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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. The Executive Secretary has therefore, prepared the 42<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Quarterly Report which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 July to 30 September 2008.

## II. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

### MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:

#### **Hosting of the First Meeting of Experts on the Standard Material Transfer Agreement and the Multilateral System of the International Treaty, 22-23 July 2008**

4. Following discussions held during the joint COP and ITPGRFA Bureaux meeting, in the margins of the COP-9 meeting, the Secretariat was pleased to host the first meeting of Experts on the Standard Material Transfer Agreement and the Multilateral System of the International Treaty on 22-23 July at its headquarters in Montreal. This collaborative effort demonstrates the close links between the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Treaty. Mr. Ravi Sharma, Principal Officer of the OMG/ITS division, opened the meeting, on behalf of the UNCBD Executive Secretary. Ms. Valerie Normand, Programme Officer for Access and Benefit-Sharing, took part in the meeting as an observer.

#### **Meeting of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity, 24 July 2008**

5. The Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity held a meeting via teleconference on 24 July 2008 to discuss the potential activities and events to be organized for the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) in 2010. A number of CBD and other UN meetings were identified as possible avenues for the CSP members to hold or advertise their activities for 2010. Also discussed were other activities to increase biodiversity awareness, such as a common website broadcasting the museum's collection. The CSP members will also provide inputs on the logo and common messages that will be developed for the IYB 2010 and will use them in the outreach materials produced for that year.

#### **Enhancing Partnership with the Host Country Committee, August 2008**

6. During the third week of August, the UNCBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, met high officials of the host country. Discussions were held with senior representatives from the Montreal International, as well as with senior officials from the Ministère des Relations Internationales du Québec. Mr. Djoghlaif also met with Ms. Line Beauchamp, Minister of the Ministère du Développement Durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec, accompanied by two senior staff. Issues raised in the

respective meetings were the difficulties being faced by the Secretariat regarding its operations, related mainly to security and office space, among others.

### **Fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 11 September 2008**

7. The 11th of September 2008 marked the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, under this year's theme: "The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Five years of global cooperation towards sustainable development". To assist Parties and other stakeholders in commemorating the day, the Secretariat launched a webpage dedicated to the fifth anniversary of the Protocol, and also numerous outreach materials were prepared. The Secretariat also published a special issue of its Biosafety Protocol News focusing on the fifth anniversary.

### **Latin American Sub-regional Protected Areas Workshop, 23-25 September 2008**

8. At the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, an offer from the Government of Ecuador, to host a regional workshop on protected areas pursuant to paragraph 10 of decision VIII/24, was welcomed by the Parties. Accordingly, with the generous financial support of the European Union and the Government of Ecuador, the Secretariat is organizing a sub-regional workshop on capacity building for the implementation of the CBD programme of work on protected areas in City of Salinas, Province of Santa Elena, Ecuador on 23-25 September. The workshop is expected to: (i) review progress being made in implementing the programme of work on protected areas, including identification of constraints and opportunities to promote implementation; (ii) strengthen the skills and knowledge of protected area functionaries and others who implement the programme of work through an exchange of experiences, sharing of tools, available resources and capacity-building in the three important aspects for implementing the programme of work on protected areas, (a) analysing ecological gap (b) developing sustainable financing for protected areas; and (c) assessing protected area management effectiveness; and (iii) determine a way forward for implementing decision IX/18 and related COP 9 decisions and next steps leading up to review of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas by COP at its tenth meeting.

### **Capacity-building Workshop on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity, September 2008**

9. In response to decision VIII/8 (paragraph 6) in which the Conference of the Parties recommended that regional and/or sub-regional workshops be convened to discuss national experiences in implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors, at national and regional levels, two regional workshops on capacity building for national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral plans and policies at the national and regional level were organized by the Secretariat.

10. In collaboration with the Government of Cameroon, and with the financial and technical support from COMIFAC, the Capacity-building Workshop for Central Africa on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity, took place on 22-25 September 2008, in Limbé, Cameroon. Also, in partnership with the Government of Burkina Faso, the Capacity-building Workshop for Western Africa, Comoros and Djibouti on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity was held in Ougadougou, Burkina Faso on 29 September to 3 October 2008. There are two in a series of regional and sub-regional capacity-building workshops to be organized during 2008.

11. The purpose of these workshops is to strengthen national capacity for the development, implementation, review, and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and for biodiversity mainstreaming into relevant sectors, through the exchange of experiences and training on

the use of relevant tools and mechanisms. It will also provide an opportunity for Parties to identify ways and means to overcome obstacles associated with the implementation of NBSAPs, as well as inform the ongoing review of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan of the Convention.

## **REPRESENTATION**

12. During the third quarter of 2008, the Secretariat participated in and contributed to 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**

### **AIRBUS**

13. On the margins of the Farnborough International Airshow in the United Kingdom, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Secretariat and the Airbus SAS, in support of the Green Wave, a multi-year worldwide educational campaign for children and youth leading up to the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010. Coinciding with the signing of the agreement, Airbus launched a major public awareness campaign to promote Green Wave in several major publications. To further promote the Green Wave initiative and engage the support of airlines and other industry members, Airbus will also convene, in partnership with the Secretariat of the CBD and the International Air Transport Association (IATA), a meeting to establish a coalition of interested airlines to be known as the "Friends of the Green Wave Initiative".

### **Global Earth Observations**

14. On 8 September, the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Secretariat entered into a partnership with the Secretariat, Launched in response to calls for action by the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development and by the G-8, the GEO Secretariat, and in particular, its biodiversity component, the Biodiversity Observation Network, will endeavour to collaborate with the Secretariat in supporting science-based decision-making, promoting the gathering, analysis and dissemination of biodiversity data and information, improving the scientific understanding of the status and trends of, and threats to, biodiversity.

## **MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

15. During the third quarter of 2008, the Executive Secretary held meetings with senior representatives from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions with the aim to further strengthen collaboration and raise public awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

16. United Nations staff members paid a visit to the Secretariat, including: the United Nations Chief of Staff Development and Training Unit, Human Resources Management Services at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and the Forest Policy Advisor for Biodiversity at the United Nations Forum on Forests.

17. The Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of Government representatives to the Secretariat, including: the representative of the COP9 Presidency with the German Focal Point for CBD, the new Consul General of Algeria, the new Consul General of Chile, Members of the German Parliament, senior officials from Environment Canada, senior officials from the Quebec Ministry of International Relations, the Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Brazil to ICAO, and representatives from the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

18. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of the following: the President of L'Association québécoise pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement (AQPERE), the Managing Director of MANNET, a staff member from Bioversity International, senior staff members from the Society for Ecological Restoration, representatives from the United Nations Federal Credit Union, a film crew from the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, and the President of the Hart Resources Development.

19. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of the Director, Institut Hydro-Quebec en environnement, développement et société at the Université de Laval, as well as students from Université de Montréal's CERIUM summer course in European and International Environmental Law.

20. In July, the CBD Executive Secretary participated as a panel member at the round table on ecosystems services in sustainable development in the margins of the new Annual Ministerial Review of the UN Economic and Social Council in New York. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Executive Secretary to present the CBD Gender plan of action, the city and biodiversity programme, the parliamentarian initiative, the South-South Cooperation initiative and the Green Wave. A meeting was held with the Chief of Staff of the UN Secretary General, as well as with the newly appointed Director of the UN Secretary General Climate Change Support Team, in which briefings were made on the outcomes of the recent Biodiversity Summit in Bonn, Germany. While in New York, the Executive Secretary attended a working lunch, organized by FAO in the follow-up to the FAO Summit on climate change and biofuels, which allowed him to brief the participants on the COP 9 decision on biofuels. A meeting was held with the FAO Assistant Director-General for the Natural Resources Management and Environment, in which the issue regarding the secondment of FAO staff to the CBD, as well as the role of CBD on the new initiative launched by Norway on Renewable Energy Enterprise Development (REED), were discussed. The REED initiative and CBD's involvement were also raised with the representative of UNDP at the meeting. The Executive Secretary also met with a senior staff from UNESCO in which the secondment of a New York staff to the CBD was discussed, as well as UNESCO's contribution to the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). Similarly, the IYB was also discussed with the Director of the UN Department on Information, in particular for the possibility of the 65th session of the DPI/NGO Forum in September 2010, as well as the UN Model with universities for 2010, be devoted to biodiversity. The Executive Secretary also had an opportunity to meet with the UNEP Executive Director, in which issues with regard to the implementation of COP-9 decisions, preparations for the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit, security of CBD were raised, among others. At a meeting with the Director General of UNON and the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, the Executive Secretary discussed collaboration on the CBD initiative on cities and biodiversity as well as the signing a partnership with UN-HABITAT on this regard. The Executive Secretary raised the issue of security of CBD staff and premises during his meeting with the Under-Secretary General for Safety and Security.

21. At the invitation of the Minister of State of the Environment and the Minister of the Interior and Overseas Territories of France, the Executive Secretary participated and delivered a closing statement at the meeting of the Overseas Territories of the European Union. While in France, the Executive Secretary met with the Secretary General of the Bern Convention to discuss the implementation of the MOU signed in the margins of the COP-9 meeting, including the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). The Executive Secretary also met with the Director of the Museum of Civilization to discuss collaboration with the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture, and the possibility for the inauguration of the Museum to take place at the end of 2010, as a contribution to the IYB celebrations.

22. In the margins of the FIA, an agreement was signed between the Secretariat and the Airbus SAS, in support of the Green Wave initiative. A meeting between the Executive Secretary and the CEO of Airbus was held prior to the signing ceremony. Coinciding with the signing of the agreement, Airbus launched a major public awareness campaign to promote Green Wave in several major publications, including Time, Newsweek and National Geographic, and on news websites such as the BBC and CNN.

In support of the agreement, a meeting is being planned by Airbus, in partnership with the CBD and the International Air Transport Association (IATA), to establish a coalition of interested airlines to further promote and develop support for the Green Wave campaign and the objectives of the Convention. During the international airshow, the Executive Secretary attended the Sustainable Aviation conference as well as a working lunch hosted by Airbus, with the participation of British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, Cathay Pacific and the public relations staff of Airbus in the world, including IATA. The lunch was followed by a working session between Airbus and IATA on the preparation for the meeting planned for September in Paris. A video message was recorded on the CBD and the Green Wave initiative to be displayed to the 8000 staff of Airbus. A meeting was held with representatives of British Airways with regard to the support of the forest canopy and on REED activities of CBD in conjunction with the November meeting in London.

23. During the first week of August, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with the UN Secretary General in New York, with the participation of the UN Chief of Staff, as well as the Director of the UN Secretary General Climate Change Support Team. Also present in the meeting was the CCD-CBD Liaison Officer in New York. The Executive Secretary briefed the UN Secretary General on the results of COP9, the challenges facing COP10, and also discussed the high level segment of the 65th session of the UNGA as well as the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. While in New York, a meeting was also held with the Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, and the officer-in-charge of CSD. The Executive Secretary also met with the Executive Secretary of the Doha Review Conference, as well as with the Director of Programme of UNICEF.

24. At the invitation of the French Ministry of the Environment, and with the participation more than 200 senior public officials, the Executive Secretary delivered a keynote presentation at the "Cycle des Conférences 2008", focused on biodiversity and established in the context of the French Grenelle de l'Environnement. Bilateral meetings were held with senior cabinet officials of the French Ministry of Environment, the Secretary of State and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in their capacity as EU President. A meeting was also held with the Director of the Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI) on the preparation of the upcoming International Platform on Science and Policy on Biodiversity and ecosystem services meeting. While in Paris, the Executive Secretary met with the Director General of UNESCO, for the finalization of the revised MOU with UNESCO. It is envisaged that the MOU will be signed in the margins of the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended working group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, which will be hosted by UNESCO in March 2009. Meetings were also held with the UNESCO Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences and the Director of the Division on Ecological Sciences to discuss relevant COP 9 decisions and as well as preparations for the IYB exhibit and its launching in Paris in January 2010. The Executive Secretary also met with the new Director of the Environment Management Group, and the possibility of establishing a system-wide issue management Group on the 2010 biodiversity target was discussed. A planning meeting was also convened with the Vice President of Airbus, IATA and Publicis on the preparation of the airline industry meeting on Green Wave, which is tentatively scheduled for November 2008.

