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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 April to 30 June 2005.

## II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. At the kind invitation and with the financial support from the Government of Italy, the Secretariat organized the first meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas in Montecatini, Italy, from 13-17 June 2005. The objective of the work programme is to support the establishment and maintenance (by 2010 for terrestrial and by 2012 for marine areas) of comprehensive, effectively managed, and ecologically representative national and regional systems of Protected Areas. The meeting was well attended with over 450 participants from Parties and organizations and adopted six recommendations. The meeting also welcomed the proposal by the Italian Minister of the Environment to carry a message to the G8 Summit, to be held in Gleneagles from 6 to 8 July 2005, highlighting the importance of protected areas and sustainable use in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and in the importance of providing adequate financial resources to that end.

4. A meeting of donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (activity 3.4.7 of the programme of work), was also held in Montecatini, Italy, from 20-21 June 2005; back-to-back with the meeting on Protected Areas. Some 60 participants actively participated in the meeting. Presentations by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Conservation Finance Alliance, The World Conservation Union – IUCN, the World Bank, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Nature Conservancy, the European Community, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, as well as from representatives of developing countries, small island developing states and countries with economies in transition Party to the Convention were made during the two-day meeting as follows: Tanzania and Liberia from Africa; Indonesia and Palau from Asia; a joint presentation by Latin American and Caribbean countries including Belize, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Panama, and Peru, and Albania and the Russian Federation from countries with economies in transition. The meeting adopted the Montecatini Financial Considerations for Protected Areas.

5. During the second quarter of 2005, the Secretariat organized a number of biosafety-related meetings namely: the first meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol (25-27 May 2005), Biosafety Clearing-house Training Workshop (28-29 May 2005) and the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP/MOP-2) (30 May – 3 June 2005). All the meetings took place in Montreal, Canada.

6. The Secretariat organized the following meetings during the second quarter of 2005: two back-to-back meetings in Baguio City, Philippines which were organized in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) Foundation namely: the Asian Capacity Building Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities from 25-27 April 2005 and the Asian

regional meeting on the composite report on traditional knowledge from 28-30 April 2005; Latin American Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (14-15 May, New York, USA); *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species (16-20 May, Auckland, New Zealand); African Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (21-22 May, New York, USA); Workshop on Sustainable Use for Central and Eastern Europe (30 May – 2 June, Moscow, Russian Federation); and Workshop to develop a Joint Global Work Plan on Marine Invasive Species (jointly hosted by CBD, UNEP Regional Seas Programme, and GISP) (27-29 June, Montreal, Canada).

7. The Executive Secretary participated in the High Level Segment of the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-13), which took place in New York on 21-22 April 2005.

8. The third meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions was held on 10 May 2005, in Gland, Switzerland. The Group is comprised of the heads of the following organizations: CBD, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES), Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and UNESCO - World Heritage Convention (WHC). The Secretariat prepared the substantive documentation for the meeting. The Liaison Group discussed options for cooperating to achieve and monitor progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target, for a global partnership for biodiversity, and for harmonization of national reporting. The Liaison Group designated focal points among the five conventions to facilitate inter-sessional cooperation, and agreed to increase their participation in each others' meetings, as appropriate. They agreed to jointly prepare a paper to be submitted to the bodies of each convention (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/1/7/Add2). The next meeting of the Liaison Group is scheduled for October 2005, to be hosted by CMS.

9. The Executive Secretary attended the International Seminar on Intellectual Property and Development, which was organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva on 2-3 May 2005 where he gave a presentation on Biodiversity and Access to Genetic Resources.

10. Preparations for the first meeting of the Open-ended *Ad hoc* Working Group on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention scheduled from 5-9 September 2005 in Montreal are well underway. Following the extension of the deadline for submission from Parties to 1 May 2005, the Secretariat has received additional submissions. Pre-session documents for the Working Group were prepared and made available for external peer review on the Secretariat's website. Parties are invited (via official Notification) to nominate their representatives by 15 July 2005, and to provide comments on the pre-session documents by 1 July 2005. Additional information on the meeting is available at [www.biodiv.org/wgri](http://www.biodiv.org/wgri).

11. The Secretariat participated in the Workshop on Implementation and Effectiveness of the Convention on Biological Diversity (11-13 May, Chatham House, London, United Kingdom). The objective of the workshop was to identify priority issues and potential options for action in contribution to preparations for the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Review Implementation of the Convention. Approximately 60 participants from governments, international secretariats, indigenous and local communities, NGOs, business and academia also attended the meeting.

12. The Secretariat is working closely with the Director of the International Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB) which is scheduled to take place in Galway, Ireland from 22-26 August 2005.

13. Work on the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge is ongoing. Preparations are currently underway to hold a second meeting in the fall of 2005 to, *inter alia*, advance on proposed actions from the January 2005 meeting and follow-up on outcomes of the Working Group on Review of Implementation meeting.

14. The Secretariat assisted with the organization of and participated in the launch of the Biodiversity Synthesis of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) on 19 May 2005, at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. The Executive Secretary, the Director of the MA and government officials gave presentations in the morning session, with two scientific speakers' panels held in the afternoon. The Secretariat also presented the findings of the assessment at the St. Lawrence Centre of Environment Canada on 25 June 2005.
15. In accordance with COP decision VII/30, the Secretariat concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) in respect of the preparation of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity outlook.
16. The Secretariat made a presentation at the Parliament of Finland (15 June 2005, Helsinki), during a seminar on synergies among the Rio Conventions convened by the Parliament's Environment Committee. The Secretariat also participated in a workshop organized by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Workshop on MEAs and Private Investment (16-17 June 2005, Helsinki, Finland).
17. A five-member delegation from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) visited the Secretariat on 11 April. Discussions revolved around areas of mutual cooperation. The Secretariat was represented at the twenty-fifth meeting of the GEF Council, which took place from 3-8 June 2005 in Washington, D.C., USA and made a statement at the opening plenary session.
18. In May 2005, a revised Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with FAO was signed to establish a framework for cooperation between the two organizations in the area of biological diversity of relevance to food and agriculture with a view to promoting synergy between the Parties, ensuring complementarity and mutual support in their work, and better serving the members of FAO and the contracting parties to the CBD. Also in May 2005, a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar) was concluded to foster programme cooperation, including joint work plans and establish new and specific mechanisms for enhancing synergies and partnerships to achieve common goals.
19. The Secretariat's WebPages on Cooperation with Other Conventions, Organizations and Initiatives are updated with new information, and aligned more closely with the Strategic Plan and 2010 Target ([www.biodiv.org/cooperation](http://www.biodiv.org/cooperation)).
20. Discussions are ongoing with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) on providing guidance on the integration of migratory species into CBD programmes of work and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and development of a CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme for 2006-2011.
21. Discussions are underway with the Government of Brazil in respect of preparations for COP-8 and COP/MOP-3 meetings.
22. During the second quarter of 2005, the following countries acceded/ratified the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Azerbaijan, China, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Saint Lucia, Sudan, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, bringing the total number of Parties to the Protocol to 124.
23. Recruitment is well underway to fill the current vacancies in the Secretariat in both the General Service and Professional categories.
24. During the second quarter of 2005, the Secretariat was represented at the following meetings: Seventh session of the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures of the International Plant Protection Convention (4-8 April, Rome, Italy); Consultation with OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (7-8 April, Paris, France); Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) Task Force

on Streamlining Forest-related Reporting (12-13 April, New York, USA); Annual Meeting of the Scientific Committee of DIVERSITAS (20-22 April, Tokyo, Japan); Meeting organized by the Faculty of Kennesaw State University whereby a presentation was made on “The Ecosystem Approach, Biodiversity Indicators and Sustainable Use” (22 April, Georgia, USA); Fifth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF-5) including the High Level Segment (15-17 May and 25 May, New York, USA); Annual Meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) including the Steering Committee Meeting on Capacity Building in Biodiversity and Impact Assessment, the Workshop on CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity in EIA and SEA, the Joint Workshop of the Biodiversity and Trade Section of IAIA and the sessions of the Biodiversity and Ecology Stream (30 May – 3 June, Boston, USA); WIPO *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Meeting on Genetic Resources and Disclosure Requirements (3 June, Geneva, Switzerland); Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture (5-7 June, Montpellier, France); United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea (6-8 June, New York, USA); UNFCCC Seminar on the Development and Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies for Adaptation to Climate Change (14-16 June, Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago); First Production and Authors Meeting for the Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-4) (20-24 June, Nairobi, Kenya); Ministerial Conference on Biotechnology (21-24 June, Bamako, Mali); and the Meeting of the Steering and Scientific committee members to follow-up on the Paris Conference on Biodiversity (28 June, Paris, France).

### III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### A. Personnel Arrangements

25. During this period, there were 31 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were five vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, four professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

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

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

#### B. Financial Arrangements

28. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2005, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,662,807 for 2005 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$6,612,004, of which \$1,964,031 were 2005 pledges paid in 2004, and \$4,647,973 were pledges paid in 2005 for 2005 and future years. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2005 and prior years amount to US\$2,085,935. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

29. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2005, the total pledged for 2005 amounts to US\$2,129,817. The total collected for 2005 as at 30 June 2005 was US\$1,422,519. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$827,177. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

30. As at 30 June 2005, pledges totalling US\$984,501 have been made as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**) in

2005. To date US\$727,487 has been paid. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$297,014. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

31. As at 30 June 2005, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,192,689 for 2005 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,638,972, of which US\$365,646 was received in advance of 2005 and US\$1,273,077 has been received in 2005 for 2005 and future years. As at 30 June 2005, total unpaid pledges to the BG Trust Fund for 2005 amounts to US\$553,966. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

32. As at 30 June 2005, three Parties have contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$71,761 have been made and received. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

33. As at 30 June 2005, thirteen Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). Pledges totalling US\$551,890 have been received in 2005, of which US\$404,724 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$147,166. 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**

#### DECISION VII/1: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

34. In decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to consider the need to minimize the reporting burden on Parties by taking into account reporting under the United Nations Forum on Forests and other international mechanisms.

35. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to establish a liaison group on non-timber forest resources to develop proposals to bring harvesting of non timber forest products, with emphasis on bushmeat, to sustainable levels.

36. The same decision requested the Executive Secretary to continue his active support for and participation in the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

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 (AHTEG) 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) Reporting

39. The Secretariat participated in the CPF Task Force Expert Consultation on Streamlining Forest Related-Reporting held in New York from 13-14 April 2005. In addition to Task Force members, experts from five countries of different regions provided feed-back to the Task Force's proposed web-based Joint Information Framework. Country experts welcomed the effort of the task force to facilitate access to forest-related country reports to all the major international processes and acknowledged the step made to organize the information according to the seven internationally adopted thematic elements of sustainable forest management.



40. Following an invitation from the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), the Secretariat agreed to participate, as a member of CPF, in the further development of IUFROs' Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) (<http://www.gfis.net>) through sharing relevant metadata and other information initiatives that could help to reduce reporting burden by countries. It is expected that the partnership with IUFRO will broaden access to forest information while promoting the visibility of the CBD forest programme.

(b) Bushmeat

41. The Secretariat is currently working on a revised version of the report on bushmeat following the receipt of comments from members of the liaison group through an electronic forum.

(c) Support to UNFF and CPF

42. The Secretariat participated in the 15th and 16th meetings of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests prior to the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests in New York (UNFF5). At UNFF5, the Secretariat delivered a statement in plenary under the agenda item on enhanced cooperation, and also hosted a side event on the incorporation of outcome-oriented targets into the forest work programme based on the work of the AHTEG on Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity. The Secretariat also participated in the high-level ministerial segment of UNFF5 and delivered a statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary. The Secretariat participated in the following roundtables: "Restoring the World's Forests" and "Forest law and Governance for sustainability". In addition, the Secretariat contributed to the following side events: "CPF side event on joint initiatives", "Ecosystem approach and Sustainable Forest Management: Changing Realities" and "World Wide Fund for Nature and World Bank Partnership".

(d) Outcome-oriented targets

43. The Secretariat hosted an electronic discussion, as a special issue of the CBD forest web portal, on the draft outcome oriented targets for the forest work programme that resulted from the second meeting of the AHTEG on Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity. A synthesis, containing views and suggestions on relevant indicators of progress to achieve each target, was also prepared for use at the third meeting of the AHTEG to be held in Germany in late July 2005. At this meeting, the AHTEG, in addition to producing its proposal for review of implementation by COP 8, will finalize the incorporation of outcome-oriented targets into the forest work programme for consideration by SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting in late 2005.

(e) Other

44. The Secretariat reprinted 2000 copies of the CBD Technical Series no. 7 on Status and Trends of, and Major Threats to, Forest Biological Diversity for further distribution.

45. Pursuant to activity 3.2 in the context of the Letter of Intent with the Government of the Netherlands, the Secretariat is preparing a concept paper outlining the development of regional partnerships on forest biological diversity for Latin America and the Caribbean.

46. An intern, Ms. Leah Mohammed, has been assigned to assist in the preparation of documents related to the upcoming meeting on review of implementation of the forest work programme in Bonn, Germany (July 25-29th), and a SBSTTA 11 information document on cross sectorial integration and forest biodiversity.

47. The Secretariat sent a statement on the contributions of the forest work programme to forest restoration to the Forest Landscape Restoration workshop held in Petropolis, Brazil, in April 2005

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

48. 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.

49. Furthermore, in decision V/23 SBSTTA was requested to periodically review the status and trends of biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands to be documented and delivered in conjunction with the detailed review of the implementation of the work programme at COP8 as mandated by decision VII/31.

50. In response the following activities were carried out:

51. A review of the status and trends of biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands has been drafted and circulated to SBSTTA focal points for peer review. Only two responses have so far been received.

52. A set of draft global outcome oriented targets for the dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity programme of work have been circulated to SBSTTA focal points for peer review. No comments have been received thus far.

53. An in-depth review of implementation of the dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity programme of work has been drafted as per COP decision VII/31. To facilitate this review the Secretariat distributed a questionnaire to 44 agencies and has received responses from 11 agencies. The completed review will be circulated for peer review in the coming weeks.

54. A teleconference was held with the UNCCD Secretariat to discuss the implementation of the joint work programme on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands. It was agreed that upcoming efforts would focus on (i) the mobilization of each Convention's roster of experts in support of the identification of areas of particular value and/or under threat; and (ii) a review of UNCCD and CBD national reports and action plans to facilitate the compilation of information on the current status and trends of dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity. The UNCCD Secretariat was also invited to host a side event at COP8.

