of the Executive Director UNEP.

DECISION VII/29: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

186. Based on nominations received from Parties, other governments and international organizations, the Secretariat selected representatives for the expert group on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation, and prepared an electronic forum for the consultations of the group as requested by decision VII/29. The forum will be formally launched in January 2005.

187. The Secretariat participated the WTO workshop on environmental goods, held 11 October 2004 in Geneva, with a view to exploring the relevance of pertinent discussions and negotiations on Article 31 (iii) of the Doha Development Agenda for the CBD programme of work on technology transfer, and in particular on the relationship between environmental goods and services and technology for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

BIOSAFETY

**DECISION VI/1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CARTAGENA
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

The Biosafety Protocol

188. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized the following meetings: the meeting of a Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol which met on 18-20 October 2004 in Montreal; the Workshop on capacity building and exchange of information and experiences as related to the implementation of Article 18.2 of the Protocol which was held on 1-3 November 2004 in Bonn, Germany; and the meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee for the BCH (BCH-IAC) which took place on 9-10 November 2004 in Montreal. The reports and recommendations of these meetings have been made available to all Parties and other Governments, and are also available on the website of the Secretariat.

189. The Secretariat also collaborated with the Government of Switzerland in organizing the coordination meeting for representatives of academic institutions actively involved in education and training in biosafety, which took place on 4-6 October 2004 in Geneva. The report of this meeting will be available to the second meeting of the COP-MOP as an Information document.

190. A joint meeting of the Bureaux of COP and COP-MOP took place on 22-23 December 2004 in Montreal to consider a number of issues related to the implementation of decisions of COP7 and COP-MOP 1, including the preparation and organization of inter-sessional meetings scheduled up to COP 8 and COP-MOP 2. The Executive Secretary highlighted for the Bureaux the particular problems faced in the organization of meetings under the Biosafety Protocol, especially with regard to facilitating the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition Parties to the Protocol, given the lack of any savings and/or surpluses in the newly established Trust Funds for the Cartagena Protocol (decision BS-I/10). Members of the Bureaux were urged to encourage donor countries within their constituencies to contribute to the trust fund to support a broad participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the Protocol processes. The following meetings to be organized over the next six months are particularly noteworthy: Open-ended Technical Experts Group on Identification Requirements for LMOs-FFP (16-18 March 2005); First meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol (25-27 May 2005); and, the second meeting of the COP-MOP (30 May-3 June 2005).

191. The Secretariat continued to be actively involved in a number of outreach and capacity-building activities aimed at promoting/assisting the implementation of the Protocol, including cooperating with the implementing agencies in the GEF-funded projects on national biosafety frameworks.

192. Following the transition from the pilot phase to the fully operational phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) launched on 3 April 2004, the Secretariat has continued to develop and implement activities deriving from decision BS-I/3 by which the COP-MOP approved the modalities of operation of the BCH. In Section G of the decision, the Secretariat was requested to include information on the operation of the BCH in its Quarterly Report once a year. The following is a summary of the information currently contained in the BCH:

(a) As at 31 December 2004, the BCH contained 6656 records, including 287 records from Africa, 275 from Asia and the Pacific, 151 from Central and Eastern Europe, 205 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 590 from Western Europe and Others, and the remainder provided through international organisations (such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development-OECD- and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology -ICGEB) and the Secretariat;

(b) In accordance with the BCH modalities of operation, these records included information on national focal points; national databases and websites; laws, regulations and guidelines to implement the Protocol; final decisions on import or release of living modified organisms; as well as additional information to assist in biosafety capacity-building (such as access to the roster of experts; capacity-building activities, needs and priorities; bibliographic information; and links to relevant sites and tools);

(c) 133 National Focal Points for the Protocol have been nominated, regionally distributed as follows: 38 in Africa, 30 in Asia and the Pacific, 17 in Central and Eastern Europe, 26 in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 22 from Western Europe and Others. It should be noted that this number (133) reflects only the primary national focal points, as some governments have also indicated secondary national focal points;

(d) Partnership agreements with international nodes to provide information to the BCH have been implemented with OECD and ICGEB. Information is also being provided to the BCH through interoperability with the pilot phase of CH-BCH (the Swiss Biosafety Clearing-House), and with the United States Regulatory Agencies Unified Biotechnology Website.

193. In the area of capacity building for promoting and facilitating the effective implementation of the Protocol, decision BS-1/4 requested the Executive Secretary to make available annually, as part of the quarterly report of the Secretariat, a summary report on the status and use of the roster of experts on biosafety established by decision EM-1/3 of the COP, and the voluntary fund for the use of the roster whose pilot phase was established by decision VI/1 of the COP. The summary report is provided in the annex below

194. As of 31 December 2004, 111 Parties to the CBD had acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website of the Secretariat and is updated each time the Secretariat is notified by the Depository of a new deposit of instrument of ratification/accession.

Annex: Report on the Roster of Experts on Biosafety for Year 2004

1. This is a summary report on the status and use of the roster of experts on biosafety, and the voluntary fund for the roster of experts on biosafety. This report is made annually as part of the fourth quarter report of the Secretariat, in accordance with Decision BS-I/4 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

Roster Statistics

2. At the end of 2004, there were 549 experts in the roster, nominated by 68 governments, broken down as follows:

a. Regional Breakdown:

Region	Number of Governments Making Nominations	Number of Experts Nominated
Africa	16	163
Asia and the Pacific	18	134
Central and Eastern Europe	10	85
Latin America and the Caribbean	13	66
Western Europe and Others	11	101

b. Gender Breakdown:

Gender	Number of Experts
Female	116
Male	343
Not yet specified	90

c. Sectoral Breakdown:

Area of Expertise*	Number of Experts
Legislation and Regulation	169
Risk Assessment and Risk Management	401
Social and Economic Sciences	108
Institutional Development	171
Teaching and Training	141
Public Awareness and Participation	123
Data Management and Information Sharing	60
Research and Development	104

* Note that many experts have indicated multiple areas of expertise

Use of the Roster

3. There have been no requests made to the Secretariat to facilitate contacts between governments and experts in the roster in 2004, and no expert assignments have been reported to the Secretariat during 2004. In future, the report will provide details on expert assignments and results of contacts between Parties and experts, as specified in the Interim Guidelines for the Roster of Experts on Biosafety.

The Voluntary Fund

4. The voluntary fund for the roster of experts on biosafety was established in April 2002 by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. As of the end of 2003, there was one contribution to the fund of US\$62,240 made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. However, there have not yet been any requests for use of the funds, and following COP-7 and COP-MOP 1, this contribution was re-allocated by the donor. In future, the report will provide details on the use of the fund as specified in the Interim Guidelines for the Pilot Phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Roster of Experts on Biosafety.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTREACH

DECISION VII/21: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

195. Outreach. The Secretariat is preparing a web presentation on biodiversity-related funding data. Information has already been collected from GEF, World Bank, ITTO,

196. Estimates of funding needs. The Secretariat received a letter from the Secretary General's special Millennium project in respect of funding requirement for implementing the Convention. In response, the Secretariat noted: \$20-\$50 billion per annum by World Resources Institute (1989); from \$500 million to \$50 billion per year by United Nations Environment Programme (1991); about \$3.5 billion, including about \$1.75 billion from the international community on grant or concessional terms, by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) (1992); and US\$20-30 billion annually over the next 30 years by the World Parks Congress (2003).
197. Info-bulletin. The Interactive Info-bulletin on Financing for Biological Diversity has been updated regularly.
198. Funding enquires. The Secretariat responded to requests concerning funding/information from:
Bangladesh: Funding cooperation
Bolivia: Scientific collection by Fundación Amigos de la Naturaleza (FAN) in Santa Cruz
Canada: Circumpolar Indigenous Youth Conservation Network
Canada: Taking the pulse of the coastal ocean in British Columbia and Baja California, Mexico
Chile: Conservation and management in Patagonian archipelagos zone
Colombia: Establishment of the first centre of studies in canopy in the Colombian Andes
Ghana: search for scholarship
Global: Proposal to launch the GTI network and the founding workshop
India: Request for grant by Association for Welfare Activities and Rural Education
South Africa: Scholarship for Masters courses in Biodiversity Management and Research
199. Regional banks: The Inter-American Development Bank thanked the Secretariat for participating in their policy discussions, and further invited the Secretariat in the electronic discussions on the draft Environment and Safeguards Compliance Policy. That document aims at implementing the priorities of the Environment Strategy for mainstreaming the environment into overall economic and social development throughout Latin America and the Caribbean; and safeguarding the environment in all Bank activities.
200. Funding indicators. The Secretariat finalized its document on funding indicators for the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
201. Financing for protected areas. The Secretariat is preparing the document on protected area financing for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas at its first meeting. The Financial Resources and Mechanism Unit is of the view that the document should be based on the provisions of Article 20 of the Convention and give special attention to priorities requiring early action.
202. The Like-Minded Group of Megabiodiverse Countries invited the Secretariat to its expert meeting between 17-19 January 2005, in New Delhi, India to discuss access and benefit sharing as well as a project on Megadiverse Knowledge and Policy Network for Biodiversity Sustainable Development.
203. Financial measures for supporting national biodiversity strategies and action plan. The Secretariat has compiled the document on financial measures for supporting national biodiversity strategies and action plan, and expects to complete the document in January-February 2005.
204. Directory of funding sources: The Secretariat continued to develop the electronic directory of funding sources. US-based grant-making foundations are now included in the draft directory.
205. Retirement and consolidation of decisions. The draft decisions concerning retirement of decisions V/11 and VI/16 have been prepared and finalized. The Secretariat worked on the consolidation of decisions on additional financial resources.