25. On 8 September, the Executive Secretaries of the CBD and CCD Secretariats made a joint presentation to the representatives of the Permanent Missions in Geneva on the outcomes of the COP 9 meeting. More than 40 participants attended the briefing session. A meeting was also held with the Ambassador of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva on the celebration of IYB in Geneva. While in Geneva, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Secretariat and the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Secretariat, established after WSSD at the initiative of the G8, and in particular its biodiversity component through the biodiversity Observing Network (GEO-Bon) launched this year in Potsdam.

26. On 12-13 September, at the invitation of the Science Council of Japan, the Executive Secretary delivered a presentation on "Biodiversity, well-being and sustainable society" at the 6th International

Conference on Science and Technology, in Tokyo, Japan. At the invitation of the Ministry of Environment of Japan, the Executive Secretary attended the 16th Environment Congress for Asia and Pacific (ECO-Asia 2008), exclusively devoted to biodiversity and COP 10, and delivered a presentation on "Biodiversity Challenges and responses: Towards the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit". At the invitation of the Governor of Ishikawa, the Executive Secretary had the honour of opening the first national meeting on Satoyama-Satoumi Sub Global Assessment. While in Tokyo, bilateral meetings were held with the new Minister of the Environment, with the COP10 Promotion Committee, the Director General of Nature Conservation Bureau as well as relevant Directors at the Ministry of the Environment. Discussions focused mainly on the preparations for COP10. The Executive Secretary also met the new Director General for Global Affairs and the Director of the Global Environment Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A meeting was held with NGOs, with 50 participants in attendance. While in Nagoya, a series of meetings were held with: members of the COP10 Promotion Committee, including the Mayor and the Vice governor, as well as representatives of Keideran. A visit was organized to the Messe Nagoya, an international trade fair, to look at the COP 10 booth on "energy and environment". A meeting was also held with the Governor of Ishikawa to discuss among others, the IYB and the 2011 International Year of Forests. The Executive Secretary also met with representatives of Dentsu Inc, the fifth largest communication company in the world. A meeting was also held with the Senior Executive Officer as well as the General Manager of Konica Minolta to discuss collaboration on the celebration of the IYB as well as support for the Green Wave initiative in Japan.

27. Aside from those previously mentioned, a number of other media-related events took place during the third quarter of 2008. In July, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by Radio Algeria (via telephone), as well as by the BBC on the business and biodiversity. Also in July, articles on the Executive Secretary were published in El Moudjahid and El Watan. The Executive Secretary also contributed an essay in the CLIMATE-L.ORG Bulletin, Issue no. 3, entitled, "Biodiversity and Climate Change". An article by the Executive Secretary was also included in the Centre for Global Environmental Research (Japan) newsletter, Volume 19, Number 6, September 2008 issue (in Japanese). Submissions were also made to the WHC Review no. 51 and the ASEAN Biodiversity magazine for publication in the September 2008 edition.

### **III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **(a) Personnel arrangements**

28. During the period January – June 2008, there were 33 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There were no vacant posts. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

29. Under the Convention there were 25 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 1 vacant post for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 5 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources, and there is 1 vacant post under recruitment.

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

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



(b) Financial Arrangements

32. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 September 2008, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,523,616 for 2008 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$8,240,410 of which \$1,539,721 were 2008 pledges paid in 2007, and \$6,700,689 were pledges paid in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

33. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 September 2008, the total pledged for 2008 amounts to US\$5,204,082 of which \$4,307,924 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2008 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$1,234,967. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

34. As at 30 September 2008, pledges totalling US\$1,092,858 have been made in 2008 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). The total pledged contributions of US\$1,092,858 have been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2008 and prior years, to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$245,870. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

35. As at 30 September 2008, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,718,732 for 2008 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,535,116, of which US\$433,107 was received in advance of 2008 and US\$1,102,009 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

36. As at 30 September 2008, seven 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\$469,661 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

37. As at 30 September 2008, 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\$319,735 have been received in 2008, of which US\$208,788 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2008 and prior years, to the BI Trust Fund, amount to US\$163,290. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

38. As at 30 September 2008 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): Canada (CAD 30,000), Finland (EUR 8,000), Germany (EUR 32,404) Spain (EUR 218,090) and Austria (EUR 15,000). To date, US\$93,066 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

<b>SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS</b>
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##### VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity

39. In response to decision VII/27, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. Requested Parties, relevant organizations, experts and other related Conventions for inputs for preparing the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity by SBSTTA-14 and COP-10;
  - b. Held discussions with the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment, the Mountain Research Initiative, the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development and the Alpine Convention on the *modus operandi* of preparing for the in-depth review;
  - c. Participated in the teleconference with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, and the Mountain Forum on in depth review.

##### IX/1 and VIII/23: Agricultural Biological Diversity

40. In response to decision IX/1, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. The web-site has been updated to reflect COP-9 decisions including that the issue of biofuels and biodiversity is now incorporated into the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity; the general content of the site has also been improved; and
  - b. Discussions were held with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) regarding the details of the FAO-CBD programme of work.
41. In collaboration with the Secretariat of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) an issue brief on agricultural biodiversity has been prepared for capacity building and awareness-raising amongst IFAP members.

##### IX/2: Agricultural Biodiversity: Biofuels and Biodiversity

42. In response to decision IX/2, the Secretariat:
- a. Issued notification 2008/100 requesting submissions on experiences on the development and application of tools relevant to the sustainable production and use of biofuels;
  - b. Posted information on biofuels and biodiversity, including references to the submissions received, on the CBD website;
  - c. Prepared documentation for a financial contribution of the European Commission to the organization of regional workshops on ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity; and,
  - d. Prepared the outline for a background document for the series of regional workshops planned for 2009.

**IX/3, VII/9 and VII/31: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

43. In response to decision IX/3 the Secretariat:
- a. Liaised with the Chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation (GPPC) and other members, to raise support for the publication of the Plant Conservation Report. Plans are at an advanced stage to raise support from one of the Parties to support the printing of the English version of the Report;
  - b. Worked with various members of the GPPC to provide inputs for organization of events at the IUCN World Conservation Congress - Forum on the various targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (4-9 October 2008);
  - c. Made presentations at various workshops related to Red-listing (target 2), Wild plants for food (targets 2 and 13), and other targets as well as an overview of the review of the Strategy post-2010 with various partners at the IUCN Congress;
  - d. Reviewed and revised work plans and implementation plans for the Strategy until 2010.

**IX/4: Invasive Alien Species**

44. In response to decision IX/4, the following activities were carried out:
- a. The Secretariat attended the second Data Providers' Workshop of the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN2, 9-12 August 2008, Elmira College, New York, USA). The meeting compiled information on the existing databases on invasive alien species and agreed on common data exchange protocols and interoperability mechanisms;
  - b. To support the International Day for Biological Diversity in 2009, a booklet was drafted on the theme of invasive alien species and a notification to SBSTTA focal points and CBD national focal points was issued inviting contributions of photos and images to celebrate the event.

**IX/5 and VIII/19: Forest Biodiversity**

45. In response to decisions IX/5 and VIII/19 the Secretariat:
- a. Organized a short-term staff exchange with the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat. Ms Catalina Santamaria of the UNFF Secretariat visited the CBD Secretariat from 7-11 July. Mr Tim Christophersen of the SCBD visited the UNFF Secretariat from 21-25 July. The staff members discussed several items relevant to decision IX/5, as well as the preparation of the Secretary General's report on forest biodiversity and protected areas for the eighth session of the UNFF, 20 April to 1 May 2009. The CBD Secretariat contributed to the outline and first draft of this report. During the staff exchange, the staff members and other colleagues from both Secretariats also outlined a first draft of a possible joint work programme between the two Secretariats;
  - b. Participated in the second drafting meeting for a joint strategic framework of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), 24-25 July, in New York City;
  - c. Attended an international workshop on "Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) and biodiversity benefits", from 6-8 August. The workshop

was organized by Conservation International and the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre. Its aims were to identify ways and means to ensure that REDD will provide biodiversity benefits, and benefits for indigenous and local communities;

- d. Attended the global “Forest Leaders Dialogue”, 16-17 September in Washington DC, on the role of the forest private sector in relation to the climate change agenda. The meeting was organized by IUCN, the World Bank, and the World Business Council on Sustainable Development;
- e. Participated in the first meeting of the UN REDD consortium (FAO, UNDP and UNEP) to discuss monitoring and verification options for possible future REDD mechanisms, and for pilot activities. The workshop was held at the United Nations Foundation in Washington DC, from 16-17 September;
- f. Attended the Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission meeting in Quito, Ecuador, from 29 September to 1 October, and presented the CBD programme of work on forest biodiversity, and COP 9 decisions, in particular the request to the Executive Secretary to facilitate, in collaboration with UNFF, FAO and other CPF members, a series of thematic and/or regional workshops for capacity building; and,
- g. Reviewed and further developed, in consultation with UNFF and FAO, a draft study commissioned to a consultant on opportunities for sub-regional capacity building workshops.

46. Based on a Memorandum of Understanding on 27 May 2008 with the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC), a poster with four case studies on private sector engagement in forest biodiversity conservation, and links to poverty alleviation, was developed for presentation at the IUCN World Conservation Congress.

#### **IX/10: Preparation of the Third Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook**

47. In response to decision IX/10 the Secretariat:

- a. Continued with the collection of case studies and examples of activities aimed at reducing the rate of biodiversity loss;
- b. Continued with the drafting of sections of third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 (GBO-3);
- c. Prepared, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, a project document for a contribution of the European Commission to the preparation of GBO-3;
- d. Prepared terms of reference for a research project on a meta-analysis of existing biodiversity scenarios and projections as a basis for setting future targets;
- e. Updated the web pages on GBO-3;
- f. Notified the organizations participating in the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership about the timetable for preparing the various products of third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook; and,
- g. Participated in the Regional Workshop on Biodiversity Indicators and Database Uses and their Applications (Siem Reap, Cambodia, 25-28 August 2008) and chaired a workshop on convergences among national biodiversity targets and indicators’ frameworks in ASEAN member States in view of (i) the preparation of the fourth national reports; (ii) the application at national level of the flexible 2010 framework; (iii)

contributions to the preparation of GBO- 3 and (iv) linkages between GBO-3 and the planned ASEAN Biodiversity Outlook 2010.

**IX/15: Follow-up to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment**

48. In accordance with the provisions of decision IX/15 the Secretariat provided comments on the draft concept note prepared as background to the ad hoc open-ended intergovernmental multi-stakeholder meeting to consider establishing an efficient international science-policy interface on biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being being organized by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme. The Secretariat also in telephone conferences to support the completion of the documentation.