55. Members of the Secretariat and participants to the Ad Hoc Working group on Protected Areas meeting visited the Cinque Terre National Park in Italy on 19 June 2005. The Cinque Terre National Park is listed in the UNESCO's World Heritage List and has put into practice the ecosystem approach resulting in an exemplary combination of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in a Mediterranean landscape protected area.

## **DECISION VII/3: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

56. In paragraph 6 of decision VII/3, the Conference of the Parties took note of the report of the Executive Secretary on the impacts of trade liberalization on agricultural biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/14 and 15). In the same decision, the COP invited Parties and other Governments to consider and promote, as appropriate and subject to national legislation and international law, the mainstreaming of agricultural biodiversity in their plans, programmes and strategies.

57. In this connection and as part of the implementation of the programme of work the following activities were undertaken:

58. The Secretariat collaborated with the Economics and Trade Branch of UNEP on the development of an Integrated Assessment of Trade-Related Policies in the Agricultural Sector. The aim of this initiative is to support the implementation of the Convention by building national institutional and governmental capacities in developing countries for assessing, designing and implementing policies that maximize development gains from trade-related policies in the agricultural sector while minimizing the impact on agricultural biodiversity.

59. The Executive Secretary submitted to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations a summary report on the activities undertaken within the framework of the Convention on (i) monitoring the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and (ii) preparation of the Second Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources. This report will be considered by the Third Meeting of the Inter-governmental Technical Working Group on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

#### **DECISION VII/4: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS**

60. 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.

61. In decision VII/4, the Conference of the Parties 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 aimed at avoiding overlaps in the work of both Conventions. It 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.

62. The decision, urges Parties to share information and lessons learned from the application of national and regional policies, plans and best practices, from the application of water frameworks, including specific examples of successful policy interventions to conserve and sustainably use inland waters, and requests the Executive Secretary to summarize this and related available information for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

63. Decision VII/4 requests the Executive Secretary to compile, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, information on mountain ecosystems and their role as water suppliers and examples of transferable technologies relevant to the implementation of the revised programme of work on inland water biodiversity also relevant to mountain ecosystems, and ensure that this information is considered in the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity and taking into account, *inter alia*, the work of the Committee on Forestry of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

64. It also requests the Executive Secretary to develop with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention a proposal, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, on streamlining and improving the effectiveness of national reporting on inland water ecosystems, taking into account the work of the Task Force on Streamlining Forest-related Reporting established in the framework of United Nations Forum on Forests and other initiatives for harmonizing biodiversity-related national reports.

65. Additionally it recognizes the need for reliable baseline data and subsequent regular national assessments of the status and trends of, and threats to, inland water biodiversity as a basis for decision-making on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity of inland water ecosystems and, accordingly, requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations, in particular the Ramsar Convention, the United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the Global International Waters Assessment (GIWA) among others, and making use of all available information, to prepare, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting:

(a) a work plan with defined timeframe, ways, means, and capacity needs for assessing the extent, distribution and characteristics of inland water ecosystems, including, *inter alia*, biological characteristics and those chemical and physical characteristics relevant to the conservation and

sustainable use of biodiversity, including necessary requirements for ecosystem based approaches, where possible using and not duplicating the efforts of other initiatives;

(b) a report on information, and sources of information, on the trends of inland water biodiversity, definition of agreed baselines, relevant indicators and frequency of the assessments; and

(c) a work plan with ways and means for assessing processes and categories of activities which have or are likely to have significant adverse impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of inland water biological diversity.

66. The decision further invites the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, respectively, and in line with paragraph 30 of resolution VIII.10 of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention, and with a view to achieving a more comprehensive coverage of components of biological diversity through the designation of Ramsar sites:

(a) To further elaborate the guidelines on existing criteria for the following features:

(i) Wetlands supporting wild relatives of domesticated or cultivated species;

(ii) Wetlands that support species or communities and genomes or genes of economic, social, scientific or cultural importance;

(iii) Wetlands supporting species or communities that are important for research into the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity including indicators of ecosystem health and integrity; and

(iv) Wetlands that support important populations of taxonomic groups with wetland-dependent species, including, *inter alia*, amphibians;

(b) To consider the development of additional criteria, including, as appropriate, quantitative criteria; and

(c) To develop guidelines on the geographical scale at which criteria should be applied.

67. Decision VII/4 requests the Executive Secretary to compile, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, information on mountain ecosystems and their role as water suppliers and examples of transferable technologies relevant to the implementation of the revised programme of work on inland water biodiversity also relevant to mountain ecosystems, and ensure that this information is considered in the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity and taking into account, *inter alia*, the work of the Committee on Forestry of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The related decision VII/27 para. 10(e) also requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant conventions and organizations, to collect, review, evaluate and share, through the Clearing-house Mechanism and other means, existing information about the role of mountain ecosystems in producing and maintaining freshwater resources.

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

69. The Secretariat has continued to work closely with collaborators on the study of the linkages between conservation and sustainable use of inland water biodiversity and poverty alleviation/sustainable livelihoods, including human health considerations, and two sections of the proposed report are now on-hand (case studies on the ornamental fish trade, and the use of local/traditional knowledge).

70. The CBD Secretariat and the Ramsar Secretariat have continued to work closely and in particular in relation to the production of documents for SBSTTA 11 on site criteria and reporting and information generation. Both of these activities involve the two-way flow of information including on the part of the Ramsar Secretariat by ensuring relevant CBD decisions and SBSTTA recommendations are included in documents provided to Ramsar COP9.

71. Further to the issuance of notification 2005-021, the Executive Secretary has so far received nine responses, and eleven in response to notification 2005-014.

72. The Secretariat is producing a draft document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/12) which attempts to consolidate relevant considerations including drawing attention to the related subjects regarding proposals on ways and means for making the review of the programme of work more comprehensive and to develop cost-effective means to report on implementation of the programme of work as measured against the global targets. In relation to the criteria for the identification and designation of Ramsar Sites, the CBD Secretariat, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention, has produced a final draft of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/13 which incorporates peer review comments received. In addition, the two Secretariats have made arrangements for the relevant draft Ramsar documents (on guidelines for site designation etc.) to be made available to SBSTTA through the Ramsar web-site, enabling SBSTTA to contribute to this process prior to Ramsar COP9 which immediately precedes SBSTTA 11.

73. In response to Decisions VII/4, paragraph 14(a), and VII/27, paragraph 10(e), the Executive Secretary has issued notification 205-14 to this end. A draft document providing the required information has been prepared. Case studies are still being received and will be posted through the clearing house mechanism.

#### **DECISION VII/5: MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

74. 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.

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

(a) Implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management (IMCAM)

76. The Secretariat has undertaken the following activities to prepare for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Implementation of IMCAM: (i) Finalization of expert selection process and invitation of selected experts; and (ii) finalization of a background document which reviews obstacles to implementation of IMCAM, and propose ways and means to overcome those obstacles. The meeting of the Expert Group is scheduled for 11-15 July 2005 in Montreal, Canada.

(b) Marine and coastal living resources

77. The Secretariat participated in the meeting of the United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea (ICP), which took place in New York from 6 to 10 June 2005. In addition, the Secretariat took part in two side meetings that were held in the margins of the ICP. These were a meeting of the UN coordinating mechanism on oceans issues (UN-OCEANS) and a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Global Forum on Oceans and Coasts.

78. The Secretariat has prepared and sent for peer review a document on deep seabed genetic resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. As requested in paragraph 54 of decision VII/5, the document presents information on the methods for the identification, assessment and monitoring of genetic resources in the deep seabed beyond the limits of national jurisdiction; compiles and synthesizes information on the status and trends of, and threats to such genetic resources, and proposes technical options for their protection. Once finalized, the document will be presented for the consideration of SBSTTA-11.

79. The Secretariat is collaborating with UNEP-WCMC in the preparation of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment synthesis report on marine and coastal ecosystems and human well-being.

80. Even though the Secretariat was unable to participate in the meeting of the Coordination and Planning Committee of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI CPC), a progress report describing relevant CBD activities has been forwarded to ICRI.

(c) Marine and coastal protected areas

81. The Regional Seas Programme of the United Nations Environment Programme and the CBD Secretariat have completed an analysis of how regional networks of marine and coastal protected areas contribute towards the World Summit on Sustainable Development 2012 target on a representative networks, which was agreed upon in decisions VII/5 and VII/28. The Regional Seas Programme provided an intern to work under the supervision of the Secretariat to complete this project. The final results will be used to inform SBSTTA in accordance with decision VII/5.

82. Two background studies on marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction were prepared for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June). The first study explored scientific aspects of biodiversity in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, while the second study provided an analysis of the international legal regime in these areas. This work jointly implements decisions on marine and coastal biodiversity and on protected areas (see also under decision VII/28 below).

(d) Invasive alien species

83. The Secretariat collaborated with the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) and the UNEP Regional Seas Programme to hold a workshop to develop a Joint Work Programme on Marine Invasive Alien Species with key stakeholders and organizations. This workshop took place at the Secretariat offices in Montreal from 27 to 29 June. The workshop identified gaps in activities relating to marine invasive species, and developed a programme to address those gaps.

#### **DECISION VII/6: ASSESSMENT PROCESSES**

84. 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.

85. 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.

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

(a) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)

87. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the MA Secretariat and McGill University, launched the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment report entitled "Biodiversity and Human Well-being: A Synthesis Report for the Convention on Biological Diversity". The report was launched on 19 May 2005 as part of the celebrations for International Day for Biological Diversity. On this occasion, the Secretariat organized a seminar aimed at providing an in-depth discussion of the report and its relationship to science, and policy as well as a press conference.

(b) Review of pilot assessments

88. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Ramsar Convention, revised, completed and updated the document on rapid assessment methods for the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems and for marine and coastal biological diversity, including reference to socio-economic assessments. This document will be jointly published with the Ramsar Convention.

(c) Other

89. In preparation for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention a document was prepared that discusses options for *inter alia* improving the quality of advice that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice develops for COP, including by improving the scientific rigor of assessments (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/1/3).

90. As a follow-up to the International Conference on “Biodiversity: Science and Governance” (Paris Conference, 24 to 28 January 2005), the Secretariat participated in a meeting to launch an international multi-stakeholder consultative process to assess the need for and feasibility of an International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity. SCBD represented the CMS Secretariat at this meeting, held on 28 June in Paris.

91. The Secretariat also prepared two papers for inclusion in the proceedings of the Paris Conference.

**DECISION VII/7: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

92. 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.

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

(a) Further development of guidelines for environmental impact assessment

94. A review of the first revised draft of the “guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive environmental impact assessment and strategic impact assessment”, prepared by the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment in collaboration with the International Association for Impact Assessment was undertaken by invited experts. The guidelines and the summary of the review comments were then presented at the 2005 Annual Conference of IAIA (Boston, May 2005), and additional comments were received.

95. On the basis of these comments a new draft of the guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive environmental impact assessment has been prepared. The guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive strategic impact assessment are currently being prepared.

(b) Capacity development in biodiversity and impact assessment

96. The Secretariat participated in a meeting of the Steering Committee of the project on “Capacity building in biodiversity and impact assessment in developing countries” (CBBIA), held at the margins of the 2005 Annual Conference of IAIA.

(c) EIA portal

97. The searchable database with case studies on biodiversity-related issues in environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) has been expanded and made public. It includes a facility for the online submission of new case studies. Participants at the 2005 Annual Conference of IAIA were invited to make use of this facility.

(d) Other

98. As a follow-up to the meeting on “Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge” (20 - 21 January 2005, London, UK), the Secretariat exchanged views with the Programme Director of the International Council on Mining & Minerals (ICMM), Andrew Parsons. The meeting took place on 9 May 2005 in Montreal. ICMM has prepared draft good practice guidance for mining and biodiversity through its dialogue with IUCN – the World Conservation Union and invited the Secretariat to review and comment on this document. ICMM will also be invited to participate in the review of the new draft of the guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive environmental impact assessment and strategic impact assessment.

99. On 20 May 2005 Benjamin Simmons (UNEP-Economics and Trade Branch, ETB) visited the Secretariat to discuss the ETB trade and biodiversity initiative. The aim of this initiative is to support the implementation of the CBD by building national institutional and governmental capacities in developing countries for assessing, designing and implementing policies that maximize development gains from trade-related policies in the agricultural sector while minimizing the impact on agricultural biodiversity. It was agreed to make use of possible linkages to the ongoing work under the CBD on impact assessment and indicators.

**DECISION VII/8: MONITORING AND INDICATORS**

100. 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.

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

102. The Secretariat supported the preparation, by UNEP-WCMC of a Block-B project proposal for submission to the GEF to support the development and sustainability of indicators to assess progress towards the 2010 target (see also under decision VII/30 below).

103. The Secretariat continued discussions with UNESCO, SIL-International, BirdLife-International and a number of linguists to examine the feasibility of applying the Red List index approach to language data. UNESCO coordinates the development of the development of this indicator.

104. The Secretariat discussed options for indicators on sustainable use with the Expert Group on Sustainable Use Indicators for the Streamlining European 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Project, the Joint Secretariat for the Pan- European Biological and Landscape Diversity and the IUCN Sustainable Use Specialist Group.

105. The Secretariat gave a presentation on biodiversity monitoring at the meeting of the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme (CBMP) established by the Conservation of Arctic Fauna and Flora Working Group (CAFF) of the Arctic Council. The meeting, held in Ottawa from 27 to 28 April 2005, served to develop the CBMP as a coordinating entity, helping to bring together existing monitoring data on Arctic biodiversity, facilitate common methodologies for data collection and analyses, and initiate relevant programmes to address gaps. The Secretariat is a member of the steering committee of the CBMP.

**DECISION VII/9: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE**

106. Decision VII/9 on the GTI 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.



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

108. An in-depth review of implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative has been drafted as per COP decision VII/31. This note by the Executive Secretary will be considered by SBSTTA-11 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA11/5)

109. In preparing this review, the Secretariat (i) held a telephone conference call with the member of the GTI Coordination Mechanism; (ii) prepared a list of global and regional taxonomic databases, publications, research projects and websites; (iii) reviewed NBSAPS and national reports regarding national taxonomic priorities and (iv) identified obstacles to and priority actions for the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative. A research fellow from Tunisia is participating in this work.

#### **DECISION VII/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION**

110. 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.

111. In paragraph 7 of this decision, the COP invited Parties, other Governments, the financial mechanism, and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely support to the implementation of the strategy.