206. Informal Consultative Expert Group on Financing for Biodiversity (ICEG). The Secretariat assessed funding provisions contained in various decisions, and considered the need to establish an informal consultative expert group on financing for biodiversity.

DECISION VII/20: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM
DECISION VII/22: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRD REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

207. Communication on COP guidance. The Secretariat published the e-book entitled "Guidance Provided to the Financial Mechanism by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity". The e-book contains all guidance provided so far from the Conference of the Parties up to its seventh meeting. A notification in this regard was sent to national focal points and relevant GEF entities.

208. Third national reports. The CBD and GEF Secretariats worked together to develop a joint letter with a view to informing eligible Parties that financial support is available from the GEF for the preparation of the third national reports. The letter provides information concerning how governments can access such funding. Several countries made enquiries on availability of financial support.

209. Commitments to the Biosafety Protocol. The Secretariat has received letters in this connection from Dominican Republic, Togo, Republic of Macedonia, and El Salvador.

209. Inter-secretariat consultation. The GEF Biodiversity Team visited the CBD Secretariat on 9 December. The two secretariats agreed upon a list of activities to be undertaken in respect of global biodiversity outlook, third national reports, clearing-house mechanism, biosafety, indicators, access and benefit sharing, global taxonomy initiative, island biodiversity, protected areas, feedback, and article 8(j). It was also decided that inland waters, marine and coastal biodiversity as well as technology transfer will be examined further.

210. GEF Council meeting. The Secretariat attended the 24th meeting of the GEF Council from 19-21 November 2004, and made a statement on the recent developments of the Convention that are of relevance to the GEF. The Secretariat also participated in the lunchtime interactive discussions between the conventions and the GEF Council members. The GEF Council database was updated accordingly on the website of the Convention.

211. GEFOP meeting. The Secretariat participated in the Executive GEFOP meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 to discuss the proposed November 2004 Work Program.

212. Projects (Enabling activity). The Secretariat received and reviewed the following enabling activity proposals:

Bangladesh: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)

Botswana: Botswana Biological Diversity Enabling Activity (Additional financing for assessing capacity building needs)

Djibouti: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)

Dominican Republic: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)

Mali: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)

Micronesia: National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management (NCSA)

213. Projects (PDF/pipelines). The Secretariat received and reviewed the following PDF proposals or pipeline entry:

- China: Guangxi Integrated Forestry Development and Biodiversity Conservation (pipeline entry)
- China: Demonstration of Ecosystem Function Conservation Area Approach in Qinling Mountain Area (pipeline entry)
- Cuba: Sustaining biodiversity conservation in the context of integrated coastal management in the Sabana-Camaguey ecosystem (SCE) (Pipeline 18)
- Ecuador: Integrated Management of Ecuadorian Páramos (Pipeline entry and PDF B)
- El Salvador: Protected Areas Consolidation and Land Administration (PDF B)
- Global: Building Capacity in Developing countries to Catalyze Payments for Ecosystem Services (PDF A)
- Global: Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Program (Pipeline entry)
- Global: Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Programme (BACP) (PDF B)
- Global: Supporting Country early Action on Protected Areas (Pipeline 18)
- Namibia: Namibia Coast Biodiversity Conservation and Management (NACOMA)
- Regional Africa: Enhancing local capacities for sustainable biodiversity action in Africa (Pipeline 18)
- Regional Africa: Conservation of useful plant diversity through supporting farmer seed system function in Sahelian West Africa (PDF B)
- Regional Arab States: Aromatic plants (Pipeline 18)
- Regional Latin America: Mainstreaming of Biodiversity Conservation into Coffee Production and Sales through Private Sector Certification and Sourcing Partnerships (PDF B)
- Regional: Integrated Ecosystem Management of the Binational Sixaola River Basin (pipeline entry)
- Regional: Regional Conservation and Sustainable Use of Neotropical Wild Relatives of Crops (PDF B)
- Serbia & Montenegro: In-Situ Agro-biodiversity Conservation (Pipeline entry)
- Seychelles: Integrated Ecosystem Management (PDF B)
- South Africa: National Grasslands Initiative (Pipeline 18)
- Turkmenistan: Conservation and Sustainable use of globally significant biological diversity in Khazar Nature Reserve on the Caspian Sea Coast (pipeline 18)
- Uruguay: Capacity building for the implementation of the Uruguayan National Protected Areas System (PDF B)
- Venezuela: Mainstreaming BD principles into coastal zone management and productive sector activities in the Peninsula of Paria (Pipeline 18)

214. Projects (MSPs). The Secretariat received and reviewed the following medium-sized project proposals:

- Czech Republic: Conservation of biological diversity of Carpathian Mountain grasslands in the Czech Republic through targeted application of new EU funding mechanisms
- Romania: Strengthening Romania's Protected Area System by Demonstrating Public-Private Partnership in Romania's Maramures Nature Park
- Tunisia: Capacity Building for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Tunisia

215. Projects (FP). The Secretariat received and reviewed the following proposals for the November 2004 Work Programme: Argentina: Decentralized GEF Medium-Size Grants Program. It also received the project Iran: Conservation of Iranian Wetlands for CEO endorsement.

216. Monitoring and evaluation. The GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Office suggested a meeting with the Secretariat early in 2005.

217. Third review of the Financial Mechanism. The Secretariat sent its second fund-raising reminder in October 2004: the third letter to raise funds for the third review.

218. Retirement and consolidation of decisions. The Secretariat worked on the consolidation of guidance to the financial mechanism and relevant decisions on the review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

219. Resource allocation framework. The Secretariat kept examining the potential impacts of proposed GEF resource allocation framework, and analyzed current allocation patterns and determinants. For instance, how commitments and resource constraints reflected in the second national reports correlate with present resources allocation.

DECISION VI/18 SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM

Clearing-house Mechanism

220. During the period under review the CHM undertook the following activities:

- developed an Internet-based portal for use by the expert group on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation;
- developing thematic Internet-based portals for Article 8(j), island biodiversity, technology transfer and sustainable development;
- organized an informal meeting on interoperability of information among the three Rio and other environmental conventions from 2 to 3 November 2004;
- the new CBD website was completed and made public;
- further enhanced the CBD Information Centre online catalogue to include links to the full-text of items when available;
- organizing an Asia and Pacific regional meeting on the Clearing-House Mechanism to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 3 to 5 February 2005;
- organizing a meeting of the CHM Informal Advisory Committee to be held on 6 February 2005 in Bangkok, Thailand;
- organizing a technical workshop on the establishment of regional clearing-house mechanisms websites,
- developed a database to host the Ecosystem Sourcebook;
- continues to participate in the development of the Pilot Phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House.

VI/19 and VII/24 COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

221. At its Seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision VII/24 and requested the Executive Secretary to convene an informal advisory committee (IAC) on communication, education and public awareness (CEPA), which would meet at the tenth meeting of SBSTTA to further develop the CEPA work programme for in-depth consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting. This informal advisory committee would meet at subsequent meetings of SBSTTA and the Conference of the Parties, as is the current practice for the informal advisory committee for the clearing-house mechanism (CHM).

222. In response to this request, the Secretariat established the IAC whose membership is drawn from government nominated experts, as well as representatives of UN agencies, International organisations,

academic institutions and NGOs. In addition, the Secretariat launched the CEPA IAC Collaborative Portal, which was developed to foster communication and greater sharing of expertise and experience. The CEPA IAC Collaborative Portal offers a number of tools designed to allow CEPA IAC members to more effectively communicate and work jointly on projects and initiatives. For example, among the many tools available in the Portal, CEPA IAC members can initiate dialogue on relevant COP decisions, comment on and discuss documents, view and comment on upcoming meetings, virtually meet to discuss topics at hand, and announce events and news of interest to other CEPA IAC members.

223. As a start, the Secretariat drafted a comprehensive revised CEPA programme of work and posted it on the CEPA IAC Portal in mid October 2004 for the review of the IAC members. The deadline for the review process for this document was 22 December 2004 and by the close of the process, some members of the IAC had provided useful comments and observations on the draft document. The Secretariat will further revise the document, incorporate the comments received and post the revised version on the IAC portal again in early January 2005. This document will be the main discussion document to be reviewed by the IAC at its first official meeting to be held in Bangkok, Thailand on 12 February 2005. The agenda and provisional annotated agenda for this meeting have also been posted on the IAC portal.

224. In early January 2005, the Secretariat will issue invitation letters to the IAC members requesting their participation in the IAC meeting to be held in Bangkok. Other relevant documents including background papers on the evolution of the CEPA programme of work as well as information on the logistical arrangements for the meeting have also been posted on the IAC portal.

225. In coordination with UNFCCC and UNCCD, the Secretariat published a joint calendar for 2005, which highlights the cooperation, complementarities and synergies of the programmes of work of the three "Rio Conventions." The theme of the Calendar, "Adapting to Global Change: the role of the Rio Conventions in Sustainable Development" captures the tools and approaches to sustainable development embodied in the work of the conventions. Each month of the joint calendar features the beautiful aerial photographs of Yann Arthus-Bertrand. The calendar has been distributed to all the CBD National Focal Points and other key partners worldwide.