**IX/16: Climate Change and Biodiversity**

49. In response to decision IX/16 the Secretariat carried out a number of activities as described below:

- a. In response to paragraph A.6 requesting the convening of workshops on climate change and national biodiversity strategy and actions plans (NBSAP) for small island developing States, two workshops have been scheduled and preparations are underway. The first will take place in the Caribbean Region in conjunction with the NBSAP regional workshop from 3 to 7 November, 2008 in Trinidad and Tobago. The second is tentatively scheduled for the Pacific Region the 2 to 6 February, 2009 in Samoa.
- b. In response to paragraph B. 12(b) the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change was scheduled for the 17 to 21 November, 2008 in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Accordingly notifications 2008-07-23 and 2008-09-02 were sent to Parties requesting their nomination of experts. Notification 2008-09-11 was also sent to relevant organizations requesting their suggestions for resource people. Sixty nominations were received from Parties and 26 suggestions for resource people were received. The Secretariat has prepared a suggested list of experts for consideration by the bureau of the SBSTTA.
- c. In response to paragraph B. 13 inviting Parties to submit views on ways to integrate biodiversity considerations in climate change related activities, notification 2008-08-21 was sent to Parties. An online submission form has also been set up and will be opened for submissions on 6 October, 2008.
- d. In response to paragraph B. 16. the Executive Secretary summarized information on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity relevant for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in developing countries (REDD) and transmitted the resulting document to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) with the intention that it be transmitted to the third session, and subsequent sessions, of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action. Accordingly, the submission was posted on the UNFCCC website for these meetings.
- e. Finally, in response to paragraph C. 5, requesting the Executive Secretary to compile relevant information on ocean fertilization including the results of the ongoing scientific and legal analysis under the London Convention and London Protocol, the Secretariat developed a partnership with IOC for the production of an information document.

**IX/17: Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands**

50. In response to decision IX/17 the Secretariat carried out a number of activities as described below.

- a. In response to paragraph 8(a) requesting a case study database, the existing case study database was examined and gaps in information were identified.
- b. In response to paragraph 8(d) on harmonized reporting between relevant conventions, the Secretariat nominated a representative to the Inter-agency Task Force on Harmonized Reporting convened under the auspices of the UNCCD. Written comments were provided to the first meeting of the task force concerning priorities, criteria and classifications.

**IX/18, VIII/24 and VII/28: Protected Areas**

51. In response to requests in decisions VII/28, VIII/24 and IX/18, the Secretariat:

- a. Prepared and serviced the Latin America regional workshop on protected areas in Salinas, Ecuador, from 23 to 25 September 2008. The workshop was attended by 20 Government-nominated experts from Spanish-speaking Latin America and Caribbean countries, indigenous and local community representatives and resource persons from The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International, the World Wide Fund for Nature, the World Commission on Protected Areas of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and IUCN Latin America regional office. On the margins of this workshop the Government of Ecuador designated a new marine protected area covering 50,000 ha, the first protected area in the newly created province of Santa Elena. The prefecture of the province proclaimed 23 September as a provincial day for protected areas to commemorate the establishment of the first protected area in the province;
- b. Initiated preparations for the expert workshop on “Integrating Protected areas into wider land- and sea- scapes” to be held in Vilm, Germany, from 2 to 4 November 2008, *inter alia* by, commissioning of an expert team to prepare the background document; inviting expert nominations from Parties and organizations; and signing of the host country agreement with the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation;
- c. Initiated preparation of the full project proposal on implementing the LifeWeb initiative, after receiving the approval from the Government of Germany;
- d. Interacted with Governments of Australia, Belgium, and Canada, as well as the European Commission and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, soliciting financial assistance for the organization of regional capacity-building and review workshops on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA);
- e. Interacted with the Government of India in view of the organization of an Asian regional workshop on protected areas in 2009 and prepared a draft host country agreement;
- f. Interacted with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme and PoWPA Friends concerning the possibility of organizing a Pacific regional workshop on protected areas in early 2009;
- g. Held discussions with the Government of Germany on the modalities for developing a streamlined and harmonized reporting format for implementing the PoWPA and the development of a user-friendly website on protected areas and organized a seminar on the World Database on Protected Areas;

- h. Interacted with the Global Coordinator of the UNDP/GEF project on supporting country actions for the implementation of the PoWPA, and provided comments on the 4th round of proposals received; and,
- i. In response to paragraph A 21 of decision IX/18, invited Parties to nominate a national focal point for the programme of work on protected areas.

**IX/19, VIII/20 and VII/4: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters**

52. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a. Notifications have been issued for: (i) voluntary reports to support the in-depth review of the programme of work; and (ii) voluntary comments on ways and means of streamlining and making more explicit the roles of the CBD and Ramsar Convention (further to SBSTTA recommendation XIII/4, paragraph 1).
- b. A report on “Transboundary water resources management: the role of international watercourse agreements in implementation of the CBD” has been prepared in order to assist Parties and other stakeholders to further implementation of Decision IX/19, paras. 2 and 3, of the Conference of the Parties.
- c. Following from initial meetings held in the margins of COP 9, teleconferences have been held with NGO partners regarding mobilising support for the in-depth review of the programme of work, to be considered at COP 10. A framework for collaboration has been drafted and NGOs canvassed for their potential contributions.

53. A member of the Secretariat attended the World Water Week (Stockholm, 17 – 23 August 2008) and: (i) participated as a panelist in the High-Level Panel Debate: The Challenge of Improved Global Freshwater Governance and the 1997 UN Watercourses Convention; (ii) attended the 9th coordination meeting of UN-Water (16-17 August 2007), a number of issues were discussed including UN-Water plans for the 5th World Water Week (Istanbul, 2009), harmonising web-sites and the 3rd World Water Development Report; (iii) participated in the UN-Water Transboundary Waters Task Force (18th August); and (iv) participated in the UN-Water Indicators Monitoring and Reporting Task Force (18th August) which is looking at indicators for the World Water Assessment Programme, including those used to prepare the 3rd World Water Development Report, where 146 indicators reflecting in various ways drivers of change of water-related biodiversity are currently being developed.

54. Final draft chapters of the 3rd World Water Development Report have been reviewed. Inputs were provided for the chapters on governance, climate change, water’s many benefits, old and new challenges, impacts on the environment, options in the water domain and the way forward.

55. A member of the Secretariat contributed as resource person/team leader at the UNITAR Training Workshop on Biodiversity and Climate Change (29 June – 04 July 2008, Kushiro, Japan). Lectures were given on biodiversity and the CBD, changing approaches and current emphasis regarding biodiversity and water and water, wetlands, biodiversity and climate change.

**IX/20 and VII/5: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity**

56. In response to decision IX/20, the Secretariat:

- a. Initiated compiling relevant scientific information on the impacts of destructive fishing practices, unsustainable fishing, and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing on marine biodiversity and habitats. The Secretariat also has communicated with UNEP

and FAO for possible funding sources to support implementing this decision (paragraph 2);

- b. Initiated compiling relevant scientific information on potential impacts of direct human-induced ocean fertilization on marine biodiversity. The Secretariat has also communicated with UNESCO-IOC, IMO, and UNEP for possible coordination and collaboration in undertaking the implementation of this decision (paragraph 3);
- c. Initiated compiling relevant scientific information on potential impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity. The Secretariat has also communicated with UNESCO-IOC and UNEP for possible coordination and collaboration in undertaking the implementation of this decision (paragraph 4);
- d. Reviewed a relevant project proposal prepared by FAO in view of possible collaboration in undertaking the implementation of this decision. The Secretariat also initiated communication with UNEP-WCMC for identification of possible areas of collaboration and preparation of a draft project proposal to support the implementation of this decision (paragraph 5);
- e. Prepared a draft provisional agenda and budget proposal to facilitate the implementation of this decision (paragraph 10); and,
- f. Organized a discussion meeting on 14 August 2008 with representatives from Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding the organization of the expert workshop, as described in paragraph 19. The Secretariat prepared a draft provisional agenda, budget proposal, and a checklist for workshop organization to facilitate the implementation of this decision.

57. In response to paragraph 9 of decision VIII/14, a notification (Ref No. SCBD/STTM/JM/JL/JG/64491) was sent and posted on the CBD website on 29 July 2008 to invite Parties and relevant organizations to provide information on (i) status and trends of, and threats to, marine and coastal biological diversity; and (ii) progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its fourteenth meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held in May/June 2010 in Bonn, Germany.

58. In relation to decisions VII/31 and VII/5, the Secretariat has collaborated with UNEP to mobilize necessary funding to support the preparation of in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity. In this regard, a Terms of Reference for consultancy on “Background document for in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity” has been prepared and posted on the CBD website. The Secretariat initiated analyzing the outputs of the 3rd National Report, focusing on identifying information gaps.

#### **IX/22: Global Taxonomy Initiative**

59. In response to decision IX/22, the Secretariat:

- a. Served as a member of the steering committee to prepare the “Consortium for the Barcode of Life (CBOL) Workshop on Basic Research and Access and Benefit Sharing”, which is planned to be held from 17 to 19 November in Bonn, Germany;
- b. Prepared a booklet on BioNET INTERNATIONAL to call for the participation in promoting and implementing the Global Taxonomy Initiative.

#### **IX/27: Cooperation Among Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Other Organisations**

60. In accordance with the provisions of decision IX/27 and in follow-up to the sixth meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions the Secretariat:



- a. Provided inputs for a banner on the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions prepared by the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species;
- b. Updated information on the CD-Rom on the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use;
- c. Prepared a draft document on the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions the Secretariat for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Migratory Species (Rome, December 2008);
- d. Organized a teleconference with the members of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity to discuss progress in the implementation of the memorandum of understanding and preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity. The Secretariat also began preparations for the Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners to be held on 21 October 2008, at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Belgium;
- e. Provided comments on the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) draft "Environment Watch Strategy: Vision 2020" which aims to enhance institutional, scientific and technological infrastructures and capacities for cooperation in keeping the state of the environment under review and providing timely, accurate, credible, relevant and consistent environmental data and information for environmental governance;
- f. Attended a working meeting organized by McGill University at the Montreal Botanical Garden on 17 September 2008 to review biodiversity research in Quebec and discuss a proposed research programme for the Center for Biodiversity Science being established in Quebec (Centre de la science de la biodiversité du Quebec).

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**VIII/25 and IX/6: Incentive Measures**

61. In the period under review, the Secretariat finalized the work plan for the next biennium resulting from the decisions of COP-9 in the area of economics, trade and incentive measures, and initiated work towards implementation of these decisions, in particular those related to positive and perverse incentive measures, and valuation.

62. On 25 August, the Secretariat met with representatives of the UNCTAD Biotrade Initiative, and agreed on a number of cooperative activities for implementing pertinent decisions of the Conference of the Parties, in particular:

- a. contributions of Biotrade cases studies and good practices to the CHM (database on incentive measures);
- b. review and sharing of expertise in the development of policy documents/guidelines and/or project proposals, such as on biotrade implications of food safety regulations;
- c. participation in the planned CBD workshop on perverse and positive incentives; and,
- d. informal MEA network on trade and economics to be coordinated by UNCTAD.

63. The Secretariat participated in the stakeholder workshop for the second phase of 'The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity' Report, which is sponsored by the government of Germany and the European Commission as part of the Potsdam initiative of environment ministers. The workshop took place on 18 September, in Bonn, Germany. The Secretariat provided advice on a number of

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pertinent issues, and was instrumental in identifying opportunities for, and arranging, cooperation on outreach and public relations, and the provision of input to the final report.

64. The Secretariat participated in the workshop on 'Biodiversity and Poverty Alleviation – Taking an Economic Perspective', held from 21-23 September on the Isle of Vilm, Germany. The Secretariat briefed participants on the economic and business-related work of the CBD and its linkages to poverty alleviation, and provided input and advice accordingly

#### **VIII/12: Transfer of Technology and Technology Cooperation**

65. In the period under review, the Secretariat finalized the work plan for the next biennium resulting from the decision of COP-9 on technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation, and initiated work towards implementation of this decision.