112. Furthermore, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, with the support of members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, to elaborate proposals for a toolkit, including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the targets into their strategies, plans and programmes, for review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

113. In the same decision the COP emphasized that the Strategy is to be implemented in a flexible way, and with due regard to the need for capacity building in identifying and achieving national targets, particularly in developing countries, especially the least developed and small island States among them, and countries with economies in transition

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

115. The Secretariat, in liaison with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, has initiated a series of discussions on strengthening the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation at national and regional levels. The Secretariat made keynote presentations at the International Symposium on the *ex-situ* conservation of Wild Plants, (8-9 April 2005, Cordoba, Spain) and the Regional Meeting of the Arabian Plant Specialist Group (3-4 May 2005, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates).

116. The Secretariat participated in the planning meeting of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, hosted by FAO in Rome from 16 to 17 May 2005.

117. The Global Partnership for Plant Conservation is organizing the Plants 2010 Conference, which focuses on strengthening the implementation of the GSPC at the national and regional levels. The Conference will be held in Dublin, Ireland, from 22-25 October 2005. The HSBC Investing in Nature Partnership, through Botanic Gardens Conservation International will provide limited support to national GSPC focal points to attend the conference. Additional support is being raised by the Partnership.

118. A workshop on Threat Assessment for Plant Species in Malaysia has been organized by the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (28-30 June 2005). The Secretariat has provided relevant inputs. The workshop is partly supported by Flora and Fauna International, a member of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation.

119. The Secretariat has assisted in incorporating the GSPC targets into various proposals under development including proposals prepared by the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), the further development of the Botanical and Zoological Network for Eastern Africa (BOZONET) and the Southern Africa Botanical Network (SABONET). Further inputs have been provided to the Outreach and Capacity Building Programme of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) and Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI).

120. The Secretariat, together with the Partnership, is organizing a symposium to review the progress on the GSPC and the challenges. The symposium will be held at the forthcoming International Botanical Congress (18-22 July 2005, Vienna, Austria).

#### **DECISION VII/11: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH**

121. 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 organization develop tools specific to each sector and biome;

(c) Continue collection of case-studies at national, sub-regional, regional and international level 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;

122. 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.

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

##### Database of case studies

124. The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of the UK, continues to update the case study database with new case studies. The case study database has been made publicly available on the CBD website at <http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/cross-cutting/ecosystem/sourcebook/search.shtml>. In addition, the other relevant materials relating to the sourcebook are being prepared.

#### **DECISION VII/13: ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES**

125. 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.

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

#### Gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks

127. The AHTEG was convened from 16 to 20 May 2005 in Auckland, New Zealand. A total of 23 participants and observers took part in the meeting. The meeting identified a number of specific gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework for invasive alien species, and identified possible actions to address those gaps and inconsistencies. The final report of the meeting will be made available on the CBD website once it is finalized, and will be submitted to SBSTTA-11.

128. The Secretariat hosted a workshop, organized by the Global Invasive Species Programme, in collaboration with the CBD and the UNEP Regional Seas Conventions unit, aiming to develop a Joint Work Programme on Marine Invasive Alien Species (27 to 29 June 2005, Montreal, Canada). The workshop identified gaps in activities relating to marine invasive species, and developed a programme to address those gaps (see also under decision VII/5 above).

129. At the margins of this workshop, options for the development of an indicator on trends in invasive alien species as one of the indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target were discussed. GISP will discuss the feasibility within its network and develop proposals.

#### Other

130. The Secretariat submitted two abstracts for the International Plant Health Risk Analysis Workshop, which is organized under the auspices of the International Plant Protection Convention and will be held from 24-28 October 2005 in Niagara Falls, Canada. The proposed sessions are on the CBD work programme on invasive alien species and on risk assessment and management of living modified organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

### **DECISION VII/15: BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

131. 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.

132. In response to this decision, and following recommendation X/13 from the tenth meeting of SBSTTA to establish an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change the Secretariat: (i) finalized the selection of experts; (ii) received and reviewed the first draft of the background document prepared by a consultant for consideration by the Group; and (iii) sent to the Government of Finland a draft Memorandum of Understanding on hosting the AHTEG, for signature.

### **DECISION VII/26: COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS**

133. In decision VII/26, the Conference of the Parties urged further enhanced cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and all relevant international conventions, organizations and bodies, strengthening and building on existing cooperative arrangements to enhance synergies and reduce inefficiencies in a manner consistent with their respective mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes, within existing resources.

134. In response to this request, the following activities were carried out:

135. The Executive Secretary and relevant Secretariat staff participated in, and prepared the substantive documentation for, the third meeting of the liaison group of the biodiversity-related conventions (CBD, CITES, CMS, Ramsar and WHC), held in Gland, Switzerland, 10 May 2005. The Liaison Group discussed options for cooperating to achieve and monitor progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target, for a global partnership for biodiversity, and for harmonization of national reporting. The Liaison Group designated focal points among the five conventions to facilitate inter-sessional cooperation, and agreed to increase their participation in each others' meetings, as appropriate. The final report of the meeting will be made available as UNEP/CBD/WGRI/INF/7. The next meeting of the Liaison Group is scheduled for October 2005, to be hosted by CMS.

136. The Secretariat participated in the meeting of the Scientific Committee of DIVERSITAS (20-22 April 2005, Tokyo, Japan). The invitation extended to SCBD followed a meeting between representatives of DIVERSITAS and the Secretariat at the margins of the Meeting of the Ecological Economics, on 12 July 2004, in which areas of potential collaboration were discussed. The SC meeting served to review, provide feedback and scientific inputs into the progress reports and DIVERSITAS science plans, including the three core areas and several established or planned cross-cutting networks. It also served to review preparations of the Open Science Conference in November in Oaxaca, Mexico. Members of the SC-DIVERSITAS representatives expressed a keen interest in working to provide scientific (in the broad sense) inputs to the CBD process. The meeting resulted in the initiation of a formal dialogue with DIVERSITAS and the identification of areas where DIVERSITAS could make value-added contributions. It also led to the establishment of ongoing informal communication between relevant SCBD programme officers and SC-DIVERSITAS members.

137. The Secretariat has contributed to the CGIAR Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture. A member of the Secretariat attended a workshop (5 to 8 June, Montpellier, France) to finalize the outline for the chapter on "ecosystems" and to provide relevant technical inputs and case studies. It was agreed that the Secretariat would produce a short explanation of "biodiversity" and how it related to the subjects in question in the opening section on "key messages". The Secretariat promoted biodiversity more as a cross-cutting theme and recommended it not be dealt with as a separate subject. Overall, the assessment is drawing the conclusion that "diversity" is generally good, for a number of related reasons, and that this message should be emphasized in all sections where appropriate. Linkages between the Comprehensive Assessment and the CBD, in particular the programmes of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and agricultural biodiversity, were also explained. The CBD was subsequently invited to join the Assessment more formally as a "co-sponsor".

138. The Secretariats of the CBD and the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) have collaborated in undertaking work to review how migratory species considerations can be better incorporated into CBD work programmes and NBSAPs. This will form a major input into the current review of the Joint Work Programme between the two Conventions, which will be finalized for consideration by COP8. This has included consideration of how that process links with the on-going activities of the working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. A side event at the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (June 13 to 17, Montecatini, Italy) on migratory species, corridors and networks, was jointly organized by the Secretariats of the CBD and CMS (see also under decision VII/28).

139. The Secretariat webpages on cooperation with other conventions, organizations and initiatives were updated with new information, and aligned more closely with the Strategic Plan and 2010 target ([www.biodiv.org/cooperation](http://www.biodiv.org/cooperation)). Work is underway to develop a searchable database of the Convention's partners.

140. Other cooperation activities are described under the relevant decisions.

### **DECISION VII/27: MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

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

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

143. The Secretariat continued to liaise with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change, the Sustainable Mountain Partnership and the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment of DIVERSITAS on the preparation of global outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on mountain biological diversity.

144. Based on the inputs and review comments received from these and other organizations a draft document on global outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on mountain biological diversity has been prepared. This document will be considered by SBSTTA-11.

### **DECISION VII/28: PROTECTED AREAS**

145. In decision VII/28 the Conference of Parties adopted the programme of work on protected areas and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake supporting activities aimed at facilitating its implementation. In 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 prior to COP 8.

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

147. The Secretariat organized and serviced the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas (13 to 17 June 2005, Montecatini, Italy) and the Meeting of donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (20 to 21 June 2005, Montecatini, Italy). The Secretariat prepared five pre-session and three information documents for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas. All the pre-session documents were peer reviewed (see also decision VII/5). The Working Group meeting adopted six recommendations contained in the report of the meeting (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/6). The meeting of donor agencies and other organizations recognized some possible / potential options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them and countries with economies in transition for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas. The report of the Donors' meeting (UNEP/CBD/PA/DONORS/1/3) is being finalized.

148. During the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas the Secretariat co-organized and/or participated in a number of side events, including on the countdown 2010 initiative; high seas and deep oceans beyond national jurisdiction; the circumpolar protected areas network; country early action towards the implementation of the programme of work; financing African protected areas; migratory ranges, pathways, corridors and networks of protected areas; and getting started: implementing the programme of work on protected areas. The Government of Italy organised a field visit for the participants of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas to Cinque Terre National Park. This national park which harbours Mediterranean and marine ecosystems and has relevance to programmes of work on protected areas and dry and sub-humid lands biological diversity.

149. The Secretariat, in collaboration with IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN-WCPA) and The Nature Conservancy, published a user guide on the protected areas programme of work entitled "Towards Effective Protected Area Systems: An Action Guide to Implement the Convention on

Biological Diversity” (CBD Technical Series 18). The guide was presented at the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas in Montecatini.

150. The Secretariat also published a special edition of the CBD News titled “Protected areas for achieving biodiversity targets.

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

151. 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. In recommendations X/4, X/5 and X/6 SBSTTA gave additional guidance.

152. Paragraph 23 of decision VII/31 establishes an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, to consider progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan and achievements leading up to the 2010 target in line with the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties, to review the impacts and effectiveness of existing processes under the Convention, such as meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, national focal points and the Secretariat, as part of the overall process for improving the operations of the Convention and implementation of the Strategic Plan, and to consider ways and means of identifying and overcoming obstacles to the effective implementation of the Convention.

153. In response to the provisions contained in the decision and subsequent recommendations the following activities were carried out:

#### **(a) Indicators**

154. A database with available global, regional and national datasets relevant to the 2010 indicators has been prepared. Datasets, including a detailed characterization of the technical aspects, are being compiled. It is envisaged that the database will be made public at the end of July and that the submission of additional datasets by the public will be permitted. This is expected to lead to the inclusion of relevant national datasets.

155. The Secretariat collaborated with UNEP-WCMC to develop a project on the further development and long-term implementation of the 2010 indicators. A GEF project to build partnerships among relevant organizations is being negotiated. Discussions continued on the further development of individual indicators, in particular those on sustainable use and traditional knowledge. The Secretariat continued to discuss options and approaches with relevant partners.

156. The Secretariat prepared terms of reference to commission UNESCO to develop an index on trends in indigenous languages and numbers of speakers. Funding for this contract has been made available by the Government of the Netherlands through the Letter of Intent with the Secretariat.

#### **(b) Outcome-oriented targets**

157. As part of the in-depth review of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity, a document on draft outcome oriented targets has been prepared and made available to SBSTTA focal points for review (see also under decision VII/2).

158. Following inputs from relevant organizations, a document on draft outcome oriented targets for the programme of work on mountain biodiversity has been prepared. The document will be presented to SBSTTA-11 (see also under decision VII/27).

159. The Secretariat has also prepared a document on the draft outcome oriented targets for the forest work programme for consideration by the third meeting of the AHTEG on the review of implementation of the programme of work, to be held in Germany in late July 2005 (see also under decision VII/1).

(c) Preparation of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

160. The Secretariat commissioned UNEP-WCMC to prepare drafts of chapters 1 to 4 of the Second Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO). The contents of the chapters have been prepared on the basis of guidance provided by SBSTTA. The Secretariat commented on a more elaborate outline prepared by UNEP-WCMC. The chapters are due in July 2005.

(d) Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention

161. The Secretariat continued preparations for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of the Implementation of the Convention. Further submissions on this topic were received from Parties following extension of the deadline for submission to 1 May 2005. Pre-session documents for the Working Group were prepared and made available for external peer review on the Secretariat's website. The Secretariat distributed a notification inviting Parties to nominate representatives to the Working Group by 15 July 2005, and to provide comments on the pre-session documents by 1 July 2005.

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

162. In accordance with decision VII/31, the Secretariat, in collaboration with relevant partners, prepared an in-depth review of implementation of the dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity programme of work and of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative.

**DECISION VII/32: MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

163. Decision VII/32 requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, and taking into account ongoing work, to bring forward options for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition, and to work together with relevant organizations to strengthen existing initiatives, enhance synergies and fully integrate biodiversity concerns into their work.

164. In response to these directives, the Secretariat is continuing to collaborate with FAO and IPGRI on advancing the outcomes from the first consultation on biodiversity for food and nutrition, held in Brasilia, Brazil (12-13 March 2005). Following a teleconference among organizers (20 June 2005), work is currently focused on designing the methodology for a literature review on links between biodiversity, food and nutrition, investigating how to mainstream biodiversity concerns into existing food and nutrition policy instruments, and raising awareness through a policy publication.

**SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS**

**DECISION VII/12 ON SUSTAINABLE USE AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE**

165. As requested by decision VII/12, and with financial assistance from the Government of the Netherlands, the Secretariat organized and serviced the regional workshop on sustainable use for the Central and Eastern European region, which was held in Moscow from 30 May to 1 June 2005. The workshop provided a forum for government officials and practitioners to exchange national experiences and to enhance their awareness and understanding of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and other CBD guidelines. The workshop focused on ecosystem services assessments, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use

of biological resources. The report of the workshop will be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eleventh meeting.

166. Preparations were initiated for the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use, which will tentatively take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 12-15 September 2005. The Secretariat issued Notification 2005-062 inviting Governments of the region that are Parties to the Convention, to nominate an expert to participate in the regional workshop.

167. The Secretariat continues to maintain 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. The Secretariat issued Notification 2005-033 reiterating its invitation to 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/subforum.asp>.

168. The Secretariat continued 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 to SBSTTA prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### **DECISION VII/14 ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM**

169. As requested by decision VII/14, and based on the assistance of experts, the Secretariat prepared a Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development, and a glossary and definitions of technical terms used in the Guidelines. By notification 2005-072, the Secretariat circulated the draft and invited Parties, Government and relevant stakeholders to provide their views and comments on the drafts no later than 30 September 2005. The final versions of the Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development and the technical glossary will be submitted to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

170. As requested by the decision, the Secretariat continues to collect, analyze and make available case-studies and other pertinent information through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention.

