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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to 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 list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. 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. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report, which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 October to 31 December 2007.

II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:

Fifth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, 8-12 October 2007, Montreal, Canada and Fifth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, 15-19 October 2007, Montreal, Canada

4. The fifth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing was held in Montreal, Canada from 8 to 12 October 2007, gathering more than 400 participants. The meeting considered elements of an international regime on access and benefit, including: access to genetic resources; fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use; compliance; traditional knowledge and genetic resources, capacity building and indicators for ABS. The meeting adopted a report indicating that the Co-Chairs' Notes on Proposals made by delegates during the meeting will be circulated as information documents together with further submissions by Parties and stakeholders prior to its sixth meeting.
5. The opening plenary of the meeting offered an opportunity for His Excellency Mr. Pierre Hele, Minister of Environment of Cameroon, to present a woodcarving art piece to the CBD Executive Secretary for inclusion to the Museum of Nature and Culture. The donation of two peacock vases from India was also presented to the Executive Secretary by His Excellency Mr. Shri Namo Narain Meena, Minister of State for Environment of India during a ceremony held at the Secretariat premises, on 10 October 2007.
6. The fifth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions was held back-to-back with the ABS meeting, from 15 to 19 October 2007. The meeting considered a number of items, including: recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; indicators for traditional knowledge; the progress report on implementation of the Article 8(j) work programme; the composite report on the status and trends of traditional knowledge and the traditional knowledge action plan, among others.
7. Prior to the two meetings of the Working Groups on ABS and Article 8(j), the COP-8 Bureau held meetings on 7 and 14 October, as well as daily throughout the duration of the two meetings.

Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in Support of Implementation of the Convention, 13 October 2007, Montreal, Canada

8. In the margins of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABSWG-5), and fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-5), the Secretariat convened the first informal consultation on the development of the strategy for resource mobilization in support of the implementation of the Convention on 13 October 2007, at the Secretariat headquarters. Representatives from Parties, other Governments, regional economic integration groups, partner organizations, donors and observers, as well as delegates attending the ABSWG-5 and/or the WG8J-5 meetings, took part in the consultation. The second meeting of the informal consultation will be held on Sunday, 20 January 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners and Institutions, 17 October 2007, Paris, France

9. At the kind invitation of the Director-General of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, in Paris, the second meeting of the Steering Committee was held on 17 October at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle. The purpose of the meeting was to take stock of the progress achieved, activities to be undertaken in 2008, in particular during the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as areas for potential contribution to the celebrations of the 2008 International Day for Biological Diversity and the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity.

Second Meeting of the Informal Partnership on the Programme of Work on Protected Areas, 29-30 November 2007, Montreal, Canada

10. A meeting of the informal consortium of partners on the programme of work of protected areas was held on 29-30 November 2007 at the Secretariat headquarters. The objective of the meeting is to take stock on achievements, lessons learned, scope for improvement, and modalities for the second round of regional implementation workshops. The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss preparations for the Second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, which is scheduled to take place in from 11-15 February 2008 in Rome, Italy. In the margins of the meeting, the Executive Secretary met with the following: the Senior Agricultural Officer at FAO, the CBD Advisor at WWF International and the CBD Focal Point for the European Community.

11. The Secretariat also organized and serviced other meetings, namely:

12. Expert Workshop on ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection (2 - 4 October 2007 San Miguel Island, Azores, Portugal); Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (4 - 5 October 2007, Montreal, Canada); Atelier de renforcement des capacités préparatoire aux négociations sur l'APA pour les pays francophones (5 October 2007, Montreal, Canada); Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates prior to the ABSWG-5 meeting (5 - 6 October 2007, Montreal, Canada); Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol (22-26 October 2007, Montreal, Canada); Arctic Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies (19-21 November 2007, Quebec City, Canada); Fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol (21 - 23 November 2007, Montreal, Canada); Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms (26-28 November 2007, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova); and the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of LMOs (10 - 12 December 2007, Bridgetown, Barbados).

REPRESENTATION

13. During the last quarter of 2007, the Secretariat participated in a number of important meetings of relevance to the work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Details can be seen in Annex I to this report.

MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Regional Economic and Social Commissions

14. In October 2007, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat and the United Nations Regional Commissions was signed with the aim of further enhancing cooperation as well as integrating the three objectives of the Convention into relevant regional activities and processes.

Memorandum of Understanding with UNEP/GRID Arendal

15. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the margins of the Fifth meeting of the Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity between the CBD Secretariat and the UNEP/Global Resource Information Database (GRID) Arendal with the aim of enhancing cooperation on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the Convention.

Letter of Intent with the Government of the Netherlands

16. On 7 December, a four-year framework of cooperation was signed between the CBD Secretariat and the Government of the Netherlands with the aim of enhancing implementation of the three objectives of the Convention, in particular on the following main areas of cooperation: engagement of the private sector; eco-regional approach; and supporting measures: CEPA and scenario development.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Germany

17. An agreement between the Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat and the Federal Republic of Germany in the amount of €1,000,000 was signed in December 2007 in support of the project "Linking implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and Poverty Alleviation". The agreement, which aims to foster the integration of biodiversity into the poverty-alleviation agenda, will facilitate support to eligible countries for the implementation of poverty-alleviation related components of the relevant programmes of work of the Convention as well as enhance the capacity of developing countries on issues related to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

18. During the last quarter of 2007, the Executive Secretary held meetings with senior representatives from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions, to further strengthen cooperation and promote public awareness on the work and objectives of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

19. The Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of several United Nations officials at the Secretariat headquarters, including: the Director of UNEP-DELC and the Deputy Director of UNEP-WCMC. The

Secretariat also welcomed the visit of representatives from UNESCO to exchange information on the Ecosystem-based Marine Spatial Movement (EBMSM) initiative.

20. Government representatives paid a visit to the Secretariat, including: the Consul General of Algeria, the Consul General of Japan, and the Scientific Counsellor at the Embassy of France in Ottawa. In the margins of the CBD meetings held in Montreal in October 2007, the Executive Secretary met with a number of heads of delegation of Governments to enhance collaboration with Parties.

21. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of the following: the Executive Director of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), the Deputy Director of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, the Programme Manager for Biodiversity at the GEF Secretariat, the Director of the *Bureau des Amériques - Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie*, and a senior representative from the *Agence consultative en éthique de la coopération internationale* (ACECI).

22. The Secretariat also engaged in meetings with: the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), representatives of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), representatives from the International Organizations and IUCN on REDD mechanism and the Kobe University Research Institute on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (KURIM). A meeting was also held with a Professor, Department of Biology at McGill University regarding the IMoSEB meeting, as well as with the Assistant Professor of the Department of History at the Ottawa University on the issue of women and biodiversity.

23. While on mission in New York in October, the Executive Secretary met with the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions, the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, the new Director for Environment and Energy Group-Bureau of Policy Development of UNDP, the Head of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, and the Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University. A working lunch was held with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria.

24. In October 2007, the Executive Secretary participated and delivered an opening statement at the Fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity. The Conference, under the theme *Ecosystems and people – biodiversity for development – the road to 2010 and beyond*, focused on the critical role of biodiversity and ecosystems in providing goods and services that are necessary for human well being and for economic development. The conclusions and recommendations, as well as the full proceedings of the Conference, will be submitted as information documents to the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-13), to be held in Rome, Italy, in February 2008. In the margins of the meeting, the Executive Secretary attended the side event on the Second International Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB 2), to take place after the SBSTTA-13 in Galway, Ireland. The Executive Secretary held bilateral meetings with several high level and senior Government officials, such as: the newly appointed Norwegian Deputy Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Environment of Brazil, the Lady Mayor of Trondheim, as well as with senior representatives from the Government of Japan to discuss COP 10. A working lunch was held with Ministers and other VIPs attending the Trondheim meeting. The Executive Secretary also met with senior officials from the Dutch Government to discuss the four-year Letter of Intent 2007-2011. A meeting was also held with representatives from the European Commission. In the margins of the Conference, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the CBD and the UNEP/Global Resource Information Database (GRID) Arendal, to enhance cooperation on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the CBD.

25. Following the Trondheim meeting, the Executive Secretary visited the Norwegian Parliament and delivered a presentation on biodiversity in the arctic region. A meeting was held with the Secretary General of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region to discuss, among others, the possibility of devoting the eighth conference of the Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, to be held

in 2010, exclusively to biodiversity. Discussions were also held with the Executive Secretary of the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF), in which it was agreed that an agreement between the two institutions would act as an implementation modality for CBD in the arctic region.

26. At the margins of the second session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture held in Rome, Italy, the Executive Secretary took part and delivered a statement at the side event organized by the two ABS co-chairs, with 21 participants in attendance. Bilateral meetings were held with several senior FAO representatives, including: the Director General, the Assistant Director General - Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection, the Director of the Plant Production and Protection Division, as well as the Conference Officer and Supervisor of the Conference Facilities. The Executive Secretary also met with the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources as well as with the President of the Commission on Plant Genetic Resources to discuss, among others, the convening of a working lunch between the Bureau of the Commission and the CBD's SBSTTA Bureau in the margins of SBSTTA-13. At the closure of the meeting, the Executive Secretary delivered a closing statement with the FAO Director General.

27. At the kind invitation of the Secretary of State for Environment of Portugal, the Executive Secretary attended the High Level Conference on Business and Biodiversity, which took place on 12-13 November 2007, with the participation of 450 participants, including 160 representatives from the Business community. The Executive Secretary participated in the "Roundtable on Next Steps for Europe on Biodiversity", and made the closing statement with the Minister of the Environment of Portugal. The Message from Lisbon on Business and Biodiversity will be transmitted to the meeting of COP 9. The Secretariat also contributed to the Lisbon Conference as member of its organizing committee. Bilateral meetings were held with: the Secretary of State of Portugal regarding the NEPAD agreement and the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands on the finalization of the Letter of Intent. A meeting was also held with the Director General of the Ministry of Environment of Italy to discuss a number of issues, including: elements of a four-year MOU; an initiative on protected areas in the Mediterranean region; the convening of an international symposium in 2010 on the theme "religion and biodiversity", in the context of the International Year of Biodiversity, with the involvement of the Vatican; as well as an initiative by the Government of Italy with Italian regional airline to raise funds for protected areas. In the margins of the Lisbon meeting, the Executive Secretary also held discussions with the German delegation as well as with the French delegation and, in addition, had a working lunch with the new U.K. Minister of Environment. A meeting was also held with the Director of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

28. Also in November, the Executive Secretary participated in the meeting of the International Steering Committee (ISC) of the Consultative Process towards an IMoSEB, in Montpellier, France. The meeting invited UNEP in collaboration with other partners including CBD to convene an intergovernmental meeting before COP-9. After the Montpellier meeting, the Executive Secretary travelled to Tunisia to participate in the expert group meeting on sustainable development in North Africa and deliver an opening statement with the Minister of Environment of Tunisia. The Executive Secretary also delivered an opening statement at the International Solidarity Conference on Climate Change Strategies for the African and Mediterranean Regions, together with the Executive Secretaries of the UNFCCC and UNCCD, as well as the Chairman of IPCC. Meetings were held with the respective Minister of Environment for the following Governments: Tunisia, Algeria, Italy and Egypt, as well as with the French Ambassador on Climate Change. The Executive Secretary gave interviews to the following: the National Tunisia TV and Channel 7, the Egyptian Nil TV, a local Tunis newspaper and Radio Monastir. During the conference, the Executive Secretary was able to participate in the first MEA Management Team meeting chaired by the UNEP Executive Director via teleconference.

29. At the kind invitation of the Government of Germany, the Executive Secretary attended and delivered an opening statement at the First National Biodiversity Forum in Berlin which gathered more than 250 participants, with the attendance of the German Federal Minister of Environment, the CEO of a

private company, an NGO, a TV star and the representative of a faith community. Bilateral meetings were held with representatives from several NGOs, including: NABU, WWF and CBD Alliance. Meetings were also held with the German authorities on the preparation of ABS 6 and COP 9. Following the meeting in Berlin, the Executive Secretary travelled to The Hague for the signing of the four-year Letter of Intent (October 2007 - September 2011) with the Dutch Government. Meetings were held with: the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, as well as with 15 high-level officials from Dutch Government on the preparation of COP 9. Discussions were also held with the Senior Officer from the Directorate for Nature on the preparation of the next meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of CEPA in January 2008.

30. The Secretariat took part in the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, which took place in Bali, Indonesia, with the participation of more than 10,000 participants. The Secretariat organized a number of activities to raise awareness of the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change, including co-hosting the first ever Forest Day, under the theme "*Shaping the Global Agenda for Forests and Climate Change*". The Executive Secretary participated and delivered a statement during the High Level Segment of the meeting, highlighting, among others, the need for enhanced collaboration between the three Rio Conventions. In the margins of the conference, several journalists conducted interviews with the Executive Secretary, and the Secretariat held two press briefings. Bilateral meetings were held with: the UNEP Executive Director, the new Minister of Environment of Australia, the new Executive Secretary of the UNCCD as well as with the CEO and Chairperson of the GEF Secretariat. A meeting was also held with the representatives from the ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability regarding local action on the biodiversity initiative, as well as with the Mayor of Bonn on the preparation of the pre-Bonn municipal meeting. Other meetings were also held the following organizations: the World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, The Royal Society, UNEP/GRID Arendal, Climate Action Network, ICRAF, GTZ, the Hadley Centre, WWF, UNCCD Secretariat, and the Coral Triangle Initiative. The UNFCCC COP-13 meeting also provided an opportunity for the launching of the Joint Rio Conventions Calendar 2008.

31. A number of CBD publications were issued between October and December 2007, including: the Gincana 4 on Partnerships, Gincaniño Volume 1, Issue 2, and the Business.2010 newsletter Volume 2, Issue 4 on Banking for Biodiversity.

32. During the last quarter of the year, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by several press/journalists. During his travel to Tunisia in November 2007, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by: the National Tunisia TV and Channel 7, the Egyptian Nil TV, local Tunis newspapers as well as the Radio Monastir. In the margins of the Bali Conference on Climate Change in December 2007, several media interviews took place, including: Kaisut Media - Spanish Television, VoteLink, Le Monde, UN Radio, Der Spiegel and El Watan. Two press briefings were also held: on peatlands assessment and on adaptation website, with the Director General for Environment (BMU) in the German Federal Ministry for Environment. The Executive Secretary also contributed an article "*Biodiversité et Réalité Commerciales*" for the November issue of the Vision Durable publication.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Personnel arrangements

33. During the period October – December 2007 under the Convention, there were 35 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP. There were 2 vacant posts, for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

34. Under the Convention there were 24 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 2 vacant posts for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 6 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

35. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol there were 4 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There was 1 General Service staff member regularized on posts funded by the core budget and 1 vacant post which has been advertised.

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

(b) Financial Arrangements

37. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,160,782 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$9,365,721 of which \$2,085,899 were 2007 pledges paid in 2006, and \$7,279,822 were pledges paid in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

38. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2007, the total pledged for 2007 amounts to US\$2,327,421 of which \$1,821,944 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$778,902. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

39. As at 31 December 2007, pledges totalling US\$1,587,620 have been made in 2007 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$987,929 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$681,573. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

40. As at 31 December 2007, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,204,807 for 2007 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$2,545,455, of which US\$822,886 was received in advance of 2007 and US\$1,722,569 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

41. As at 31 December 2007, five Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). To date US\$412,272 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

42. As at 31 December 2007, six 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\$314,081 have been received in 2007, of which US\$270,540 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2007 and prior years to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$95,884. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

43. As at 31 December 2007 pledges have been received from the following donors to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**): EEC (Euros 25,000), Spain (Euros 210,000), Norway US\$ 50,000, Austria (Euros 20,000) and Canada

(CAD 40,000). Of the total pledged contributions of US\$458,664 for 2007, US\$404,465 has been received. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

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

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS

VII/10: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

44. In decision VI/9 on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, Parties and Governments were invited to develop national and/or regional targets, and, as appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans. In addition, relevant international and regional organizations were invited 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.

45. In recommendation XII/2 on the in-depth review of the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, SBSSTA recommended that the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Global Partnership on Plant Conservation (GPPC) and UNEP-WCMC publish a Plant Conservation Report as a means of communicating the progress in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, by COP 9.

46. In response to the SBSTTA recommendation the Secretariat, in close partnership with the GPPC and UNEP-WCMC, has developed the outline for the Plant Conservation Report. In order to agree on elements of the report, a call was made by the Chair of the GPPC for volunteers to draft the elements and outlines for the various targets; agree time lines and oversee the production of the Report. The GPPC working together with the secretariat, UNEP-WCMC and BGCI organised a meeting of the drafting group which brought together plant conservation experts (Chris Willis – SANBI South Africa; Claire Brown – UNEP-WCMC; Suzanne Sharrock – BGCI; Steve Blackmore -UK); GSPC focal points (Chris Cheffings-UK, Matthew Jebb-Ireland and David Galbraith-Canada) the GSPC programme officer and Peter Wyse Jackson (GPPC, Chair). The meeting was held from 28-30th November 2007 in Glasnevin National Botanical Gardens, Dublin, Ireland and developed the outline, contents and possible case studies for this report. The various chapters were allocated and the first draft of the working text is expected to be available for review by 27 December 2007.

47. The Secretariat, with support from BGCI (under the BGCI Japan Programme) held a meeting with the Japanese focal point for the GSPC to deliberate on the possible options for developing a response to the GSPC. The Secretariat made a presentation at a workshop on implementing the GSPC in Japan, organized by the Japanese Association of Botanic Gardens on 14 December 2007 held at the Tsukuba Botanic Gardens.

48. The Secretariat continued to support the implementation of the GSPC in East Africa especially for targets 1 and 2 through the JRS Biodiversity Foundation supported project and supported the IUCN-SSC RAPID LIST training programme held at the IUCN East African Regional Office on 4 December 2007.