66. The Secretariat was invited to attend the WIPO symposium on patent landscaping and technology transfer under MEAs, held on 26 August 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland. The symposium brought together approximately 50 participants representing the Geneva IP and technology transfer community from international organizations and NGOs, as well as number of representatives from missions. The Secretariat presented the CBD provisions and work on technology transfer and cooperation, and in particular the conclusions of the technical study on the role of intellectual property rights in technology transfer under the Convention, prepared together with UNCTAD and WIPO as requested under the CBD programme of work on technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation.

#### **IX/12: Access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing**

67. During this period following COP 9, the Secretariat focused on the planning and implementation of COP decision IX/12 on access and benefit-sharing. In particular, the following activities were carried out:

- a. A calendar of ABS meetings was established for the next biennium;
- b. During the visit of the German COP Presidency, in August, a meeting was held with the ES, the ABS team, and one of the co-chairs to discuss the work programme of the next biennium on ABS;
- c. An interagency task force on ABS was established by sending out invitations to relevant international organizations dealing with ABS related issues and organizing a first conference call;
- d. An internal task force on ABS was established within the CBD Secretariat;
- e. In accordance with paragraph 13 of decision, experts were identified to carry out studies on specific ABS related issues, terms of reference were drafted, funding sources were identified and contracts prepared for consultants;
- f. Preparations were initiated regarding the organization of two meetings of legal and technical experts: 1) the expert group on concepts, terms, working definitions and sectoral approaches to be held in Namibia, from 2 to 5 December 2008; 2) the expert group on compliance to be held in Japan, from 27 to 30 January 2009. These preparations included the following:
  - i. Liaising with the host country Governments and Governments providing funding for these meetings regarding organizational matters and funding issues;

- ii. Notifications were prepared and forwarded to National Focal Points, relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders regarding the nomination of experts and observers and the submission of views.
- g. A notification was prepared and forwarded to NFPs, relevant organizations, ILCs and relevant stakeholders regarding submissions to be provided to the Secretariat in preparation for WG-ABS 7, in April 2009;
- h. Work was carried out on the development of a web portal related to the negotiation of the international regime on ABS; and,
- i. The database on ABS measures was updated and work is underway to further develop it.

### **IX/13: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions**

68. In July, the Secretariat prepared the plan of work for the follow up to decision IX/13 on article 8 (j) and the preparation of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Article 8 (j) and related provisions, which will be held in November 2009. In August, the Secretariat received a 500,000 Euros grant from the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI) towards the implementation of the Programme of Work on Article 8j and related provisions.

69. The Secretariat participated in the Annual meeting of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous People's issues (IASG) which took place at UNESCO Headquarters from 15 to 17 September 2008. The objective of the meeting was to further assess and advance joint work on promoting the quest of indigenous peoples for "development with culture and identity", notably in light of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and its implications for policies and programmes. There was also a brief discussion on the broader indicator work of the UN system relevant to indigenous peoples.

70. Lastly, in September, the Secretariat also commenced the preparations of the third edition of the 8j Newsletter, *Pachamama*, as well as the planning for the drafting of documents for the sixth meeting of the WG-8J.

## **OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS**

### **IX/25: South-south Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development**

71. Following COP9 and the High Level Panel Discussion on Biodiversity for Development and Poverty Alleviation organized by the unit on May 27th, a third issue of the biodiversity for development newsletters has been published. This newsletter takes a closer look at the COP9 decisions, offering a brief analysis with regard to the poverty/development and biodiversity conservation dimensions. The mailing of this newsletter provided the opportunity to update the network of professionals which now comprise 175 experts representing more than 100 organizations globally.

72. Since August 4<sup>th</sup> a new program assistant has been recruited to support the work of biodiversity and development at CBD Secretariat. The program assistant will mainly assist in implementing the MOU signed between the Secretariat and COMIFAC (Central African Forest Commission) during COP9. A first task, already completed, has been the conception and edition of one poster including the joint ITTO/IUCN guidelines and relevant case studies in Central Africa linking biodiversity conservation, poverty reduction and forest management. The poster translated into two languages has been introduced and disseminated during a side event entitled "Poverty in the midst of plenty – the paradox of the Congo basin" on the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress at Barcelona.

73. An 8-page booklet containing the 6 banners of the exhibit presented during COP 9 has also been published into three languages (English, French and Spanish). Copies have been distributed during the IUCN-WCC.

74. During this period, the Secretariat has consolidated working relationship with various organizations such as the Steering Group Linking Conservation and Poverty (review and comments on a new IUCN resolution focusing on Conservation and poverty reduction ), McGill University's School of Environment, organizers of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Environmental Education Congress, Fédération Française pour la Recherche Scientifique sur la Biodiversité, Société des Transports de Montréal, donors involved in the preparation of the Poverty Reduction Initiative in Africa (France, Finland, Germany, EU, IUCN) and the Canadian International Development Agency.

75. The Biodiversity and Development programme officer has also been fully involved in preparing and managing of two NBSAPs workshops in Central and Western Africa the details of which are provided in the NBSAP section of this report. An important part of these meetings has been the review of linkages between NBSAPs and Poverty Reduction Strategies and mainstreaming of biodiversity in sectoral policies and programmes at the regional and national levels.

### **IX/32: Communication, Education and Public Awareness**

76. In September 2008 to encourage stakeholders in their outreach activities on the 2008 IBD theme of agriculture and biodiversity, the CBD Secretariat supported Modethik, a Montreal-based event on biodiversity and consumer awareness related to fashion. Mr. Ravi Sharma, principal officer for ITS-OMG, delivered the keynote address at the event opening. The Secretariat also showcased its banner series on biodiversity and agriculture, including a new banner on biodiversity and fashion.

#### Youth

77. In October 2008 the CBD Secretariat supported a planning meeting for the Second International Youth Symposium for Biodiversity, which will take place in Ottawa, Canada in July 2009. The Symposium will bring together over 100 participants representing diverse biodiversity projects around the world. Together, the youth will operationalize the Global Youth Accord articulated in the First International Youth Symposium for Biodiversity held in 2005.

#### International Biodiversity Day (IBD)

78. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity furthered its work to coordinate the celebrations of the International Year on Biological Diversity in partnership with stakeholders including Governments, UN agencies, NGOs, the private sector and academia. During the quarter, the implementation plan for the IYB was developed and shared with partners. Letters were sent to United Nations Organizations and Agencies suggesting that activities in 2010 be coordinated with the IYB. Discussions with UNESCO and with the president of COP-9 were also conducted.

#### CEPA Workshops

79. During the third quarter of 2008, and in response to COP decision IX/32, inviting Parties and encouraging the Executive Secretary to implement the Programme of Work (POW) for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) using the Agenda for Action (INF/3) the Secretariat is planning to organize a number of sub regional workshops on CEPA in the upcoming biennium.

80. The first workshop will be held in Trinidad and Tobago, from 3 to 7 November 2008. This workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UN CBD) with the support of the Cropper Foundation, in collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Environmental Management Authority, the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM) and the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI).

81. The second of the workshops will be held in Southeast Asia in February 2009 in collaboration with the Asean Centre for Biodiversity. A third workshop is planned for South America in mid 2009.

82. The goal is for the participants to develop the basis for a national CEPA strategy that links with their implementation plans for the Convention. As each workshop will count on the participation of 10-15 Parties, we can expect that the entire series will contribute to the creation of 40-60 CEPA strategies. The workshops will also contribute to the development of IYB strategies by participating Parties. The CEPA Toolkit, produced in partnership with the CEC and IUCN will be the official working document for these workshops. A Spanish translation of the workshops is being finalized by IUCN and the government of Spain, and is expected out in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008.

#### Media Training Workshop

83. Preparations are under also way for a Media Training workshop held in parallel to the CEPA workshop in Trinidad and Tobago.

84. The workshops are expected to result in the creation of key messages (Priority Activity 3) on biodiversity issues for the different sub regions. These messages will then be used by the Parties and the Executive Secretary in their communication with media in general. The workshops are also expected to contribute to the strengthening of media relations (Priority Activity 4). Direct contact with journalists and networks of journalists will be created for each region.

#### UNESCO Exhibition

85. The Secretariat in collaboration with UNESCO, is working on an exhibition for presentation during 2010. The Exhibition will demonstrate the value of biodiversity, outlines the biodiversity crisis and points out how the global community can act to save it. The exhibition will be shown at major international events, and through a web site.

#### UNESCO Teaching Resources

86. As part of the ongoing activities under the Global Initiative on Communication Education and Public Awareness, UNESCO in collaboration with the Secretariat will be developing teaching/learning materials on biodiversity for use in schools throughout the world and in cooperation into National Education Curricula's. The overall aim is to increase awareness of the value of biodiversity among young people.

### **IX/26: Private Sector Engagement / Promoting Business Engagement**

87. *Newsletter on business and biodiversity* – The Secretariat posted a tentative schedule and list of themes for 2009-2010. The Secretariat has also begun a process to redevelop this product, based on informal feedback received over the last two years; an initial readership survey conducted at COP-9; and the recommendations of a report commissioned to an MBA student. The Secretariat is expecting to hire external consultants to (1) redevelop the template of the newsletter and (2) enhance the user interface of the newsletter website.

88. *Good practice and other business and biodiversity initiatives* – As a member of the Technical Advisory Committee, the Secretariat reviewed entry nominations for the UNDP 2008 Equator Prize. The Secretariat participated in a conference call of the UNEP Finance Initiative Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Workstream (BESW) steering committee to explore options for the 2009 work plan.

89. *Meetings and events* – On 16-17 September the Secretariat participated in the Global Forest Leaders Forum on Forests and Climate Change, organized by the Forests Dialogue (TFD) and hosted by the World Bank in Washington D.C., USA. The Secretariat also participated in Modethik 2008, a

sustainable fashion event in Montreal, Canada. The Secretariat participated in the workshop “Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction - Furthering a Process”, organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation on 21-24 September (Isle of Vilm, Germany). The Secretariat partnered with Green Power Conferences in view of developing the second edition of Biodiversity and Ecosystems Finance Summit (scheduled to take place in London, UK, on 25-26 November). Various informal meetings were held with companies and organizations, notably in the aviation, public transport, financial services and agribusiness sectors.

## IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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

#### *National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans*

90. At the end of September 2008, 162 Parties had completed their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and, of this total, 20 Parties had completed revisions to their NBSAP while 14 have revisions are in process. The Secretariat has received the large majority of available NBSAPs and made them available on the Convention's website. The Secretariat is also aware that 18 Parties are in the process of preparing their NBSAP, while 11 Parties have still to provide information on the status of their NBSAPs.

91. The Secretariat has continued to organize regional and sub-regional capacity development workshops on NBSAPs and the mainstreaming of Biodiversity in line with decisions VIII/8 and IX/8. Through the exchange of experiences and training on the use of relevant tools and mechanisms, the workshops aim to strengthen national capacity for the development, implementation, review and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and for biodiversity mainstreaming into relevant sectors, in line with COP decisions. The workshops will also contribute to the assessment of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target. The brochure available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-brochure-nbsap-ws-en.pdf> gives an overview of the results of earlier workshops in this series, held prior to COP-9.

92. From 22—25 September, the SCBD, together with the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) and the Government of Cameroon, organized the Capacity Development Workshop for Central Africa on the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the mainstreaming of Biodiversity, in Limbe, Cameroon. Some 80 participants from nine countries – all members of COMIFAC – reviewed progress in implementing the Convention in the region and on integrating biodiversity into Sectoral policies and national strategies for poverty reduction. Representatives from COMIFAC, OCSWA, UNDP, FAO, CIFOR, IUCN, WWF, FFI and a number of local NGOs as well as all relevant ministries of the Cameroon government also participated. Participants committed themselves to the strengthening the implementation of the Convention in the region, with COMIFAC's Working Group on Biodiversity playing a leading role in follow-up. The presentations made at the workshop and the conclusions and recommendations will be made available at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops/central-africa.shtml>.