226. Preparations for the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) in 2005 are on course with the release of the IBD theme in October 2004 (*Biodiversity - A life insurance for our changing world*). The main highlights of the day will be coordinated with the launch of the Millennium Assessment Biodiversity Synthesis report in Montreal, Canada on 22 May 2005. Details of these and other related arrangements for celebrating the day will be posted on the CBD website when these arrangements are completed. These details will also be mailed to the Parties to guide them in their own planning to mark the International Day for Biodiversity in their respective countries.

227. The CBD Programmes of Work and Guidelines series continued to be the focus of the Secretariat's publishing activities in the final quarter. The Addis Ababa Guidelines on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity was published thanks to the generous support of the government of the Netherlands. It was distributed at the 3rd IUCN World Conservation Congress. In the month of December, a number of other volumes were sent to press including: The Revised Programme of Work on Inland Water Biological Diversity, the Elaborated Programme of Work on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity, the Programme of Work on Protected Areas, and the Refinement and Elaboration of the Ecosystem Approach. These will be distributed at the tenth meeting of the SBSTTA in Bangkok, Thailand. Due to their popularity, previously published volumes in the series were reprinted including: the Akwé: Kon Guidelines and the Bonn Guidelines on Access and Benefit-Sharing.

228. Other publications issued in the quarter included a revised version of the CD-ROM dealing with the Design and Implementation of Incentive Measures. In collaboration with Kew Gardens, the brochure describing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation was translated and published in French and Chinese.

229. Publications under preparation included two new volumes in the CBD Technical Series: a volume of abstracts of poster presentations on the 2010 Biodiversity Target, to be distributed at SBSTTA 10, and a volume on the effect of agricultural domestic support programmes on biological diversity. Progress also continued on the publication of the Third Edition of the Handbook of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the CBD News Special Edition on the 10th anniversary of the Entry into Force of the Convention. All these publications are expected to be issued at SBSTTA 10 in February 2005.

DECISION VI/25 and VII/25 NATIONAL REPORTING

230. The Secretariat responded to a number of inquiries from Parties concerning the guidelines for the third national report, including how to access funding for the preparation of the third national reports.

231. The Secretariat had a consultation with the GEF Secretariat in early December 2004, to discuss, among other things, possibilities of providing funding support to eligible Parties for the preparation of the third national reports. To this end, the two Secretariats agreed to send a joint letter to eligible Parties with suggestions of the steps that Parties may take to apply for funding support in an expeditious manner.

232. Internal discussions are on-going with respect to the development of an analytical tool for the third national reports.

233. The Executive Secretary disseminated to Parties the report of the Workshop on Harmonizing National Reporting under Biodiversity-related Conventions, which was held from 22 to 23 September 2004 in Belgium. The workshop resulted in a number of recommendations for action at national level.

234. By the end of 2004, a total of 139 first national reports and a total of 111 second national reports had been received by the CBD Secretariat. However, there is no increase in the number of thematic reports as requested by decisions V/19 and VI/25.

ANNEX I

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 33 regularized Professional staff members and 22 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 7 vacant posts, (3 professional and 4 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 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).

2. During the period under review there were three Interns: Ms. Kirsten Migowski from Germany, working on Technology Transfer and Cooperation; Mr. Marc-André Lafrance from Canada, working on Access and Benefit Sharing, both with the Social, Economic and Legal Affairs Division., and Ms. Nozomi Nakano from Japan, working on the WTO dispute settlement mechanism with the Biosafety Unit. Also during this period there was one Fellow in the SCBD Fellowship Programme - Mr. José Pedro Domingos from Angola, working with the Biosafety Division.

II Contributions and Funds

3. During the fourth quarter of 2004, nine new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were made. A pledge of US\$163,606 was received from the European Union for various activities; The EU pledged US\$106,545 and the government of Germany US\$120,000 in support of the Workshop on Capacity Building as related to paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; a pledge of US\$60,000 was received from the Government of Finland for the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change; Germany pledge \$26,589 for Marine and Coastal Biodiversity activities and US\$52,465 for Biodiversity and Tourism; Spain pledged US\$66,320 for Article 8(j) and Sweden pledge US\$59,354 for article 8(j) and ABS workshops; The UK also pledged US\$47,170 for business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge.

4. For 2004 a total of US\$1,646,125 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,107,279 or 67.3% has been collected as at 31 December 2004. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

5. With regard to the General Trust Fund for the Convention (**BY Trust Fund**), as at 31 December 2004 the total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2003 and prior years amounted to US\$567,365. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2004 is US\$7,741,394. Of this amount, US\$6,595,321 or 85% has been received. Additionally, US\$1,100,000 has been pledged and US\$299,980 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund, US\$727,344 has been collected in 2004 for prior years and US\$1,963,045 has been collected in 2004 for 2005 and future years. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2004 amounts to US\$1,146,073. Total unpaid pledges for 2004 and prior years are therefore US\$1,713,438. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

6. As at 31 December 2004 a total of US\$339,039 was pledged for 2004 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Austria (\$15,419); Canada (\$28,580); Germany (\$24,363); Ireland (\$26,525); Japan (\$60,000); Norway (\$42,749); Sweden (\$69,847) and the United Kingdom (\$71,556).

7. As at 31 December 2004, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2004 amounted to US\$312,514 or 92.2% of the total pledged for 2004. Additionally, \$284,291 was collected for prior years. A total of US\$76,509 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2004 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

8. As at 31 December 2004, a total of fifteen countries have contributed US\$363,894 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BG Trust Fund**), as advance contributions for 2005. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BGTrust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

9. As at 31 December 2004, the Government of Sweden has contributed a total of US\$28,793 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

10. As at 31 December 2004, the Governments of Austria, Norway and Sweden have contributed a total of US\$88,614 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

11. COP-6 approved a budget of US\$9,924,200 for the BY Trust Fund for 2004. As at 31 December 2004, a total of US\$9,597,953 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 85.6% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. At present eight UNEP staff members, the Chief, Fund Management and Administration, the Administrative Officer, the Finance Officer, the Senior Finance Assistant, the Finance Assistant, the Personnel Assistant, the Conference Assistant and the Information Assistant are funded from the programme support funds (PSC).

Appendix 1
STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
1 October - 31 December 2004

Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1101	ASG	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-Huish- (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (I&O)	Mr. Y. Xiang (Regularized)
1108	P4	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. D.Ogolla (Regularized)
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann (Regularized)
1110	P4	PO Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. M. Guariguata (Regularized)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (I&O)	Mr. M. Silva (Regularized)
1114	P4	Special Assistant to the ES. (EDM)	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. John Scott (Regularized)
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (I&O)	Mr. K. Kakuyo (Regularized)
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli (Regularized)
1119	P3	Information Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Post Advertised)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (I&O)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. M. Vierros (Regularized)
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (I&O)	Mr. D. Ainsworth (Regularized)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. R. Muruthi-Mureithi (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P3	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale (Regularized)
1127	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena (Regularized)
1128	P2	Associate Computer Systems Officer (I&O)	Mr. Q. Nguyen (Regularized)
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates (Regularized)
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft (Regularized)
1133	P3	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand (Regularized)

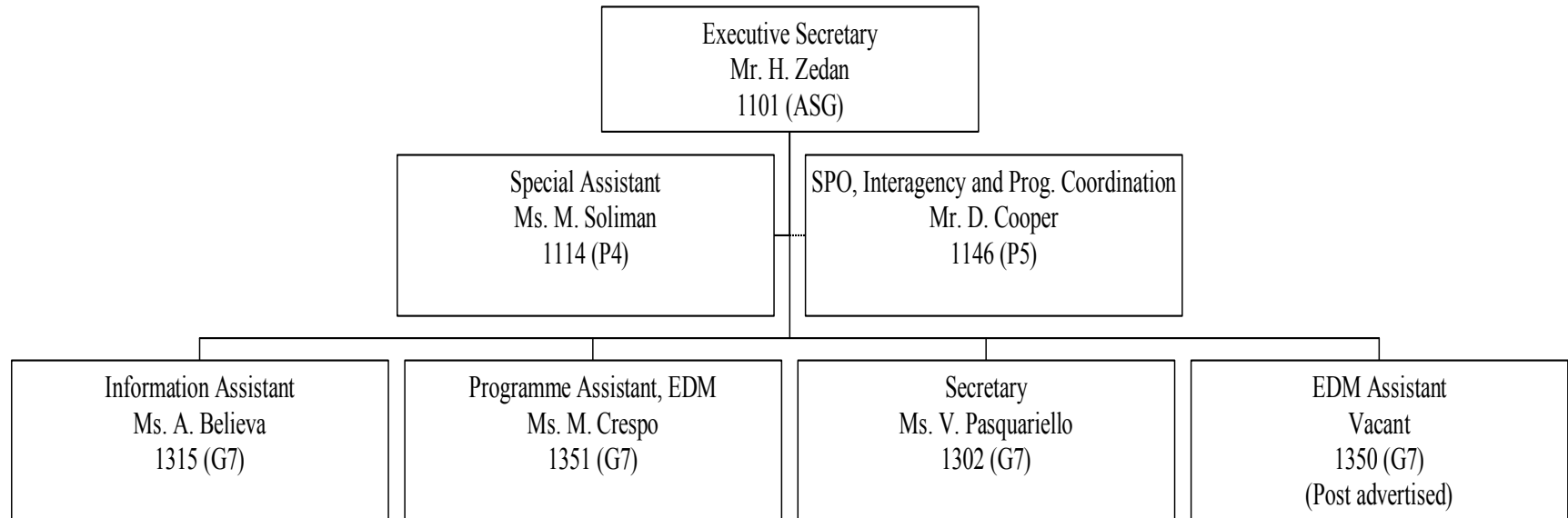
Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P5	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Ms. L. Rogo (Regularized)
1139	L2	JPO, Forest (STTM)	Ms. C. Morosi (Regularized) (Post funded by Government of Italy)
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1142	P3	PO, Reports (I&O)	Mr. L. Cai (Regularized)
1143	P3	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Ms. P. Deda (Regularized)
1144	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Ms. X. Wang (Regularized)
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Mr. R. Hill (Regularized)
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (EDM)	Mr. D. Cooper (Regularized)
1147	P5	SPO, Forest Biodiversity (STTM)	Vacant (Post funded by Government of the Netherlands)
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda (Regularized)
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (I&O)	Mr. P. LeBlond (Regularized)