VII/11: Ecosystem Approach

49. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XII/1 (paragraph 2), the Secretariat has liaised further with key partners and held a teleconference to co-ordinate the required actions.

50. The Secretariat also participated in an International Workshop on “The Ecosystem Approach under the CBD and socio-economic monitoring” (Bremen, 26-28 November 2007).

VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity

51. In response to decision VII/27, the following activities were carried out:

(a) The Secretariat continued compilation of information on examples of successful collaboration between mountain dwellers and communities living in areas adjacent mountains to illustrate the “upland-lowland contract”;

(b) The Secretariat continued compilation of case studies and best practices on linking mountain biodiversity to sustainable development and poverty alleviation; and

(c) The Secretariat held discussions with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA), and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) on preparing for the in depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity by SBSTTA 14 and COP 10.

52. The theme of this year’s International Mountain Day (11 December) is “Facing Change: Climate Change in Mountain Areas”. To commemorate the International Mountain Day, the Executive Secretary issued a message highlighting the linkages of mountain biological diversity and climate change adaptation options, including *inter alia* establishment of both horizontal and vertical connectivity migration corridors. The statement also calls for effective implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and its implications for humankind within and beyond mountain areas well-being of mountain dwellers.

VIII/1: Island Biodiversity

53. The SCBD participated in the 8th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, which took place from 22–26 October 2007, in Alotau, Papua New Guinea. The Conference is a key regional meeting of government agencies, NGOs, community-based organisations, and donor bodies to discuss and develop a joint vision for conservation in the Pacific islands. The main theme of the conference was "Conservation serving communities in a rapidly changing world." Participants were asked to contribute to detailing and prioritizing the new Pacific Action Strategy, in particular its three environmental objectives focusing on protected areas/ecosystems, species and invasives.

54. In response to decision XIII/8, paragraph 6, which promoted a series of regional and/or sub-regional workshops on capacity-building for NBSAPs, the Secretariat of the CBD, along with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), organized in Alotau, Papua New Guinea on 19 October, 2007, the Preliminary Meeting for the Joint SCBD / SPREP Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Pacific to plan such workshops. Among the key outputs of the meeting was a preliminary consensus for the training

workshop to be held in 2008 and for its focus to be on capacity-building for NBSAP coordinators. The key theme that emerged for the 2008 workshop was “mainstreaming biodiversity: from NBSAPs to actual government policy and implementation within the development strategies”.

55. On 15 October, the Secretariat met with senior representatives of the Pacific Invasive Initiative and DRT, organized by the Department of Conservation - Auckland, New Zealand and on 17 October, the Secretariat took part in a one-day workshop with Victoria University of Wellington on the role of New Zealand in the island biodiversity programme of work.

VIII/2: Biological Diversity of Dry and Sub-Humid Lands

56. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XII/6, the Secretariat entered discussions with the European Space Agency regarding options to fill the gaps in the assessment of the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in dry and sub-humid lands.

57. Also in response to recommendation XII/6, the Secretariat entered discussions with a number of partners regarding case study databases and good practice examples of activities which promote income generation and biodiversity conservation in dry and sub-humid lands.

58. Furthermore, in response to COP decision VIII/2, a series of background documents were prepared and shared with the UNCCD for an online discussion forum on the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in dry and sub-humid lands. The online discussion forum will take place in January 2008.

59. In response to decision VIII/2 partnership discussions were begun on enhancing the availability of information on the impacts of climate change on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity and biodiversity-based livelihoods.

VIII/3: Global Taxonomy Initiative

60. In response to decision VIII/3, the following activities were carried out:

- (a) A draft text and layout of the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) Brochure has been created. The draft is on the process of printing.
- (b) GTI portal was updated and new link was set to the European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy, EDIT.
- (c) Communication with Species 2000 and ITIS to hold Catalog of Life Stakeholders conference at secretariat in 2007 is initiated.

61. In response to the request contained in paragraph 5(a) of the same decision, the following activities were carried out:

- (a) The analysis of taxonomic projects or projects with taxonomic components funded by the GEF was reviewed by the GTI Coordination Mechanism members to report at the COP9;
- (b) The Secretariat completed its analysis of taxonomy projects and funding sources using national reports; and

(c) The report entitled “Global Taxonomy Initiative: Analysis of Funded GTI-related projects” was drafted and has been sent for external peer-review with members of the GTI Coordination Mechanism and others. All comments received to date have been added to the draft.

62. In preparation for the drafting of the COP-9 pre-session document, a reminder was sent once again to members of the Coordination Mechanism (CM) who were requested to submit lists of outcome-oriented deliverables before 31st of December. It was agreed at the seventh CM meeting, which members were taking the lead on particular issues for the deliverables.

VIII/7: Global Biodiversity Outlook

63. In decision VIII/7, the Executive Secretary was requested to communicate the results of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook in all official languages in a strategic and effective way.

64. In response to this request the Secretariat prepared, in collaboration with GreenFacts, a web-based hierarchical digest of GBO-2 available in four languages, as well as a printed summary version.

65. The Secretariat also finalized the revision of the Spanish and Chinese versions and made these available as PDF documents through the CHM of the Convention.

VIII/9 : Implications of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

66. In recommendation XII/3, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to undertake, on the basis of views provided by Parties and relevant organizations, a detailed assessment of the use and impact of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and to contribute to the preparation of a coherent international multi-agency strategy for follow-up to the MA.

67. In response to these requests the Secretariat:

(a) Reviewed and analysed the submissions received to notification 2007-061 on the use and uptake of the MA;

(b) Liaised with relevant partners, particularly UNEP and UNU, on the assessment of impacts of the subglobal assessments;

(c) Liaised with relevant partners, particularly the Netherlands Environment Assessment Agency, on possible activities to support regional biodiversity scenarios;

(d) Participated in the MA partners meeting held in October 2007 in Stockholm, Sweden, contributed to the finalization of the report of that meeting and prepared a message from that meeting to the IMoSEB Steering Committee meeting in Montpellier;

(e) Prepared a draft document for COP-9 and circulated it among relevant partners for inputs and review comments.

VIII/10: Operations of the Convention

68. In response recommendation XII/8 on the process to elaborate the procedure for the identification and consideration of emerging issues the Secretariat prepared, on the basis of views submitted by Parties and review comments received on a first draft, document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/8 entitled “New and Emerging Issues Relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity - Modus operandi for addressing new and emerging issues”.

VIII/11: Scientific and Technical Cooperation and CHM

69. In recommendation XII/3, on the implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment on the work under the Convention, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to carry out, through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and in collaboration with the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), the Global Biodiversity Indicators Partnership coordinated by UNEP-WCMC and other relevant partners, an inventory of existing interoperability mechanisms and their respective prospects for facilitating and promoting the exchange of data and information in support of the 2010 target.

70. In response to this request the Secretariat is liaising with GBIF and UNEP-WCMC to compile existing information and to incorporate this request into the work plans of the respective organizations.

VIII/14: National reporting and the next Global Biodiversity Outlook

71. In WGRI recommendation II/4 on the status of national reporting and proposals on the scope and format of the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook, the Executive Secretary was requested to revise the proposed preparation plan for GBO-3 in accordance with views expressed at WGRI-2 as well as additional submissions after that meeting.

72. In response to this request the Secretariat compiled submissions and revised the preparation plan accordingly. A draft is now under review by members of the GBO-3 Advisory Group.

73. The Secretariat is also preparing a side event on the preparation of GBO-3 at SBSTTA-13 to be held jointly with UNEP-WCMC.

VIII/15: Monitoring Implementation of the Achievement of the 2010 Target

74. In decisions VII/30 and VIII/15 the COP adopted a framework for assessing progress towards the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target, decided that this framework should be used in preparing GBO-3 and invited Parties and others to make use of the framework in establishing targets and indicators at the national level.

75. In response to these provisions, the Secretariat is organizing a workshop on integrating targets and indicators into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (16 February 2008, FAO, Rome). The workshop aims to provide for an exchange in experiences and to create a network of expertise on which countries can draw to support national processes.

76. The Secretariat continued to support implementation of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, including by contributions to the follow-up to the steering committee and first partners' meeting and by preparing a joint side event on the preparation of GBO-3.

77. The Secretariat, in collaboration with a range of partners, developed a web portal on the 2010 biodiversity target, which is expected to be operational by COP-9.

VIII/16: Cooperation with Other Conventions, Organizations and Initiatives

78. The Secretariat continued to collaborate with a wide range of partners.

79. Following the offer by the CMS Secretariat to host the sixth meeting of the Liaison group of biodiversity-related conventions at the margins of CBD COP-9, the Secretariat has embarked on organization of this meeting and contacted partners to enquire about suitability of the proposed date and elements for the proposed agenda.

VIII/19: Forest Biological Diversity

80. In decision VIII/19 the Conference of the Parties requests the Executive Secretary to carry out an in-depth review of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. Pursuant to this request, a draft in-depth review was posted online for peer-review from 5 to 18 October 2007, and finalized as document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/3. A background document, including a detailed analysis of the information provided by Parties in the third national reports, was finalized as document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/5.

81. In decision VIII/19 the Conference of the Parties also requests the Executive Secretary to collect and collate existing information on the environmental, socio-economic and cultural impacts of genetically modified trees. An information document on this subject has been compiled, and was posted for peer-review from 5 to 18 October 2007, and finalized as document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/6.

82. In order to facilitate the collation of information on the potential environmental, cultural and socio-economic impacts of genetically modified trees, the Secretariat distributed a questionnaire on 4 May 2006 to Parties and relevant organizations inviting them to provide information (cf. notification 2006-027). All received submissions under this notification were compiled in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/7

83. Furthermore decision VIII/19 requests the Executive Secretary to strengthen collaboration with the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests. In response to this request, a meeting was held with the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) on 25 October 2007 in New York City. Cooperation on issues such as climate change, regional cooperation, and the preparation for SBSTTA-13, COP-9 and UNFF 8 were discussed.

84. In response to recommendation XII/5, an information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/10) was finalized in response to recommendation XII/5 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), which requests the Executive Secretary, when conducting the in-depth review of implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity, to conduct an analysis to identify the elements of the guidance related to climate change impacts and response activities already included in the existing programme of work and an assessment of the state of implementation, as well as the identification of gaps in implementation including a review of

barriers and suggestions to overcome them. Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/10 provides additional information to the in-depth review of the programme of work on forest biodiversity (presented in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/3).

85. Pursuant to decisions VIII/19 (closer collaboration with CPF members); VI/22 (programme of work on forest biodiversity); and VIII/30 (climate change), the Secretariat participated in two meetings organized by the World Bank in preparation of the launch of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) on 27 September and 9 November. The objective of the meetings was to include biodiversity co-benefits into the emerging funding mechanism of the FCPF, which aims at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and degradation.

VIII/20: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

86. In response to decisions VII/4 and VIII/20, the Executive Secretary has finalized and posted for SBSTTA 13: (i) a pre-session document summarizing: the current Ramsar Site designation criteria in relation to Annex I of the Convention; streamlining the technical work of the CBD and Ramsar Convention; progress on harmonised reporting frameworks between the Convention and the Ramsar Convention; existing information on the allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions; and the new joint work programme between the CBD and Ramsar Convention (2007-2010); and (ii) information documents on: technical requirements under the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and the ongoing and planned activities of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Ramsar Convention; and on criteria for the designation of Ramsar sites, and guidelines for their application, in the context of Annex I to the CBD.

87. A member of the Secretariat attended a meeting of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, USA, to develop a strategy in the area of Agriculture and Water.

VIII/21 and 22: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity

88. A pre-session document on “Marine and coastal biodiversity: Options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats, and ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/4)” was peer-reviewed and finalized for the SBSTTA-13 following the incorporation of comments and suggestions provided by the Parties, organizations, and experts.

89. In response to decision VIII/21, an information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/13) on “the options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats” was peer-reviewed and finalized incorporating comments and suggestions provided by the Parties, organizations including the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, and experts..

VIII/23: Agricultural Biological Diversity

90. In response to decision VIII/23, the following activities were carried out:

- (a) The Secretariat finalized the SBSTTA-13 pre-session document “in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity”, in close collaboration with FAO;
- (b) The Secretariat drafted three information documents providing additional information to underpin the pre-session document, namely:
 - Synthesis of information from the third national reports on the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity;
 - Input in the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity - Integration of climate change impact and response activities;
 - Applicability of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity to the Sustainable Use of Agricultural Biodiversity

91. In addition, the Secretariat drafted an outreach booklet and several associated fact sheets on “Biodiversity and Agriculture”, the official theme for the 2008 International Day for Biodiversity on 22 May.

VIII/24: Protected Areas

92. In response to requests in decisions VII/28 and VIII/24, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- (a) The pre-session and information documents, details of training programme, themes for side events and identification of potential keynote speakers for the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas, scheduled to be held in Rome in February 2008, were finalized;
- (b) Developing of brochure on economic and social benefits of protected areas for policy makers, to be released during the Working Group meeting, was initiated;
- (c) Preparations for the Franco-phone Africa Sub-regional Implementation and Capacity-building Workshop on the Programme of Work on Protected Areas were undertaken, including processing of nominations, preparation of background documents, and the identification of resource persons. Discussions were held with the Governments of Canada, Gabon, Germany, GTZ, TNC, WCS and IUCN-WCPA for finalizing the preparations for the workshop;
- (d) Interaction with the Global Coordinator of the UNDP/GEF project on supporting country actions for the implementation of CBD programme of work on protected areas, with a view to providing comments on country proposals received;
- (e) Organization and convening of the second informal meeting of the POWPA FRIENDS to discuss the plan of action for 2008 and 2009.

93. Also in response to decision VIII/24, two information documents, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/11 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/12, were peer-reviewed and finalized, incorporating comments and suggestions provided by the Parties, organizations, and experts. These are:

- (a) Synthesis and review of the best available scientific studies on priority areas for biodiversity conservation in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction;
- (b) Development of an interactive map and review of spatial databases containing information on marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.

VIII/27: Invasive Alien Species

94. In response to decision VIII/27, the following activities were carried out:

- (a) The Secretariat continued consultations with OIE, WTO and FAO and a pre-session document SBSTTA/13/6, Alien Species That Threaten Ecosystems, Habitats or Species (Article 8 (h)): Report on Consultations Regarding International Standards was presented to the parties;
- (b) The Secretariat started communication with IMO to collaborate on the in depth review on invasive alien species and continued exchanging information with the International Convention on the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments.
- (c) The Secretariat continued drafting the in-depth review on invasive alien species in collaboration with TNC/GISP, IUCS and other relevant bodies regarding submissions from partners and general progress;
- (d) The Secretariat started preparation to organise an international conference on "Preventing Biological Invasions: Best Practice in Pre-Import Risk Screening for Species of Live Animals in International Trade" in collaboration with Defenders of Wildlife, University of Notre Dame, TNC/GISP, IUCN ISSG in April, 2008.

VIII/28: Impact Assessment

95. In response to decision VIII/27, the following activities were carried out:

96. The Secretariat hosted a visit by an International Masters Course on Environmental Assessment of McGill University and made presentations related to forest biodiversity, indigenous and local communities, biosafety, impact assessment and scientific assessments. The visit took place as part of an institutional arrangement between McGill University, UNDP, UNEP-ETB and SCBD.

97. The Secretariat discussed the satellite event on strategic environmental assessment with the organizers of the international conference on biodiversity conservation for health, development and livelihood security (COHAB2008, 25-28 February 2008, Galway, Ireland).

98. The Secretariat carried out an analysis of the take-up and impacts of guidelines developed under the convention. Further details are provided under decision VIII/10 and will be made available to COP-9.

VIII/30: Biodiversity and Climate Change

99. In response to SBSTTA recommendation XII/5, the following activities were carried out:

- (a) An information note on forests and climate change was drafted;
- (b) The statement during the high level segment of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-13) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) included the key findings of the global Assessment on Peatlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change as considered by SBSTTA-12.

100. In support of enhanced cooperation on adaptation and mitigation, as noted in the preamble to decision VIII/30, the Secretariat held a side event at the COP-13 of the UNFCCC on 'Working with nature: wetlands biodiversity and climate change'. At the same meeting the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the UNFCCC and UNCCD, launched two brochures on synergies between the Rio Conventions on (i) forests, biodiversity, land degradation and climate change, and (ii) adaptation biodiversity and land degradation.

101. Furthermore, in support of enhanced cooperation, the Secretariat finalized the agenda and issued invitations for the ninth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group to be held on 24 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany.

102. Activities by the Secretariat on the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) are reported under decision VIII/19.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS
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VII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism

103. Following Notification 2007-100 sent to National Focal Points with regards to the "Indigenous communities, tourism and biodiversity workshop series: new information and web-based technologies " (SCBD/SEL/OH/JS/CR/59168) and the invitation sent to National Focal Points from the Arctic Region (Canada, Finland, Iceland, Mongolia, Norway, Sweden, Russian Federation, United States) the first workshop of the series took place 19-22 November 2007 at Duchesnay Tourist Station, near Quebec City. 21 participants attended the workshop (indigenous tourism operators, executives of trade associations, local NGOs, government officers in charge of indigenous issues, specialists, academics and consultants) from Canada (5 Northern provinces), Russia, the US, Finland, Sweden, and the International Ecotourism Society. Additional workshops are scheduled to take place in Latin America, Africa, the Pacific and Southeast Asia, with a focus on forest basins, islands, mountains, and dry and sub-humid areas.

104. Between 26 and 29 November, SCBD participated in the round table on "Challenges for Sustainable Tourism" and attended the seventeenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations World Tourism Organization in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, further detailing an upcoming Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat of the CBD.

105. From 29 November to 2 December, the Secretariat took part in the First international Meeting on protected areas and tourism in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, through a presentation on the economic contribution of protected area tourism. During the meeting, a partnership with CONAMA, the Mexican Council on Protected Areas, the NGO Amigos de Sian Ka'an, and Conservation International, was discussed to implement the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism in the Mexican Caribbean through a workshop targeted at hotel and resort developers, entrepreneurs and local authorities.