#### **DECISION VII/16 ON ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

171. Composite Report: The regional consultants hired in late 2004, have provided the first drafts of their regional reports, which will be examined by the Advisory Committee for Article 8 (j) and related provisions. The consultants will subsequently incorporate the advice provided by the Advisory Committee and present the final reports to the Secretariat in late August. To further assist the consultants in finalizing their drafts, three regional workshops were held for Asia, LAC and Africa during April and May. Once finalized, the reports will be circulated to Parties for comments.

172. Regional Workshops: During April and May regional workshops were held in the Philippines from 28-30 April and in New York for both the LAC region (15-16 May) and the African region (22-23 May) to assist the consultants in finalizing the regional reports.

173. Advisory/Steering Committee meets: 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 are represented to assist in the completion of the composite report and to undertake a peer review of the revised version. The Secretariat is organizing the first Advisory Committee meeting, which will be held on 11-14 July 2005. The Committee is expected to provide broad advice on a number of issues related to the preparation of documentation for the next meeting of the Working Group on article 8 (j) and related provisions, including: Elements for a plan of action for the retention of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities, including Mechanisms for the



participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the convention; Development of elements of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices; Ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities; and possible Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: Status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices

174. Workshop based on the “Akwé Kon Guidelines”. The Workshop on cultural, environmental and social impact assessments based on the Akwé: Kon Guidelines and aimed at further strengthening of the link between environment and cultural diversity, was held in Tokyo, Japan, from 30 May to 02 June 2005, in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations University (UNU), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as part of World Expo. The workshop was held in connection with a broader Symposium being organized on the theme “Conserving Cultural and Biological Diversity: the Role of Sacred Natural Sites and Cultural Landscapes.” The participants adopted by consensus a Declaration on the role of Sacred Natural Sites and Cultural Landscapes in the Conservation of Biological Diversity, which is contained in Annex 1 of the report.

175. Follow-up of the third session and preparation of the fourth Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) “Millennium Development Goals and Indigenous Peoples”, New York, May 16-27, 2005: The Secretariat provided a background paper to the UNPFII on the subject of action undertaken or planned, to follow-up recommendations of the Permanent Forum and to draw attention to the upcoming work of the CBD as relevant to indigenous peoples. The CBD also participated in an Inter-Agency Support Group meeting on Friday 13 May to provide training and capacity building on the work on the CBD to the incoming Permanent Forum members.

#### **DECISION VII/17 ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS**

176. Following a pledge from the European Union in support of the organization of the Meeting of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress under Article 14(2) of the Convention, the Secretariat has now finalized the preparation of the background documentation and circulated a notification inviting Parties to nominate experts for the meeting, which is tentatively scheduled to take place in Montreal, from 17 to 19 January 2006.

#### **DECISION VII/18 ON INCENTIVE MEASURES**

177. First drafts of pertinent documentation for the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice have been finalized, and sent for peer review.

178. The Secretariat attended the nineteenth meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB), held in Paris on 7 – 8 April 2005, with a view to ensuring that activities of the Group under its renewed mandate are consistent with CBD activities on economics and incentive measures, and to provide advice on the development of definitions as recommended by SBSTTA at its tenth meeting.

#### **DECISION VII/19 ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING AS RELATED TO GENETIC RESOURCES**

179. Notifications by the Executive Secretary were prepared for Parties, Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders, inviting them to provide submissions in preparation for the fourth meeting of the Working Group on ABS, to be held in the first quarter of 2006.

180. The draft agenda and annotated agenda have been circulated to members of the Bureau. Following the presentation of a proposal by the European Union on the organization of work, the Secretariat circulated the proposal to all Parties for their comments as requested by the Bureau. The Secretariat will compile the views of Parties and the matter will be taken up again by the Bureau at its meeting on 4 September 2005.

#### **DECISION VII/29: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION**

181. The Secretariat continued to prepare a compilation and synthesis of information as well as guidance on institutional, administrative, legislative and policy frameworks that facilitate access to and adaptation of technologies in the public domain and to proprietary technologies, as requested by the programme of work on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation (contained in the annex to decision VII/29), for consideration by the expert group on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation.

182. The Secretariat attended the UNFCCC Seminar on the development and transfer of environmentally sound technology for adaptation to climate change, held in Tobago from 14-16 June 2005, with a view to presenting the CBD provisions and programme of work on technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation, and to exploring its linkages with technology for adaptation to climate change as well as the opportunities for synergy and cooperation with the UNFCCC work on technology transfer.

#### **DECISION VII/33 ON OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION**

183. The Secretariat completed a review of 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 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.

### **BIOSAFETY**

#### **DECISIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

##### The Biosafety Protocol

185. The highlight during the reporting period under consideration was the convening of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP/2), from 30 May to 3 June 2005 in Montreal, Canada. The meeting was attended by close to 650 participants representing 101 Parties to the Protocol, 16 non-Parties, as well as several UN agencies, IGOs, NGOs, academia, industry and other observer organizations.

186. The delegates adopted a total of 14 decisions covering, *inter alia*, rules of procedure for meetings of the Compliance Committee (decision BS-II/1); operations and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (decision BS-II/2); cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives (decision BS-II/6); risk assessment and risk management (decision BS-II/9); handling, transport, packaging and identification (decision BS-I/10); socio-economic considerations (decision BS-II/12); and public awareness and participation (decision BS-II/13).

187. Regarding the agenda item on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification (Article 18), COP-MOP/2 took a decision on paragraphs 2(b) and 2(c) of Article 18. However, the meeting was unable

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to reach agreement regarding paragraph 2(a) of Article 18, therefore no decision was adopted with regards to that paragraph.

188. The report and decisions adopted by COP-MOP/2 are contained in document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/2/15 which is accessible on the website of the Secretariat and will also be made available to all Governments.

189. A meeting of the Bureau of COP-MOP was held on 29 May 2005 to consider organization and conduct of the second meeting of COP-MOP.

190. Several side events were held during the week of COP-MOP/2, focusing mainly on some of the topics of the agenda of the meeting, such as risk assessment and risk management, capacity-building, and information-sharing. In addition, the Secretariat organized a Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop prior to COP-MOP (28-29 May 2005) for eligible countries not currently receiving support under the GEF funded BCH add-on project implemented by UNEP/GEF.

191. In addition to COP-MOP/2, the Secretariat organized the first meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol (25-27 May 2005), which was attended by over 200 participants and observers, representing 74 Parties to the Protocol, 11 non-Parties, and several UN agencies, IGOs, NGOs, academia, industry and other observer organizations. The report of the meeting was made available to COP-MOP/2.

192. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also continued to be actively involved in a number of outreach and capacity-building activities aimed at promoting/assisting the implementation of the Protocol.

193. As of 30 June 2005, 124 Parties to the CBD had acceded to or ratified the Protocol. A 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 instrument of ratification/accession.

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTREACH**

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

#### Guidance from the Conference of the Parties

194. The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held in Montreal from 30 May to 3 June 2005 adopted decision BS-II/5 (Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources) which outlines key features of the relationship between the financial mechanism and the Protocol and encourages the GEF to further develop its funding modalities for organizing its support to the Protocol in a systematic and flexible manner. This decision was communicated through a statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GEF Council.

195. Staff from the GEF Secretariat visited the Secretariat on 11 April 2005, and relevant staff discussed on GEF response to COP guidance on marine and coastal biodiversity as well as the involvement of the private sector. The Secretariat received a request from Gabon seeking clarifications concerning financial support for preparing national reports and forwarded the message to the GEF.

#### Reporting from the GEF

196. The representative of the GEF made a statement to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety providing updates on its activities in response to biosafety-related guidance from the Conference of the Parties.

### Monitoring and evaluation

197. The GEF Office of Monitoring and Evaluation visited the Secretariat and the two secretariats discussed the plan to review the GEF initial strategy on biosafety. The Secretariat had close collaboration with the team of the third Overall Performance Study of the GEF.

198. Despite the repeated efforts to raise requisite funds, voluntary contributions as envisaged by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties for the purposes of having an independent evaluator conduct the third review of the financial mechanism have not been received. Therefore, it will not be possible to carry out the review and provide a timely report to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

### Replenishment

199. The second meeting on the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund took place from 9 to 10 June 2005 in Washington, DC, USA. The meeting considered reference exchange rates for use in the fourth GEF replenishment; the resource allocation framework; third Overall Performance Study of the GEF, and programming of resources for the fourth replenishment.

### Reciprocal representation

200. The GEF Secretariat was invited and attended the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held from 30 May to 3 June 2005 in Montreal, Canada. The two secretariats held a biosafety clearing-house training workshop. UNEP/GEF organized an Award Ceremony for the 41 countries that had completed their national biosafety frameworks in time for the meeting, and a side event on the implementation projects. The GEF Office of Monitoring and Evaluation had a side event on the evaluation of the GEF initial strategy on biosafety.

201. The GEF Secretariat also attended the meeting of donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (activity 3.4.7 of the programme of work) held from 20 to 21 June 2005 in Montecatini, Italy. Its representative made a presentation on GEF allocations to protected areas and pledged to maintain or even increase its level of funding to protected areas depending upon its replenishments.

202. The Convention Secretariat attended the 25th meeting of the GEF Council held from 3 to 8 June 2005 in Washington, DC, USA, and made a statement to the Council providing a brief on the recent developments of the Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, and Tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

203. The Secretariat participated in the Executive GEFOP meeting on 27 April 2005 to discuss the proposed June 2005 Work Programme and review general portfolio issues. Nine biodiversity projects were included in the intersessional work programme in the amount of \$68 million.

### Inter-secretariat cooperation

204. The Secretariat received and reviewed/commented on the following enabling activity proposals:  
Cape Verde: National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environment Management (NCSA)  
Comoros: National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environment Management (NCSA)

Guinea: National Capacity Needs Self Assessment for Global Environmental Management for Guinea  
Indonesia: Preparation of the Third National Report  
Kiribati: National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environment Management  
Korea DPR: Updating of NBSAP, Preparation of 2nd National Reports, and Establishment of a National Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)  
Marshall Island: National Capacity Self-Assessment for Global Environment Management (NCSA)  
Namibia: Add on: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs to Conserve Biological Diversity in Namibia  
Nauru: National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan and Report to the COP including Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)  
Russian Federation: Development of National Biodiversity CHM Project Add On  
Zambia: Zambia Biological Diversity Enabling Activity (additional funding for capacity assessment in priority areas)

205. Project development facility proposals (PDF/pipelines) received and reviewed/ commented on are:

Argentina: Sustainable Forest Management  
Bolivia: Towards an Integrated Management of the National System of Protected Areas  
Brazil: National Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Institutional Consolidation Project  
Brazil: Espirito Santo Biodiversity and Watershed Conservation and Restoration Project  
Chile: Building a comprehensive National Protected Areas System for Chile  
China: Shaanxi Qinling Mountains Integrated Ecosystem Management Project  
China: Ningxia/Yinchuan Integrated Ecosystem Management Project  
China: Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Biodiversity Conservation of the Baiyangdian Lake Catchment  
China: Dryland Farming in Northern Region Project  
Costa Rica: Overcoming barriers to sustainability of Costa Rica's Protected Areas System  
Dominican Republic: Integrated Management of the Coastal and Marine Zone of the Samaná Region  
Global: Building the Partnership to Deliver the Global 2010 Indicators  
Global: Implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation: identification of threatened plant species and protection of important plant areas in six priority countries  
Regional (CEE): Marine Protected Area System for the Eastern Baltic Sea: Assessment and Implementation  
Guatemala: Promoting Eco-tourism in Guatemala to Strengthen the National Protected Areas Network  
Indonesia: Piloting Sustainable Finance in Bunaken National Park  
Kazakhstan: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Kazakhstani Sector of the Altai-Sayan Mountain Ecoregion  
Lebanon: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Management Considerations into Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Production Processes  
Nicaragua: Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation in Nicaragua's System of Privately and Publicly Owned Protected Areas  
Peru: Children's Lands: Promoting an Innovative Type of Protected Area with the Active Participation of Children  
Philippines: Environment and Natural Resources Management Program, Phase 1  
Regional (Africa): Conservation of useful plant diversity through supporting farmer seed system function in Sahelian West Africa  
Regional (Africa): Financing Africa's Natural Ecosystems: Developing and Piloting Alternative Financial and Institutional Models of Ecosystem Management  
Regional (Asia): Applying Agro biodiversity Knowledge for Effective Up-take in the Near East

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Regional (Asia): Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatlands in South East Asia  
Regional (CEE): Promoting Payments for Environmental Services (PES) and Related Sustainable Financing Schemes in the Danube Basin, particularly in the Lower Danube and Danube Delta sub-basins  
Regional (LAC): Biosafety in Centers of Biodiversity: Building Technical Capacity in Latin America for Safe Deployment of Transgenic Crops (A multi-country approach for Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, México & Peru)  
Regional (LAC): Generation and Dissemination of Conservation Finance Related Best Practices generated by Environmental Funds (EFs) in Latin America  
Russian Federation: Conservation of Virgin Forest Biodiversity in the Pechora River Headwaters Region, Republic of Komi  
Serbia and Montenegro: In Situ Agro-biodiversity Conservation Project  
Serbia and Montenegro: Improvement of the Protected Area Network and Management in the Dinarides Mountain Ecoregion  
Sri Lanka: Participatory Coastal Zone Restoration in the Eastern Province of post-tsunami Sri Lanka  
Ukraine: Consolidation of the Polissya Ecological Corridor

206. The medium-sized projects (MSPs) received and reviewed/commented on include:  
Brazil: Tabuleiro State Park: Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project  
Cambodia: Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Cambodia  
Czech Republic: Conservation of biological diversity of Carpathian Mountain grasslands in the Czech Republic through targeted application of new EU funding mechanisms  
Czech Republic: Support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of the Czech Republic  
Egypt: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Egypt  
Estonia: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Estonia  
Global: Indigenous Peoples' Network for Change  
Global: Knowledgebase for Lessons Learned and Best Practices in the Management of Coral Reefs  
Korea, DPR: Capacity building for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of the D P R of Korea  
Lithuania: Support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework for Lithuania  
Mauritius: Support the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework of Mauritius  
Pakistan: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into production systems in the Juniper Forest Ecosystem  
Regional (Africa): Supporting the Development and Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing Policies in Africa.  
Regional (Asia): A Regionally Harmonized National Consultation Process for Implementation of the Bonn Guidelines in ASEAN Member States  
Romania: Strengthening Romania's Protected Area System by Demonstrating Best Practices for Management of Small Protected Areas in Macin Mountains National Park  
Tajikistan: Demonstrating new approaches to Protected Areas and Biodiversity Management in the Gissar Mountains as a model for strengthening the national Tajikistan Protected Areas System
207. The full projects (FP) received and reviewed/commented on are:  
Belarus: Catalyzing sustainability of the wetland protected area system in Belarusian Polesie through increased management efficiency and realigned land use practices  
Botswana: Building Local Capacity for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Okavango Delta  
Croatia: Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the Dalmatian coast through greening coastal development  
El Salvador: Protected Areas Consolidation and Administration Project

- India: Mainstreaming Conservation and Sustainable Use of Medicinal Plant Diversity in three Indian States  
Regional (Africa): Enhancing the effectiveness and catalyzing the sustainability of the W-Arly-Pendjari (WAP) protected area system  
Regional (CEE): Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Prespa Lakes Basin of Albania, FYR-Macedonia and Greece  
Venezuela: Biodiversity Conservation in the Productive Landscape of the Venezuelan Andes

208. The GEF Secretariat team visited the Convention Secretariat and made a presentation on the structure of resources allocation framework under development, indicators being used and remaining outstanding issues. The Secretariat raised a number of issues that need to be addressed by the framework: the role of the Conference of the Parties, indicator processes under the Convention, need for operational improvements, rationale for two pillars, flexibility, role of countries, nature of the framework, implicit biases, scientific basis for key terms, credibility and acceptability of data sources, invasive alien species, agrobiodiversity, economics approaches, and socio-economic factors.