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)
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. F. Velarde (Regularized)
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. S. Meehan (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)	Ms. S. Gutierrez (Regularized)
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. C. Risch (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Regularized)

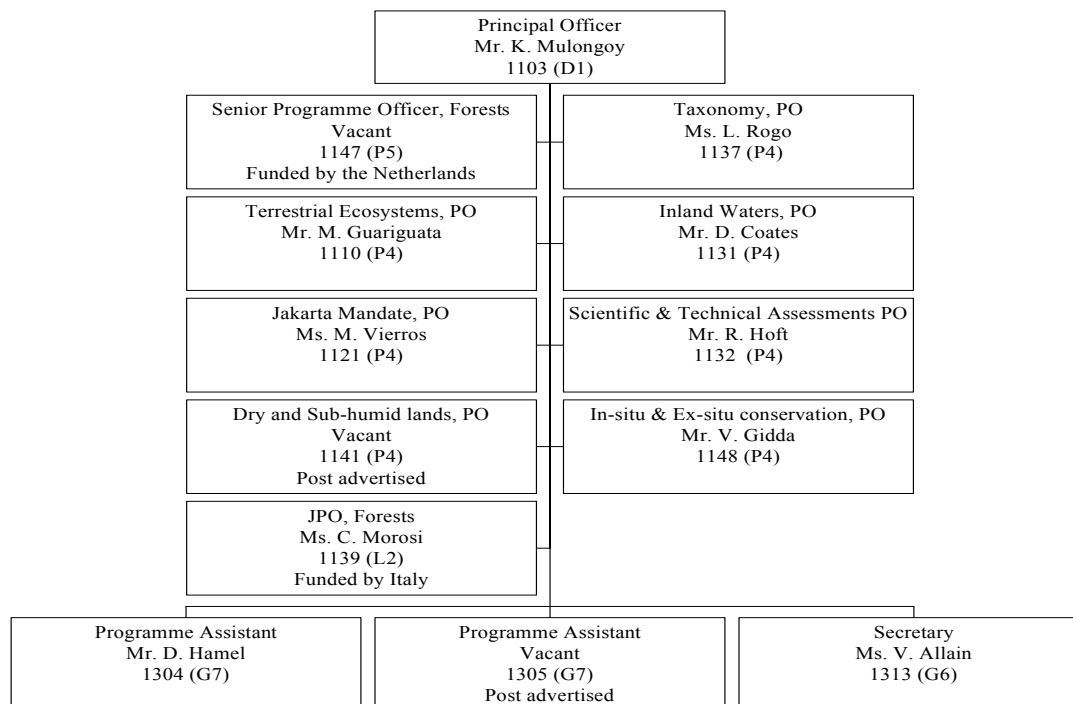
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1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Regularized) (post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (I&O)	Ms. A. Vincent (Regularized)
1315	G7	Information Assistant (EDM)	Ms. A. Beliaeva (Regularized)
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (I&O)	Mr. V. Gopez (Regularized)
1317	G5	Receptionist (RMCS)	Ms. L. Boutin (Regularized)
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. R. Bellido (Regularized)
1319	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé (Regularized)
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, CHM (I&O)	Vacant (post advertised)
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen (Regularized)
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/I&O)	Ms. M. Harrison (Regularized)
1334	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. L. Ali (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1337	G5	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Regularized). Post funded by UNEP
1350	GS	EDM Assistant – (EDM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (EDM)	Ms. M. Crespo (Regularized)
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (I&O)	Ms. F. D’Amico (Regularized)
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Vacant (Post advertised)
1354	G7	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL)	Ms. R. Rubian (Regularized)
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre (Regularized)
1356	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Regularized)