VIII/5: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

106. During this period, the Secretariat carried out final preparations for the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, held in Montreal, Canada, from 15-19 October 2007. This also included the funding the participation of 22 indigenous and local community representatives through the Convention's voluntary fund for ILCs.

107. From 15-19 October, the SEL Division, together with Conference Services serviced the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions.

108. The Secretariat also liaised with donors and in particular the Government of Spain and the Government of Finland. Following the submission of project proposals the Government of Spain provided an additional 300,000 Euros for the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions. In particular the Spanish Government requested the Secretariat to support a capacity building initiative for indigenous women in the Latin American and Caribbean region to assist them in their preparations for COP 9, to be held in April 2008.

109. The Government of Finland has decided to provide the Secretariat with resources (60,000 Euros) to facilitate an International Expert Meeting on Responses to Climate Change for Indigenous and Local Communities and the impact on their Traditional Knowledge related to Biological Diversity, The Arctic Region, Helsinki, Finland, 25-28 March 2008.

110. To further these proposals, during this quarter, an MOU was progressed with the Fundacion para la Promocion del Conocimiento Indigena for the LAC capacity building workshop and close consultation were held with the Government of Finland to advance planning for the Arctic regional expert meeting. In November a notification (SCBD/SEL/OJ/SG/61053 (2007-153)) was issued to encourage indigenous and local communities and experts on climate change to apply.

VIII/4: Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing

111. During this period, the Secretariat organized and serviced the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, held in Montreal, Canada, from 8 to 12 October 2008.

112. The report of the meeting was completed and made available on the CBD website. In addition, two papers prepared by the co-chairs under their sole authority and responsibility were finalized and forwarded to national focal points. These were the "Reflections of the Co-chairs on progress made by the Working Group at its fifth meeting" and the "Notes from the Co-chairs on proposals made by the Working Group at its fifth meeting". These papers were also made available to WG-ABS 6 as information documents. (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/6/INF/1 and INF/2)

113. In addition, a compendium of the side-events held during WG-ABS 5 was prepared by the Secretariat and made available on the CBD website.

114. Following the fifth meeting of the Working Group on ABS, preparations for the sixth meeting of the Working Group to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 21 to 25 January 2008, were carried out, including logistical arrangements as well as the preparation of documentation for the meeting. New documents prepared for the meeting included the following:

- Provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/6/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/6/1/Add.1)
- Compilation of submissions provided by Parties, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders on concrete options on the substantive items on the agenda of the fifth and sixth meetings of the Working Group (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/6/INF/3)
- Access and benefit-sharing arrangements in specific sectors (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/6/INF/4/REV.1)

115. In addition, the Secretariat participated in the following ABS capacity development activities organized under the umbrella of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity-Development Initiative for Africa in collaboration with the Secretariat of the CBD:

- Capacity Building and Briefing of African Delegates prior to WG-ABS 5, on 5-6 October 2007, Montreal, Canada.
- ABS Capacity-development Workshop for French speaking African countries, held in Morocco, from 19 to 23 November 2007
- Second ABS Capacity Development Workshop for Africa, 3 to 7 December 2007, Nairobi, Kenya
- Capacity Development and Briefing of African delegates prior to WG-ABS 6, on 18 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland.

116. During the mission to Nairobi, the Secretariat also visited UNEP colleagues and participated in a meeting with the co-chairs and the Executive Director of UNEP to discuss the further involvement of UNEP in access and benefit-sharing activities.

117. The Secretariat also prepared a CBD Business Newsletter on ABS based on a large number of contributions, made available for WG-ABS 6.

118. Finally, the Secretariat organized informal open-ended and bilateral consultations for the co-chairs of the Working Group on ABS on 19 and 20 January 2008, prior to WG-ABS 6, at the International Environment House, in Geneva, Switzerland.

VIII/10: Operations of the Convention

119. In an effort to better disseminate information within the Secretariat, a new partnership agreements web page, which includes a compilation of CBD active partnership agreements, as well as a list of the partnership agreements in preparation have been circulating for peer review and can be used internally for a better tracking and updating of CBD's partnerships: <http://www.cbd.int/agreements/>.

VIII/25 and VIII/26 - Incentive Measures

120. The Secretariat participated in the first review meeting of the UNEP project on integrated assessment of trade-related policies and biological diversity in the agriculture sector, which took place in Geneva on 26-28 November 2007. Funded by the European Communities, this four-year project seeks to assist six ACP countries in implementing Article 14 of the Convention and also responds to requests of the Conference of the Parties to study the impacts of trade liberalization on agricultural biological diversity. The meeting convened the core advisory group and the international steering committee of the project with a view to review progress in implementing the assessments by the country research teams.

BIOSAFETY

THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

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BS-II/9 and BS-III/11: Risk Assessment and Risk Management

Central and Eastern Europe Regional workshop on Capacity Building and Exchange of Experience on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms, Chisinau, Moldova, 26-28 November 2007

And

Latin America and the Caribbean Regional workshop on Capacity Building and Exchange of Experience on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms, Bridgetown, Barbados, 10-12 December 2007

121. The second and third in series of regional workshops on capacity building and exchange of experience on risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms as requested in paragraph 2 of decision BS-II/9 and in paragraph 10 of decision BS-III/11 for both the Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean Regions took place in Chisinau, Moldova and Bridgetown, Barbados respectively. The workshops were made possible following the generous financial contribution by the Governments of the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland and the offer of logistics support by the hosting Governments of Moldova and Barbados.

122. In Moldova, the workshop was attended by 29 participants from Armenia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Macedonia and Ukraine, 3 organisations and representatives from Austria, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland.

123. In Barbados, the workshop was attended by 31 participants including delegates from Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, El Salvador, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and Grenadines and resource persons from

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Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, the Netherlands and Trinidad and Tobago. The private and NGO sectors were also represented by participants from the Global Industry Coalition (GIC) and the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).

124. The workshops offered the participants the opportunity:

- To learn about risk assessment and risk management in the context of the Biosafety Protocol and to review the general concepts, principles and methodologies;
- To exchange practical experiences and lessons learned in conducting/reviewing risk assessments and implementing risk management measures in Africa
- To review existing guidance materials on risk assessment and risk management and consider the need for further guidance
- To review the format and key elements of risks assessment reports/dossiers and summaries for living modified organisms
- To identify tools and mechanisms for promoting cooperation and networking between experts and agencies involved in risk assessments and risk management at the regional level, including the exchange of information, expertise, training materials and risk assessment tools.

125. The following substantive topics were covered during the workshops:

- Introduction to risk management and risk management of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- Risk management concepts, general principles and methodologies: An ecological approach
- National and Regional experiences and lessons learned in conducting and/or reviewing risk assessments
- The nature, scope and applicability of existing guidance material for risk assessment and risk management of LMOs
- Outcomes of Canada-Norway Expert workshop on risk assessment for future applications of modern biotechnology, held 4-6 June 2007
- Key elements of, and considerations in preparing and presenting, risk assessment dossiers
- Common formants for risk assessment summaries submitted to Biosafety Clearing House in accordance with paragraph 3 (c) of Article 20 of the Protocol
- Regional approaches and sharing of information and expertise on risk assessment and risk management

126. The main outputs of the workshops included a revised version of the common format for the summary of risk assessments and recommendations for collaborating at the regional, sub regional and national levels on risk assessment and risk management issues. The Secretariat, in collaboration with interested partners, is finalizing arrangements to organize the final workshop for Asia Pacific.

BS-II/2 and BS-III/2: Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)

127. The BCH Informal Advisory Committee held its meeting at the Secretariat, 4 – 5 October 2007. The meeting was attended by experts selected from Cameroon; Canada; China; Colombia; Cuba; European Community; India; Mexico; Namibia; Slovenia; Switzerland and Uzbekistan. Here were also representatives of the following organizations as observers: the Division of Global Environment Facility Coordination of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/GEF); the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB); the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development; the Biosafety Interdisciplinary Network; the Third World Network and the Global Industry Coalition. The meeting reviewed BCH activities and the revamped changes and made a number of recommendations to the COP-MOP for its consideration.

128. The revamped BCH Central Portal was also launched during the quarter. As directed by decision BS-III/2, the BCH survey of BCH users was also launched.

129. The Secretariat in collaboration with the UNEP-GEF Project on BCH held a training workshop for the Caribbean Region in Barbados for BCH National Focal Points as part of its capacity-building activities.

BS-I/7, BS-11/1 and BS-III/1: Compliance

130. The fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee took place at the Secretariat from 21 to 23 November 2007. At this meeting, the Committee further refined its report on experiences of other multilateral environmental agreements regarding measures against cases of repeated non-compliance. In addition, the Committee reviewed general issues of compliance on the basis of the information made available by Parties through their first national reports submitted four years after the entry into force of the Protocol.

BS I/8, BS-II/11 and BS-III/12: Liability and Redress

131. The fourth meeting of the Open Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts took place in Montreal from 22 to 26 October 2007. The meeting focused on streamlining and consolidating the proposed operational texts on approaches and options pertaining to liability and redress in the context of Article 27 of the Protocol. The streamlined text will be used as the basis for further negotiations at the final meeting of the Working Group in March 2008 in Colombia.

BS-II/6, BS-III/6: Cooperation with Other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives

132. The Secretariat participated in the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London, Workshop on “the growth and control of international environmental crime”, which was attended by 40 participants representing MEAs Secretariats, environmental NGOs, World Bank, Interpol, academic institutions and the private sector.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol

133. As of 31st December 2007, 143 Parties to the CBD have acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website: <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/default.aspx>

OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

VIII/6: Communication, Education and Public Awareness

134. The Programme of work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) was advanced in this quarter as a result of actions related to the Short list of Priority Activities from Annex II of Decision VIII/6 as follows.

135. Typesetting of a toolkit on CEPA was finalised. The toolkit was produced by the CEC of IUCN, with the generous financial support of the government of the Netherlands. The publication will be part of the capacity-building programme for NBSAPs and will contribute to the development of National CEPA strategies.

136. In preparation for the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) 2008, work was carried out to produce awareness materials. This includes preparation of a booklet on the relationships between biodiversity and agriculture that forms the centrepiece of a toolkit being prepared for dissemination among Parties and partner organizations and forms the basis for related messaging products. Work has been carried out with substantial inputs from partners including FAO, Bioversity International, other members of the CGIAR, and UNEP through an Inter-agency Task Force. The toolkit includes also fact sheets, web materials and a poster. The Secretariat has also worked with the NGO, Tropical Conservancy, for the preparation of a special issue of their journal, Biodiversity, on Biodiversity and Agriculture, to be released at COP-9.

137. Work was carried out on preparation of a strategy for the International Year on Biodiversity, 2010. Preparations were also made for the next meeting of the CEPA Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) that will be held in January 2008.

138. To help strengthen understanding of the links between climate change and biodiversity and links between the respective Conventions, the Secretariat actively participated in the Conference of the Parties (COP13) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held from 3-14 December in Bali, Indonesia. Through its participation in the United Nations Communications Group (UNCG) Task Force on Climate Change, the secretariat ensured that the issue of biodiversity was included in the key messages for the media. The Secretariat organized a joint Rio Conventions event to mark the launch of joint information notes prepared on forests and on adaptation, and held two press conferences.

139. Work was also carried out with the secretariats of the UNFCCC and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification on the preparation of a joint calendar of the Rio Conventions for 2008. The calendar was distributed at the UNFCCC COP13.

140. The Secretariat continued to prepare and disseminate information related to biodiversity and the objectives of the Convention through media releases, communiqués, messages, daily news bulletins and through its website. A second edition of a newsletter for children and youth was published and work was carried out on the production of a fourth edition of the Gincana magazine.

VIII/17: Private-Sector Engagement

141. On the occasion of the UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) 2007 Global Roundtable, the Secretariat released an issue of its business newsletter on the financial services sector. At the Roundtable, UNEP FI also released a CEO Briefing on biodiversity as well as a longer report entitled Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - Bloom or Bust? The Secretariat, a member of the UNEP FI Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Work Stream, reviewed and commented on both publications.

142. The Secretariat participated in the High Level Conference on Business and Biodiversity, which took place on 12-13 November 2007. The Executive Secretary participated in the "Roundtable on Next Steps for Europe on Biodiversity", and made the closing statement with the Minister of the Environment of Portugal. The Secretariat also contributed to the Lisbon Conference as member of its organizing committee. The Lisbon message on business and biodiversity will be reproduced in the January issue of the newsletter.

143. Business engagement has been included as a significant component of actions covered under a Letter of Agreement signed with the government of The Netherlands in December 2007.

144. The Secretariat worked on a number of business and biodiversity events scheduled to take place in the first half of 2008, in the run-up to COP-9.

IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

145. The main focus of work on Implementation and Technical Support this quarter has been on the final preparations for the convening of the Regional and Sub-Regional NBSAP workshops called for in Decision VIII/8 to discuss national experience in implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors, including consideration of obstacles and ways and means for overcoming the obstacles.

146. In this regard, the following Regional/Sub-Regional workshops are being organized:

- Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia – 14 – 18 January 2008, Singapore City, Singapore
- Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Southern and Eastern Africa – 4-8 February, 2008, Rustenberg, South Africa
- Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Europe – 26 – 30 April, Vilm, Germany

147. The following Regional/Sub-Regional workshops are being organized tentatively as follows:

- (a) Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South America – March 2008
- (b) Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for the Pacific – April 2008,

- (c) Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Central Africa – June 2008
- (d) Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Western and North Africa – September 2008
- (e) Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for the Caribbean – November 2008
- (f) Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for North America – November 2008
- (g) Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for the Arab League – December 2008

148. Further information on these workshops is available via <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops.shtml>.

149. The NBSAPs activities were also the development of partnership with COMIFAC “Comission des Ministres en charge des Forêts d’Afrique Centrale” to organize and fund the next NBSAPs workshop for Central Africa and contacting potential partners in order to organize the next NBSAPs workshops for western and northern Africa.

150. Other activities: The Secretariat meet with the COHAB initiative representatives in order to support the organization of the second international Conference on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB 2 – 25 to 28 February 2008)

VIII/8: Implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan

151. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to conduct an in-depth review of the implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan (Decision VIII/8). In recommendation WGRI-2/1, the Working Group prepared a draft decision for consideration of COP-9{UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2 paragraphs (a)-(p) of the summary} that takes note of the status of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan and includes consolidated guidance for Parties in developing, implementing and revising their national and, where appropriate, regional, biodiversity strategies and action plans or equivalent instruments. Furthermore, priority areas for capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology, as well as mechanisms for the implementation of the Convention and inputs to the process of revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010, also are included in the draft decision.

152. A new information portal on NBSAPS is available at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/> to provide easier access to COP guidance and related tools. It will be updated regularly to provide additional information on the status of implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan.

153. The series of modules produced jointly by UNEP-GEF, SCBD, and UNU are being updated to reflect the outcomes of recent meetings. As well, modules are also under preparation concerning Engagement with the Private Sector and Access and Benefit Sharing. The modules will be used as the basis for training workshops at SBSTTA 13 in February and COP 9 in May 2008.

154. The Secretariat participated in the Trondheim/UN Conference on Ecosystems and people – Biodiversity for development – The road to 2010 and beyond hosted by the Norwegian Government 29

October – 2 November 2007. The Chair's conclusions are available on the Convention website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/external/external-meetings/trondheim-05-38-chairman-report-en.pdf>.

155. Preliminary contact with IUCN following the recent MOU signed on "Poverty Reduction and Environmental Governance Initiative". Writing the "Biodiversity for Development" unit's work plan.

VIII/11: Scientific and Technical Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism

156. During this quarter, the Clearing-House Mechanism provided support to several programme areas. More specifically:

- (a) An Arctic workshop on indigenous communities, tourism and biodiversity focusing on new information and web-based technology was held in Quebec City from 19-21 November 2007 to assist indigenous and local communities in their use and to facilitate the establishment of communication networks.
- (b) The content of the web section on the financial resources and mechanism (www.cbd.int/financial) was revamped and updated.
- (c) A website on adaptation to climate change (adaptation.cbd.int) was launched on 13 December 2007 during the UN Climate Change Conference in Bali. This website features an on-line database on adaptation planning.
- (d) An updated CD-ROM version of the on-line database on incentive measures is under preparation.
- (e) Work is ongoing in the development an exchange mechanism compatible with the Global Forest Information Service (GFIS). This mechanism, based on RSS feeds, will allow the automated transfer of CBD information to the GFIS portal (www.gfis.net).

157. Progress was also made in the enhancement of the website and its infrastructure:

- (a) Further web pages were translated into French.
- (b) The web server infrastructure was upgraded with the objective of implementing redundancy for the critical web and database servers.
- (c) A document server was developed and incorporated into the web infrastructure to improve file management in a redundant environment.

158. In addition, activities were undertaken to streamline the Secretariat's operations:

- (a) A Document Translation Management System was designed and deployed to manage the translation of meeting documents. This system keeps track of translation tasks and generates status reports by meeting, translator or budget line.
- (b) Work has begun to re-design the Secretariat's registration system and integrate it within a global contact management system. The objective is to improve meeting registration services while centralizing contact management.

VIII/14: National Reporting

159. The Global Environment Facility has approved a medium-sized project to provide funds (up to 20,000 USD per country) to eligible countries for undertaking national assessments of progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target and preparing their fourth national reports. A notification has been sent to all the eligible countries. The template for country request for funding and a model letter of endorsement by National Operational Focal Point of GEF have been also made available in three languages (English, French and Spanish) on the CBD website. A teleconference with UNDP, UNEP and the GEF Secretariat was organized to discuss about steps for implementation of this medium-sized project. As planned, UNDP country or region offices will start handling country requests around the end of the year.