209. The Secretariat reviewed and provided comments on the document “Relations with Conventions and Other Institutions” prepared by the GEF Secretariat for consideration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. It suggested a new paragraph on issues related to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing.

210. The Secretariat invited the GEF Secretariat to review a draft Consolidated Guidance to the Financial Mechanism, and subsequently completed the document for consideration of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

## **DECISION VII/21: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

### National funding measures

211. The Secretariat has undertaken the compilation of national funding measures based on the information available from national biodiversity strategies and action plans, first and second national reports as well as thematic reports. The compilations will be presented in five regional volumes and used as the basis for preparing the document on financial resources for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

### International assistance to biodiversity

212. In response to a request from the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat has prepared compilations concerning externally financed biodiversity projects around the world, and will present these in four regional volumes through the website of the Convention.

213. The Secretariat is finalizing a document on funding sources, which will provide updated information on sources of official development assistance through multilateral, regional and bilateral channels.

214. The Secretariat responded to requests concerning funding/information from:  
Bolivia: Manejo y conservación de Bosques Tropicales o de Agroforesteria Tropical  
Colombia: research funds for Genetic Resources and Biodiversity Research and Higher Studies Center –CIEBREG  
Philippines: financial support for biodiversity centrum  
Venezuela: financial support for scientific research

215. In response to the request by inspectors of the Secretariat of the UNCCD who are undertaking a comparative analysis of some aspects of the three Rio Conventions, including the funds that have been

made available for national reporting, the Secretariat prepared financial information concerning costs of average national reports. Based on the estimates of the GEF and its agencies, individual countries are expected to spend US\$20,000 for their third national reports.

#### Strengthening financial institutions

216. A Donor Guide to the Convention on Biological Diversity has been prepared and made available electronically on the website of the Convention. This 230-page document provides an easy reference guide to decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity which require action by funding agencies/organizations as well as by Parties and Governments, and thus can be used by both donors and other funding practitioners to make their efforts more supportive of the work of the Convention.

217. The meeting of donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (activity 3.4.7 of the programme of work) was held from 20 to 21 June 2005 in Montecatini, Italy. Participants heard presentations from both donors and recipients, and considered both short-term and long-term funding issues for protected areas.

#### Preparations for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

218. A document on financial resources and mechanism has been prepared for consideration of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention to be held in September 2005. The document provides an overview of financial issues under the Convention and the status of their implementation.

219. Annotations on agenda item 27.1 (Financial resources and mechanism) for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties have been prepared. It is envisaged that in addition to the documents prepared for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Implementation of the Convention, additional documents will be prepared to update the status and trends of funding for biodiversity.

### **DECISION VII/23 SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM**

#### Clearing-house Mechanism

220. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision VII/23 on scientific and technical cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism.

221. In the decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to update the strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism to 2009, in collaboration with the informal advisory committee, for consideration by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Following receipt of feedback from Parties and other Governments from Secretariat notification 47450, the Secretariat in collaboration with the informal advisory committee completed the first draft of the strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism.

222. In paragraph 7(b) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, regional workshops as a catalysing mechanism to allow for the interaction of international thematic focal points with the national focal points to further enhance the scientific and technical cooperation goal of the clearing-house mechanism and to build capacities at the national level with regard to use of and access to new information technologies.



223. The Secretariat is organizing other technical workshops on new information and web-based technologies to enhance capacities in developing regions and countries.

224. In support of paragraph 7(e) in which the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to Advise on ways the clearing-house mechanism can assist in making relevant information interoperable among the three Rio conventions for review at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Clearing-House Mechanism submitted the second draft of interoperability specifications to relevant partners.

225. In response to paragraph 7(f) in which the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop an Internet-based web portal on island biological diversity to integrate, into the existing clearing-house mechanism, information on relevant programmes or initiatives such as the Small Island Developing States Network (SIDSnet), the Coastal Regions and Small Islands-UNESCO, the Small Islands Voice and the small island developing states activities programme of the United Nations Environment Programme, the clearing-house mechanism has completed the first draft of the web-based portal on island biodiversity.

226. Additionally, in support of the Convention's corporate communication strategy, the Secretariat developed a CBD Current Digest service where summaries on the latest notifications, reports, meetings and events related to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Biosafety Protocol are disseminated to stakeholders and interested public. To date, there are over 1000 subscribers to the service.

## VII/24 COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

### Publications

227. New volumes of the CBD Series – CBD Programmes of Work and CBD Guidelines have been published. A booklet containing COP decisions relating to the Ecosystem Approach, including annotations and the operational principles, was published in English, French and Spanish. The Programme of Work for Protected Areas has been published in English, French and Spanish and was distributed at the first meeting of the *ad hoc* open ended working group on protected areas in Montecatini Italy. Two other volumes, the Akwé: Kon Voluntary Guidelines and the Addis Ababa Guidelines on Sustainable Use, were translated and published in Russian for distribution at the Central and Eastern European Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use in Moscow, Russia.

228. As part of the preparations for the first meeting of the *ad hoc* open-ended working group on protected areas, two publications were issued. In collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, Volume 18 of the CBD Technical Series – Towards Effective Protected Area Systems: An Action Guide to Implement the Convention on Biological Diversity *Programme of Work on Protected Areas*, was published. A special edition of the CBD News was also published entitled: Protected areas for achieving biodiversity targets. The edition included contributions from a variety of Parties, NGOs and IGOs on issues relating to protected areas and protected area systems.

229. Along with UNFCCC and UNCCD, the Secretariat began preparations for the publication of a joint calendar for 2006 and 2007. The success of the 2005 calendar, which included the photos of Jan Arthus Bertrand, has inspired the three Convention secretariats to search for another photographer for the calendars.

### International Day for Biological Diversity

230. The Secretariat marked the International Day for Biological Diversity, 22 May 2005, with a variety of activities including the launch of the Biodiversity Synthesis Report of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment at a day-long event at Montreal's McGill University, the school outreach programme, the creation of a poster and support to the activities held by Parties around the world. Statements marking the occasion were received from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, and the Ministers of the Environment of the United Kingdom, South Africa and Canada.

231. The Secretariat received information on celebrations by different Parties to the Convention including: Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Germany (in collaboration with partners), Hungary, India, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Activities were also held by CMS, and Darwin net. These were posted on the CBD website.

232. As a way of marking the theme for International Biodiversity Day 2005, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, and McGill University, co-hosted the launch of the Biodiversity Synthesis Report of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in a day-long celebration on 19 May 2005 at the McGill University. Over one hundred guests joined the Secretariat in celebrating IBD 2005 and launching the report at a morning press conference. Guests included representatives of the consular and diplomatic communities of Montreal and Ottawa, policy-makers from all levels of government in Canada, educators and researchers from Montreal, and representatives of the media.

233. A two-session mini-seminar provided an opportunity for a more in-depth discussion of the report from a scientific viewpoint. The Secretariat chaired a panel that explored the Assessment and its impact on the CBD and on the debate over sustainable development. Panelists included Walter Reid, Anantha Duraiappah, David Cooper of the SCBD and Oliver Coomes, editor of the journal World Development. A second panel explored the impact of the Assessment Report on biodiversity research. An eminent group of McGill researchers including Catherine Potvin, Andrew Gonzalez, Brian Leung and Colin Chapman discussed new directions in research that draw from the findings of the report.

234. The event was well-received by the press and attracted coverage from Associated Press, Agence-France Presse, CBC Radio, Canwest Global, the Toronto Star, Environmental News Service, SciDevNet, and Islamonline.

235. Building on last year's successful outreach school programme, the Secretariat re-established contact with Montreal area schools, which had participated in previous years, as well as targeting new schools. This year's awareness raising campaign contained a number of novel elements. In one case, students were asked to enact an actual UN meeting. They were provided with background materials including a "draft document" entitled "Urban Biodiversity: Proposed Elements for a Programme of Work," and then participated in a simulation of a negotiation process. In another, presenters wanted to stress the notion that every living thing is connected contributing to the intricate web of life. Students were provided with different pictures representing different species and ecosystems. Using a ball of yarn each student was asked to state why his species was important, they would then pass the ball of yarn to another student who in turn needed to explain how they were connected. The poster for the International Day for Biological Diversity was also used as a teaching aid.

### Synergies with UNFCCC

236. Discussions continued regarding the preparation of joint activities between the three Rio Conventions, to take place during the SBSTTA-11 and the UNFCCC COP in late November, December. The possibility of a joint exhibit illustrating the synergies between the conventions is being discussed.

237. The Secretariat prepared contributions for the following publications: the 2004 issue of the UNEP *Bulletin of Environmental Law*; the *Compendium* on entry points for civil society engagement in the UN system, compiled by the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service; and the *UN Handbook*, edited by the New Zealand Permanent Mission in Geneva. The Secretariat's input into the 2004 *Yearbook of the United Nations* was also completed."

#### DECISION VII/25 NATIONAL REPORTING

238. As of 30 June 2005, a total of ten 3rd national reports had been received. All the reports had been posted on the website of the Convention at [www.biodiv.org/world/reports.aspx?type=NR-03](http://www.biodiv.org/world/reports.aspx?type=NR-03). A reminder has been sent to Parties to submit their reports.

239. The 3rd National Reports Analyzer has been developed and is currently being tested for statistical analyses of information contained in the 3rd national reports.

240. Assistance was provided as requested to a few Parties for facilitating access to funding for preparing their 3rd national reports.

241. By the end of June 2005, the Secretariat had received a total of 140 first national reports and 114 second national reports. The Secretariat had also received 60 thematic reports on alien invasive species, 17 thematic reports on access and benefit-sharing, 47 thematic reports on forest ecosystems, 40 thematic reports on mountain ecosystems, 27 thematic reports on technology transfer and cooperation and 56 thematic reports on protected areas.

242. In addition, the Secretariat had received 45 reports on the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative, 19 voluntary reports on the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity and 116 national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), including two reports on review of implementation of NBSAPs.

## ANNEX I

### STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 31 regularized Professional staff members and 22 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 13 vacant posts, (5 professional and 8 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 4 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 four Interns and one fellow working at the Secretariat: Ms. Pierina Yupanqui-Huerto from Peru, working on mountain biodiversity and inland waters of mountain ecosystems (STTM); Ms. Leah Mohammed from Canada, working on Climate Change and the Ecosystem Approach with the Scientific, Technical and Technological Matters Division (STTM); Ms. Nancy Zou from the USA, working on sources of Funding for the Convention with the Implementation and Outreach Division (I&O), and Mr. Alexis Malu Kaba from the Democratic Republic of Congo, working on indicators with the Scientific, Technical and Technological Matters Division (STTM). Additionally, Ms. Zakia Ammari from Morocco is a fellow with the Secretariat for the period May to October 2005.

#### II Contributions and Funds

3. During the second quarter of 2005, seven new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were made. A pledge of US\$6,000 was received from the Government of Italy for publication of a document on Protected Areas; The Government of Canada pledged US\$60,000 for the Meeting on Review of Implementation of the Convention; The Netherlands pledged 400,000 Euros under a 2005 Letter of Intent with the Secretariat; Germany pledged US\$67,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forests; The Global Industry Coalition pledged US\$26,000 in support of the BCH Training Workshop; and the UK pledged GBP 110,000 for the Meeting on Review of Implementation of the Convention (60,000) and the meeting on Business and Biodiversity (GBP 50,000).

4. For 2005 a total of US\$2,129,817 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,422,519 or 67% has been collected as at 30 June 2005. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

5. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2005 is US\$7,662,807. Of this amount, US\$6,612,004 or 86% has been received. Additionally, US\$935,000 has been pledged and US\$199,980 collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2005. US\$1,444,117 has also been collected in 2005 for prior years. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2005 amounts to US\$1,785,823. Total unpaid pledges for 2005 and prior years amount to US\$2,820,955. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

6. As at 30 June 2005 a total of US\$984,501 was pledged for 2005 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Finland (\$45,862); Italy (\$331,784); Sweden (\$72,780); Thailand (\$113,000); the United Kingdom (\$258,619); the Christensen Foundation (\$31,000); Germany (\$54,403); Japan (\$20,000); and Italy (\$57,053).

7. As at 30 June 2005, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2005 amounted to US\$727,487 or 74% of the total pledged for 2005. Additionally, \$153,468 was collected for prior years. A total of US\$297,014 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2005 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

8. As at 30 June 2005, a total of forty (40) countries have contributed US\$1,638,723 or 75% to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BG Trust Fund**), for 2005 and future years. Unpaid contributions for 2005 amount to \$553,966. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

9. As at 30 June 2005, the Governments of Austria, Finland and Sweden have pledged a total of US\$71,761 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 30 June 2005, the Governments of Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France; Ireland; Italy; the Netherlands; Norway; Slovenia, Sweden; Switzerland and the UK have contributed a total of US\$404,724 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-7 approved a budget of US\$10,497,800 for the BY Trust Fund for 2005. As at 30 June 2005, a total of US\$4,746,791 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 45% of the approved amount.