Annex II

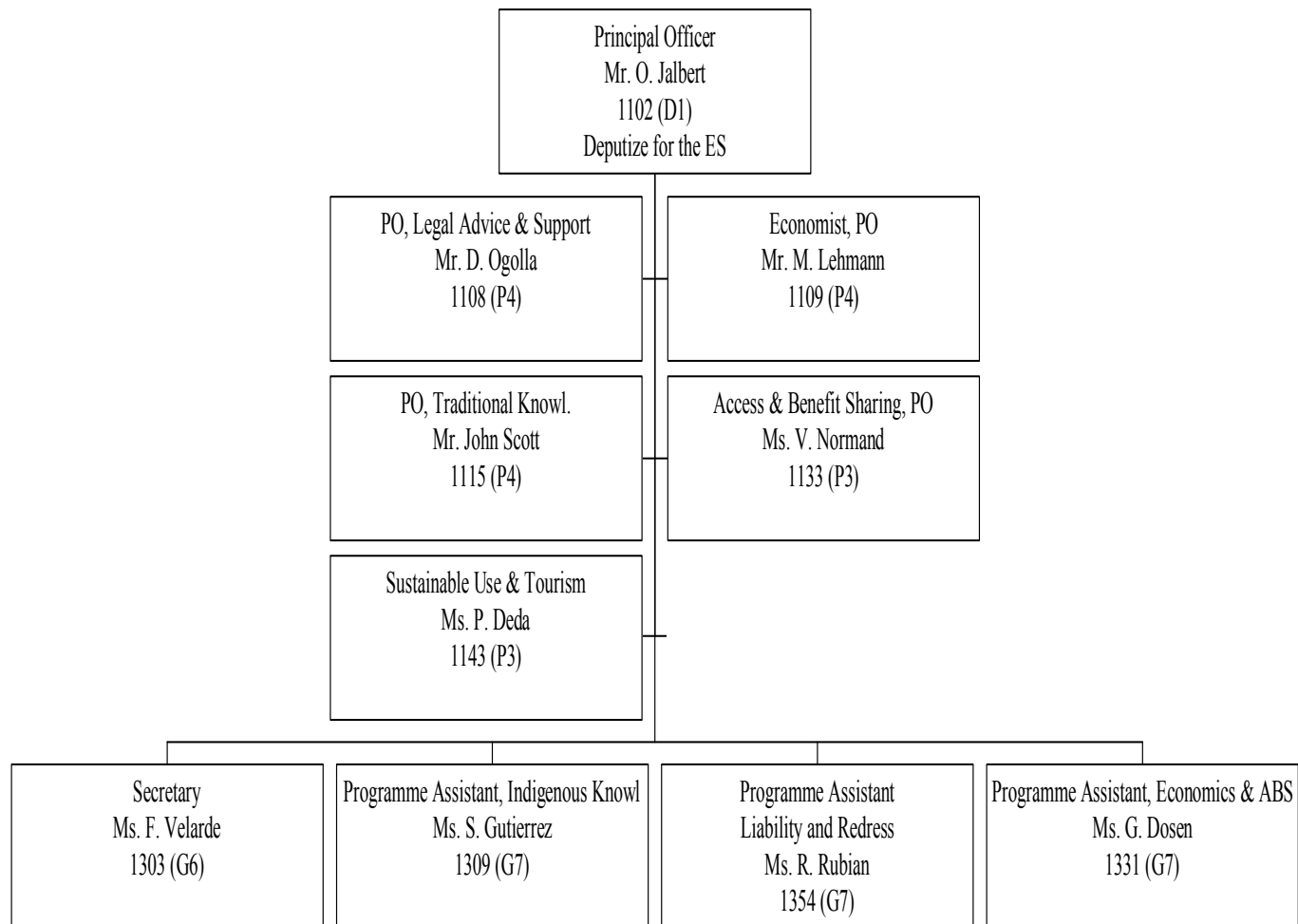
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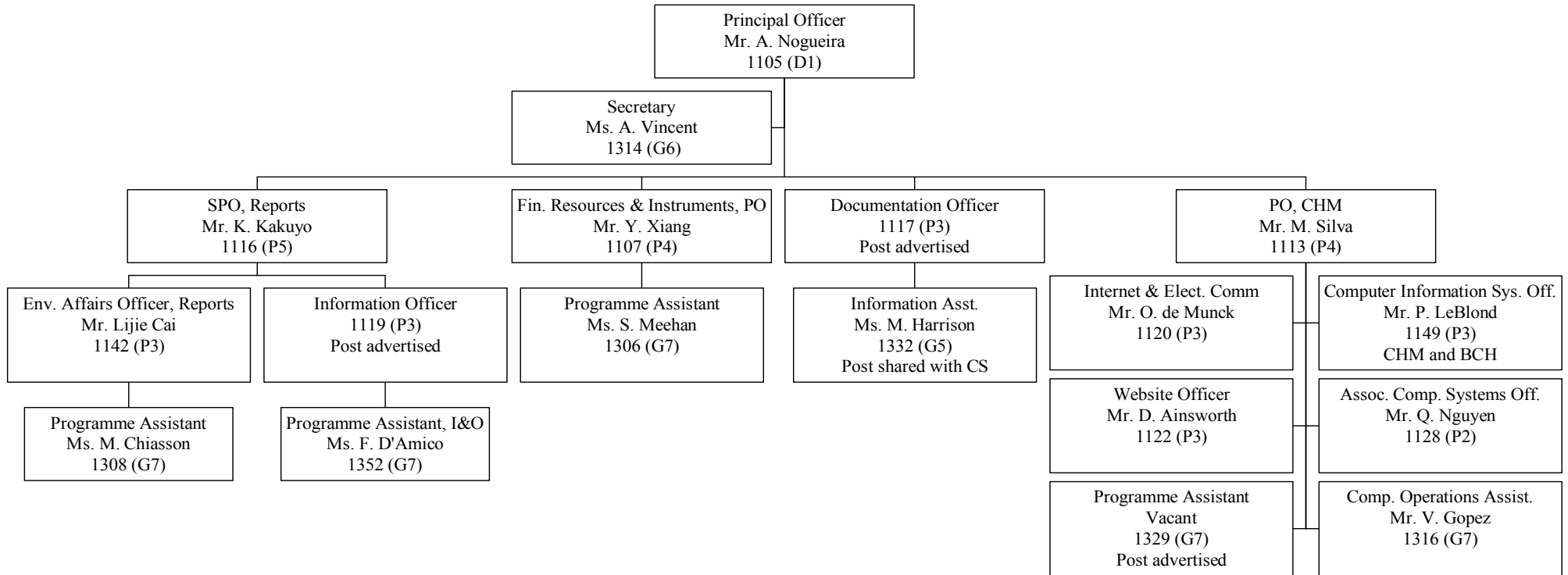
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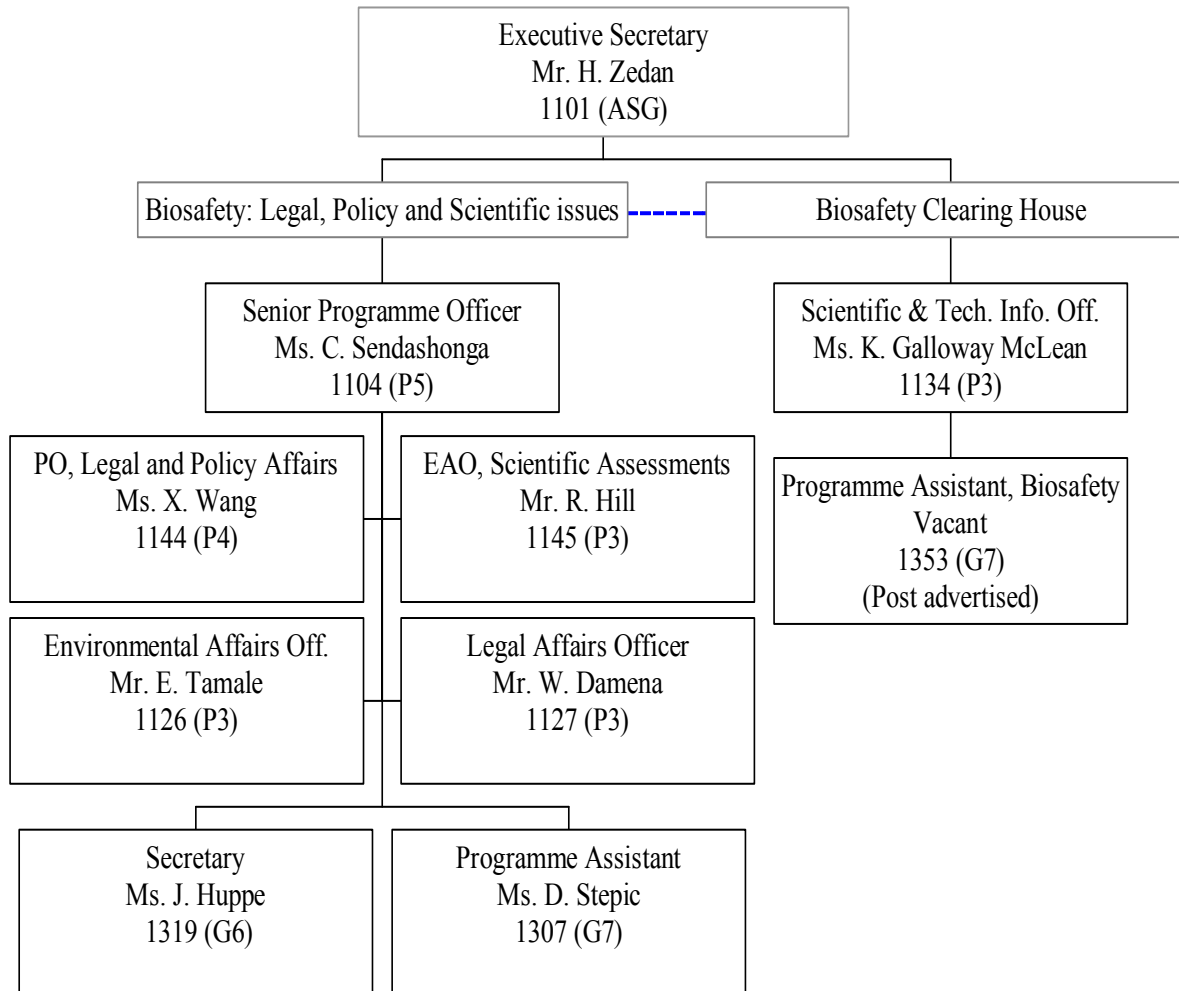
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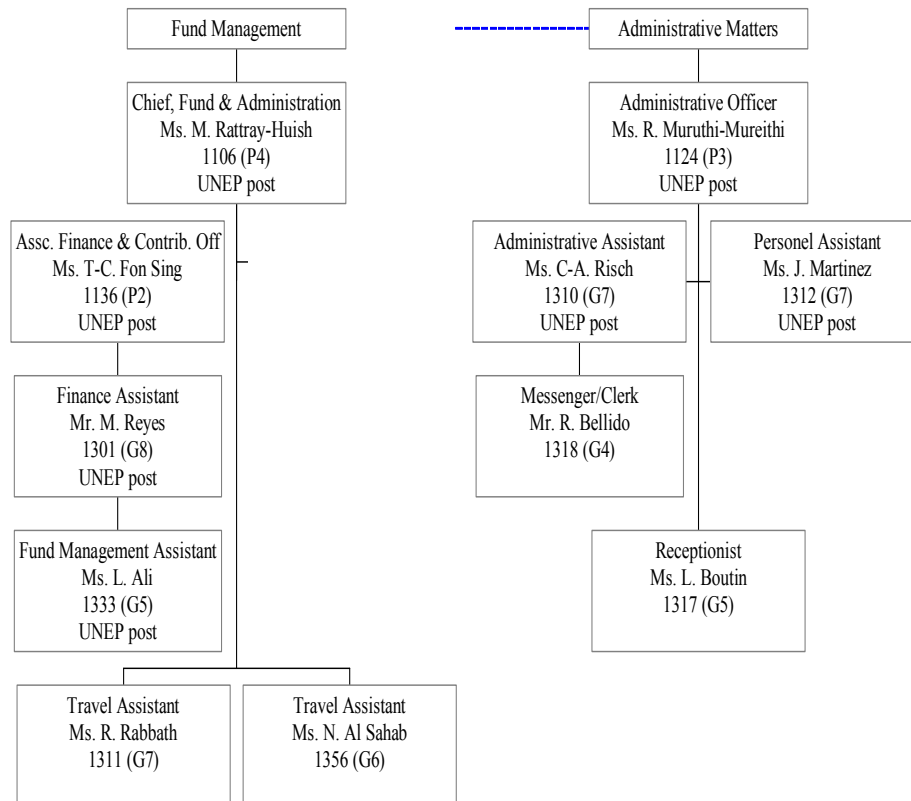
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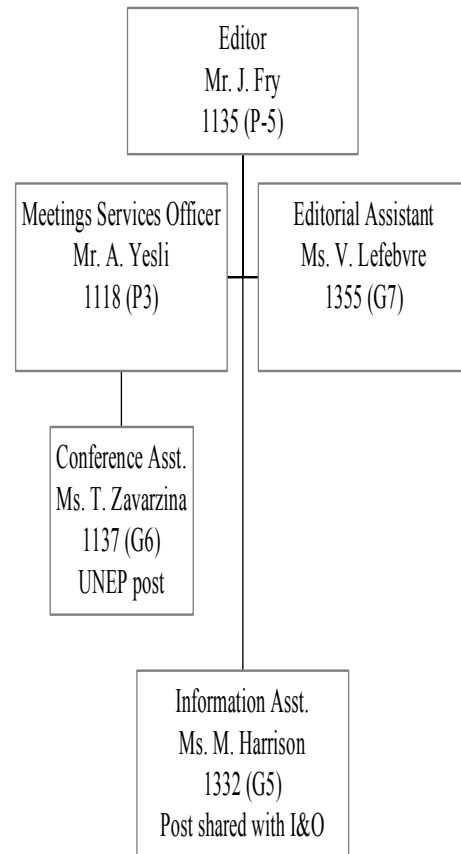
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Resource Management