160. The development of a portal on the CBD website devoted to this medium-sized project is under discussion. The portal may contain the guidelines and tools for preparing the fourth national report, progress report on funding and links with relevant tools in this regard developed by partner organizations, in particular Countdown 2010. The portal is also designed to allow the Secretariat to respond to queries and requests by some Parties.

161. A side event on preparation of the fourth national report was organized during the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (October 15-19, 2007, Montreal, Canada). At the side event, the Secretariat introduced the guidelines for the fourth national report and a UNDP/UNEP joint project for funding the preparation of the fourth national report. To facilitate exchange of experiences in implementation and help countries prepare their fourth national reports, Brazil made a presentation on its experience in and approaches to development of national biodiversity strategy and action plan. Norway also introduced its process and approaches to mainstream biodiversity into relevant sectors. Both are key parts of the fourth national report. The side event, which is a second one following the one organized during WGRI 2, was attended by a dozen of country delegates.

162. A draft reference manual for the fourth national report was further reviewed and is likely to be made available for use by Parties in January 2008.

163. An outline of a sample report has been prepared. So far two countries had submitted their contributions to this sample report. A few others have indicated that they will submit their contributions in January. If contributions to all the chapters are received in January, the sample report could be made available for voluntary use by Parties in February or March 2008.

164. A regional workshop for South, Southeast and East on capacity building for national biodiversity strategies and action plans will be organized from 14 to 18 January 2008 in Singapore. Part of the workshop will be devoted to the preparation of the fourth national report in order to strengthen capacities of countries in that region for preparing national reports. This is arranged in response to a recommendation contained in COP decision VIII/14, paragraph 6. This workshop is organized together with the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity and the Singapore National Parks Board.

165. As of the end of 2007, a total of 135 third national reports had been received. A few countries have indicated that they would submit their third national report in the next few months. A notification will be sent, recommending that Parties should move to focus on the preparation of the fourth national report, considering its importance to reviewing progress towards the 2010 Target.

VIII/15: Monitoring Implementation of the 2010 Target

166. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider at COP-9 the process for revising and updating the Strategic Plan with a view to adopting a revised Strategic Plan at COP-10

(Decision VIII/15 (2)). In recommendation WGRI-2/1 (para.2), the Working Group requested the Executive Secretary, to invite Parties to submit views on the revision of the Strategic Plan beyond 2010, and to prepare a report for COP-9, taking into account also the views expressed by Parties at WGRI-2. The Secretariat has received input from the European Union in this regard.

VIII/18: Further Guidance to the Financial Mechanism

VIII/13: Review of Implementation of Financial Resources and Financial Mechanism

167. The first informal consultation on the development of a strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's objectives was organized on 13 October 2007. Forty-five participants from thirty three countries as well as Global Environment Facility and United Nations Environment Programme attended the informal consultation. On 26 October, a notification was circulated to Governments for comments on a preliminary revised version of a draft strategy for resource mobilization by 30 November 2007.

168. The notification together with a draft strategy for resource mobilization was circulated to Parties and relevant organizations and posted on the website of the Convention on 20 December 2007.

169. Information and logistic support has been provided to the independent experienced evaluator for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. A preliminary draft and a draft review report were received and comments were provided to the evaluator.

170. The Secretariat attended the Executive GEFOP meeting, on Wednesday, 10 October 2007, which reviewed the largest work program for the following Council meeting.

171. The Secretariat provided input to the GEF document on Relations with Conventions and attended the 32nd meeting of the GEF Council on 14-16 November 2007 as well as the Forest Carbon Partnership Fund on 12-13 November 2007.

172. The Secretariat provided service to an Ask a UNEP Expert on Financing for Biodiversity, Environment and Sustainable Development on 14 December 2007.

173. The Secretariat has been preparing several documents for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including a four-year framework for programme priorities related to utilization of GEF resources for biodiversity and a message on finance and biological diversity.

174. A number of project proposals received from GEF were reviewed.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 - MEETINGS

Meetings in 2007

MEETINGS – OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2007

1 October 2007	Presentation on the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) - Montreal, Canada
3 October 2007	Presentation to a group of students undertaking a course on International Governance for Environmental Security on “Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss: the great new threats to peace, security and development” - Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
4 October 2007	Meet with Dr. Ryme Seferdjeli from Ottawa University to discuss the issue of "Women and Biodiversity" - Ottawa, Canada
4 October 2007	Provide an overview and training on the Working Groups of ABS and Article 8(j) to the Indigenous Women’s Biodiversity Network Training Session - Montreal, Canada
4 October 2007	Presentation at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) Conférence «Entre l’écologie et le social: les humains dans la biodiversité» -Montreal, Canada
4 - 5 October 2007	Take part in the meeting of the UNEP Expert Group on Ecosystems Management - Nairobi, Kenya
5 October 2007	Participate in the “Atelier de renforcement des capacités préparatoire aux négociations sur l’APA pour les pays francophones” - Montreal, Canada
5 - 6 October 2007	Attend in the Capacity Building and Briefing of African Delegates prior to WGABS-5 - Montreal, Canada
5 October 2007	Take part in the strategy/information sharing session organized by CBD Alliance for civil society, including NGOs, IPOs, social movements - Montreal, Canada
7 - 13 October 2007	Meetings with the following Heads of Delegation attending WGABS-5 - Montreal, Canada: Burundi, Canada, France, Germany, GTZ, India, Japan, Mali, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Smithsonian Institute, Switzerland, Tanzania, U.S.A.
8 October 2007	Presentation of the gift donated by the Government of Cameroon to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture, at the opening plenary of the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing - Montreal, Canada
8 October 2007	Attend the annual meeting of the Environmental Management Group - Geneva, Switzerland
9 October 2007	Visit of the Deputy Director, UNEP/WCMC - Montreal, Canada

10 October 2007	Presentation of the gift donated by the Government of India to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
10 October 2007	Participate via teleconference at the Executive GEFOP meeting
10-12 October 2007	Represent the Executive Secretary at the sixth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" - Belgrade, Serbia
12 October 2007	Meet with the Scientific Counsellor, Embassy of France in Ottawa - Montreal, Canada
13 October 2007	Meeting with the representative of the GEF Secretariat - Montreal, Canada
15 October 2007	Meet with senior representatives of the Pacific Invasives Initiative and DRT, organized by the Department of Conservation - Auckland, New Zealand
15 - 19 October 2007	Meetings with the following Heads of Delegation attending WG8J-5 - Montreal, Canada: GEF Secretariat and GTZ, as well as Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Italy, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, and U.S.A.
16 October 2007	Meet with the two ABS co-chairs - Montreal, Canada
17 October 2007	Meet with the Director of UNEP-DELIC - Montreal, Canada
17 October 2007	Take part in a one-day workshop with Victoria University of Wellington on role of New Zealand in the Island Biodiversity Programme of Work - Wellington, New Zealand
18 October 2007	Meet with Ms. Yoko Watanabe, Programme Manager, Biodiversity, Global Environment Facility - Montreal, Canada
18 - 19 October 2007	Participate in an expert group meeting on innovative finance for sustainable development - New York, U.S.A.
18 - 19 October 2007	Represent the Executive Secretary at the International Symposium on the theme "Natural History Museums and Institutions in the 21st century: impact on our common future", organized on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the birth of the <i>Comte de Buffon</i> - Paris, France
19 October 2007	Participate via teleconference in the U.N. Climate Communications Group Meeting
19 October 2007	Take part and provide assistance in the joint SCBD/SPREP sub-regional capacity-building workshop, on implementing NBSAPs and mainstreaming biodiversity in the Pacific - Alotau, Papua New Guinea
19 - 20 October 2007	Attend the IMoSEB regional consultation for Oceania - Alotau, Papua New Guinea
22 October 2007	Contribute to the SPREP meeting on conservation serving communities including assisting with a side event on the ecosystem approach - Alotau, Papua, New Guinea

22 - 23 October 2007	Participate in the Post Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Partner's Meeting - Stockholm, Sweden
23 October 2007	Meet with the Consul General of Algeria - Montreal, Canada
23 October 2007	Meet with the President of the <i>Agence consultatif en éthique de coopération internationale</i> (ACECI) - Montreal, Canada
23 October 2007	Meet with the following Head of Delegation attending the fourth meeting of the Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol: Japan - Montreal, Canada
23 - 24 October 2007	Participate in the high-level dialogue on Financing for Development - New York, U.S.A.
24 October 2007	Meet with Ambassador John Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations in New York - New York, U.S.A.
24 October 2007	Visit of Mr. Kenrick Leslie, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre - Montreal, Canada
24 October 2007	Give a presentation to students and staff of Westwood Junior High School on biodiversity environmental retreat - Hudson, Quebec, Canada
25 October 2007	Visit of Ms. Federica Bietta, Coalition for Rainforest Nations - Montreal, Canada
25 October 2007	Meet with representatives from the Kobe University Research Institute on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (KURIM), attending the fourth meeting of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Open-ended Working Group on Liability and Redress - Montreal, Canada
25 October 2007	Meet with Mr. Pekka Patosaari, Head of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, as well as other relevant staff - New York, U.S.A.
25 October 2007	Meet with the new Director for Environment and Energy Group, Bureau of Policy Development of UNDP - New York, U.S.A.
25 October 2007	Meet with Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University - New York, U.S.A.
25 October 2007	Had a working lunch with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria - New York, U.S.A.
25 October 2007	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Regional Economic Commissions, as well as hold individual meetings with the five Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commissions - New York, U.S.A.
24 - 27 October 2007	Attend the Pacific Island Conference on Nature Conservation - Alotau, Papua New Guinea
26 October 2007	Meet with the delegates of Tunisia, Sudan, Syria and Jordan attending the fourth meeting of the Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol - Montreal, Canada
29 October 2007	Attend the 62 nd session of the United Nations General Assembly - New York, U.S.A.

29 - 31 October 2007	Attend the 9 th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, and make a presentation on collaboration between the CBD and the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
29 October – 2 November 2007	Attend and deliver a statement at the Second Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
29 October – 2 November 2007	Participate in the Fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity - "Ecosystems and people - biodiversity for development - the Road to 2010 and beyond" - Trondheim, Norway
30 October 2007	Visit to the Norwegian Parliament - Oslo, Norway
1 - 2 November 2007	Participate in the WTO CTE-SS Meeting - Geneva, Switzerland
2 November 2007	Participate in the Second Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
2 November 2007	Meet with the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization - Rome, Italy
2 November 2007	Meet with the Assistant Director General of Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO - Rome Italy
2 November 2007	Meet with the Assistant Director General of Division of Agriculture, FAO - Rome Italy
3 November 2007	Meeting with the Executive Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for FAO - Rome, Italy
5 November 2007	Attend a workshop on biodiversity data, organized by IUCN - Ottawa, Canada
8 November 2007	Meeting with Professor Michel Loreau, Faculty of Science, McGill University with regard to IMoSEB – Montreal, Canada
9 November 2007	Meet with representatives of the International Organizations and IUCN on REDD mechanism, at the invitation of World Bank - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
11 November 2007	Participate as a member at the meeting of the Lisbon Conference Organizing Committee - Lisbon, Portugal,
12 November 2007	Visit of Ms. Fanny Douvere and Mr. Charles Ehler, UNESCO to exchange information on the initiative on Ecosystem-based Marine Spatial Management (EBMSM) - Montreal, Canada
12 November 2007	Deliver a lecture to International Development Studies McGill University students - Montreal, Canada
12 – 13 November 2007	Participate in the High Level Conference on Business and Biodiversity - Lisbon, Portugal
12 November 2007	Meet with the Director of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation - Lisbon, Portugal
12 November 2007	Meet with the delegation of France attending the Business and Biodiversity meeting - Lisbon, Portugal

12 November 2007	Bilateral meeting with the UK Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, in the margins of the Business and Biodiversity meeting - Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Meet with the Secretary of State of Portugal - Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Meet with the Director General, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Nature, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany to discuss preparations of COP-9 - Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Meet with the Director General of Nature Protection of the Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea Protection of Italy, in the margins of the Business and Biodiversity meeting - Lisbon, Portugal
13 November 2007	Meet with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of The Netherlands, in the margins of the Business and Biodiversity meeting - Lisbon, Portugal,
13 November 2007	Take part and give a lecture on climate change and biodiversity at the upcoming session of the CLIMA Project - Paris, France
13 November 2007	Meet with experts in biodiversity education – Biodôme Montréal, Canada
13 - 14 November 2007	Participate in the thirty-second meeting of the GEF Council - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
15 November 2007	Meet with representatives from the Secretariats of the UNFCCC and UNCCD - Bonn, Germany
15 - 16 November 2007	Attend the International Steering Committee of the Consultative Process towards an IMoSEB - Montpellier, France
16 November 2007	Attend the Life Sciences Symposium: Intellectual Property and Life Sciences Regulation, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the Stockholm Network - Geneva, Switzerland
16 - 17 November 2007	Meet with representatives of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) regarding biodiversity and climate change - London, U.K.
18 - 20 November 2007	Participate in the <i>Conférence Internationale sur la solidarité et le changement climatique</i> , organized by the Tunisian Government - Tunis, Tunisia
18 November 2007	Participate in a preparatory workshop, as well as the opening ceremony of the ABS Workshop for French speaking African Countries - Marrakech, Morocco
18 November 2007	Media interviews with the National Tunisia TV and Channel 7 as well as to Egyptian Nil TV - Tunis, Tunisia
18 November 2007	Interview with the Tunis newspaper and Radio Monastir - Tunis, Tunisia,
19 November 2007	Bilateral meetings with the Ministers of Environment of Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt and Italy - Tunis, Tunisia

19 November 2007	Meeting with French Ambassador on Climate Change - Tunis, Tunisia
19 November 2007	Participate via teleconference in the first MEA Management Team Meeting (MMT) - Nairobi, Kenya
19 - 23 November 2007	ABS Workshop for French speaking African Countries, organized under the framework of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative - Marrakech, Morocco
19 - 23 November 2007	Participate in the UNEP/GEF Regional Training Workshop on the BCH for the Caribbean countries - Bridgetown, Barbados
23 November 2007	Presentation at the Concordia University on Contemporary Global Issues – Montreal, Canada
26 November 2007	Participate in the round table on “Challenges for Sustainable Tourism” - Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
26 --27 November 2007	Meet with representatives of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) - Seattle, U.S.A.
26 - 28 November 2007	Participate in a workshop on “The Ecosystem Approach under the CBD and socio-economic monitoring” - University of Bremen, Germany
26 - 28 November 2007	Attend the review meeting of the UNEP/CBD project on trade-related impact assessment for agricultural biodiversity - Geneva, Switzerland
27 - 29 November 2007	Attend the seventeenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations World Tourism Organization - Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
27 November 2007	First Review Meeting with MKI travel under the Travel Agency Contract - Montreal, Canada
27 November 2007	Attended presentation on “ <i>Protection de la Nature et changement planétaire: quel avenir pour la biodiversité</i> ” - Montreal Botanical Gardens, Canada
29 November – 2 December 2007	Participate in the First International Meeting on protected areas and tourism - Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
November 2007	Article in the November 2007 issue of ‘Vision Durable’ on ‘ <i>Biodiversité et Réalisée Commerciale</i> ’
2 December 2007	Participate as UNEP Expert for the Day on the issue of desertification and climate change
2 - 7 December 2007	Participate in the European Regional Expert Meeting in preparation of SBSTTA-13 and WGPA-2 - Isle of Vilm, Germany
3 December 2007	Meeting via teleconference with representatives of UNEP-WCMC on GBO-3
3 - 7 December 2007	Participate in the 2 nd ABS Capacity Building Development Workshop for Africa, organized under the framework of the Dutch-German ABS Capacity Development Initiative - Nairobi, Kenya
3 - 14 December 2007	Attend the UNFCCC COP-13 and SBSTA-26 meetings as well as the High-Level Segment - Bali, Indonesia
5 December 2007	Participate in the National Forum on Biodiversity - Berlin, Germany

5 December 2007	Meeting with representatives from NGOs (NABU, WWF and CBD alliance) - Berlin, Germany
5 December 2007	Meeting with the German authorities on the preparation of COP-9 as well as ABS-6 - Berlin, Germany
5 December 2007	Meeting with the UNEP Executive Director, the co-chairs of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing and UNEP staff regarding the involvement of UNEP in providing support to the negotiations of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing. Participation in the Committee of Permanent Representatives and briefing by the co-chairs on the negotiations of the international regime on ABS - Nairobi, Kenya.
6 December 2007	Participate as UNEP Expert for the Day on the issue of technology transfer and biodiversity
6 December 2007	Take part in a side event on Biodiversity-Climate interactions adaptation, mitigation and human livelihoods - Bali, Indonesia
7 December 2007	Signing of the Letter of Intent with the Netherlands - The Hague, Netherlands
7 December 2007	Meeting with the Permanent Secretary of the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture - The Hague, Netherlands
7 December 2007	Meeting with high-level officials from the Government of the Netherlands, on the preparation of COP-9 - The Hague, Netherlands
7 December 2007	Meeting with Mr. Peter Bos - The Hague, Netherlands
8 December 2007	Collaborative Partnership on Forests Breakfast meeting - Bali, Indonesia
10 December 2007	Attend the Nairobi Work Programme Focal Point Meeting - Bali, Indonesia
10 - 11 December 2007	Participate in the workshop on International Environmental Crime, organized by the Chatham House - London, U.K.
11 December 2007	Meeting with the Executive Director of UNEP, in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia
11 December 2007	Meeting with the Australian Minister of Environment, in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia
11 December 2007	Meeting with the UNCCD Executive Secretary, in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia
11 December 2007	Meeting with the CEO/Chairperson of GEF, in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia
11 December 2007	Hold a press briefing on peatlands assessment, in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia
11 December 2007	Interviews with: <i>Kaisut Media</i> - Spanish Television, <i>VoteLink</i> , <i>Le Monde</i> and <i>UN Radio</i> , in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia

12 December 2007	Launch event of Rio Conventions calendar and information note launch, with the participation of the Executive Secretaries of the three Rio Conventions, the Director General for Environment (BMU), the Norwegian Minister of Environment, the Ambassador at large for Climate Change from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain, in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia
13 December 2007	Interview with <i>Der Spiegel</i> , in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia
13 December 2007	Press briefing on adaptation website with the Director General for Environment (BMU), in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-13 - Bali, Indonesia
13 December 2007	Participate as UNEP Expert for the Day on the issue of Protected Areas, National Biodiversity Strategy/Action Plan and National Biodiversity Legislation
14 December 2007	Participate as UNEP Expert for the Day on the issue of Financing for Biodiversity, Global Environment and Sustainable Development
18 December 2007	Meeting with the Consul General of Japan – Montreal, Canada
19 December 2007	Meeting with a senior representative from the <i>Agence consultative en éthique de la coopération internationale</i> (ACECI) – Montreal, Canada
20 December 2007	Meeting with the Director of the <i>Bureau des Amériques - Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie</i> – Montreal, Canada
22 December 2007	Interview with <i>El Watan</i> newspaper
25 - 28 December 2007	Workshop on Developing China's National Biodiversity Strategy and Updating Biodiversity Action Plan – Beijing, China

ANNEX II

Status of implementation of the agreed Administrative Arrangements

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 35 regularized Professional staff members and 26 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 5 vacant posts, (2 professional and 3 general service) for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 6 professional posts and 6 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

II Contributions and Funds

2. During the fourth quarter of 2007, fourteen new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. CIFOR pledged US\$ 2,000 for the Publication of CBD Technical Series on Bushmeat, Japan pledged US\$ 5,000 for the Asian Regional Capacity Building Workshop on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, France pledged EUR 10,000 for the Translation of CBD Website into French, Agence Française de Développement pledged EUR 2,000 and France pledged EUR 2,000, towards the Publication of 'Regards sur la Terre', Norway pledged US\$ 200,000 for the Regional Consultation on ABS and Enhanced Mainstreaming of Biodiversity, Finland pledged EUR 30,000, Switzerland pledged US\$ 50,000 and Ireland pledged EUR 50,000, for the 6th Meeting of ABS, Germany pledged US\$ 100,000 towards GBO-3 and US\$ 60,000 for the Francophone Workshop on Protected Areas, Austria pledged EUR 20,000 for the SBSTTA Bureau Meeting, EEC pledged EUR 220,000 and Canada pledged CAD 132,000 towards Various Approved Activities.