93. The Capacity Development Workshop for West Africa on the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the mainstreaming of Biodiversity was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 29 September – 3 October 2008, organized by the Secretariat in cooperation with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), IUCN and the Government of Burkina Faso. Some 60 participants from 17 Parties participated in the meeting. National focal points or NBSAP coordinators presented reports on the implementation of NBSAPs in each country. Additional presentations and discussion focused on the integration of biodiversity into poverty reduction strategies. The use of strategic environmental

assessment was highlighted as was the central importance of communication, education, and public awareness. Other topics focused on at the workshop included environmental accounting and the valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The presentations made at the workshop and the conclusions and recommendations will be made available at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops/west-africa.shtml>.

94. Preparations are under way for a Capacity Development Workshop for the Caribbean region in Trinidad and Tobago, November 3 – 7, 2008. This Workshop will incorporate a section to assist countries in integrating concerns relating to the impacts of climate change and the impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on biodiversity within NBSAPs in line with decision IX/16. In addition a parallel CBD workshop will be held on communication, education and public awareness (CEPA). Parties of the region that have not done so are urgently requested to nominate representatives to the workshop as requested in the notification available at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops/caribbean.shtml>.

95. Additional workshops are being planned for the following sub-regions: Middle East and North Africa; Pacific; Central Asia; Europe and North America. Further information about series of capacity development workshops is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsaps/workshops>.

#### **VIII/14: National Reporting**

96. In response to decision VIII/14, paragraph 6, preparation is under way for a regional Capacity Development Workshop for South, East and Southeast Asia on the preparation of the fourth national report, which will be held from 2 to 4 December 2008 in Tsukuba, with the support of Japanese Ministry of the Environment and Japan Wildlife Research Centre. This workshop aims to facilitate the preparation of the fourth national reports of the participating countries as well as to increase their capacities in monitoring, reviewing and reporting on the implementation of the Convention, including implementation of NBSAPs and progress towards the 2010 Target.

97. The portal for the fourth national report [www.cbd.int/nr4](http://www.cbd.int/nr4) has been further developed, with more tools and links to resources of partners provided. A discussion forum has been developed to allow countries to exchange experience in preparing the fourth national report and to share relevant tools. All the discussions will be archived on the portal for interested audience. A facility is being also developed that allows countries to submit cases or case studies in assessing progress towards the 2010 target.

98. Since July 2008 the Secretariat has been following up with all the national focal points by various means, inquiring about the status of preparation and possible dates of submission of the fourth national report, and about the difficulties encountered in the process of preparation. The Secretariat has been successful in reaching about 100 Parties to date. Some 45 countries have confirmed that they intend to meet the deadline of submission (March 30, 2009). In all, about 90 countries have informed that a process had been initiated to prepare the reports, and some had organized national workshops or consultations to this end. The status of preparation of the fourth national report will be made available on the portal for 4NR soon and updated regularly.

99. The Secretariat has been facilitating support from relevant organizations to countries for their preparation of the fourth national report. One example of this is to bring together national focal points and Birdlife partners in different countries in this process. The Secretariat has also discussed with UNEP-WCMC and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility about the collaboration to provide support in this regard, including allowing countries to access their databases or data freely. With the support from the Secretariat and other partners, regional or sub-regional organizations such as the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity are providing support to their member countries in the preparation of the

fourth national reports, including through workshops on use of indicators and supporting national consultations in this regard.

100. The second phase of a medium-sized project to provide funds to additional 40 to 50 developing country Parties for preparing their fourth national reports is expected to be approved soon by the GEF. In the first phase 48 developing country Parties received funds for preparing their fourth national report.

101. With the joint efforts of UNDP, UNU IAS, SCBD, UNEP and Countdown 2010, a guide to assist countries in undertaking the assessment of the 2010 target will be finalized soon and translations in French and Spanish will be made available soon on the portal for the fourth national report.

102. Training sessions on the preparation of the fourth national report were organized during the two recent sub-regional workshops on capacity building for national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming of biodiversity for Central Africa (September 22-26, 2008, Cameroon) and Western Africa (September 29-October 3, 2008, Burkina Faso).

103. Inputs were provided by the Secretariat to a proposal initiated by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification for harmonizing national reporting on drylands. The Secretariat has also provided inputs to a project proposal prepared by UNEP GEF for pilot projects in selected countries on harmonization of national reporting among biodiversity-related conventions.

104. As of end of September 2008, a total of 146 third national reports had been received by the Secretariat.

### **IX/30: Scientific and Technical Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism**

105. During the third quarter of 2008, the Secretariat participated in the following meetings related to the Clearing-House Mechanism:

- a. The Second Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN) Data Providers Workshop was held on 2-5 June in Elmira, NY, USA. Its main purpose was to follow up on pending issues related to the GISIN Protocol. It was also an opportunity to discuss how to proceed in the efforts to establish a global information system on invasive alien species.
- b. A two-day meeting was held on 28-29 August at UNEP-WCMC in Cambridge, UK, to discuss some CHM components of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (POWPA), particularly the redesign of the web portal, the Life Web initiative, and the latest features of the new version of World Database on Protected Areas developed in collaboration with GBIF. Other CHM-related topics were also discussed such as knowledge management for MEAs, linkages with the Conservation Commons, and potential future collaboration.
- c. The annual European CHM meeting organized by the European Environment Agency (EEA) was held on 15-16 September in Copenhagen, Denmark. It focused on the challenges for the next three years and was attended by around 35 participants, mostly CHM NFPs from European countries. The workshop consisted of presentations, brainstorming/discussion sessions, training on latest features of the European Portal Toolkit, as well as a joint session with the European GBIF nodes.
- d. Individual meetings were held on 17 September at the GBIF Secretariat with various technical staff to better understand GBIF services and explore ways to further adapt them to the needs of the Convention.



- e. Additional activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism can be summarized as follows:
- i. A process was established to carry out a systematic review and enhancement of the most frequently visited web pages, and to prioritize their translation based on available resources.
  - ii. The web portal on the fourth national report ([www.cbd.int/nr4](http://www.cbd.int/nr4)) was further enhanced in terms of content and features.
  - iii. Further to decision IX/30, a Knowledge Management Team (KMT) was established to coordinate the strengthening of the CBD Secretariat in this field. The KMT held several meetings and recommended a series of actions that should take place whenever time and resources are made available.
  - iv. Steps have been initiated to mobilize resources with a primary focus on the need to have an experienced web application developer in order to implement the requests to the Executive Secretary expressed in paragraph 6 of decision IX/30.

**IX/11 : Review of implementation of Articles 20 and 21; and,  
IX/31 : Financial resources and the financial mechanism and guidance to the financial mechanism**

106. Notifications concerning decisions IX/11 and IX/31 have been circulated to Parties and Governments as well as relevant organizations. The Secretariat has undertaken a planning exercise on how to respond to elements of these decisions that address to the Executive Secretary. A concept note on the work related to innovative financial mechanisms is being prepared for discussion.

**BIOSAFETY**

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**BS-II/2, BS-IV/4 and BS-IV/11: Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)**

107. During the period under review, Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) activities focused on Programme Elements 1 and 3 of the Multi-year programme of work for the operation of the BCH, approved by decision BS-II/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB)<sup>1</sup>.

108. With the aim of improving the ease of reporting information, a revamping of the registration section of the BCH was carried out and new common formats for the submission of information were developed. The implementation of the online common format has also been initiated and is expected to be completed before the end of the year 2008.

109. In accordance with Programme element 3, decision BS-IV/11 and a request from the “Coordination Mechanism”, the platforms and hosting pages of the following two online fora were prepared and will be launched in November:

- Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management
- Online Forum on Capacity-Building.

110. Following decision BS-IV/4 on the Roster of biosafety experts all records in the roster were removed in September 2008 with the re-organization of the Roster of Experts. An online common format for the nomination of experts was made available on the BCH serving both the purposes of filling up the new roster and allowing nominations for the risk assessment online forum.

111. On Monitoring and Reporting under the Protocol, decision BS-IV/14, an updated analysis of the first national reports that includes submissions after the deadline was completed within three months after the COP-MOP/4 and made available through the Biosafety Clearing-House.

112. In accordance with decision BS-I/3, a meeting of the re-constituted informal advisory committee of the BCH has been scheduled for November 2008.

**BS-IV/3 and BS-IV/4: Capacity Building and the Roster of Experts**

113. Pursuant to decision BS-IV/4, the Secretariat developed an online version of the revised nomination form for Roster of Biosafety Experts in the BCH and sent a notification inviting all Parties

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<sup>1</sup> Programme elements of the Multi-year programme of work for the operation of the BCH (MOP BS-II/2): 1: Structure and function of the central portal - Objective: Improve ease of reporting and accessing information in the BCH in response to identified needs of users. 2: Information content and management - Objective: Increase the amount of information that is currently being reported to the BCH, and ensure it is provided in a timely manner. 3: Sharing information on and experience with LMOs - Objective: Make a broader range of biosafety information accessible to users of the Biosafety Clearing House. 4: Capacity-building and non-Internet accessibility - Objective: Ensure that countries have the necessary capabilities to access the Internet-based central Portal and are able to access information through the BCH in a timely manner. 5: Review of activities - Objective: Ensure that the programme of work is achieving the goals of the BCH effectively.

and other Governments to make new nominations to the roster in accordance with the criteria, minimum requirements and the updated guidelines adopted by the COP-MOP at its fourth meeting.

114. With regard to the implementation of the coordination mechanism, the Secretariat initiated and finalised an Agreement in the Form of an Exchange of Letters between the Secretariat and the Government of Costa Rica who has kindly offered to host the fifth coordination meeting for governments and organizations implementing or funding biosafety capacity-building activities, back-to-back with the sixth Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety in San José, Costa Rica from 9 to 11 March 2009 and 12 to 13 March 2009, respectively. The Secretariat has also developed background materials and a platform in the BCH for the online conference on capacity-building in environmental risk assessment and post-release monitoring of living modified organisms (LMOs), which will take place from 3 to 14 November 2008. The outcomes of the online conference will provide input for the background paper to facilitate the face-to-face discussions at the fifth coordination meeting.

#### **BS-IV/5: Financial Mechanism and Resources**

115. In July 2008, the Secretariat had a meeting with staff from the GEF Evaluation Office. Following the meeting, a notification was sent to all Parties and other governments inviting them to actively participate in the survey for the independent mid-term review of the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) and provide feedback on their experiences with the RAF with respect to the GEF support for the implementation of the Protocol and make suggestions for improvement. The findings of the review will be presented to the GEF Council at its November 2008 meeting.

#### **BS-IV/6: Cooperation with Other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives**

116. The Secretariat is an active partner in the Green Customs Initiative coordinated by UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics. The Initiative brings together different international organisations and secretariats to enhance the capacity of customs and other relevant enforcement personnel to monitor and facilitate the legal trade and to detect and prevent illegal trade in those environmentally-sensitive goods or substances covered by the relevant treaties.

117. The Green Customs Initiative has developed the "Green Customs Guide to Multilateral Environmental Agreements" which was published in September 2008. The SCBD contributed information on the role of customs officers in the implementation of the identification and documentation requirements under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. An electronic version of the Guide is available online at the following address: [http://www.greencustoms.org/documents/Green%20Customs%20Guide%20\(web%20version%20-%20low%20resolution\).pdf](http://www.greencustoms.org/documents/Green%20Customs%20Guide%20(web%20version%20-%20low%20resolution).pdf).

#### **BS-IV/11: Risk Assessment and Risk Management**

118. The Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management ([http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/forum\\_ra.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/forum_ra.shtml)) was created in the BCH to host discussion groups and real-time online conferences on specific aspects of risk assessment and risk management of LMOs. An online tool for the nomination of experts by Parties and other Governments was implemented in the BCH following the criteria and minimum requirements for the nomination of technical and scientific experts adopted for the Roster of Biosafety Experts. The registration of experts to take part in these events is being currently undertaken.