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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 December 2004 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004		Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
Canada	21,592			1/			21,592
Canada	18,175			2/	18,175		0
Canada			74,118	16/		74,118	0
Canada			100,000	23/			100,000
EEC	5,954			3/			5,954
EEC			163,606	24/		163,606	0
EEC			106,545	28/		106,545	0
France	25,000			4/			25,000
Finland			60,000	26/			60,000
Germany	20,882			5/			20,882
Germany			120,000	25/		120,000	0
Germany			26,589	29/		26,589	0
Germany			52,465	31/		52,465	0
ICMM			2,980	12/		2,980	0
Netherlands	20			6/			20
Netherlands			499,376	14/		247,700	251,676
Norway	10,428			7/			10,428
Shell			7,000	15/		7,000	0
Spain	25,000			8/			25,000
Spain			80,000	22/			80,000

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004		Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
Spain			66,320	27/		66,320	0
Sweden	13,287			9/			13,287
Sweden			6,980	13/		6,980	0
Sweden			59,354	30/		59,354	0
UK			62,240	17/		62,240	0
UK			36,382	21/		36,382	0
UK			47,170	32/			47,170
USA	10,000			10/			10,000
USA			25,000	18/		25,000	0
USA			25,000	19/		25,000	0
USA			25,000	20/		25,000	0
USA	50,000			11/			50,000
Total	200,338	0	1,646,125		18,175	1,107,279	721,009

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

2/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 25,000 towards the preparation of the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge

3/EEC pledged EUR 30,000 towards the Workshop on Liability & Redress - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Rome, Italy 2-4 December 2002

4/France pledged US\$ 25,000 for the Technical Expert Group Meeting on Article 18.2(b) and (c), Montreal, Canada, 13-15 March 2002

5/Germany pledged for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Access & Benefits Sharing, Bonn, Germany, 22-26 October 2001

6/Netherlands pledged US\$ 119,896 for the Workshop on Forest Biological Diversity, Accra, Ghana 28-30 January 2002

7/Norway pledged US\$ 100,000 for the 4th Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Resources, Addis Ababa, 6-8 May 2003

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

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

10/USA pledged US\$ 10,000 for GISP meeting on Global Invasive Species

11/USA pledged US\$ 50,000 for the Technical Expert Meeting on Art 18.2(a), Montreal, Canada, 18-20 March 2002

12/ ICMM pledged US\$ 2,980 towards the Publication on Protected Areas

13/ Sweden pledged US\$ 6,980 towards the Publication on Key Biodiversity Issues for Protected Areas

14/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2004

15/ Shell pledged US\$ 7,000 towards the Publication on Key Biodiversity Issues for Protected Areas

- 16/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 100,000 for Approved Activities, as per Agreement ESR021
- 17/UK pledged GBP 40,000 for the Ad Hoc Working Group on Liability and Redress, Montreal, Canada, 18-20 October 2004
- 18/USA pledged US\$ 25,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators
- 19/USA pledged US\$ 25,000 for the workshop on Taxonomy
- 20/USA pledged US\$ 25,000 for the Invasive Alien Species Information Systems
- 21/UK pledged GBP 20,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Targets, Baselines and Indicators
- 22/Spain pledged EUR 66,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, Canary Islands, Spain, 6-10 September 2004
- 23/Canada pledged US\$ 100,000 towards the Workshop on Capacity Building as related to para. 2 of Art. 18 of the Biosafety Protocol, Bonn, Germany, 1-3 November 2004
- 24/EEC pledged EUR 125,426 as per Agreement No. 07.020100/2004/390000/SUB/E2
- 25/Germany pledged US\$ 120,000 towards the Workshop on Capacity Building as related to para. 2 of Art. 18 of the Biosafety Protocol, Bonn, Germany, 1-3 November 2004
- 26/ Finland pledged US\$ 60,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity in 2005
- 27/ Spain pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Programme of Work on Article 8(j)
- 28/ EEC pledged EUR 79,833 as per Agreement No. 07.020100/2004/390000/SUB/E2
- 29/ Germany pledged EUR 20,000 towards the Programme of Work on Protected Areas and Marine and Coastal Biodiversity
- 30/Sweden pledged SEK 400,000 towards the Workshops for Article 8 (j), Access and Benefit-Sharing and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity
- 31/Germany pledged US\$ 52,465 towards the Meeting of Experts on Biodiversity and Tourism Development Manual
- 32/UK pledged GBP 25,000 towards the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Meeting, London, U.K, 20-21 January 2005

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 December 2004 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
Austria			14/ 15,419		15,419	0
Canada			8/ 28,580		28,580	0
Canada	7,270		3/	7,270		0
Denmark	40,000		1/			40,000
Denmark	51,049		6/	51,049		0
EEC	9,984		2/			9,984
Finland	74,626		4/	74,626		0
Germany	15,243		5/	15,243		0
Germany			15/ 24,363		24,363	0
Ireland			17/ 26,525			26,525
Japan			9/ 30,000		30,000	0
Japan			10/ 30,000		30,000	0
Norway			11/ 42,749		42,749	0
Sweden			12/ 10,493		10,493	0
Sweden			16/ 59,354		59,354	0
United Kingdom	136,103		7/	136,103		0
United Kingdom			13/ 71,556		71,556	0
Total	334,275	0	339,039	284,291	312,514	76,509

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

2/EEC pledged EUR 50,000 for the COP-6 and ICCP-3 Meetings in the Hague, the Netherlands on 7-26 May 2002

3/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 10,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the Article 8(j) Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 8-12 December 2003

4/Finland pledged EUR 65,000 towards the COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 meetings, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-27 February 2004

5/Germany pledged EUR 25,550 towards the COP-7 Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-20 February 2004

6/Denmark pledged DKK 300,000 towards the COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 meetings, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-27 February 2004

7/UK pledged GBP 75,000 towards the COP-7 and COP/MOP-1 meetings, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-27 February 2004

8/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 38,500 towards the COP-7 Meeting, as per Agreement ESR022

- 9/Japan pledged US\$ 30,000 towards the COP-7 Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 9-20 February 2004
- 10/Japan pledged US\$ 30,000 towards the Asia and the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for COP-7, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 8 February 2004
- 11/Norway pledged NOK 300,000 in support of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 12/Sweden pledged SEK 77,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open- Ended Meeting on Article 8(j), Montreal, Canada, 8-12 December 2003
- 13/UK pledged GBP 40,000 for the SBSTTA-10
- 14/Austria pledged EUR 12,500 towards SBSTTA-10 and the Third Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, February 2005
- 15/Germany pledged EUR 18,325 for the SBSTTA-10
- 16/Sweden pledged SEK 400,000 towards the Article 8(j) and the Access and Benefit-Sharing Meetings
- 17/Ireland pledged EUR 20,000 towards SBSTTA-10 and the Third Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, February 2005