3. For 2007 a total of US\$2,327,421 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,821,944 or 78% has been collected as at 31 December 2007. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

4. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2007 is US\$8,160,782. Of this amount, US\$7,787,988 or 95% has been received as at 31 December 2007. A total of US\$1,577,733 has also been collected in 2007 as advance payments for 2008 and future years. Additionally, US\$851,700 has been pledged and has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2007. US\$1,508,524 has also been collected in 2007 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

5. As at 31 December 2007 a total of US\$1,587,620 has been pledged for 2007 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from: Sweden (SEK 1,100,000); Spain (EUR 175,000); Iceland (US\$ 1,979); Germany (EUR 51,100 and US\$ 100,000); Norway (NOK 550,000 and US\$ 50,000); UK (GBP 35,000); Denmark (DKK 325,000); Finland (Euros 25,000); Ireland (EUR 50,000); Switzerland (CHF 50,000); Canada (CAD 40,000); Austria (EUR 20,000); Estonia (EUR 6,937) and EEC (EUR 360,000).

6. As at 31 December 2007, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2007 amounted to US\$987,929 or 62% of the total pledged for 2007. Additionally, US\$97,033 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$681,573 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2007 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 31 December 2007, a total of eighty-two (83) countries have paid US\$2,112,373 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 96% of pledges for 2007. A total of US\$433,082 has also been collected in

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2007 as advance payments for 2008 and future years. Additionally, US\$168,300 has been pledged and has been collected as additional contribution to the BG Trust Fund for 2007. US\$335,187 has also been collected in 2007 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 31 December 2007, five Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, **(BH Trust Fund)**. To date US\$412,272 has been received in 2007 for 2007 and future years. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

9. As at 31 December 2007, the Governments of Austria, Finland, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden have pledged a total of US\$314,081 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, **(BI Trust Fund)**. A total of US\$270,540 or 86% has so far been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

10. COP-8 approved a budget of US\$11,012,400 for the BY Trust Fund for 2007. As at 31 December 2007, a total of US\$10,934,653 was spent or committed. This represents 99.3% of the approved amount.

11. COP/MOP-3 approved a budget of US\$2,615,000 for the BG Trust Fund for 2007. As at 31 December 2007 a total of US\$1,784,578 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 68.2% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. At present the following eleven posts are funded by UNEP from the programme support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Administrative Officer (P-3); Programme Management Officer Biosafety (P-3); Associate Finance Officer (P-2); Personal Assistant to the ES (P-2); Senior Finance Assistant (G-8); Finance Assistant (G-5); Personnel Assistant (G-7); Conference Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-7) and Administrative Assistant (G-6).

Appendix 1

Staffing Table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

October - December 2007

Post #	Level	Title	Staff Member
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaif
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
BGL 1101	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Recruitment in progress
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. Lyle Glowka
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. T. Christophersen
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Office of the Executive Secretary	Ms. D. Kayser
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	Programme Officer (OMG)	Mr. N. Bertrand
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	M. M. Khan
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Recruitment in progress
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Garforth
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (OMG)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft

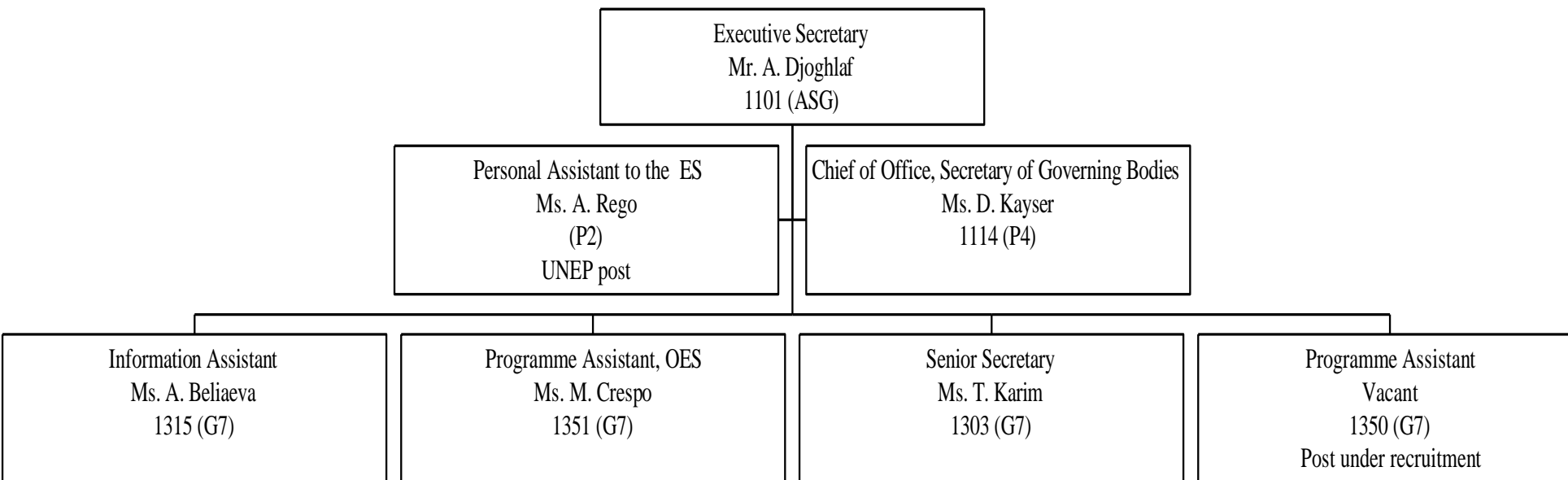
Post #	Level	Title	Staff Member
1133	P4	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand
1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (BS)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo
1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. Jaime Webb
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. Oliver Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (ITS)	Mr. D. Cooper
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (OMG)	Mr. P. LeBlond
	P3	Programme Management Officer (RMCS)	Mr. Ide Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
	P2	Personal Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. Ulrika Nilsson
1139	L1	Junior Professional Officer - Forests (STTM)	Mr. R. Kohsaka (Japan)
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. T. Karim
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. L. Boutin
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Post Advertised
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefebvre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain

Post #	Level	Title	Staff Member
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Ms. N. Annoual
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G7	Programme Assistant (OMG)	Recruitment in progress
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. J. Datinginoo (Post funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Recruitment in progress
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	Ms. F. D'Amico
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G7	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb
1357	G7	Meeting Services Assistant	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1358	G7	Programme Assistant (STTM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)