COP/MOP-1 approved a budget of US\$2,166,500 for the BG Trust Fund for 2005. As at 30 June 2005, a total of US\$921,091 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 43% of the approved amount.

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. At present nine 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 two Administrative Assistants are funded from the programme support funds (PSC).

**Appendix 1**  
**STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**  
1 April – 30 June 2005

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
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. J. 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)

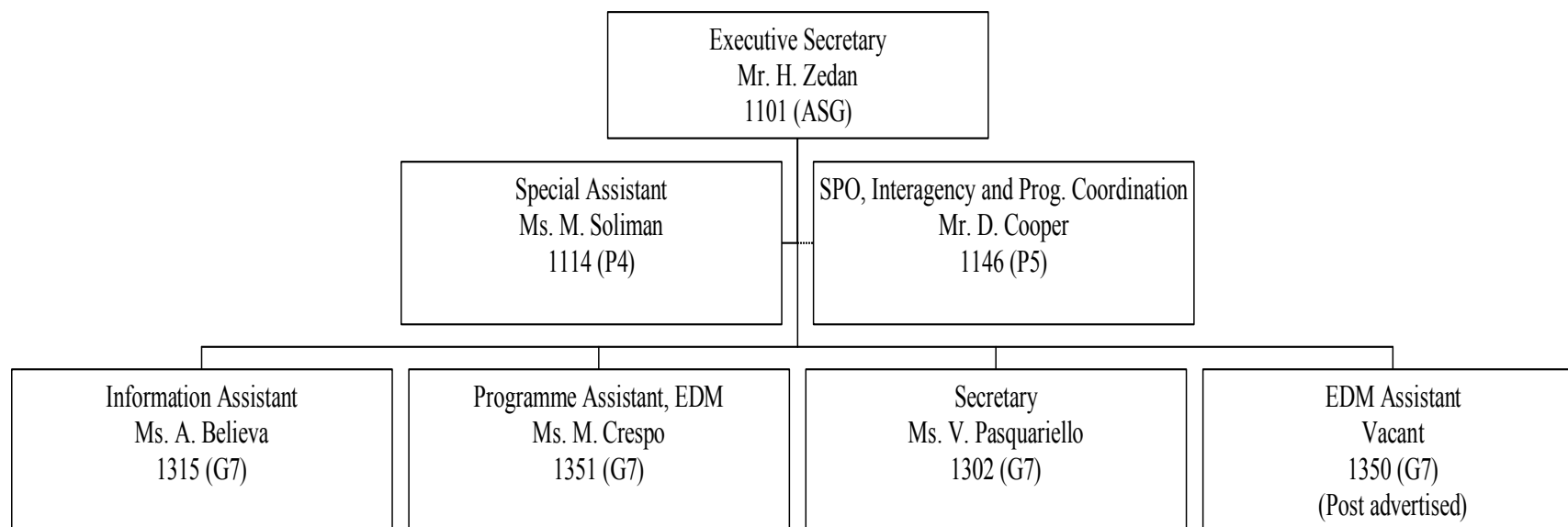
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P5	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Vacant (Post advertised)
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)	Vacant (Post advertised)
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)
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)
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)
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)

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
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)	Vacant. Post funded by UNEP
1337	G6	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)
1357	G7	Meeting Services Assistant	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1358	G7	Programme Assistant (STTM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
	G7	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Vacant. Post funded by UNEP

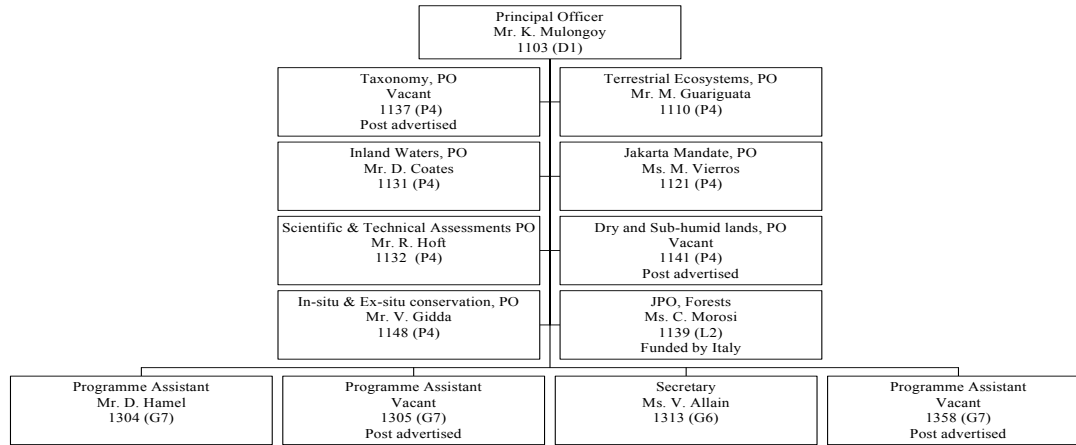


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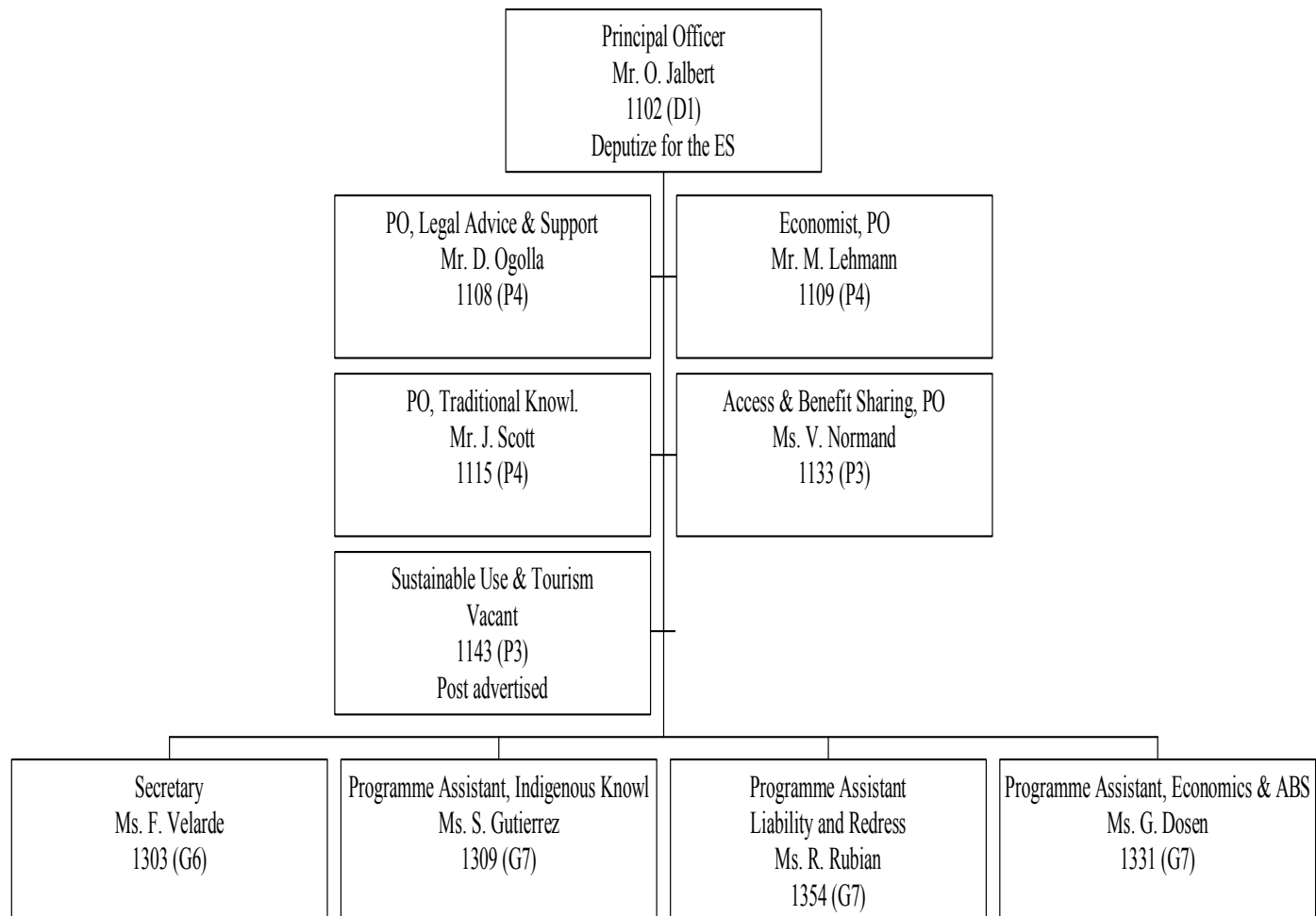
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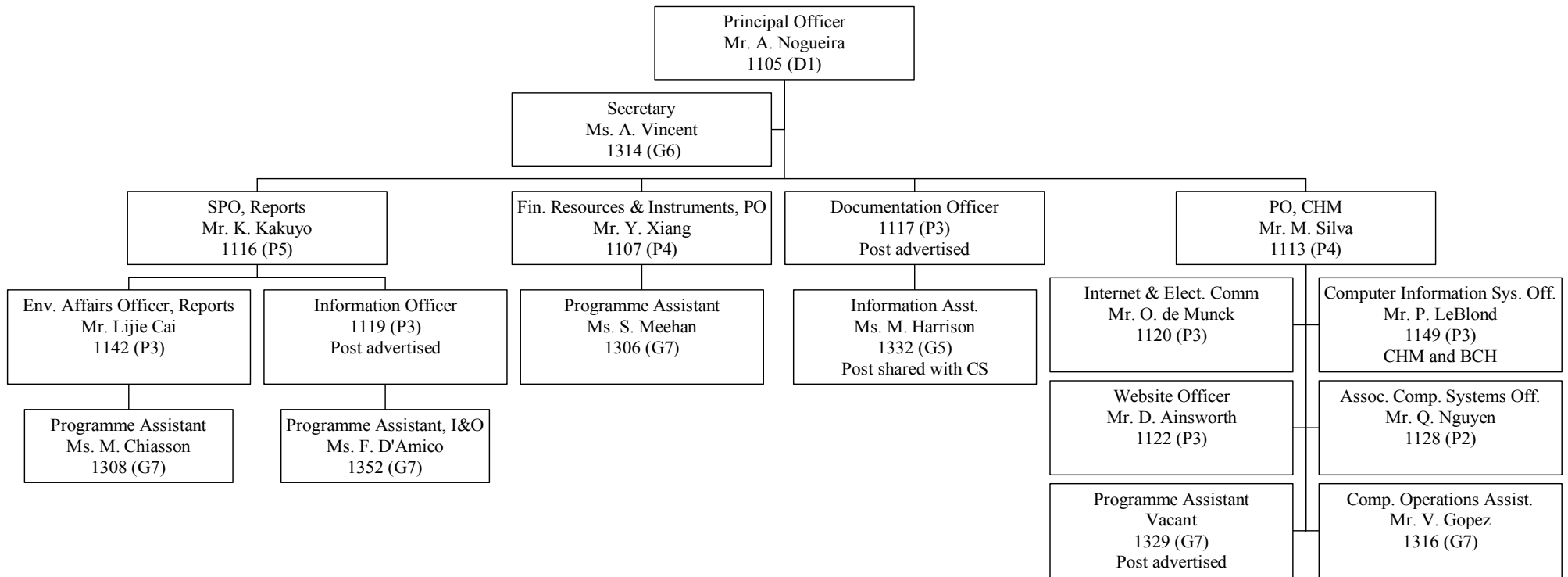
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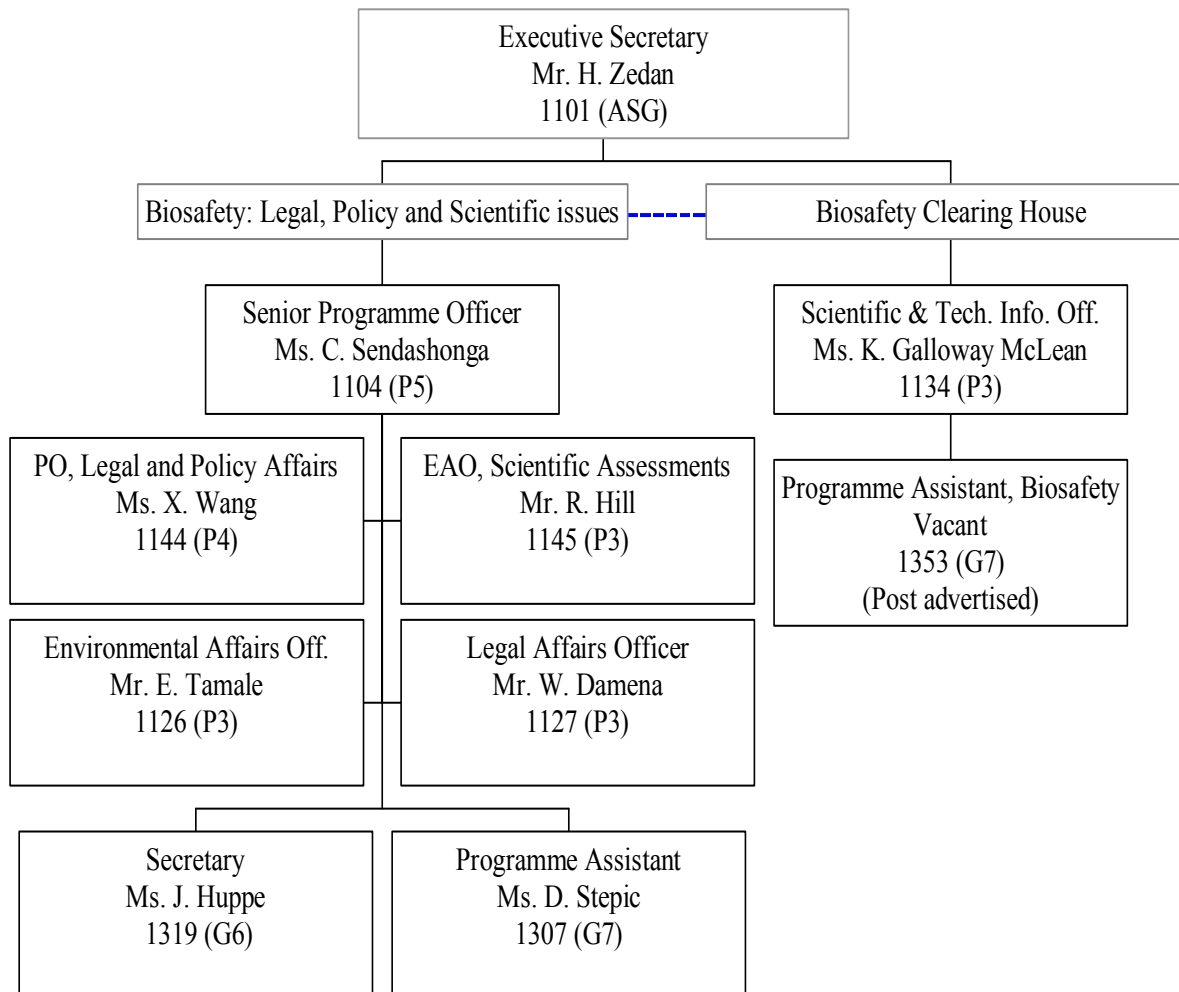
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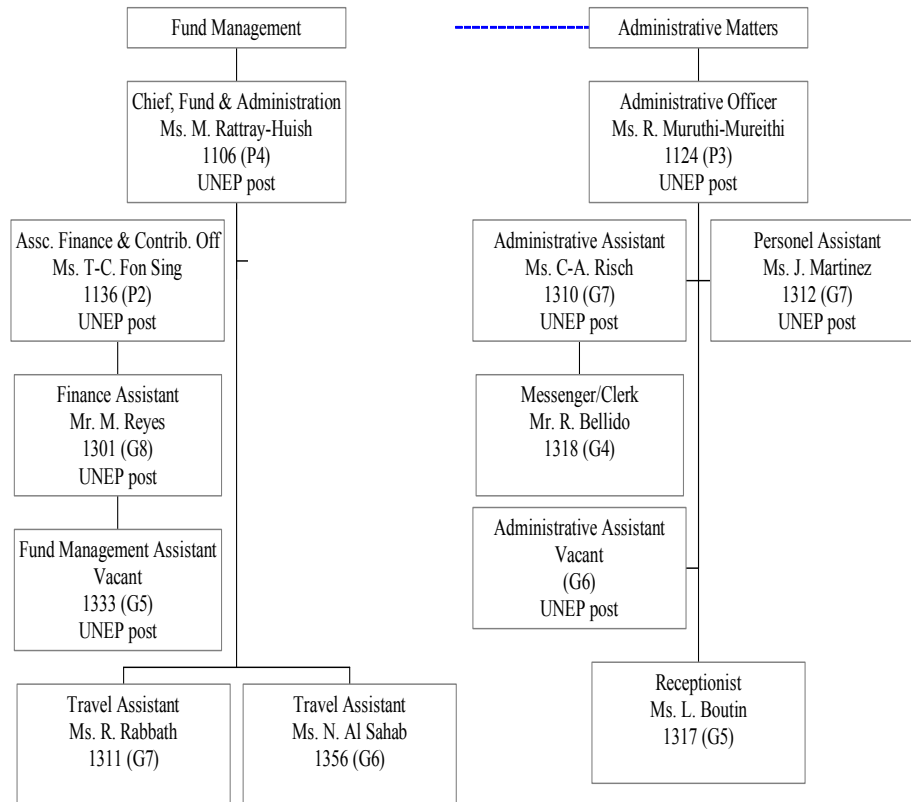
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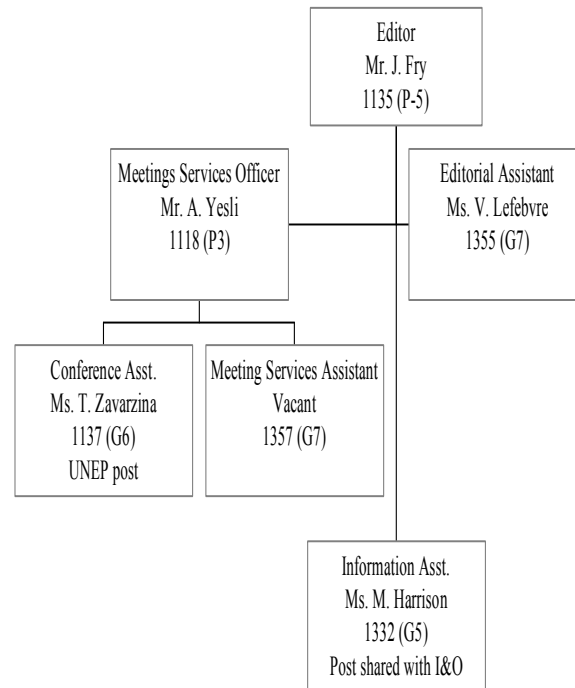
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# Resource Management