119. With the view to facilitating the use of the BCH, several actions were taken. Namely, 121 new risk assessment records were created and linked to the relevant decisions in consultation with the originating Parties and other governments. Decisions taken on specific LMOs were linked to the respective BCH LMO records to facilitate cross-referencing and improve retrieval of relevant data. Risk

assessment records were assessed for completeness and, if any essential information was found missing, the competent authorities were contacted for the provision of the records. The records contained in the LMO, gene and organism registries were also checked for completeness and accuracy, and updated where necessary.

120. New common formats for the submission of risk assessment reports, LMOs, gene and DNA sequences, and organisms, have been developed with the aim of increasing user friendliness and inclusion of relevant information to the BCH

#### **BS-IV/16: Socio-Economic Considerations**

121. The Secretariat assisted UNEP-GEF Projects on Biosafety in the organization of a workshop on socio-economic considerations which was held from 21 - 23 July 2008 in Mexico City, Mexico. The workshop brought together sixteen experts in the field of socio-economic considerations and biosafety to discuss research being undertaken in a project funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development.

#### **BS-IV/17: Public Awareness, Education and Participation**

122. On the 11 September 2008, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety marked its fifth anniversary of its entry into force. The event was celebrated among Parties and other stakeholders to further promote awareness of the Protocol, and mobilise different stakeholders to support its implementation. There were goodwill messages from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) and the Executive Secretary of the CBD.

123. The theme of the anniversary is: "*The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Five years of global cooperation towards sustainable development*". This theme was selected to highlight the spirit of consensus and cooperation that has characterised the Protocol process to date and to underline the contribution of the Protocol to the implementation of Agenda 21.

124. The Secretariat also developed a dedicated web page for the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with the outreach materials: <http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/anniversary>. The outreach materials include the fourth issue of the "Biosafety Protocol News" focusing on the first five years of the Protocol (released on the occasion of the fifth anniversary), a press release, a poster and a document which contained milestones since the entry into force of the Protocol.

125. The Secretariat made a presentation on the Protocol to a group of visitors from the summer school on 'International and European Environmental Law' at the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales, University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada.

126. The Secretariat participated in the First All Africa Congress on Biotechnology, organized by the African Biotechnology Stakeholders Forum in collaboration with several other entities, including Africa Union, which was held in Nairobi from 22-26 September 2008. More than 200 participants, including agricultural research organizations, academic institutions, and representatives of international donors and the private sector attended the meeting. The participants shared information and experiences in the development and application of biotechnology for Africa's development. The representative of the Secretariat made a presentation on the nature and role of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in supporting the safe development and use of modern biotechnology.

**Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol**

127. As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008, with the recent ratifications of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, the number of Parties to the Protocol has been increased to 149. The list of these Parties is available on the website: <http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/default.aspx>.

**ANNEXES**

**ANNEX I  
Meetings**

**July to September 2008**

1 July 2008	Meeting with the Director, Outreach Division, UN/DPI - New York, U.S.A.
1 July 2008	Briefing of the Ambassadors of the Group of 77 on the outcome of COP-9 - New York, U.S.A.
2 July 2008	Participated in the High-Level Dialogue on “The Role of Ecosystem Services in Sustainable Development” - New York, U.S.A.
3 July 2008	Meeting with the Coordinator of the United Nations Regional Commissions - New York, U.S.A.
3 July 2008	Meeting with the United Nations Under Secretary-General for Safety and Security - New York, U.S.A.
3 July 2008	Meeting with the Executive Director, UN-HABITAT - New York, U.S.A.
1-3 July 2008	Attend the second international review meeting - UNEP Initiative on assessing impacts of trade liberalization on biodiversity - Geneva, Switzerland
5 July 2008	Take part in the celebrations of the National Day of Algeria - Ottawa, Canada
7 July 2008	Telephone interview with Radio Algeria
7 July 2008	Attend the Forum on Gender and Environment - Mexico City, Mexico
7-11 July 2008	Visit of Catalina Santamaria of UNFF, as part of UNFF-CBD staff exchange programme
7-11 July 2008	Participated in the European Union and its Overseas Entities: Strategies to counter Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss”, including attendance at GLISPA side event - St. Denis, Reunion Island
8 July 2008	Teleconference with ABS Co-Chairs
10 July 2008	Interview with One Planet Pictures - St. Denis, Reunion Island
11 & 16 July 2008	Meeting via teleconference for the socio-economic considerations project
12-13 July 2008	Attend the International Coral Reef Initiative General meeting - Florida, U.S.A.
16 July 2008	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with AIRBUS, in the margins of the Farnborough International Airshow - Farnborough, U.K.
16 July 2008	Sustainable Aviation Briefing Event, in the margins of the Farnborough International Airshow - Farnborough, U.K.
16 July 2008	Visit of the members of the German Parliament
16 July 2008	Visit of Ryo Kohsaka
21 July 2008	Visit of Nooriya Koshen Chief, Staff Development & Training Unit Human Resources Management Services (UNON), followed by a meeting with the CBD Retreat Task Force

21-25 July 2008	Visit and meet with staff of the United Nations Forum on Forests - New York, U.S.A.
21-25 July 2008	Attendance as expert to UNEP-GEF Regional Training Workshop on the BCH for Asia-Pacific - Nadi, Fiji
21-25 July 2008	Take part in the scoping exercise on socio-economic considerations, organized by UNEP-GEF - Mexico City, Mexico
24 July 2008	Meeting via teleconference of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity
30-31 July 2008	Meeting with the Algerian Ministers of Agriculture and Environment, to discuss IYB meeting in 2010 - Algiers, Algeria
30-31 July 2008	Interview with Algeria Radio TV and other local newspapers - Algiers, Algeria
4 August 2008	Visit of Judith Hushagen from MANNET for debriefing on the Staff Opinion Survey for UNEP and the UNEP MEA Secretariats
5 August 2008	Visit of the new Consul General of Chile to Montreal
6 August 2008	Visit of the new Consul General of Algeria to Montreal
7 August 2008	Meet with the United Nations Secretary General, with the participation of the Chef du Cabinet, the Director of the Secretary-General's Climate Change Support Team and the joint UNCCD-UNCBD Liaison Officer - New York, U.S.A.
7 August 2008	Take part in the CI/UNEP-WCMC Workshop on REDD Biodiversity Benefits - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
7-9 August 2008	Deliver presentations and participate as a resource person in two meetings organised for countries of the COMIFAC region: Capacity development workshop for Indigenous and Local Community representatives of the Central African region on the CBD, in particular ABS and 8(j) programmes of work, 5-6 August 2008; Meeting of the GTBAC on the COP 9 outcomes and ABS process in the region - Hotel Makepe Palace, Douala, Cameroon
8 August 2008	Visit the Parque de Papa (Potato Park) - PISAQ, Peru
8 August 2008	Meet with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, as well as the Officer-in-Charge of CSD - New York, U.S.A.
8 August 2008	Meet with the Secretary of the Doha meeting on financing for development - New York, U.S.A.
8 August 2008	Meet with the Director for Programmes, UNICEF - New York, U.S.A.
11 August 2008	Meet with the Chief of Security Section at ICAO, , Montreal, Canada
9-12 August 2008	Attend the GISIN Data Providers Workshop - Elmira, New York, U.S.A.
10-11 October 2008	Keynote presentation and panel member: GTZ Workshop "Integrating biodiversity conservation into climate protection" - Bonn, Germany
12 August 2008	Visit of Timothy Hodges, Co-chair, Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing
12-13 August 2008	Visit of the representative of the COP-9 President and German focal point

13 August 2008	Take part in the World Youth Congress - Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
13-14 August 2008	Deliver a presentation at the APEC Working Group on Intellectual Property on ABS and Traditional Knowledge - Lima, Peru
14 August 2008	Visit of senior officials from the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans
14 August 2008	Visit of Mr. Robert Litzler, President of AQPERE, <i>Trésorier de l'organisation internationale Planet'ERE, Co-organisateur du 5e Congrès mondial d'éducation relative à l'environnement</i> - Montreal, Canada
15 August 2008	Meet with Peruvian Society for Environmental Law as well as deliver a presentation on current developments regarding the ABS International Regime to the Centro Internacional de Papas/International Potato Centre - Lima, Peru
16-17 August 2008	Participate in the ninth coordination meeting of the United Nations Water - Stockholm, Sweden
17-23 August 2008	Attend the World Water Week - Stockholm, Sweden
18 August 2008	Participate in the third coordination meeting of the United Nations Water Task Force on Transboundary Waters - Stockholm, Sweden
18 August 2008	Meeting with Ms. Line Beauchamp, <i>Ministre du Développement Durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, Québec</i> - Montreal, Canada
20 August 2008	Meeting with Mr. André Gamache, Director of Montreal International - Montreal, Canada
22 August 2008	Meeting with senior officials from the <i>Ministère des relations internationales du Québec</i> - Montreal, Canada
21-23 August 2008	Take part as a commentator in the panel on "Marine Genetic Resources and Bioprospecting" at the international conference "The World Ocean in Globalization: Challenges for Marine Regions" - Oslo, Norway
25-28 August 2008	Take part in the Asian Regional Workshop on Biodiversity Indicators and Database Use and Applications, organized by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity - Siem Reap, Cambodia
26 August 2008	Attend the WIPO Symposium on Patent Landscaping and Transfer of Technology under the Multilateral Environment Agreements - Geneva, Switzerland
27 August 2008	Take part in the MEA Management Team meeting via teleconference
28-29 August 2008	Meet with UNEP-WCMC staff to discuss collaboration on the POW on Protected Areas, WDPA and CHM-related matters - Cambridge, U.K.
29 August 2008	Launching of the web page dedicated for the fifth anniversary of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
1 – 2 September 2008	Meeting with Brazilian officers of the Ministry of Environment and Brazilian National Park Service (ICMbio) Sao Paulo, Brazil
3-5 September 2008	Participate in the second meeting of the International Organizing Committee for the World Climate Conference-3 (WIOC-2), Geneva, Switzerland
3-7 September 2008	Keynote presentation and contribution to Adventure Travel



	World Summit – South America, organized by the Adventure Travel Trade Association and the Brazilian Adventure Travel Association, Sao Paulo, Brazil
7 – 26 September 2008	Handover of the BCH Help System Project from UNEP-GEF to SCBD, including training (with developers) on system building process and final transfer of all help and training material, Montevideo, Uruguay
3 September 2008	Bilateral meetings with senior officials of the cabinet of the Minister and the Secretary of State of Environment as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, in their capacity as EU President, Paris, France
4 September 2008	Meeting with the Director of the <i>Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales</i> (IDDRI), Paris, France
4 September 2008	Meeting with the Director General of UNESCO, as well as the Assistant Director General for Earth Sciences and Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences, Paris, France
4 September 2008	Meeting with the new Director, Environment Management Group (EMG), Paris, France
4 September 2008	Attend the planning meeting of Airline Companies, Paris, France
5 September 2008	Keynote presentation at the “Cycle des Conference 2008” focused on biodiversity, Paris, France
8 September 2008	Meeting with the Swiss Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva
8 September 2008	<i>Presentation at L’Institut de Formation de l’Environnement, Geneva, Switzerland</i>
8 September 2008	Joint presentation with the Executive Secretary of UNCCD on COP9 to the Diplomatic Corps in Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
8 September 2008	Signature of the MOU with the Group on Earth Observations Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
8 – 10 September 2008	Take part in a training workshop on climate neutrality, New York, U.S.A.
9 September 2008	UNEP Expert for the Day on the 5th Anniversary of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
9 – 10 September 2008	Participate in a refresher training course on security, organized by the Security section of ICAO, in conjunction with the Montreal Fire Department, Montreal, Canada
11 September 2008	Bilateral meetings with the new Minister of Environment of Japan, Director General of nature Conservation and relevant Directors at the Ministry of Environment, Tokyo, Japan
11 September 2008	Fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
11 September 2008	Meeting with representatives of Japanese NGOs, Tokyo, Japan
12 September 2008	Presentation at the 6 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Science and Technology on “Biodiversity, well-being and sustainable society”, Tokyo, Japan
11 – 12 September 2008	Participate in the Bern Convention Expert Meeting on biodiversity and climate change, Strasbourg, France