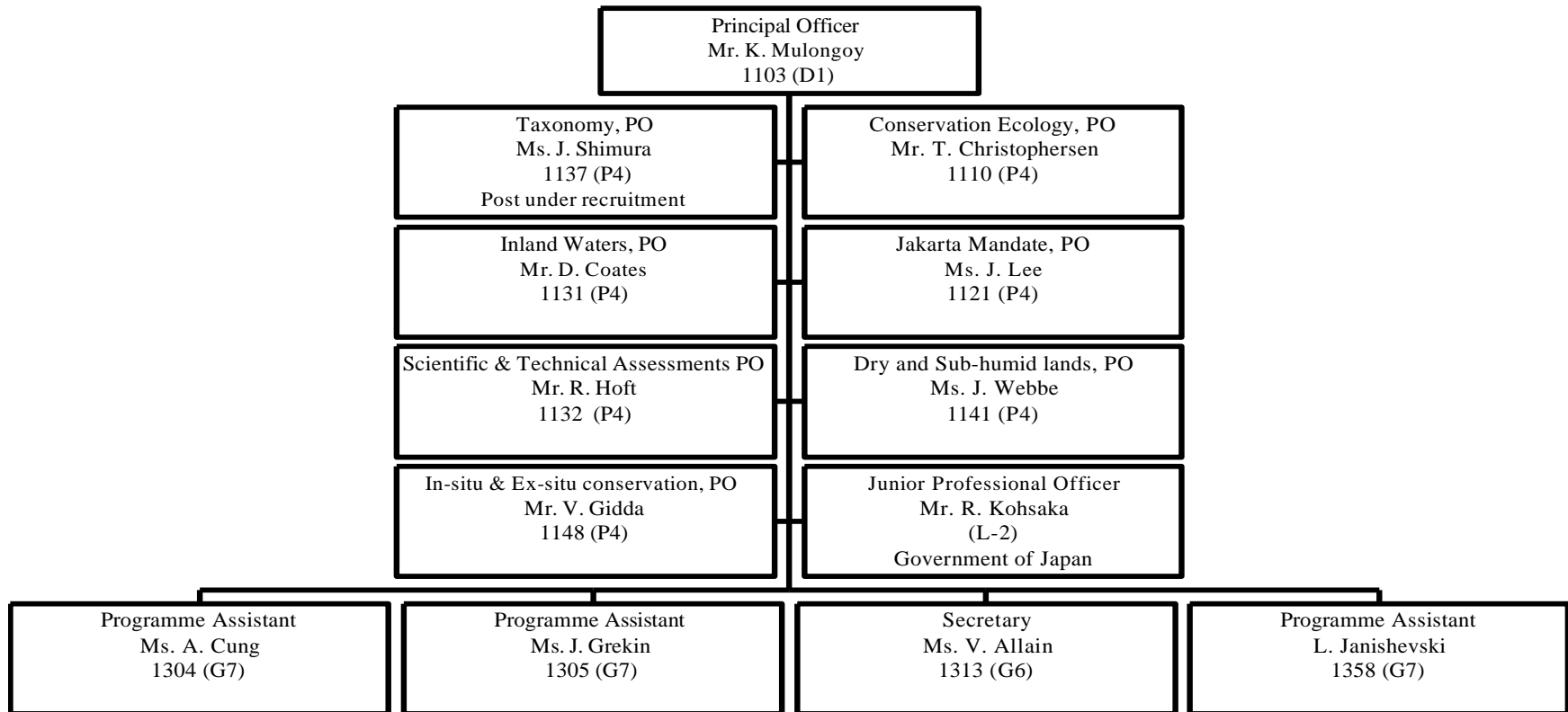
ANNEX III

ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF THE CBD SECRETARIAT

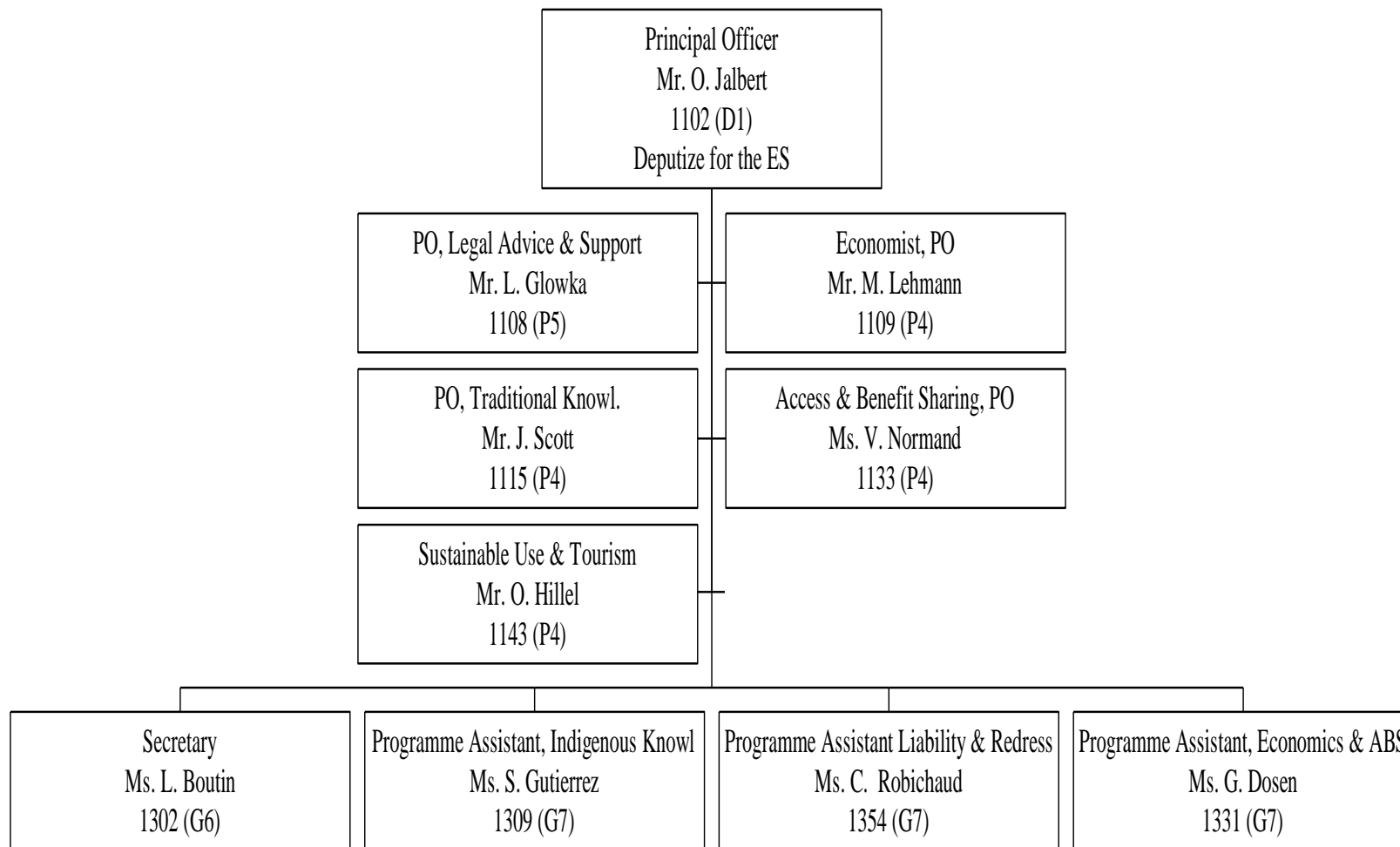
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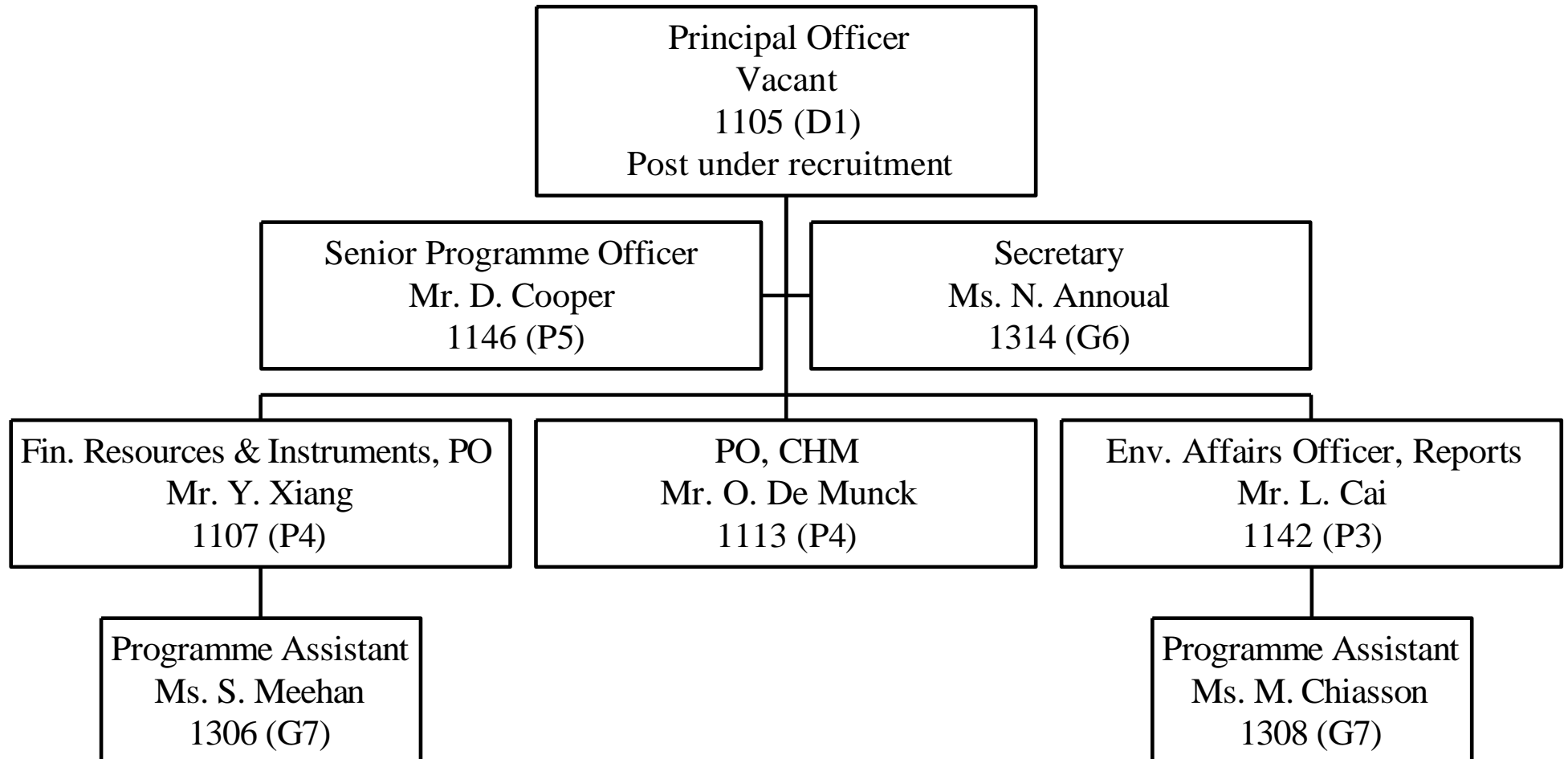
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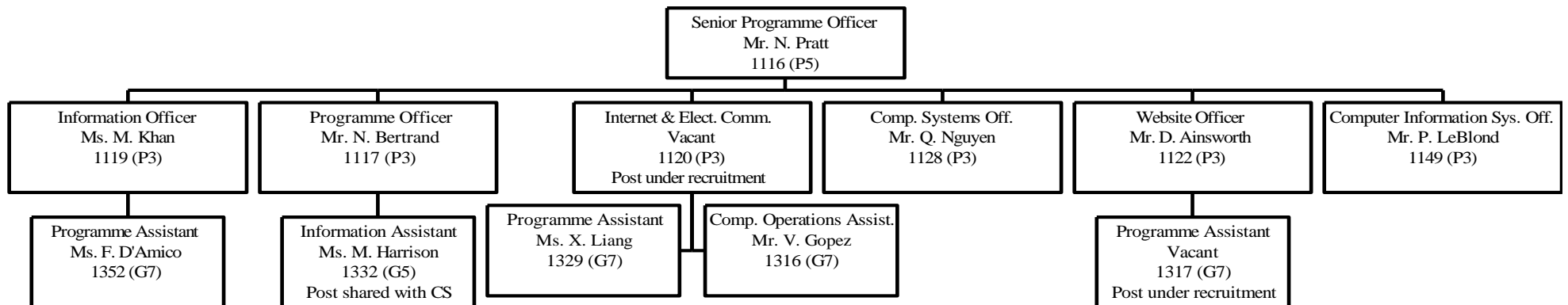
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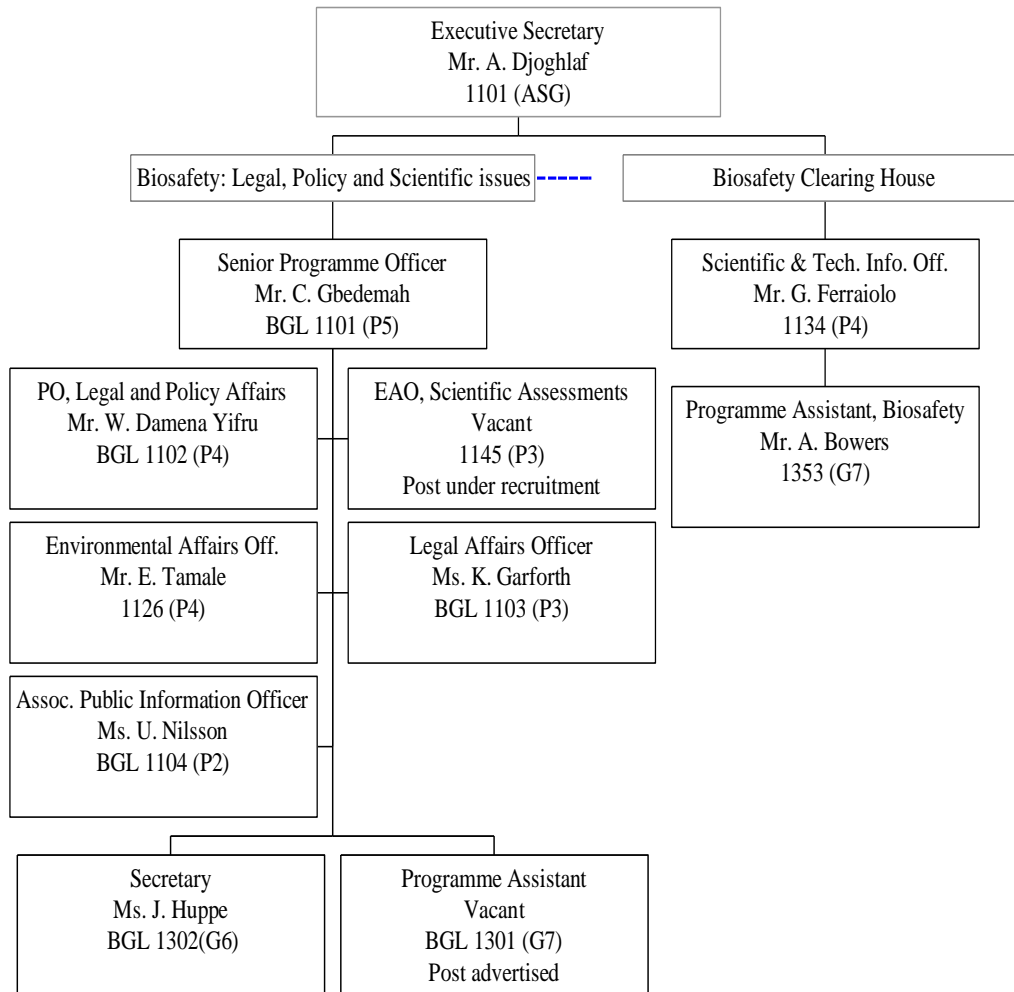
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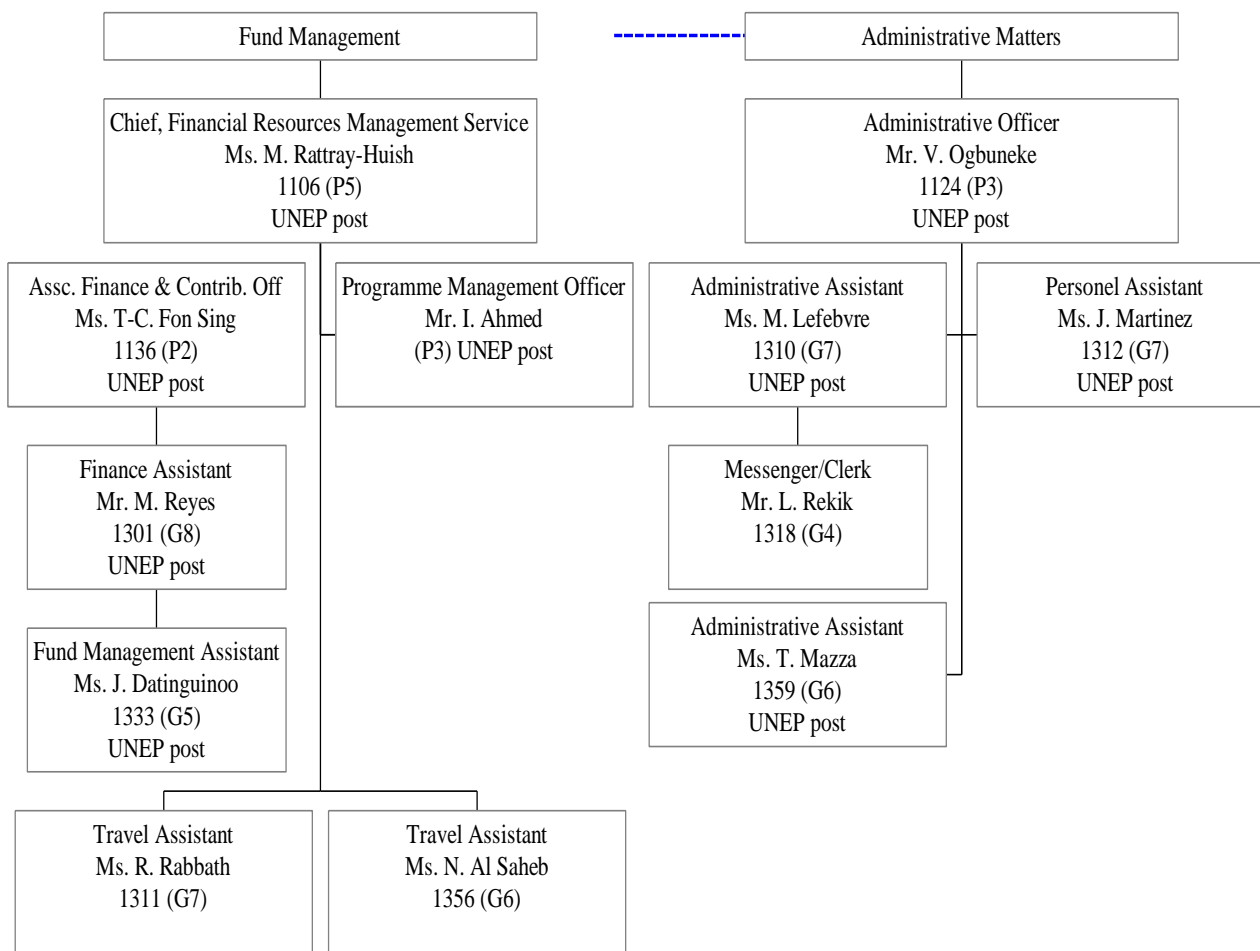
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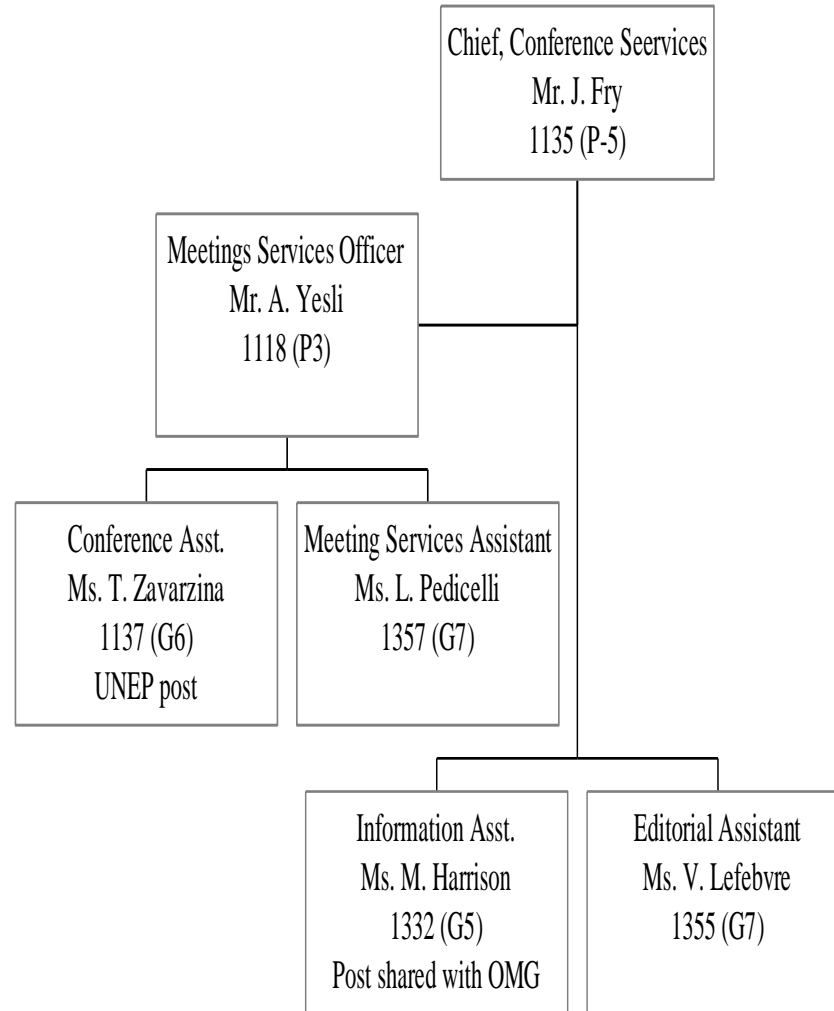
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Resource Management



Conference Services



ANNEX IV

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

Status of Contribution as at 31 December 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
AFD			2,837	24/			2,837
Austria			29,155	32/		29,155	0
Canada	21,592			1/			21,592
Canada			120,909	9/		120,909	0
Canada			132,530	34/			132,530
CIFOR			2,000	21/		2,000	0
EEC	59,065			2/			59,065
EEC	296,443			13/	205,250		91,193
EEC			41,914	17/		41,914	0
EEC			324,484	33/			324,484
Finland			44,631	26/		44,631	0
France			14,749	23/		14,749	0
France			2,915	31/		2,915	0
Germany	21,210			3/	21,210		0
Germany			100,000	28/		70,000	30,000
Germany			60,000	29/		60,000	0
IBRD			10,000	12/		10,000	0
Italy	50,000			4/			50,000
COUNTRIES	Unpaid	Adjustments	Pledges for		Collections	Collections	Unpaid

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	Pledges as at 31.12.06		2007		in 2007 for prior years	in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	pledges for 2007 & prior years
Italy			3,000	16/		3,000	0
Japan			5,000	22/		5,000	0
Ireland			72,886	30/		72,886	0
Norway			200,000	25/		184,374	15,626
Spain	25,000			5/			25,000
Spain	323,050			6/	323,050		0
Spain			810,636	11/		810,636	0
Spain	102,912			14/	102,912		0
Spain			58,428	19/		58,428	0
Sweden	13,287			7/			13,287
Sweden	13,288			8/			13,288
Sweden			144,217	10/		144,217	0
Switzerland			50,000	27/		50,000	0
The Nature Conservancy			10,000	18/		10,000	0
UK			71,477	20/		71,477	0
WWF			15,653	15/		15,653	0
Total	925,847	0	2,327,421		652,422	1,821,944	778,902

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

2/EEC pledged Euros 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006

3/Germany pledged Euros 55,000 towards the support of organisation of the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006

4/Italy pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006

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

6/Spain pledged Euros 250,000 in support of Implementation of Programme of Work on Article 8(j)

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

8/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006

9/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 140,000 towards the Biodiversity and Climate Change Activities

10/Sweden pledged SEK 1,000,000 for Various Approved Activities

11/Spain pledged Euros 625,000 for Additional Approved Activities

12/IBRD pledged US\$ 10,000 to support Tree Planting Activities that offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- 13/EEC pledged Euros 225,000 towards Various Approved Activities
- 14/Spain pledged EUR 80,000 for the ABS Group of Technical Experts, Lima, Peru, January 2007
- 15/WWF pledged CHF 20,000 towards the Sub-Regional Anglophone African Workshop on Protected Areas
- 16/Italy pledged US\$ 3,000 towards the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review and Implementation of the programme of work on Forest Biodiversity, Rome, Italy, 28 May -1 June 2007
- 17/EEC pledged Euros 31,356 towards Various Approved Activities
- 18/The Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the Anglophone African Sub-Regional Workshop on Protected Areas, Cape Town, South Africa, 12-16 August 2007
- 19/Spain pledged EUR 40,000 towards the Implementation of POW on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the CBD
- 20/UK pledged GBP 35,000 towards the costs of holding African Regional Workshops on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans
- 21/CIFOR pledged US\$ 2,000 towards the publication of CBD Technical Series on Bushmeat
- 22/Japan pledged US\$ 5,000 towards the Asian Regional Capacity Building Workshop on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans Singapore City, Singapore, 14-18 January 2008
- 23/France pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Translation of CBD Website into French
- 24/Agence Française de Développement pledged EUR 2,000 towards the Publication of 'Regards sur la Terre'
- 25/Norway pledged US\$ 200,000 towards the Regional Consultation on ABS and Enhanced Mainstreaming of Biodiversity
- 26/Finland pledged EUR 30,000 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008
- 27/Switzerland pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing , Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008
- 28/Germany pledged US\$ 100,000 towards the GBO-3
- 29/Germany pledged US\$ 60,000 towards the Francophone Workshop on Protected Areas, Libreville, Gabon, 7-10 January 2008
- 30/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008
- 31/France pledged EUR 2,000 towards the publication of 'Regards sur la Terre'
- 32/Austria pledged EUR 20,000 towards the SBSTTA Bureau Meeting, Rome, Italy, 17 February 2008
- 33/EEC pledged EUR 220,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2
- 34/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 132,000 towards Various Approved Activities