## Conference Services



## ANNEX III

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

Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2005 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04	Adjustments	Pledges for 2005		Collections in 2005 for prior years	Collections in 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2005 & prior years
Canada	21,592			1/			21,592
Canada	78,137			6/	78,137		0
Canada			60,000	14/			60,000
Finland	60,000			7/			60,000
Germany			67,000	16/			67,000
Global Industry Coalition			26,000	17/			26,000
Italy			537,403	11/		537,403	0
Italy			6,000	13/		6,000	0
Netherlands	251,676			4/	251,676		0
Netherlands			511,200	15/		259,524	251,676
Spain	25,000			2/			25,000
Spain	85,417			5/	85,417		0
Sweden	13,287			3/			13,287
Sweden			101,892	12/			101,892
Thailand			262,167	9/		262,167	0
Thailand			357,425	10/		357,425	0
UK			91,241	18/			91,241
UK			109,489	19/			109,489
UK	47,735			8/	47,735		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>582,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,129,817</b>		<b>462,965</b>	<b>1,422,519</b>	<b>827,177</b>



- 1/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 125,000 for meetings convened under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- 2/Spain pledged US\$ 25,000 for Capacity Building Experts Meeting on the Biosafety Protocol, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001
- 3/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002
- 4/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2004
- 5/Spain pledged EUR 66,000 for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, Canary Islands, Spain, 6-10 September 2004
- 6/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
- 7/ Finland pledged US\$ 60,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity in 2005
- 8/UK pledged GBP 25,000 towards the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Meeting, London, U.K, 20-21 January 2005
- 9/Thailand pledged US\$ 262,167 towards the conference servicing costs of SBSTTA 10 , Bangkok, Thailand 7-11 February 2005
- 10/Thailand pledged US\$ 357,425 towards the conference servicing costs of ABS 3 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand 14-18 February 2005
- 11/Italy pledged US\$ 537,403 for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005
- 12/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006
- 13/Italy pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the Publication on Protected Areas
- 14/Canada pledged US\$ 60,000 for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 2005
- 15/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2005
- 16/Germany pledged US\$ 67,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, Bonn, Germany, 25-29 July 2005
- 17/Global Industry Coalition pledged US\$ 26,000 towards the Biosafety Clearing House Workshop, Montreal, Canada, 28-29 May 2005
- 18/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Meeting, Brazil, October/November 2005
- 19/UK pledged GBP 60,000 towards the Open-Ended Meeting on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Montreal, Canada, 5-9 September 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 30 June 2005 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2005</b>	<b>Collections in 2005 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2005 for 2005 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2005 &amp; prior years</b>
Christensen Fund			8/ 31,000		31,000	0
Denmark	40,000		1/			40,000
Finland			6/ 45,862		45,862	0
Germany			13/ 54,403		54,403	0
Japan			12/ 20,000			20,000
Ireland	25,936		2/	25,936		0
Italy			7/ 331,784		331,784	0
Italy			14/ 57,053		57,053	0
Spain	37,532		9/	37,532		0
Sweden			10/ 72,780			72,780
Switzerland	40,000		3/	40,000		0
Switzerland	50,000		4/	50,000		0
Thailand			5/ 113,000		113,000	0
U.K			15/ 164,234			164,234
U.K			11/ 94,385		94,385	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>193,468</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>984,501</b>	<b>153,468</b>	<b>727,487</b>	<b>297,014</b>

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

2/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

3/Switzerland pledged US\$ 40,000 for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 7-11 February 2005

4/Switzerland pledged US\$ 50,000 for the Third Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, 14-18 February 2005

5/Thailand pledged US\$ 113,000 towards the participant costs for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 7-11 February 2005

6/Finland pledged EUR 20,000 for the SBSTTA-10 Meeting and EUR 15,000 for the Expert Meeting on Synergies between CBD & UNFCCC

7/Italy pledged US\$ 331,784 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005

8/Christensen pledged US\$ 31,000 towards the participation costs of Indigenous Representatives at the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group Meeting on Access & Benefit Sharing, Bangkok, Thailand, 14-18 February 2005

9/Spain pledged EUR 29,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting in 2003

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

11/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, Montreal, Canada, December 2005

12/Japan pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the Asia/Pacific Regional Meeting for COP 8

13/Germany pledged EUR 42,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Montecatini, Italy, 13-17 June 2005

14/Italy pledged US\$ 57,053 towards the Meeting of Donor Agencies, Montecatini, Italy, 20-21 June 2005

15/UK pledged GBP 40,000 towards the SBSTTA-11 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 28 November-2 December 2005 and GBP 50,000 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Brazil, 2006

ANNEX V

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)**  
**as at 30 June 2005**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	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 \$
Afghanistan	1,724	198				1,724	198	1,922
Albania	295	495				295	495	790
Algeria	0	7,520			7,520	0	0	0
Angola		99	1,417			0	(1,318)	(1,318)
Antigua & Barbuda		297	610			0	(313)	(313)
Argentina	282,724	94,589				282,724	94,589	377,313
Armenia	14,499	198				14,499	198	14,697
Australia		157,517	157,517		166,165	0	(166,165)	(166,165)
Austria		84,992	84,992			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	2,731	495				2,731	495	3,226
Bahamas		1,286	1,286			0	0	0
Bahrain	0	2,968			6,099	0	(3,131)	(3,131)
Bangladesh	905	766		905	19	(0)	747	747
Barbados		989	989		1,044	0	(1,044)	(1,044)
Belarus	62,381	1,781				62,381	1,781	64,162
Belgium	156,148	105,770		156,148		0	105,770	105,770
Belize		99	203			0	(104)	(104)
Benin	192	198				192	198	390
Bhutan		99	63		140	0	(104)	(104)
Bolivia	788	890				788	890	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	297			610	0	(313)	(313)
Botswana		1,187	2,440			0	(1,253)	(1,253)
Brazil	281,210	150,690		81,566		199,644	150,690	350,334
Bulgaria	24	1,682		24	1,682	(0)	0	(0)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	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
Burkina Faso	528	198				528	198	726
Burundi	588	99				588	99	687
Cambodia	0	198			382	0	(184)	(184)
Cameroon		792	2,976			0	(2,184)	(2,184)
Canada	0	278,326			278,326	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,438	99				3,438	99	3,537
Central African Rep.	98	99				98	99	197
Chad	2,696	99		2,696	228	0	(129)	(129)
Chile	4,034	22,064		4,034	639	0	21,425	21,425
China	0	203,130				0	203,130	203,130
Colombia		15,336	801			0	14,535	14,535
Comoros	2,696	99				2,696	99	2,795
Congo	146	99				146	99	245
Congo Dem. Rep	4,882	297				4,882	297	5,179
Cook Islands	0	99				0	99	99
Costa Rica	3,188	2,968				3,188	2,968	6,156
Cote d'Ivoire	1,631	989				1,631	989	2,620
Croatia	0	3,661			3,661	0	0	0
Cuba	20,622	4,255				20,622	4,255	24,877
Cyprus	0	3,859			3,859	0	0	0
Czech Republic		18,107	18,107			0	0	0
Denmark	73,775	71,041		73,775	71,041	0	0	0
Djibouti	98	99				98	99	197
Dominica	31	99				31	99	130
Dominica Rep.	10,426	3,463				10,426	3,463	13,889
Ecuador	0	1,880			2,300	0	(420)	(420)
EEC		191,570	196,893			0	(5,323)	(5,323)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	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
Egypt	7,978	11,873				7,978	11,873	19,851
El Salvador	0	2,177				0	2,177	2,177
Equatorial Guinea	2,696	198				2,696	198	2,894
Eritrea	190	99				190	99	289
Estonia		1,187	1,187		1,253	0	(1,253)	(1,253)
Ethiopia		396	814			0	(418)	(418)
Fiji	0	396				0	396	396
Finland		52,737	52,737			0	0	0
France		596,626	596,626			0	0	0
Gabon		890	8,821			0	(7,931)	(7,931)
Gambia		99	99			0	0	0
Georgia	42,145	297				42,145	297	42,442
Germany	0	857,044			857,044	0	0	0
Ghana	954	396				954	396	1,350
Greece	53,083	52,440		53,083		0	52,440	52,440
Grenada	0	99				0	99	99
Guatemala	0	2,968				0	2,968	2,968
Guinea	295	297				295	297	592
Guinea-Bissau	2,217	99				2,217	99	2,316
Guyana	98	99				98	99	197
Haiti	1,857	297				1,857	297	2,154
Honduras	2,066	495				2,066	495	2,561
Hungary	20	12,467		20	12,447	0	20	20
Iceland	0	3,364			3,364	0	0	0
India	0	41,655				0	41,655	41,655
Indonesia		14,050	20,000			0	(5,950)	(5,950)
Iran	0	15,534				0	15,534	15,534
Ireland	0	34,630			71,161	0	(36,531)	(36,531)
Israel	40,877	46,206		40,877	40,206	0	6,000	6,000