ANNEX V**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 31 December 2004**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years	Collections During 2004 for 2005 & future yrs
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	
Afghanistan	840	884				840	884	1,724	
Albania	441	295		441		0	295	295	
Algeria		6,895	6,895			0	0	0	
Angola		197	1,614			0		0	1,417
Antigua & Barbuda		197			807	0		0	610
Argentina	331,061	113,174		161,511		169,550	113,174	282,724	
Armenia	20,329	197		5,830	197	14,499	0	14,499	
Australia		160,256	160,256		157,517	0		0	157,517
Austria	0	93,277			178,269	0		0	84,992
Azerbaijan	2,337	394				2,337	394	2,731	
Bahamas		1,182			2,468	0		0	1,286
Bahrain	20	1,773		20	1,773	0	0	0	
Bangladesh	855	985		855	80	0	905	905	
Barbados		886	886		989	0		0	989
Belarus	62,381	1,871			1,871	62,381	0	62,381	
Belgium	44,944	111,204				44,944	111,204	156,148	
Belize		98	98		203	0		0	203
Benin		197	5			0	192	192	
Bhutan		98			161	0		0	63
Bolivia		788				0	788	788	
Bosnia & Herzegovina		0				0	0	0	
Botswana	0	985			3,425	0		0	2,440
Brazil	175,772	235,410		129,971		45,801	235,410	281,211	
Bulgaria	0	1,280	984		272	0	24	24	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years	Collections During 2004 for 2005 & future yrs
Burkina Faso	331	197				331	197	528	
Burundi	490	98				490	98	588	
Cambodia	210	197		210	197	0	0	0	
Cameroon		886	3,862			0		0	2,976
Canada	0	251,957			251,957	0	0	0	
Cape Verde	2,454	984				2,454	984	3,438	
Central African Rep.	0	98				0	98	98	
Chad	2,598	98				2,598	98	2,696	
Chile		20,882	16,848			0	4,034	4,034	
China	0	150,899			150,899	0	0	0	
Colombia	195	19,798				195	19,798	19,993	
Comoros	2,598	98				2,598	98	2,696	
Congo	48	98				48	98	146	
Congo Dem.Rep	4,882	0				4,882	0	4,882	
Cook Islands	271	98		271	98	0	0	0	
Costa Rica	6,320	1,970		5,102		1,218	1,970	3,188	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,631	0				1,631	0	1,631	
Croatia		3,841			3,841	0	0	0	
Cuba	17,667	2,955				17,667	2,955	20,622	
Cyprus	0	3,743			3,743	0	0	0	
Czech Republic		19,995	19,995		18,107	0		0	18,107
Denmark	0	73,775				0	73,775	73,775	
Djibouti	0	98				0	98	98	
Dominica		98	67			0	31	31	
Dominica Rep.	8,161	2,265				8,161	2,265	10,426	
Ecuador	0	2,462			2,462	0	0	0	
EEC	0	192,858	3,201		386,550	0		0	196,893
Egypt	0	7,978				0	7,978	7,978	
El Salvador	0	1,773			1,773	0	0	0	
Equatorial Guinea	2,598	98				2,598	98	2,696	
Eritrea	92	98				92	98	190	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years	Collections During 2004 for 2005 & future yrs
Estonia	0	985	985		1,187	0		0	1,187
Ethiopia		394	394		814	0		0	814
Fiji		394	314		80	0	0	0	
Finland	0	51,416			104,153	0		0	52,737
France	0	636,887			1,233,513	0		0	596,626
Gabon	7,457	1,379		7,457	10,200	0		0	8,821
Gambia	0	98	94		103	0		0	99
Georgia	41,653	492				41,653	492	42,145	
Germany	0	962,225			962,225	0	0	0	
Ghana	462	492				462	492	954	
Greece	0	53,090	7			0	53,083	53,083	
Grenada	0	98	98			0	0	0	
Guatemala	2,467	2,659		2,467	2,659	0	0	0	
Guinea		295				0	295	295	
Guinea-Bissau	2,119	98				2,119	98	2,217	
Guyana	0	98				0	98	98	
Haiti	1,857	197		197		1,660	197	1,857	
Honduras	1,574	492				1,574	492	2,066	
Hungary	0	11,820			11,800	0	20	20	
Iceland		3,250	3,250			0	0	0	
India	101	33,588		101	33,588	0	0	0	
Indonesia	18,495	19,700		18,495	39,700	0		0	20,000
Iran	25,153	26,791		25,153	26,791	0	0	0	
Ireland		28,958			28,958	0	0	0	
Israel	0	40,877				0	40,877	40,877	
Italy	0	498,867			498,867	0	0	0	
Jamaica	370	394		370	394	0	0	0	
Japan	0	1,697,146			1,697,146	0	0	0	
Jordan	0	788			788	0	0	0	
Kazakhstan	27,559	2,758		27,559		0	2,758	2,758	
Kenya	20	788		20	788	0	0	0	
Kiribati	0	98	83			0	15	15	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years	Collections During 2004 for 2005 & future yrs
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.		886				0	886	886	
Korea, Rep. of	79,169	182,319		79,169	91,831	0	90,488	90,488	
Kuwait	0	0				0	0	0	
Kyrgyzstan	0	98				0	98	98	
Lao PDR	0	98			98	0	0	0	
Latvia	565	985		565	919	0	66	66	
Lebanon	1,110	1,182				1,110	1,182	2,292	
Lesotho	0	98	73			0	25	25	
Liberia	435	98				435	98	533	
Libya	19,939	6,599		6,663		13,276	6,599	19,875	
Liechtenstein	0	591			1,086	0		0	495
Lithuania		1,674	1,674		2,355	0		0	2,355
Luxembourg	0	7,880			7,880	0	0	0	
Macedonia	0	591				0	591	591	
Madagascar	266	295		266	295	0	0	0	
Malawi	543	197				543	197	740	
Malaysia	0	23,147			23,147	0	0	0	
Maldives		98			157	0		0	0
Mali		197	331			0		0	0
Malta		1,477				0	1,477	1,477	
Marshall Island	0	98	98			0	0	0	
Mauritania	1,429	98				1,429	98	1,527	
Mauritius		1,083	1,083		1,088	0		0	1,088
Mexico	26,752	106,969		26,752	38,287	0	68,682	68,682	
Micronesia, Fed. States		98			300	0		0	202
Moldova, Rep. of	17,571	197		6,658		10,913	197	11,110	
Monaco	0	394			394	0	0	0	
Mongolia	0	98			98	0	0	0	
Morocco	7,807	4,334				7,807	4,334	12,141	
Mozambique	183	98				183	98	281	
Myanmar	925	985		925		0	985	985	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years	Collections During 2004 for 2005 & future yrs
Namibia	0	689			1,909	0		0	1,220
Nauru	2,718	98				2,718	98	2,816	
Nepal		394	1,297			0		0	903
Netherlands	19	171,189				19	171,189	171,208	
New Zealand		23,738	23,738			0	0	0	
Nicaragua		98	98		203	0		0	203
Niger	2,454	98				2,454	98	2,552	
Nigeria	12,016	6,698		10,784		1,232	6,698	7,930	
Niue	1	98		1	98	0	0	0	
Norway		63,630	207		63,610	0		0	187
Oman	0	6,008			12,934	0		0	6,926
Pakistan	262	6,008		262	5,746	0	262	262	
Palau		98	508			0		0	410
Panama	1,665	1,773		1,665	1,075	0	698	698	
Papua New Guinea	0	591				0	591	591	
Paraguay	7,502	1,576				7,502	1,576	9,078	
Peru	36,548	11,623				36,548	11,623	48,171	
Philippines	3,773	9,850		3,773	1,408	0	8,442	8,442	
Poland	0	37,232			37,232	0	0	0	
Portugal	42,723	45,506		42,723	1,026	0	44,480	44,480	
Qatar		3,349	3,349		3,144	0		0	3,144
Romania	0	5,713			5,713	0	0	0	
Russian Federation	0	118,197			118,197	0	0	0	
Rwanda	0	98			289	0		0	191
St.Kitts &Nevis		98	98			0	0	0	
St. Lucia	0	197	203			0		0	6
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,769	98				1,769	98	1,867	
Samoa		98	98			0	0	0	
San Marino		197			197	0	0	0	
Sao Tome Principe	271	98				271	98	369	
Saudi Arabia	101,808	54,568		101,808	54,568	0	0	0	
Senegal	0	492	5,009			0		0	4,517

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years	Collections During 2004 for 2005 & future yrs
Seychelles		197	1,100			0		0	903
Sierra Leone	0	98	4			0	94	94	
Singapore		38,710	38,710		38,390	0		0	38,390
Slovak		4,235	4,235		5,046	0		0	5,046
Slovenia		7,978	7,978			0	0	0	
Solomon Is.	2,119	98				2,119	98	2,217	
South Africa		40,187	40,187			0	0	0	
Spain	0	248,091			248,091	0	0	0	
Sri Lanka	1,440	1,576				1,440	1,576	3,016	
Sudan	4,588	591				4,588	591	5,179	
Suriname	1,522	197				1,522	197	1,719	
Swaziland	367	197		367	604	0		0	407
Sweden	0	101,133	101,133			0	0	0	
Switzerland		125,486	125,486		118,435	0		0	118,435
Syria		7,880	3,750		4,130	0	0	0	
Tajikistan	92	98				92	98	190	
Thailand	0	26,535			20,228	0	6,307	6,307	
Togo	271	98				271	98	369	
Tonga	0	98			399	0			301
Trinidad & Tobago		1,576	5,708			0			4,132
Tunisia	2,774	2,955		2,774	2,955	0	0	0	
Tuvalu	92	98				92	98	190	
Turkey	0	43,339			43,339	0	0	0	
Turkmenistan	7,804	295		7,527		277	295	572	
Uganda		492	409			0	83	83	
Ukraine	0	5,220				0	5,220	5,220	
U. K.	0	545,284			1,151,507	0		0	606,223
United Arab Emirates	0	19,897			19,897	0	0	0	
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		394	19,733			0		0	19,339
Uruguay	19,827	7,880				19,827	7,880	27,707	
Uzbekistan	11,987	1,083		1,083		10,904	1,083	11,987	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/03	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2003 for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior yrs	Collections During 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2004	Unpaid Pledges for 2004 & Prior years	Collections During 2004 for 2005 & future yrs
Vanuatu	0	98	2			0	96	96	
Venezuela	42,206	20,488		42,206		0	20,488	20,488	
Viet Nam	0	1,576	1,376			0	200	200	
Yemen	5,241	591				5,241	591	5,832	
Yugoslavia	1,849	1,970		1,849		0	1,970	1,970	
Zambia	563	197		563	249	0		0	52
Zimbabwe	2,931	788		2,931	788	0	0	0	
Sub Total	1,294,709	7,741,394	607,611	727,344	7,950,755	567,365	1,146,073	1,713,438	1,962,852

Additional Contributions									
Canada		800,000				0	800,000	800,000	
USA		100,000			100,000	0	0	0	
Quebec	19	200,000		19	199,980	0	20	20	
Grand Total		1,294,728	8,841,394	607,611	727,363	8,250,735	567,365	1,946,093	2,513,458