ANNEX V

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

Status as at 31 December 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments		Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Austria			19/	28,651		28,651	0
Canada			17/	37,736			37,736
Denmark	40,000		1/				40,000
Denmark			11/	31,694		31,694	0
Denmark			13/	27,076			27,076
EEC	105,402		6/		72,977		32,425
EEC			24/	530,973			530,973
Estonia			23/	10,000		10,000	0
Finland			12/	20,463		20,463	0
Finland			16/	13,381		13,381	0
Germany			8/	51,100		51,100	0
Germany			20/	100,000		100,000	0
Germany			21/	18,593		18,593	0
Iceland			7/	1,979		1,979	0
Ireland			14/	67,250		67,250	0
Norway			9/	91,973		91,973	0
Norway			18/	50,000		46,094	3,906
Spain			5/	226,978		226,978	0
Sweden	9,457		2/				9,457
Sweden			4/	28,843		28,843	0
Sweden			22/	138,996		138,996	0
Switzerland	24,056		3/		24,056		0
Switzerland			15/	41,244		41,244	0
UK			10/	70,690		70,690	0
Total	178,915	0		1,587,620	97,033	987,929	681,573

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

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- 2/Sweden pledged SEK 500,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting, Spain in 2006
- 3/Switzerland pledged CHF 30,000 towards the 5th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing
- 4/Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the participation costs to the 6th Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing
- 5/Spain pledged EUR 175,000 towards the participation of Delegates in CBD Meetings
- 6/EEC pledged EUR 80,000 towards the participants costs to the Article 8(j), the ABS and the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas Meetings
- 7/Iceland pledged US\$ 1,979 towards the participation of Delegates in CBD Meetings
- 8/Germany pledged EUR 38,325 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 9/Norway pledged NOK 550,000 for participation in activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 10/UK pledged GBP 35,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 11/Denmark pledged DKK 175,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 12/Finland pledged EUR 15,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 13/Denmark pledged DKK 150,000 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 14/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the 5th Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing
- 15/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates to the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007
- 16/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the 5th Meetings of the Access and Benefit-Sharing and of the Article 8(j), Montreal, Canada, October 2007
- 17/Canada pledged CAD 40,000 towards the 5th Meetings of the Access and Benefit-Sharing and of the Article 8(j), Montreal, Canada, October 2007
- 18/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Developing Countries
- 19/Austria pledged EUR 20,000 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008
- 20/Germany pledged US\$ 100,000 towards the 5th Meetings of the Access and Benefit-Sharing and of the Article 8(j), Montreal, Canada, October 2007 and the 2nd Meeting of Protected Areas
- 21/Germany pledged EUR 12,775 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008
- 22/Sweden pledged SEK 900,000 towards the SBSTTA 13 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Rome, Italy, February 2008
- 23/Estonia pledged EUR 6,937.22 towards the participation of Delegates from Developing Countries to the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, Rome, Italy, 11-15 February 2008
- 24/EEC pledged EUR 360,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

ANNEX VI

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

As at 31 December 2007

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	211				0	211	211
Albania	0	527			527	0	0	0
Algeria	0	8,008			16,371	0	(8,363)	(8,363)
Angola		105	2,173			0	(2,068)	(2,068)
Antigua & Barbuda		316	646			0	(330)	(330)
Argentina	379,377	100,736		379,377	100,736	0	0	0
Armenia	0	211			211	0	0	0
Australia		167,752	167,752		175,177	0	(175,177)	(175,177)
Austria		90,514	90,514		94,521	0	(94,521)	(94,521)
Azerbaijan	0	527			527	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	1,370			2,800	0	(1,430)	(1,430)
Bahrain		3,161	3,161		3,301	0	(3,301)	(3,301)
Bangladesh	31	816		31	816	0	0	0
Barbados		1,054	1,054		1,100	0	(1,100)	(1,100)
Belarus	38,081	1,897		5,000	1,897	33,081	0	33,081
Belgium	111,577	112,643		111,577		0	112,643	112,643
Belize	0	105				0	105	105
Benin		211	494			0	(283)	(283)
Bhutan		105	105		110	0	(110)	(110)
Bolivia	1,678	948			948	1,678	0	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	316			646	0	(330)	(330)
Botswana		1,264	5,168			0	(3,904)	(3,904)
Brazil	136,643	160,481				136,643	160,481	297,124
Bulgaria	0	1,791			1,791	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	935	211				935	211	1,146
Burundi	791	105				791	105	896

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Cambodia		211	431			0	(220)	(220)
Cameroon		843	1,349			0	(506)	(506)
Canada	0	296,411			296,411	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,641	105				3,641	105	3,746
Central African Rep.	6	105				6	105	111
Chad		105	25		82	0	(2)	(2)
Chile		23,498	7,981		15,517	0	0	0
China	0	216,328			216,328	0	0	0
Colombia		16,333	80		16,644	0	(391)	(391)
Comoros	2,899	105				2,899	105	3,004
Congo	18	105				18	105	123
Congo Dem.Rep	5,492	316				5,492	316	5,808
Cook Islands	203	105				203	105	308
Costa Rica	7,164	3,161				7,164	3,161	10,325
Cote d'Ivoire		1,054	7			0	1,047	1,047
Croatia	0	3,899			3,899	0	0	0
Cuba	29,365	4,531				29,365	4,531	33,896
Cyprus	0	4,110			4,110	0	0	0
Czech Republic		19,283	19,283		20,137	0	(20,137)	(20,137)
Denmark		75,657	75,657		78,976	0	(78,976)	(78,976)
Djibouti	301	105				301	105	406
Dominica	234	105				234	105	339
Dominica Rep.	0	3,688				0	3,688	3,688
Ecuador	1,563	2,002		1,563	2,002	0	0	0
EEC*	0	204,018			203,978	0	40	40
Egypt	24,398	12,645		24,398	12,645	0	0	0
El Salvador	4,473	2,318		4,473	2,318	0	0	0
Equatorial Guinea	189	211				189	211	400
Eritrea	25	105		25	467	0	(362)	(362)
Estonia		1,264	1,264		1,320	0	(1,320)	(1,320)
Ethiopia	0	421			861	0	(440)	(440)
Fiji		421	4,365			0	(3,944)	(3,944)
Finland		56,163	56,163		58,649	0	(58,649)	(58,649)

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France		635,392	635,392			0	0	0
Gabon		948	25,327			0	(24,379)	(24,379)
Gambia	104	105				104	105	209
Georgia	22,078	316		20,311		1,767	316	2,083
Germany*	0	912,731			912,731	0	0	0
Ghana	1,768	421				1,768	421	2,189
Greece	55,319	55,847		55,319	55,847	0	0	0
Grenada	0	105				0	105	105
Guatemala		3,161	3,161			0	0	0
Guinea	905	316				905	316	1,221
Guinea-Bissau	2,420	105				2,420	105	2,525
Guyana	104	105		104	534	0	(429)	(429)
Haiti	2,467	316		2,467		0	316	316
Honduras	3,083	527		523		2,560	527	3,087
Hungary*		13,277	13,277			0	0	0
Iceland		3,583	7,282			0	(3,699)	(3,699)
India	20	44,362		20	44,362	0	0	0
Indonesia	13,908	14,963		13,908	30,588	0	(15,625)	(15,625)
Iran	31,921	16,543				31,921	16,543	48,464
Ireland *		36,880	36,880		77,026	0	(77,026)	(77,026)
Israel	0	49,209			100,596	0	(51,387)	(51,387)
Italy		514,742	514,742		537,525	0	(537,525)	(537,525)
Jamaica		843	843		880	0	(880)	(880)
Japan	0	1,795,354			1,795,354	0	0	0
Jordan	2,236	1,159		1,148	1,159	1,088	0	1,088
Kazakhstan	2,841	2,634				2,841	2,634	5,475
Kenya		948	0		1,938	0	(990)	(990)
Kiribati		105	193			0	(88)	(88)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	61	1,054				61	1,054	1,115
Korea, Rep. of	49,148	189,248		49,148	189,248	0	0	0
Kuwait	0	17,070			17,070	0	0	0
Kyrgyztan	301	105		301	215	0	(110)	(110)

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Lao PDR	15	105		15	215	0	(110)	(110)
Latvia		1,581	1,581		1,651	0	(1,651)	(1,651)
Lebanon	3,687	2,529				3,687	2,529	6,216
Lesotho		105	216			0	(111)	(111)
Liberia	736	105				736	105	841
Libya	30,394	13,909				30,394	13,909	44,303
Liechtenstein	0	527			527	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,529	2,529		2,641	0	(2,641)	(2,641)
Luxembourg	0	8,114			8,114	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	626	632		626	1,292	0	(660)	(660)
Madagascar	32	316		32	677	0	(361)	(361)
Malawi	25	105		25	215	0	(110)	(110)
Malaysia	15	21,390		15	43,712	0	(22,322)	(22,322)
Maldives	0	105			215	0	(110)	(110)
Mali		211	449			0	(238)	(238)
Malta	0	1,475			1,475	0	0	0
Marshall Island	0	105				0	105	105
Mauritania	1,730	105				1,730	105	1,835
Mauritius	0	1,159			1,159	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	198,415			198,415	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States*	0	105				0	105	105
Moldova, Rep. of		105	105			0	0	0
Monaco		316	646			0	(330)	(330)
Mongolia	0	105			215	0	(110)	(110)
Montenegro	60	105				60	105	165
Morocco	21,697	4,952		21,697		0	4,952	4,952
Mozambique		105	56		159	0	(110)	(110)
Myanmar	808	816				808	816	1,624
Namibia	0	632				0	632	632
Nauru	3,019	105				3,019	105	3,124
Nepal		421	89			0	332	332
Netherlands	0	178,078			178,078	0	0	0
New Zealand		23,287	23,287		24,318	0	(24,318)	(24,318)

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Nicaragua	0	105				0	105	105
Niger	2,755	105				2,755	105	2,860
Nigeria		4,426	9,048			0	(4,622)	(4,622)
Niue	203	105		86		117	105	222
Norway		71,547	71,547			0	0	0
Oman		7,376	7,376		7,703	0	(7,703)	(7,703)
Pakistan		5,795	5		11,477	0	(5,687)	(5,687)
Palau		105	207			0	(102)	(102)
Panama	2,681	2,002		2,681	517	0	1,485	1,485
Papua New Guinea	0	316				0	316	316
Paraguay	11,518	1,264				11,518	1,264	12,782
Peru	66,877	9,694		16,610		50,267	9,694	59,961
Philippines	21,532	10,010		8,907		12,625	10,010	22,635
Poland		48,576	48,576		50,726	0	(50,726)	(50,726)
Portugal		49,525	1,026		49,525	0	(1,026)	(1,026)
Qatar		6,744	6,744		7,042	0	(7,042)	(7,042)
Romania	0	6,322			12,924	0	(6,602)	(6,602)
Russian Federation	0	115,909			115,879	0	30	30
Rwanda		105	86		129	0	(110)	(110)
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,070	105				2,070	105	2,175
Samoa	25	105				25	105	130
San Marino	0	316			316	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	572	105				572	105	677
Saudi Arabia	0	75,130			75,130	0	0	0
Senegal		527	3,500			0	(2,973)	(2,973)
Serbia	5,833	2,002		5,833	4,093	0	(2,091)	(2,091)
Seychelles		211	496			0	(285)	(285)
Sierra Leone	297	105				297	105	402
Singapore*		40,884	40,884		42,694	0	(42,694)	(42,694)
Slovak		5,374	5,374		5,612	0	(5,612)	(5,612)
Slovenia		8,640	8,640		9,023	0	(9,023)	(9,023)
Solomon Is.	2,420	105		2,420	215	0	(110)	(110)

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South Africa		30,769	30,769		32,130	0	(32,130)	(32,130)
Spain	0	265,537			265,537	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	0	1,791				0	1,791	1,791
St. Lucia	14	211		14	426	0	(215)	(215)
St.Kitts &Nevis	0	105			215	0	(110)	(110)
Sudan	6,753	816				6,753	816	7,569
Suriname	1,922	105		1,922	1,684	0	(1,579)	(1,579)
Swaziland	0	211				0	211	211
Sweden	104,166	105,161		104,166	105,161	0	0	0
Switzerland		126,130	126,080		131,738	0	(131,688)	(131,688)
Syria	19	4,004		19	4,004	0	0	0
Tajikistan		105	419		133	0	(447)	(447)
Thailand	0	22,023			22,023	0	0	0
Togo	0	105			197	0	(92)	(92)
Tonga		105	98		107	0	(100)	(100)
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,318			2,318	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	3,372			6,893	0	(3,521)	(3,521)
Turkey	0	39,198			39,198	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	0	527				0	527	527
Tuvalu		105	608			0	(503)	(503)
U. K.	0	645,613			645,613	0	0	0
Uganda		632	1,894			0	(1,262)	(1,262)
Ukraine	26	4,110				26	4,110	4,136
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		632	18,119			0	(17,487)	(17,487)
United Arab Emirates	45	24,762		45	24,692	0	70	70
Uruguay	9,759	5,058		9,759		0	5,058	5,058
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,475		1,475		10,484	1,475	11,959
Vanuatu	0	105				0	105	105
Venezuela	23,015	18,019		23,015	35,750	0	(17,731)	(17,731)
Viet Nam	4,470	2,213		4,470	4,524	0	(2,311)	(2,311)
Yemen	7,052	632				7,052	632	7,684
Zambia		211	677		500	0	(966)	(966)
Zimbabwe	1,424	738				1,424	738	2,162

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Sub Total	1,301,694	8,160,782	2,085,899	873,524	7,279,822	428,170	(1,204,939)	(776,769)

Additional Contributions								
Canada	635,000	647,700		635,000	647,700	0	0	0
USA	0	0				0	0	0
Quebec	0	204,000			204,000	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,936,694	9,012,482	2,085,899	1,508,524	8,131,522	428,170	(1,204,939)	(776,769)

ANNEX VII

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

As at 31 December 2007

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	0	176				0	176	176
Algeria	0	2,658			4,649	0	(1,991)	(1,991)
Antigua and Barbuda	0	105				0	105	105
Armenia	0	70				0	70	70
Austria		30,037	30,037		22,498	0	(22,498)	(22,498)
Azerbaijan	230	177				230	177	407
Bahamas	0	455				0	455	455
Bangladesh	371	220				371	220	591
Barbados		350	350		262	0	(262)	(262)
Belarus	0	629			629	0	0	0
Belgium	57,161	37,380		31,187	37,380	25,974	0	25,974
Belize	0	35				0	35	35
Benin		71	71			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Bolivia	0	315				0	315	315
Botswana		420	420		314	0	(314)	(314)
Brazil	0	53,256			53,256	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	594			594	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	128	70		128		0	70	70
Cambodia	0	70			122	0	(52)	(52)

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Cameroon	510	280				510	280	790
Cape Verde	25	36				25	36	61
Chad		33			33	0	0	0
China	77,822	72,998		77,822	72,998	0	0	0
Colombia		5,420	71		5,477	0	(129)	(129)
Congo	21	36				21	36	57
Costa Rica	0	702				0	702	702
Croatia	0	1,294			1,294	0	0	0
Cuba	2,742	1,504				2,742	1,504	4,246
Cyprus	0	1,364			1,364	0	0	0
Czech Republic		6,399	6,399		4,793	0	(4,793)	(4,793)
Democratic Republic Of Congo	141	106				141	106	247
Denmark	0	25,107				0	25,107	25,107
Djibouti	63	35				63	35	98
Dominica	63	35				63	35	98
Dominican Republic	682	1,254		682	1,239	0	15	15
Ecuador	559	664		559	664	0	0	0
Egypt	353	420				353	420	773
El Salvador	0	769			769	0	0	0
Eritrea	48	35				48	35	83
Estonia	0	420			734	0	(314)	(314)
Ethiopia	0	140			245	0	(105)	(105)
European Community	62	54,877		62	54,877	0	0	0
Fiji	0	140				0	140	140
Finland		18,638	18,638		13,960	0	(13,960)	(13,960)
France		210,855	210,855			0	0	0
Gabon		135				0	135	135
Gambia	63	35				63	35	98

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Germany		302,889	302,889		226,866	0	(226,866)	(226,866)
Ghana	255	140				255	140	395
Greece	33,803	18,533		33,803	18,533	0	0	0
Grenada	63	35				63	35	98
Guatemala	0	1,050			1,838	0	(788)	(788)
Hungary	21	4,406		21	4,406	0	0	0
India	0	14,721			25,727	0	(11,006)	(11,006)
Indonesia	0	4,984			4,984	0	0	0
Iran	10,014	5,490				10,014	5,490	15,504
Ireland		12,239	12,239		9,167	0	(9,167)	(9,167)
Italy		170,817	170,817			0	0	0
Japan	0	482,921			482,921	0	0	0
Jordan	702	385		324	385	378	0	378
Kenya	0	315				0	315	315
Kiribati		35	35			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	638	350				638	350	988
Kyrgyzstan	27	36		27	64	0	(28)	(28)
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		220	220			0	0	0
Latvia		525	525		393	0	(393)	(393)
Lesotho		35	98			0	(63)	(63)
Liberia	63	35				63	35	98
Libya	4,960	4,616				4,960	4,616	9,576
Lithuania		839	816		652	0	(629)	(629)
Luxembourg	0	2,693			2,693	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	235	213		235	376	0	(163)	(163)
Madagascar		105	110		76	0	(81)	(81)
Malaysia		7,098	7,083		5,322	0	(5,307)	(5,307)

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Maldives	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Mali	128	70		128	62	0	8	8
Malta	0	371				0	371	371
Marshall Islands	63	35				63	35	98
Mauritania	34	35				34	35	69
Mauritius		385	364			0	21	21
Mexico		65,844	989		114,173	0	(49,318)	(49,318)
Mongolia	0	35				0	35	35
Montenegro	16	36				16	36	52
Mozambique		35	35			0	0	0
Namibia		212	45			0	167	167
Nauru	63	35				63	35	98
Netherlands		59,095	1,961		101,397	0	(44,263)	(44,263)
New Zealand	0	7,801				0	7,801	7,801
Nicaragua	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Niger	63	35				63	35	98
Nigeria		1,469	1,469			0	0	0
Niue	63	35		35		28	35	63
Norway		23,743	3,737			0	20,006	20,006
Oman	0	2,448			4,281	0	(1,833)	(1,833)
Palau	63	35				63	35	98
Panama	1,212	664				1,212	664	1,876
Papua New Guinea	80	107				80	107	187
Paraguay	765	420				765	420	1,185
Peru	5,868	3,217				5,868	3,217	9,085
Philippines	0	3,377				0	3,377	3,377
Poland	0	16,120			16,098	0	22	22
Portugal	0	16,435			16,435	0	0	0
Qatar	0	1,270				0	1,270	1,270