13 - 15 September 2008	Presentation at the 16 <sup>th</sup> Environment Congress for Asia and Pacific (ECO ASIA 2008) on Biodiversity Challenges and responses: Towards the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit”, Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Meeting with the COP10 Promotion Committee Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Meeting with members of the COP-10 Promotion Committee, including the Mayor of Nagoya and the Vice-Governor of Aichi, Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Meeting with representatives from the Keideran, Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Visited and COP10 booth on “energy and environment, at the international trade fair Messe Nagoya, Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Meeting with the representative of Dentsu, Inc., Nagoya, Japan
15 September 2008	Visit of Ruth Raymond, Biodiversity International
15-16 September 2008	Attend the EC-CHM workshop, organized by EEA: The Biodiversity Clearing-House Mechanisms in Europe: Challenges for the next 3 years”, Copenhagen, Denmark
15-17 September 2008	Represent the Secretariat in the annual meeting of the Inter-agency Support Group on Indigenous People’s Issues (IASG), Paris, France
16 September 2008	Meeting with the Governor of Ishikawa, Ishikawa, Japan
16 September 2008	Filming of a short video for CEPA toolkit by CEC crew at the Secretariat
16 September 2008	Open the meeting of the first national meeting on Satoyama and Satoumi Sub-Global Assessment in Japan, Tokyo, Japan
16 – 17 September 2008	Participate in the Global Forest Leaders Forum on Forests and Climate Change, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
17 September 2008	Meeting with GBIF technical staff, Copenhagen, Denmark
17 September 2008	Meeting with the Senior Executive Officer as well as the General Manager of Konica Minolta, Tokyo, Japan
17 September 2008	Meeting with the new Director General for Global Affairs and the Director of Global Environment Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, Japan
17 September 2008	Attend the Deutscher Naturschutztag, symposium on the German NBSAP, Bonn, Germany
18 September 2008	Deliver opening remarks at the ModEthik fashion show, Montreal, Canada
18 September 2008	Visit of representatives from the UNFCU
18 September 2008	Attend the TEEB Phase II Stakeholder workshop, Bonn, Germany
18 September 2008	Take part and represent FICSA at the 16 <sup>th</sup> session of the High Level Committee on Management, New York, U.S.A.
21-23 September 2008	Attendance of Vilm workshop on Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction – Taking an Economic Perspective, Isle of Vilm, Germany
22 September 2008	Visit of representatives from the Society for Ecological Restoration International
22 – 25 September 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Central Africa on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity, Limbé, Cameroon

22 September 2008	Visit of representatives from the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks
22-26 September 2008	Participate in the first all African Biotechnology Congress organized by the African Biotechnology Stakeholders Forum, and make a keynote address about the Biosafety Protocol and its processes, Nairobi, Kenya
23 – 25 September 2008	Latin American Sub-regional Protected Areas Workshop, 23-25 September 2008, Salinas, Ecuador
23 September 2008	Visit of Mr. Philippe LePrestre, Directeur/Professeur, Institut Hydro-Quebec en environnement, développement et société, Université de Laval
23 September 2008	Visit of Ms. Roslyn Slawner, Hart Resources
24 – 25 September 2008	Meeting via teleconference on the cities and biodiversity initiative
24 September 2008	Attend the side event “Water and Sanitation for All”, in the margins of the High-Level Event on the Millennium Development Goals, New York, U.S.A
29-30 September 2008	Attend the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the Latin American Forestry Commission, Quito, Ecuador
25 September 2008	Visit of the Permanent Representative of ICAO of Brazil
September 2008	Contributed an article to the Centre for Global Environmental Research (Japan) newsletter, Volume 19, Number 6, September 2008 issue
29 September-3 October 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Western Africa, Comoros and Djibouti on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

## ANNEX II

### Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

#### I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 37 regularized Professional staff members and 26 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 2 general service vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 5 General Service posts were funded from other sources, with recruitment in progress for 1 General Service post 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 third quarter of 2008, twelve new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. CIFOR pledged US\$2,000 towards the printing of CBD Technical Series document on bushmeat, in French, UK pledged: GBP10,000 towards the AHTEG Climate Change and Biodiversity, GBP100,000 towards GBO-3 and GBP10,000 in support of CBD Gender Plan of Action, COMIFAC pledged EUR10,000 for the Forest Biodiversity activities in Central Africa, Spain pledged EUR281,910 for the programme of work on Article 8j and related provisions, Belgium pledged EUR15,000 and the Flemish Government pledged EUR30,000 towards the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change, Germany pledged: EUR1,000,000 towards Poverty Alleviation and EUR39,000 for the COP-9 Bureau Meeting, Japan pledged US\$176,796 for the secondment of a JPO, Czech Republic pledged EUR25,000 towards the Access and Benefit Sharing Meeting and the Protected Areas Meeting and Canada pledged CAD50,000 for the AHTEG on Access and Benefit Sharing.

3. For 2008 a total of US\$5,204,082 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$4,307,924 or 83% has been collected as at 30 September 2008. 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 2008 is US\$8,523,616. Of this amount, US\$8,240,410 or 97% has been received as at 30 September 2008. A total of US\$431,297 has also been collected in 2008 as advance payments for 2009 and future years. Additionally, US\$868,700 has been pledged and has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2008. US\$250,790 has also been collected in 2008 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

5. As at 30 September 2008 a total of US\$1,092,858 has been pledged for 2008 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Denmark (DKK 400,000); Norway (NOK 900,000); Ireland (EUR 50,000); Canada (CAD 170,000); Finland (EUR 17,000); Sweden (SEK 600,000); Germany (EUR 130,000); Spain (EUR 175,000) and Iceland (US\$ 1,000).

6. As at 30 September 2008, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2008 amounted to US\$1,092,858 or 100% of the total pledged for 2008. Additionally, US\$435,703 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$245,870 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 30 September 2008, a total of eighty-four (84) countries have paid US\$1,488,728 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 87% of pledges for 2008. A total of US\$46,388 has also been collected in 2008 as advance payments for 2009 and future years. Additionally, US\$171,700 has been pledged and has been collected as additional contribution to the BG Trust Fund for 2008. US\$46,409 has also been

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collected in 2008 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 30 September 2008, seven 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**) in 2008. To date US\$469,661 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

9. As at 30 September 2008, the Governments of: Norway, Spain, Finland, France and Sweden have pledged a total of US\$319,735 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\$208,788 or 65% 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\$11,390,600 for the BY Trust Fund for 2008. As at 30 September 2008, a total of US\$10,659,524 was spent or committed. This represents 94% of the approved amount.

11. COP/MOP-3 approved a budget of US\$2,108,100 for the BG Trust Fund for 2008. As at 30 September 2008 a total of US\$1,463,394 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 69% 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).

13. UNEP has also approved the creation of two new General Service posts – Administrative Assistant (G-6) and Finance Assistant (G-6) to be funded from the programme support funds. They are presently under recruitment.

**Appendix 1**  
**Staffing Table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**July – September 2008**

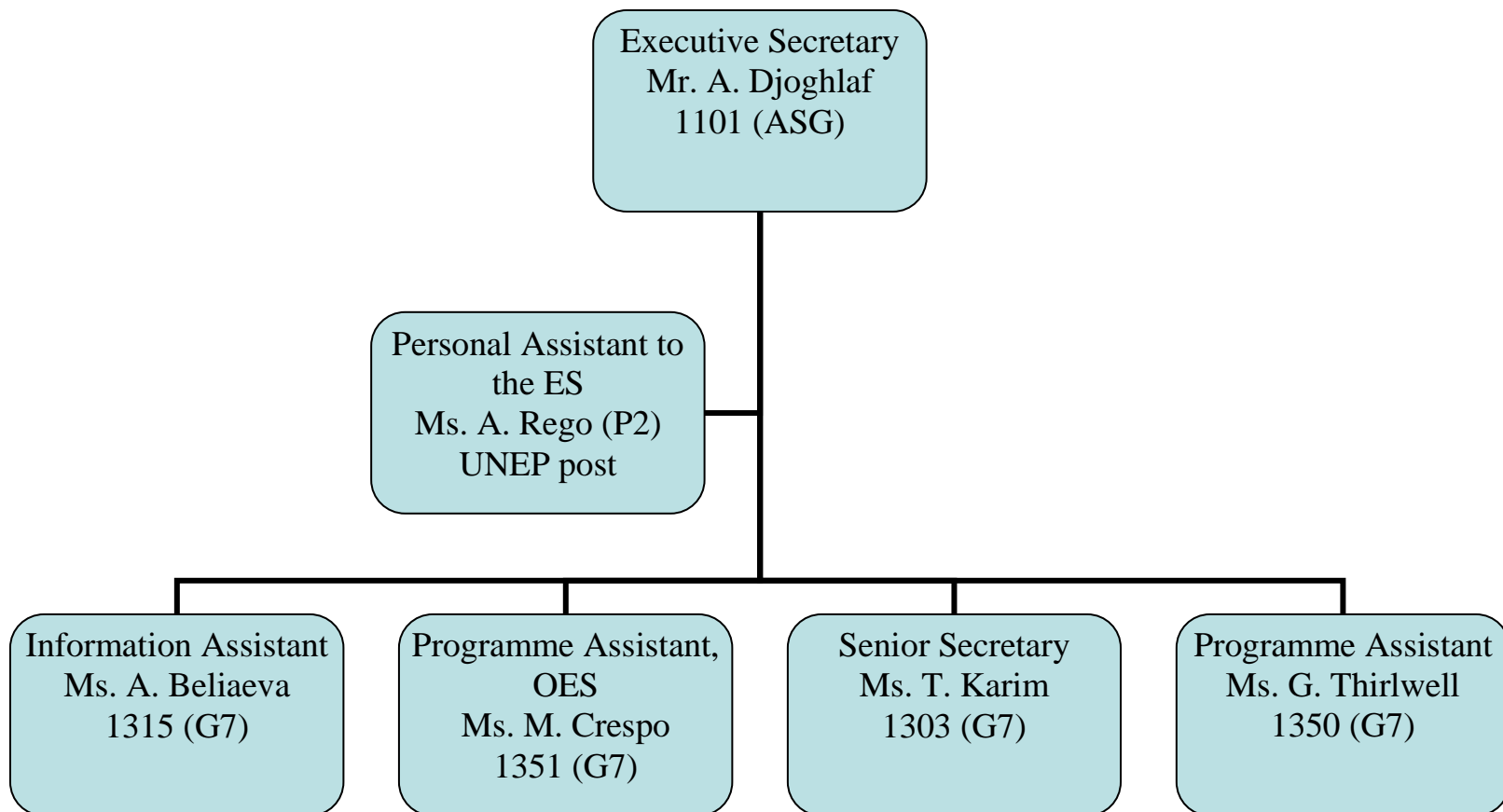
<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>STAFF MEMBER</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaif
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
BGL 1101	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Mr. R. Sharma
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)	Mr. F. Vogel
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
1133	P4	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand
1134	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Information (BS)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo

Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
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. J. Webbe
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. O. 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. I. 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. U. Nilsson
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)	Ms. J. Huppé
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (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
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Recruitment in progress
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez