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	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
Italy	0	483,336			483,336	0	0	0
Jamaica	0	792				0	792	792
Japan	0	1,685,816			1,685,816	0	0	0
Jordan	0	1,088				0	1,088	1,088
Kazakhstan	2,758	2,474		2,758	2,242	0	232	232
Kenya	(0)	890			1,808	(0)	(918)	(918)
Kiribati	15	99		15	178	(0)	(79)	(79)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	20	989				20	989	1,009
Korea, Rep. of	90,488	177,701		90,488	80,512	0	97,189	97,189
Kuwait	0	16,029			16,029	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	98	99				98	99	197
Lao PDR	0	99			188	0	(89)	(89)
Latvia	66	1,484		66	1,500	0	(16)	(16)
Lebanon	2,292	2,375				2,292	2,375	4,667
Lesotho	25	99				25	99	124
Liberia	533	99				533	99	632
Libya	19,875	13,060				19,875	13,060	32,935
Liechtenstein		495	495			0	0	0
Lithuania		2,375	2,355		2,504	0	(2,484)	(2,484)
Luxembourg	0	7,619			7,619	0	0	0
Macedonia	591	594				591	594	1,185
Madagascar	0	297				0	297	297
Malawi	740	99				740	99	839
Malaysia	0	20,085			20,085	0	0	0
Maldives		99	59			0	40	40
Mali		198	134			0	64	64
Malta	1,477	1,385		1,477	1,385	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	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
Marshall Island	0	99				0	99	99
Mauritania	1,527	99				1,527	99	1,626
Mauritius		1,088	1,088			0	0	0
Mexico	55,604	186,310		55,604	185,714	(0)	596	596
Micronesia, Fed. States		99	202			0	(103)	(103)
Moldova, Rep. of	11,110	99				11,110	99	11,209
Monaco	0	297			907	0	(610)	(610)
Mongolia	0	99				0	99	99
Morocco	12,141	4,650				12,141	4,650	16,791
Mozambique	281	99				281	99	380
Myanmar	985	766				985	766	1,751
Namibia		594	1,220			0	(626)	(626)
Nauru	2,816	99				2,816	99	2,915
Nepal		396	903			0	(507)	(507)
Netherlands	171,208	167,214				171,208	167,214	338,422
New Zealand	0	21,866			21,866	0	0	0
Nicaragua		99	203			0	(104)	(104)
Niger	2,552	99				2,552	99	2,651
Nigeria	7,930	4,156				7,930	4,156	12,086
Niue	0	99				0	99	99
Norway		67,182	187		66,995	0	0	0
Oman		6,926	6,926			0	0	0
Pakistan	262	5,442		262	5,180	0	262	262
Palau		99	410			0	(311)	(311)
Panama	698	1,880				698	1,880	2,578
Papua New Guinea	591	297				591	297	888
Paraguay	9,078	1,187				9,078	1,187	10,265
Peru	48,171	9,103				48,171	9,103	57,274
Philippines	8,442	9,400		4,623		3,819	9,400	13,219



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	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
Poland	0	45,613			45,613	0	0	0
Portugal	44,480	46,503		44,480	2,023	0	44,480	44,480
Qatar		6,332	3,144		3,188	0	0	0
Romania	0	5,937			5,937	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	108,837				0	108,837	108,837
Rwanda		99	191			0	(92)	(92)
St. Kitts & Nevis	0	99			203	0	(104)	(104)
St. Lucia		198	191			0	7	7
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,867	99				1,867	99	1,966
Samoa	0	99			178	0	(79)	(79)
San Marino	0	297				0	297	297
Sao Tome Principe	369	99				369	99	468
Saudi Arabia	0	70,546				0	70,546	70,546
Senegal		495	4,517			0	(4,022)	(4,022)
Seychelles		198	903			0	(705)	(705)
Sierra Leone	94	99				94	99	193
Singapore		38,390	38,390			0	0	0
Slovak		5,046	5,046		5,323	0	(5,323)	(5,323)
Slovenia	0	8,113			8,113	0	0	0
Solomon Is.	2,217	99				2,217	99	2,316
South Africa	0	28,891			59,369	0	(30,478)	(30,478)
Spain	0	249,336			249,336	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	3,016	1,682		3,016	1,682	0	0	0
Sudan	5,179	766				5,179	766	5,945
Suriname	1,719	99				1,719	99	1,818
Swaziland		198	407			0	(209)	(209)
Sweden	0	98,745			98,745	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	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
Switzerland		118,435	118,435			0	0	0
Syria	0	3,760			3,760	0	0	0
Tajikistan	190	99				190	99	289
Thailand	6,307	20,679		6,307	20,679	0	0	0
Togo	97	99				97	99	196
Tonga		99	301			0	(202)	(202)
Trinidad & Tobago		2,177	4,132			0	(1,955)	(1,955)
Tunisia	0	3,166			6,506	0	(3,340)	(3,340)
Tuvalu	190	99				190	99	289
Turkey	0	36,807				0	36,807	36,807
Turkmenistan	572	495				572	495	1,067
Uganda	83	594				83	594	677
Ukraine	5,220	3,859				5,220	3,859	9,079
U. K.		606,223	606,223			0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	23,252			23,232	0	20	20
Un. Rep. of Tanzania		594	19,339			0	(18,745)	(18,745)
Uruguay	27,707	4,749				27,707	4,749	32,456
Uzbekistan	11,987	1,385		1,385		10,602	1,385	11,987
Vanuatu	96	99				96	99	195
Venezuela	20,488	16,919		20,488		0	16,919	16,919
Viet Nam	200	2,078				200	2,078	2,278
Yemen	5,832	594				5,832	594	6,426
Yugoslavia	1,970	1,880				1,970	1,880	3,850
Zambia		198	52		1,032	0	(886)	(886)
Zimbabwe	0	693				0	693	693
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,679,229</b>	<b>7,662,807</b>	<b>1,964,031</b>	<b>644,097</b>	<b>4,647,973</b>	<b>1,035,131</b>	<b>1,050,803</b>	<b>2,085,935</b>

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/04	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	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
<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	800,000	635,000		800,000		0	635,000	635,000
USA	0	100,000				0	100,000	100,000
Quebec	20	200,000		20	199,980	0	20	20
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,479,249</b>	<b>8,597,807</b>	<b>1,964,031</b>	<b>1,444,117</b>	<b>4,847,953</b>	<b>1,035,131</b>	<b>1,785,823</b>	<b>2,820,955</b>

**ANNEX VI****GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY  
as at 30 June 2005**

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Pledges for 2005</b>	<b>Collections in 2004 for 2005</b>	<b>Collections During 2005 for 2005 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2005</b>
	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>
Albania	110			110
Algeria	2,611		2,611	0
Antigua and Barbuda	103	191		(88)
Armenia	69			69
Austria	29,515	29,515		0
Azerbaijan	86			86
Bahamas	447		447	0
Bangladesh	200			200
Barbados	344	344		0
Belarus	618			618
Belgium	36,731			36,731
Belize	34			34
Benin	39			39
Bhutan	34			34
Bolivia	309			309
Botswana	412	765		(353)
Brazil	52,330		52,330	0
Bulgaria	584			584
Burkina Faso	69			69
Cambodia	69		128	(59)
Cameroon	275			275
Canada	165,000			165,000

Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005
Colombia	5,326			5,326
Croatia	1,271			1,271
Cuba	1,477			1,477
Cyprus	1,340		1,340	0
Czech Republic	6,288			6,288
Dem. Rep. of Congo	54			54
Denmark	24,670		45,793	(21,123)
Djibouti	34			34
Dominica	34			34
Ecuador	653			653
Egypt	412			412
El Salvador	756			756
Eritrea	19			19
Estonia	412	412		0
Ethiopia	137	255		(118)
European Community	50,038	40,765		9,273
Fiji	137			137
Finland	18,314	18,314		0
France	207,190		207,190	0
Gambia	34			34
Germany	297,626			297,626
Ghana	137			137
Greece	18,211			18,211
Grenada	34			34

Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005
Guatemala	949			949
Hungary	4,329		4,329	0
India	14,466			14,466
Indonesia	4,005			4,005
Iran	5,395			5,395
Ireland	12,026		12,026	0
Italy	167,848		311,561	(143,713)
Japan	440,330		377,426	62,904
Jordan	378			378
Kenya	309			309
Kiribati	34			34
Korea, Democratic Republic	344			344
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	200		371	(171)
Latvia	515	515	572	(572)
Lesotho	34			34
Liberia	34			34
Lithuania	825		1,531	(706)
Luxembourg	2,646			2,646
Macedonia	62			62
Madagascar	103			103
Malaysia	6,975		6,975	0
Maldives	34			34
Mali	69			69
Marshall Islands	34			34
Mauritius	378			378
Mexico	64,700		64,680	20

Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005
Mongolia	34			34
Mozambique	34			34
Namibia	131			131
Nauru	34			34
New Zealand	4,508		10,883	(6,375)
Netherlands	58,068			58,068
Nicaragua	34			34
Niger	34			34
Nigeria	1,443			1,443
Niue	34			34
Norway	23,330			23,330
Oman	2,405	2,405		0
Palau	34			34
Panama	653			653
Paraguay	412			412
Peru	3,161			3,161
Poland	15,840	15,840		0
Portugal	15,978		15,978	0
Republic of Moldova	34			34
Romania	2,062			2,062
Rwanda	34			34
Saint Kitts and Nevis	34			34
Saint Lucia	21			21

Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005
Saint Vincent & Gren.	34			34
Samoa	34		63	(29)
Senegal	172			172
Seychelles	69			69
Slovakia	1,752	1,752		0
Slovenia	2,818	2,818		0
Solomon Islands	34			34
South Africa	10,033			10,033
Spain	86,587		86,587	0
Sri Lanka	584		584	0
Sudan	61			61
Sweden	34,291		68,582	(34,291)
Switzerland	41,129	41,129		0
Syria	1,306			1,306
Tajikistan	34			34
Togo	34			34
Tonga	34			34
Trinidad and Tobago	756		756	0
Tunisia	1,100			1,100
Turkey	12,782			12,782
Uganda	200			200
Ukraine	1,340			1,340
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	210,523	210,523		0



Countries	Pledges for 2005	Collections in 2004 for 2005	Collections During 2005 for 2005 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for 2005
United Republic of Tanzania	206			206
Venezuela	5,876			5,876
Viet Nam	722			722
Zambia	69	103		(34)
Zimbabwe	142		334	(192)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,192,689</b>	<b>365,646</b>	<b>1,273,077</b>	<b>553,966</b>

**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 30 June 2005 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2005</b>		<b>Collections in 2005 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2005 for 2005 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2005 &amp; prior years</b>
Austria			23,958	1/		23,958	0
Finland			12,937	3/			12,937
Sweden			34,866	2/		34,866	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71,761</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>58,824</b>	<b>12,937</b>

1/Austria pledged EUR 18,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

2/Sweden pledged SEK 250,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

3/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

**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 30 June 2005 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.04</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2005</b>		<b>Collections in 2005 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2005 for 2005 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2005 &amp; prior years</b>
Austria			25,925	4/		25,925	0
Canada			44,477	10/		44,477	0
Denmark			17,709	9/		17,709	0
Denmark			24,872	14/		24,872	0
Finland			26,203	2/		26,203	0
France			24,554	12/		24,554	0
Ireland			12,493	5/		12,493	0
Italy			36,936	15/		36,936	0
Netherlands			130,719	6/			130,719
Norway			16,447	3/			16,447
Slovenia			3,874	11/		3,874	0
Sweden			43,291	8/		43,291	0
Switzerland	40,000			1/	40,000		0
Switzerland			50,000	13/		50,000	0
UK			94,390	7/		94,390	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>551,890</b>		<b>40,000</b>	<b>404,724</b>	<b>147,166</b>

1/Switzerland pledged US\$ 40,000 toward the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

- 2/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 for COP/MOP 2 Meeting and EUR 10,000 for the Open-Ended Expert Group on GMOs in 2005
- 3/Norway pledged NOK 100,000 towards the Open-Ended Expert Group on Identification Requirements of Living Modified Organisms Intended for Direct Use as Food or Feed or for Processing (Art. 18.2(a)), Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
- 4/Austria pledged EUR 20,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
- 5/Ireland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
- 6/Netherlands pledged EUR 100,000 towards (a) the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005, (b) the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005, (c) the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005
- 7/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
- 8/Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005
- 9/Denmark pledged DKK 100,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
- 10/Canada pledged towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005
- 11/Slovenia pledged EUR 3,000 towards the participation costs of Developing Countries
- 12/France pledged EUR 20,000 towards the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005
- 13/Switzerland pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Technical Expert Group on Art. 18.2 (a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2005 and the COP/MOP 2 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 30 May-3 June 2005
- 14/Denmark pledged towards the participation costs of Developing Countries
- 15/Italy pledged towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 25-27 May 2005

**ANNEX IX**

LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE  
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
(as at 30 June 2005)

<b>2004</b>		
<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
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

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
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

<b>2005</b>		
<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
10 - 21 January 2005	Central African Sub-Regional Training Workshop for Key Partners of National Clearing-House Mechanisms	Bujumbura, Burundi
20 - 21 January 2005	Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge	London, United Kingdom
24 - 28 January 2005	Meeting of Experts to develop a Users' Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development	Nassau, Bahamas
26 - 27 January 2005	Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities	Montreal, Canada
27 - 28 January 2005	Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
3 - 5 February 2005	Asia and the Pacific Regional Workshop on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Bangkok, , Thailand
5 February 2005	Liaison Group meeting on Island Biodiversity	Bangkok, Thailand
6 February 2005	Informal Advisory Committee for the Clearing-House Mechanism	Bangkok, Thailand
7 - 11 February 2005	Tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Bangkok, Thailand
12 February 2005	Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)	Bangkok, Thailand
14 - 18 February 2005	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing	Bangkok, Thailand
23 - 25 February 2005	Technical Workshop on the development of regional Clearing-House Mechanisms	Bucharest, Romania
9 - 11 March 2005	Latin American and Caribbean Regional Workshop on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Brasilia, Brazil
12 - 13 March 2005	Consultation on the Cross-Cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition	Brasilia, Brazil
14 - 16 March 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review of implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
14 - 16 March 2005	Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
16 - 18 March 2005	Open-ended Technical Expert Group on Identification Requirements of Living Modified Organisms Intended for Direct Use as Food or Feed, or for Processing (Article 18.2(a))	Montreal, Canada
25 - 27 April 2005	Asian Capacity-building Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities (in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the AIPP Foundation)	Baguio City, Philippines
28 - 30 April 2005	Asian Regional Meeting on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (in partnership with the Tebtebba Foundation and the AIPP Foundation)	Baguio City, Philippines
14 - 15 May 2005	Latin American Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge	New York, United States of America
16 - 20 May 2005	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species	Auckland, New Zealand
21 - 22 May 2005	African Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge	New York, United States of America
25 - 27 May 2005	First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada
28 - 29 May 2005	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop	Montreal, Canada
29 May 2005	COP-MOP Bureau meeting	Montreal, Canada
30 May - 3 June 2005	Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
30 May - 2 June 2005	Workshop on Cultural, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments based on the Akwe Kon Voluntary Guidelines (in partnership with UNESCO, UNU, FAO and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII))	Tokyo, Japan
30 May - 2 June 2005	Central and Eastern European Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use	Moscow, Russian Federation



<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
9 - 10 June 2005	Pacific Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge (in partnership with Call of the Earth - Llamado de la Tierra, Pacific Office of the World Council of Churches and the University of the South Pacific)	Suva, Fiji
13 - 17 June 2005	Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas	Montecatini, Italy
20 - 21 June 2005	Meeting of donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (activity 3.4.7 of the programme of work)	Montecatini, Italy
27 - 29 June 2005	Workshop on the Joint Work Programme on Marine and Coastal Invasive Alien Species (jointly hosted by SCBD, GISP and Regional Seas Programme of UNEP)	Montreal, Canada