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Republic of Moldova	0	35				0	35	35
Romania	0	2,098			3,669	0	(1,571)	(1,571)
Rwanda		35	35		26	0	(26)	(26)
Saint Kitts and Nevis		35	63			0	(28)	(28)
Saint Lucia		71	142			0	(71)	(71)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	63	35				63	35	98
Samoa	0	35			35	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	3,778				0	3,778	3,778
Senegal	165	175				165	175	340
Serbia	338	681		338	1,207	0	(526)	(526)
Seychelles	20	70		20	122	0	(52)	(52)
Slovakia		1,783	1,783		1,336	0	(1,336)	(1,336)
Slovenia		2,867	2,867		2,148	0	(2,148)	(2,148)
Solomon Islands	63	35				63	35	98
South Africa	18,623	10,211		18,623	10,211	0	0	0
Spain	0	88,118			88,118	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		594	594		445	0	(445)	(445)
Sudan	232	220				232	220	452
Swaziland	40	72		40	127	0	(55)	(55)
Sweden		34,898	4,931		29,401	0	566	566
Switzerland		41,856	41,831		31,351	0	(31,326)	(31,326)
Syria	0	1,329			1,329	0	0	0
Tajikistan	63	35				63	35	98
Thailand	5,123	7,487		5,123	7,487	0	0	0
Togo	63	35				63	35	98
Tonga	0	35			35	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	647	769		647	1,345	0	(576)	(576)
Tunisia	0	1,119			1,119	0	0	0
Turkey	0	13,008			13,008	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Uganda		210	296			0	(86)	(86)
Ukraine	0	1,364				0	1,364	1,364
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	214,246			214,246	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	383	210		383	185	0	25	25
Venezuela	10,907	5,979				10,907	5,979	16,886
Viet Nam	0	734				0	734	734
Yemen	138	215				138	215	353
Zambia		70	70		435	0	(435)	(435)
Zimbabwe	10	247				10	247	257
Sub Total	237,120	2,204,807	822,886	170,187	1,722,569	66,934	(340,648)	(273,714)

Additional Contributions								
Canada	165,000	168,300		165,000	168,300		0	0
Grand Total	402,120	2,373,107	822,886	335,187	1,890,869	66,934	(340,648)	(273,714)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	0	176				0	176	176
Algeria	0	2,658			4,649	0	(1,991)	(1,991)
Antigua and Barbuda	0	105				0	105	105

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Armenia	0	70				0	70	70
Austria		30,037	30,037		22,498	0	(22,498)	(22,498)
Azerbaijan	230	177				230	177	407
Bahamas	0	455				0	455	455
Bangladesh	371	220				371	220	591
Barbados		350	350		262	0	(262)	(262)
Belarus	0	629			629	0	0	0
Belgium	57,161	37,380		31,187	37,380	25,974	0	25,974
Belize	0	35				0	35	35
Benin		71	71			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Bolivia	0	315				0	315	315
Botswana		420	420		314	0	(314)	(314)
Brazil	0	53,256			53,256	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	594			594	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	128	70		128		0	70	70
Cambodia	0	70				0	70	70
Cameroon	510	280				510	280	790
Cape Verde	25	36				25	36	61
Chad		33			33	0	0	0
China	77,822	72,998		77,822	72,998	0	0	0
Colombia		5,420	71		5,477	0	(129)	(129)
Congo	21	36				21	36	57
Costa Rica	0	702				0	702	702
Croatia	0	1,294			1,294	0	0	0
Cuba	2,742	1,504				2,742	1,504	4,246
Cyprus	0	1,364			1,364	0	0	0
Czech Republic		6,399	6,399		4,793	0	(4,793)	(4,793)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Democratic Republic of Congo	141	106				141	106	247
Denmark	0	25,107				0	25,107	25,107
Djibouti	63	35				63	35	98
Dominica	63	35				63	35	98
Dominican Republic	682	1,254		682	1,239	0	15	15
Ecuador	559	664		559	664	0	0	0
Egypt	353	420				353	420	773
El Salvador	0	769			769	0	0	0
Eritrea	48	35				48	35	83
Estonia	0	420			734	0	(314)	(314)
Ethiopia	0	140			245	0	(105)	(105)
European Community	62	54,877		62	54,877	0	0	0
Fiji	0	140				0	140	140
Finland		18,638	18,638		13,960	0	(13,960)	(13,960)
France		210,855	210,855			0	0	0
Gabon		135				0	135	135
Gambia	63	35				63	35	98
Germany		302,889	302,889		226,866	0	(226,866)	(226,866)
Ghana	255	140				255	140	395
Greece	33,803	18,533		33,803	18,533	0	0	0
Grenada	63	35				63	35	98
Guatemala	0	1,050			1,838	0	(788)	(788)
Hungary	21	4,406		21	4,406	0	0	0
India	0	14,721			25,727	0	(11,006)	(11,006)
Indonesia	0	4,984			4,984	0	0	0
Iran	10,014	5,490				10,014	5,490	15,504
Ireland		12,239	12,239		9,167	0	(9,167)	(9,167)
Italy		170,817	170,817			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Japan	0	482,921			482,921	0	0	0
Jordan	702	385		324	385	378	0	378
Kenya	0	315				0	315	315
Kiribati		35	35			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	638	350				638	350	988
Kyrgyzstan	27	36		27	64	0	(28)	(28)
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		220	220			0	0	0
Latvia		525	525		393	0	(393)	(393)
Lesotho		35	98			0	(63)	(63)
Liberia	63	35				63	35	98
Libya	4,960	4,616				4,960	4,616	9,576
Lithuania		839	816		652	0	(629)	(629)
Luxembourg	0	2,693			2,693	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR	235	213		235	376	0	(163)	(163)
Madagascar		105	110		76	0	(81)	(81)
Malaysia		7,098	7,083		5,322	0	(5,307)	(5,307)
Maldives	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Mali	128	70		128	62	0	8	8
Malta	0	371				0	371	371
Marshall Islands	63	35				63	35	98
Mauritania	34	35				34	35	69
Mauritius		385	364			0	21	21
Mexico		65,844	989		114,173	0	(49,318)	(49,318)
Mongolia	0	35				0	35	35
Montenegro	16	36				16	36	52
Mozambique		35	35			0	0	0
Namibia		212	45			0	167	167

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Nauru	63	35				63	35	98
Netherlands		59,095	1,961		101,397	0	(44,263)	(44,263)
New Zealand	0	7,801				0	7,801	7,801
Nicaragua	0	35			61	0	(26)	(26)
Niger	63	35				63	35	98
Nigeria		1,469	1,469			0	0	0
Niue	63	35		35		28	35	63
Norway		23,743	3,737			0	20,006	20,006
Oman	0	2,448			4,281	0	(1,833)	(1,833)
Palau	63	35				63	35	98
Panama	1,212	664				1,212	664	1,876
Papua New Guinea	80	107				80	107	187
Paraguay	765	420				765	420	1,185
Peru	5,868	3,217				5,868	3,217	9,085
Philippines	0	3,377				0	3,377	3,377
Poland	0	16,120			16,098	0	22	22
Portugal	0	16,435			16,435	0	0	0
Qatar	0	1,270				0	1,270	1,270
Republic of Moldova	0	35				0	35	35
Romania	0	2,098			3,669	0	(1,571)	(1,571)
Rwanda		35	35		26	0	(26)	(26)
Saint Kitts and Nevis		35	63			0	(28)	(28)
Saint Lucia		71	142			0	(71)	(71)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	63	35				63	35	98
Samoa	0	35			35	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	3,778				0	3,778	3,778
Senegal	165	175				165	175	340
Serbia	338	681		338	1,207	0	(526)	(526)
Seychelles	20	70		20	122	0	(52)	(52)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Slovakia		1,783	1,783		1,336	0	(1,336)	(1,336)
Slovenia		2,867	2,867		2,148	0	(2,148)	(2,148)
Solomon Islands	63	35				63	35	98
South Africa	18,623	10,211		18,623	10,211	0	0	0
Spain	0	88,118			88,118	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		594	594		445	0	(445)	(445)
Sudan	232	220				232	220	452
Swaziland	40	72		40	127	0	(55)	(55)
Sweden		34,898	4,931		29,401	0	566	566
Switzerland		41,856	41,831		31,351	0	(31,326)	(31,326)
Syria	0	1,329			1,329	0	0	0
Tajikistan	63	35				63	35	98
Thailand	5,123	7,487		5,123	7,487	0	0	0
Togo	63	35				63	35	98
Tonga	0	35			35	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	647	769		647	1,345	0	(576)	(576)
Tunisia	0	1,119			1,119	0	0	0
Turkey	0	13,008			13,008	0	0	0
Uganda		210	296			0	(86)	(86)
Ukraine	0	1,364				0	1,364	1,364
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	214,246			214,246	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	383	210		383	185	0	25	25
Venezuela	10,907	5,979				10,907	5,979	16,886
Viet Nam	0	734				0	734	734
Yemen	138	215				138	215	353
Zambia		70	70		435	0	(435)	(435)
Zimbabwe	10	247				10	247	257

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/06	Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2006 for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior yrs	Collections During 2007 for 2007 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2007	Unpaid Pledges for 2007 & Prior years
Sub Total	237,120	2,204,807	822,886	170,187	1,722,447	66,934	(340,526)	(273,592)

Additional Contributions								
Canada	165,000	168,300		165,000	168,300		0	0
Grand Total	402,120	2,373,107	822,886	335,187	1,890,747	66,934	(340,526)	(273,592)

ANNEX VIII

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED
ACTIVITIES OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BH)**

Status as at 31 December 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Canada	4,268			1/	4,268		(0)
EEC	26,350			3/	18,244		8,106
EEC			58,997	9/			58,997
Netherlands			68,400	4/		68,400	0
Norway			173,000	5/		159,518	13,482
Norway			26,659	7/		26,659	0
Spain			121,661	8/		121,661	0
Switzerland	40,102			2/	40,102		0
Switzerland			36,034	6/		36,034	0
Total	70,720	0	484,751		62,614	412,272	80,585

1/Canada pledged CAD 4,969 towards the purchase of a server for the Biosafety Clearing House

2/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 for the 2nd International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and training,

16-18 April 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

3/EEC pledged EUR 20,000 in Support to the Biosafety Clearing House

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

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

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

7/Norway pledged NOK 150,000 towards the Regional Workshops on Capacity Building/Risk Assessment on Living Modified Organisms

8/Spain pledged EUR 85,000 towards the Capacity Building/Risk Assessment activities under Biosafety Protocol and to facilitate the participation of Latin American Public Researchers to MOP 4

9/EEC pledged EUR 40,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

ANNEX IX

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

Status as at 31 December 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments	Pledges for 2007		Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Austria			21,614	10/		21,614	0
EEC	11,813			1/			11,813
EEC	131,752			5/	91,222		40,530
Finland			10,702	8/		10,702	0
Iceland			1,979	6/		1,979	0
Netherlands			143,130	11/		143,130	0
Norway			17,864	4/		17,864	0
Norway			75,251	7/		75,251	0
Spain	29,586			2/	29,586		0
Spain	99,024			3/	99,024		0
Sweden			43,541	9/			43,541
Total	272,175	0	314,081		219,832	270,540	95,884

1/EEC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

2/Spain pledged EUR 25,000 for Activities leading to COP/MOP3

3/ Spain pledged EUR 75,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Latin America to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

4/Norway pledged NOK 100,000 for the travel of Delegates to the 3rd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 19-23 February 2007

- 5/EEC pledged EUR 100,000 towards the participation Costs to the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol
- 6/Iceland pledged US\$ 1,979 towards the Biosafety Liability and Redress Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 19-23 February 2007
- 7/Norway pledged NOK 450,000 towards the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 22-26 October 2007
- 8/Finland pledged EUR 8,000 towards the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol
- 9/Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 22-26 October 2007
- 10/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 towards the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008
- 11/Netherlands pledged EUR 100,000 for the travel of Delegates to Cartagena Protocol Meetings

ANNEX X

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF
INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Status as at 31 December 2007 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.06	Adjustments		Pledges for 2007	Collections in 2007 for prior years	Collections in 2007 for 2007 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2007 & prior years
Austria			4/	28,818		28,818	0
Canada			5/	40,161			40,161
EEC			1/	32,938		22,806	10,132
Norway			3/	50,000		46,094	3,906
Spain			2/	306,747		306,747	(0)
Total	0	0		458,664	0	404,465	54,199

1/EEC pledged EUR 25,000

2/Spain pledged EUR 210,000

3/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000

4/Austria pledged EUR 20,000 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008

5/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 40,000 towards the 5th Meeting Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

ANNEX XI

**LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

(As at 31 December 2007)

2006

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
18 - 20 January 2006	Second Coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding Biosafety capacity-building activities	Tromso, Norway
20 - 21 January 2006	Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Tromso, Norway
20-21 January 2006	Global meeting to discuss Invasive Species Profile Schema created for GISP and the CBD	Agadir, Morocco
23 - 27 January 2006	Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Granada, Spain
29 January 2006	Informal meeting of Donors on the Budget of the Convention for the 2007-2008 biennium	Geneva, Switzerland
30 January - 3 February 2006	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing	Granada, Spain
6 - 8 February 2006	Second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
20 - 24 February 2006	Second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Liability and Redress in the context of the Biosafety Protocol	Montreal, Canada
11 - 12 March 2006	Biosafety-Clearing House training workshop for developing countries	Curitiba, Brazil
13 - 17 March 2006	Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Curitiba, Brazil
17 - 18 March 2006	Expert Workshop on Protected Areas	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
18 - 19 March 2006	Asia and the Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
18 - 19 March 2006	African regional preparatory meeting for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Brainstorming meeting on Avian Flu	Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism	Curitiba, Brazil
20 - 31 March 2006	Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Curitiba, Brazil
26 - 29 March 2006	High-Level Ministerial Segment	Curitiba, Brazil
22 May 2006	International Biodiversity Day 2006	Montreal, Canada
24 - 25 July 2006	Brainstorming meeting of SBSTTA Chairs on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body	Paris, France
26 July 2006	Meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)	Paris, France
8-9 September 2006	First Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners	Richmond, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
15 September 2006	First meeting of the Heads of Agency Task Force to Support the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Gland, Switzerland
23-25 October 2006	Liaison Group Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	Dublin, Ireland
6 - 8 November 2006	Brainstorming session on South-South cooperation	Montreal, Canada
20 - 21 November 2006	Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI-CM-07)	Montreal, Canada
20 - 23 November 2006	Regional Synergy Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Biological Diversity of Agro-Systems within Dry and Sub-Humid Lands	Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda
23- 24 November 2006	Meeting of the Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC)	Geneva, Switzerland
11 - 12 December 2006	Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC)	Montreal, Canada
12 - 15 December 2006	African Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use	Nairobi, Kenya

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
12 - 16 December 2006	Workshop on the Application of the Ecosystem Approach to Protected Areas in Small Islands	Bangkok, Thailand
14 - 16 December 2006	Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and Information Exchange (Latin America and the Caribbean Region)	Quito, Ecuador

2007

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
22 - 25 January 2007	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance	Lima, Peru
19 - 23 February 2007	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol	Montreal, Canada
1 - 2 March 2007	Fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Lusaka, Zambia
5 - 7 March 2007	Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
19 - 20 March 2007	Roundtable on the Interlinkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change	Montreal, Canada
26 - 28 March 2007	Mayors' Meeting on the Contribution of Cities to the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Curitiba, Brazil
2 - 4 April 2007	South and West Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on the review of, and Capacity-Building for, the implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Dehradun, India
16 - 18 April 2007	Second International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations Involved in Biosafety Education and Training	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30 April - 3 May 2007	Advisory Group for the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
28 May - 1 June 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	FAO, Rome, Italy

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
1 July 2007	Capacity-Building Workshop for SBSTTA-12 Participants	Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
1 July 2007	First Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions	Paris, France
1 July 2007	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Paris, France
2-6 July 2007	Twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12)	Paris, France
7 July 2007	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee	UNESCO, Paris, France
7 July 2007	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA-IAC)	Paris, France
8 July 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Paris, France
8 July 2007	Capacity-building Workshop for National Focal Points (CBW WGRI-2)	Paris, France
9-13 July 2007	Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2)	Paris, France
13-16 August 2007	Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas	Cape Town, South Africa
23-25 August 2007	African Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
10-12 September 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation	Geneva, Switzerland
17 - 19 September 2007	Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues	Montreal, Canada
19-21 September 2007	Indigenous and Local Communities Experts for the International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
2 - 4 October 2007	Expert Workshop on ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection	S.Miguel Island, Azores, Portugal
4 - 5 October 2007	Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
5 October 2007	Atelier de renforcement des capacités préparatoire aux négociations sur l'APA pour les pays francophones	Montreal, Canada
5 - 6 October 2007	Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-5 Meeting	Montreal, Canada
7 October 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
8 - 12 October 2007	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
13 October 2007	Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in Support of Implementation of the Convention	Montreal, Canada
14 October 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
15 - 19 October 2007	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
17 October 2007	Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners and Institutions	Paris, France
22 - 26 October 2007	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol	Montreal, Canada
19 - 21 November 2007	Arctic Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies	Quebec City, Canada
21 - 23 November 2007	Fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Montreal, Canada
26-28 November 2007	Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

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10 - 12 December 2007	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Workshop on Capacity- Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of LMOs	Bridgetown, Barbados