ANNEX VI

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/10/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005 & future yrs	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US\$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Algeria		2,611				0	2,611	2,611
Antigua and Barbuda		103	191			0	(88)	(88)
Armenia		69				0	69	69
Austria		29,515	29,515			0	0	0
Bahamas		447				0	447	447
Bangladesh		200				0	200	200
Barbados		344	344			0	0	0
Belarus		618				0	618	618
Belgium		36,731				0	36,731	36,731
Belize		34				0	34	34
Bhutan		34				0	34	34
Bolivia		309				0	309	309
Botswana		412	765			0	(353)	(353)
Brazil		52,330				0	52,330	52,330
Bulgaria		584				0	584	584
Burkina Faso		69				0	69	69
Cambodia		69				0	69	69
Cameroon		275				0	275	275
Colombia		5,326				0	5,326	5,326
Croatia		1,271				0	1,271	1,271
Cuba		1,477				0	1,477	1,477
Cyprus		1,340				0	1,340	1,340

Czech Republic		6,288				0	6,288	6,288
Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/10/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005 & future yrs	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years
Denmark		24,670				0	24,670	24,670
Djibouti		34				0	34	34
Dominica		34				0	34	34
Ecuador		653				0	653	653
Egypt		412				0	412	412
El Salvador		756				0	756	756
Estonia		412	412			0	0	0
Ethiopia		137	255			0	(118)	(118)
European Community		50,038	40,765			0	9,273	9,273
Fiji		137				0	137	137
Finland		18,314	18,314			0	0	0
France		207,190				0	207,190	207,190
Gambia		34				0	34	34
Germany		297,626				0	297,626	297,626
Ghana		137				0	137	137
Greece		18,211				0	18,211	18,211
Grenada		34				0	34	34
Guatemala		949				0	949	949
Hungary		4,329				0	4,329	4,329
India		14,466				0	14,466	14,466
Indonesia		4,005				0	4,005	4,005
Iran		5,395				0	5,395	5,395
Ireland		12,026				0	12,026	12,026
Italy		167,848				0	167,848	167,848
Japan		440,330				0	440,330	440,330
Jordan		378				0	378	378
Kenya		309				0	309	309
Kiribati		34				0	34	34
Korea, Democratic Republic		344				0	344	344
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		200				0	200	200
Latvia		515	515			0	0	0
Lesotho		34				0	34	34

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/10/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005 & future yrs	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years
Liberia		34				0	34	34
Lithuania		825				0	825	825
Luxembourg		2,646				0	2,646	2,646
Madagascar		103				0	103	103
Malaysia		6,975				0	6,975	6,975
Maldives		34				0	34	34
Mali		69				0	69	69
Marshall Islands		34				0	34	34
Mauritius		378				0	378	378
Mexico		64,700				0	64,700	64,700
Mongolia		34				0	34	34
Mozambique		34				0	34	34
Nauru		34				0	34	34
Netherlands		58,068				0	58,068	58,068
Nicaragua		34				0	34	34
Nigeria		1,443				0	1,443	1,443
Niue		34				0	34	34
Norway		23,330				0	23,330	23,330
Oman		2,405	2,405			0	0	0
Palau		34				0	34	34
Panama		653				0	653	653
Paraguay		412				0	412	412
Peru		3,161				0	3,161	3,161
Poland		15,840	15,840			0	0	0
Portugal		15,978				0	15,978	15,978
Republic of Moldova		34				0	34	34
Romania		2,062				0	2,062	2,062
Rwanda		34				0	34	34
Saint Kitts and Nevis		34				0	34	34
Saint Vincent & Gren.		34				0	34	34
Samoa		34				0	34	34
Senegal		172				0	172	172

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/10/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005 & future yrs	Collections in 2005 for prior yrs	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2005	Unpaid Pledges for 2005 & Prior years
Seychelles		69				0	69	69
Slovakia		1,752				0	1,752	1,752
Slovenia		2,818	2,818			0	0	0
Solomon Islands		34				0	34	34
South Africa		10,033				0	10,033	10,033
Spain		86,587				0	86,587	86,587
Sri Lanka		584				0	584	584
Sweden		34,291				0	34,291	34,291
Switzerland		41,129	41,129			0	0	0
Syria		1,306				0	1,306	1,306
Tajikistan		34				0	34	34
Togo		34				0	34	34
Tonga		34				0	34	34
Trinidad and Tobago		756				0	756	756
Tunisia		1,100				0	1,100	1,100
Turkey		12,782				0	12,782	12,782
Uganda		200				0	200	200
Ukraine		1,340				0	1,340	1,340
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		210,523	210,523			0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania		206				0	206	206
Venezuela		5,876				0	5,876	5,876
Viet Nam		722				0	722	722
Zambia		69	103			0	(34)	(34)
Grand Total	0	2,022,422	363,894	0	0	0	1,658,528	1,658,528

ANNEX VII

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED
ACTIVITIES OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BH)
Status as at 31 December 2004 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
Sweden			28,793		28,793	0
Total	0	0	28,793	0	28,793	0

ANNEX VIII

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

Status as at 31 December 2004 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.03	Adjustments	Pledges for 2004	Collections in 2004 for prior years	Collections in 2004 for 2004 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2004 & prior years
Austria			23,958		23,958	0
Norway			28,500		28,500	0
Sweden			36,156		36,156	0
Total	0	0	88,614	0	88,614	0

ANNEX IX

LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(as at 31 December 2004)

2003		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
16- 17 January 2003	Scoping Meeting of the Advisory Group for the 2 nd Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook Report	Montreal, Canada
10-12 February 2003	Expert Group on Indicators of Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada
19-21 February 2003	Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies	Montreal, Canada
24-26 February 2003	Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge and the Clearing House Mechanism	Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia
9 March 2003	SBSTTA Bureau Meeting	Montreal, Canada
9 March 2003	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing House Mechanism	Montreal, Canada
10-14 March 2003	Eighth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
15 March 2003	Joint Meeting of the ICCP and COP-6 Bureaux	Montreal, Canada
17-20 March 2003	Open-ended Meeting of the Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010	Montreal, Canada
31 March – 2 April 2003	African Regional Meeting on Capacity Building for the Clearing House Mechanism	Nairobi, Kenya
10-11 April 2003	Biosafety Clearing House Technical Expert Group Meeting	Montreal, Canada
6-8 May 2003	Fourth Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
13-16 May 2003	Workshop of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change	Helsinki, Finland
21-23 May 2003	2010 – the Global Biodiversity Challenge Meeting	London, U.K.
3-5 June 2003	Workshop on Incentive Measures for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Components of Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
10-14 June 2003	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Group of Experts on Protected Areas	Tjärnö, Sweden
1-3 July 2003	Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Mountain Biodiversity	Rome, Italy
7-11 July 2003	Meeting on the further elaboration and Guidelines for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach	Montreal, Canada
12-14 August 2003	Joint Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Meeting on the Clearing House Mechanism and the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network	Cancun, Mexico
28-29 August 2003	Meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
9-11 September 2003	Central and Eastern European Regional Meeting on the Clearing House Mechanism and the European the Clearing House Mechanism	Czech Republic
18 September 2003	Liaison Group meeting on Protected Areas (in conjunction with the World Congress on Protected Areas)	Durban, South Africa
6-8 November 2003	International Workshop on Forest Protected Areas	Montreal, Canada
10-15 November 2003	Ninth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
21 November 2003	Informal Consultations on the proposed 2005-2006 budget of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Geneva, Switzerland
1-5 December 2003	Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing	Montreal, Canada
8-12 December 2003	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada

2004		
DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
22- 23 January 2004	Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Buenos Aires, Argentina
8 February 2004	Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
8 February 2004	African regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
8 February 2004	Third meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9-20 February 2004	Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
13 and 17 February 2004	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
22 February 2004	Joint COP/ICCP Bureau Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
23-27 February 2004	First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24-26 February 2004	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
5 - 7 April 2004	Forests and Forest Ecosystems: Promoting synergy in the three Rio Convention	Viterbo, Italy
1 May 2004	Fourth meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism	Oaxaca, Mexico
20 - 24 June 2004	European Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) Workshop	Isle of Vilm, Germany
13-17 September 2004	Regional Workshop for Africa on Synergy among the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions in implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity	Gabarone, Botswana

4 - 6 October 2004	Coordination meeting for representatives of academic institutions actively involved in education and training programmes in biosafety (organized by SAEFL in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat)	Geneva, Switzerland
9 - 10 October 2004	Second Asian Regional Workshop on the Global Taxonomy Initiative	Wellington, New Zealand
18 October 2004	Liaison Group meeting on indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target	Montreal, Canada
18 - 20 October 2004	Technical Group of Experts on Liability and Redress under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
18 October–15 November 2004	Biosafety Considerations in the use of Genetically Modified Organisms for Management of Animal Populations - Online Conference	On-line conference
19 - 22 October 2004	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level	Montreal, Canada
25 - 27 October 2004	Expert group on outcome-oriented targets for the Programmes of Work on the biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems	Montreal, Canada
1 - 3 November 2004	Workshop on capacity-building and exchange of experiences as related to the implementation of paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol	Bonn, Germany
2 - 3 November 2004	Informal Meeting on Interoperability of Information among the Three Rio and Other Environmental Conventions	Montreal, Canada
9 - 10 November 2004	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
13 - 17 December 2004	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity <i>Island Biodiversity</i>	Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife Canary Islands, Spain