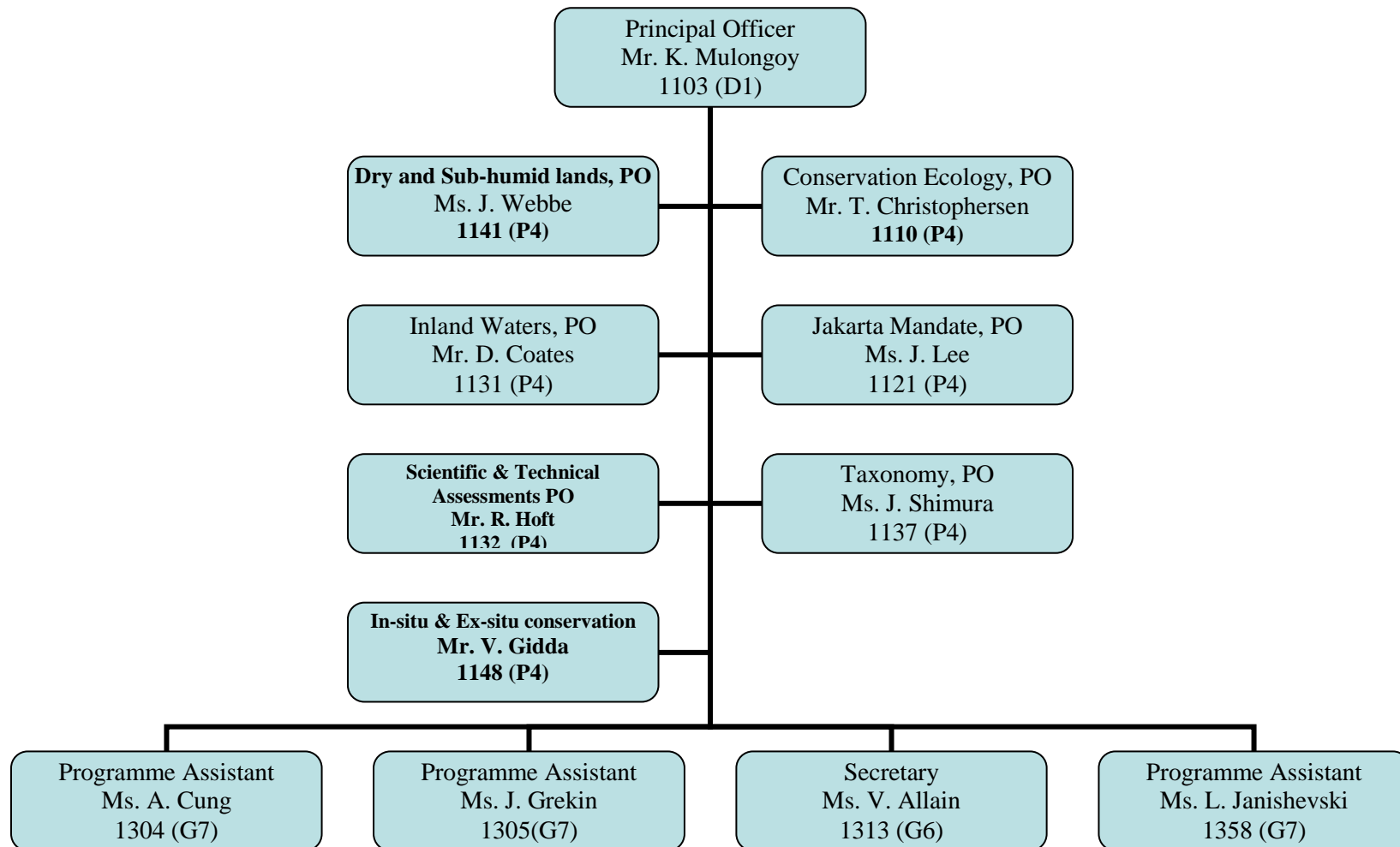
Post #	Level	Title	STAFF MEMBER
1317	G7	Programme Assistant (OMG)	Mr. J. Hedlund
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Recruitment in progress
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Recruitment in progress (Post funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. G. Thirlwell
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)



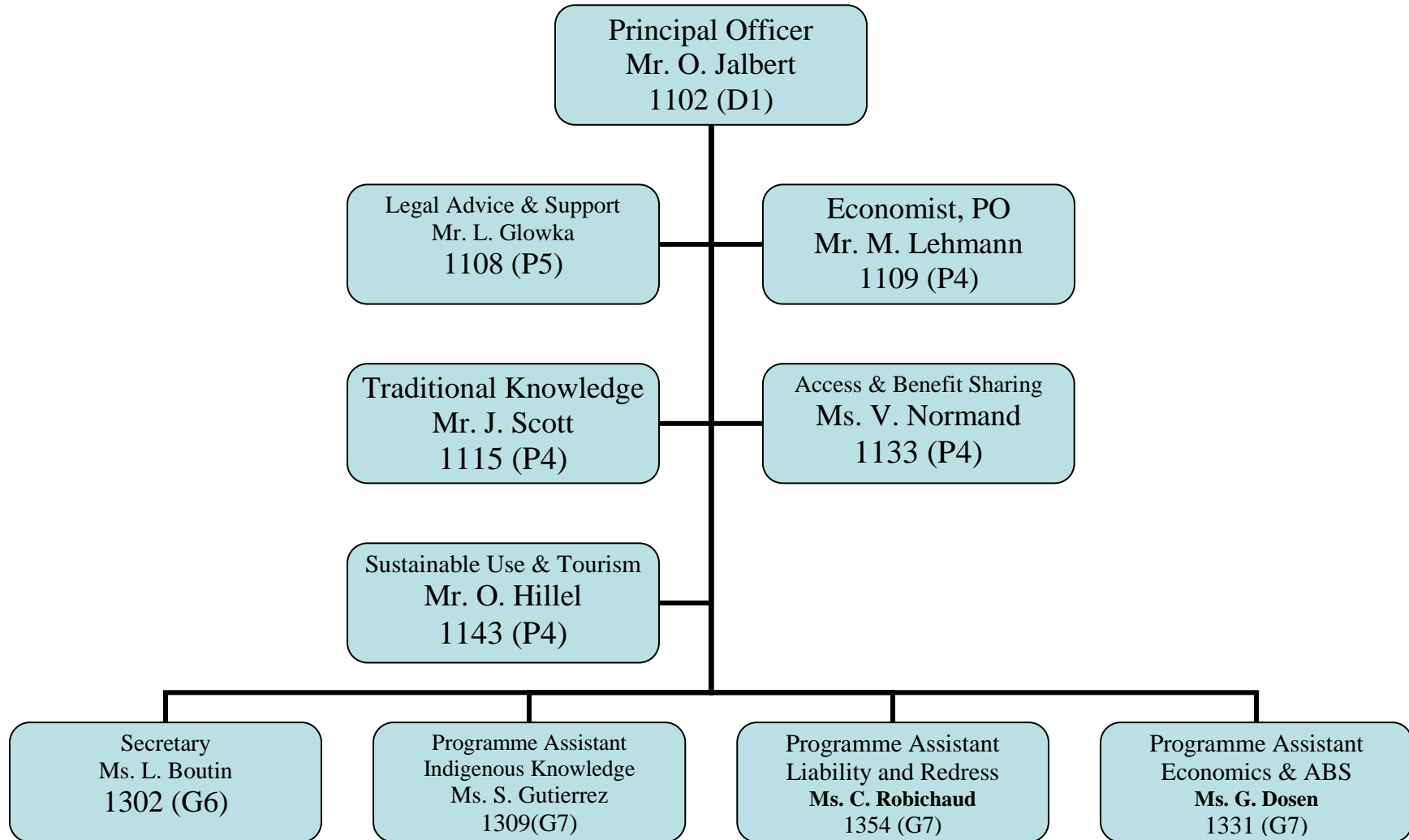
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**Organisational Chart of the CBD Secretariat**  
**Office of the Executive Secretary**



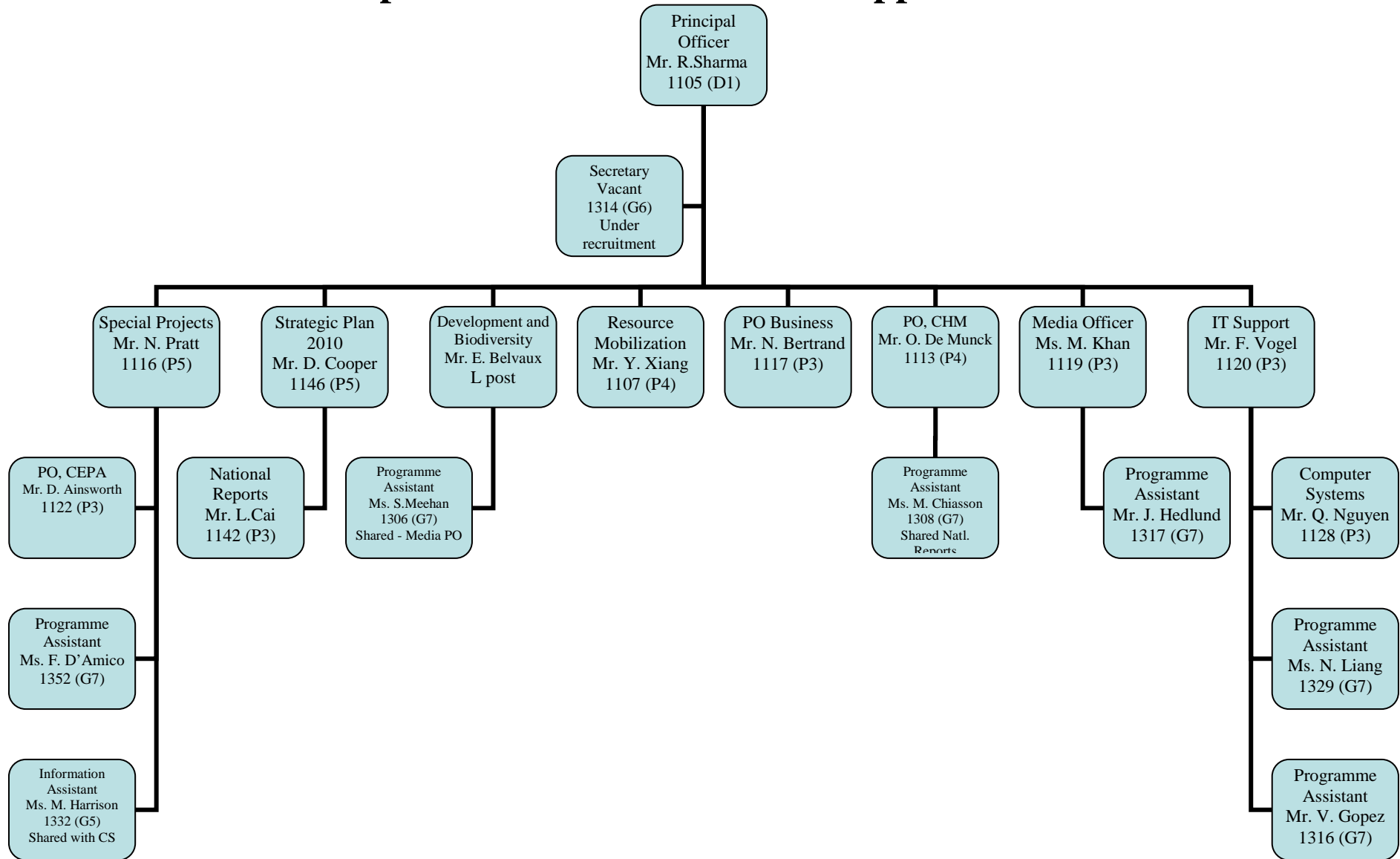
## Scientific, Technical & Technological Matters



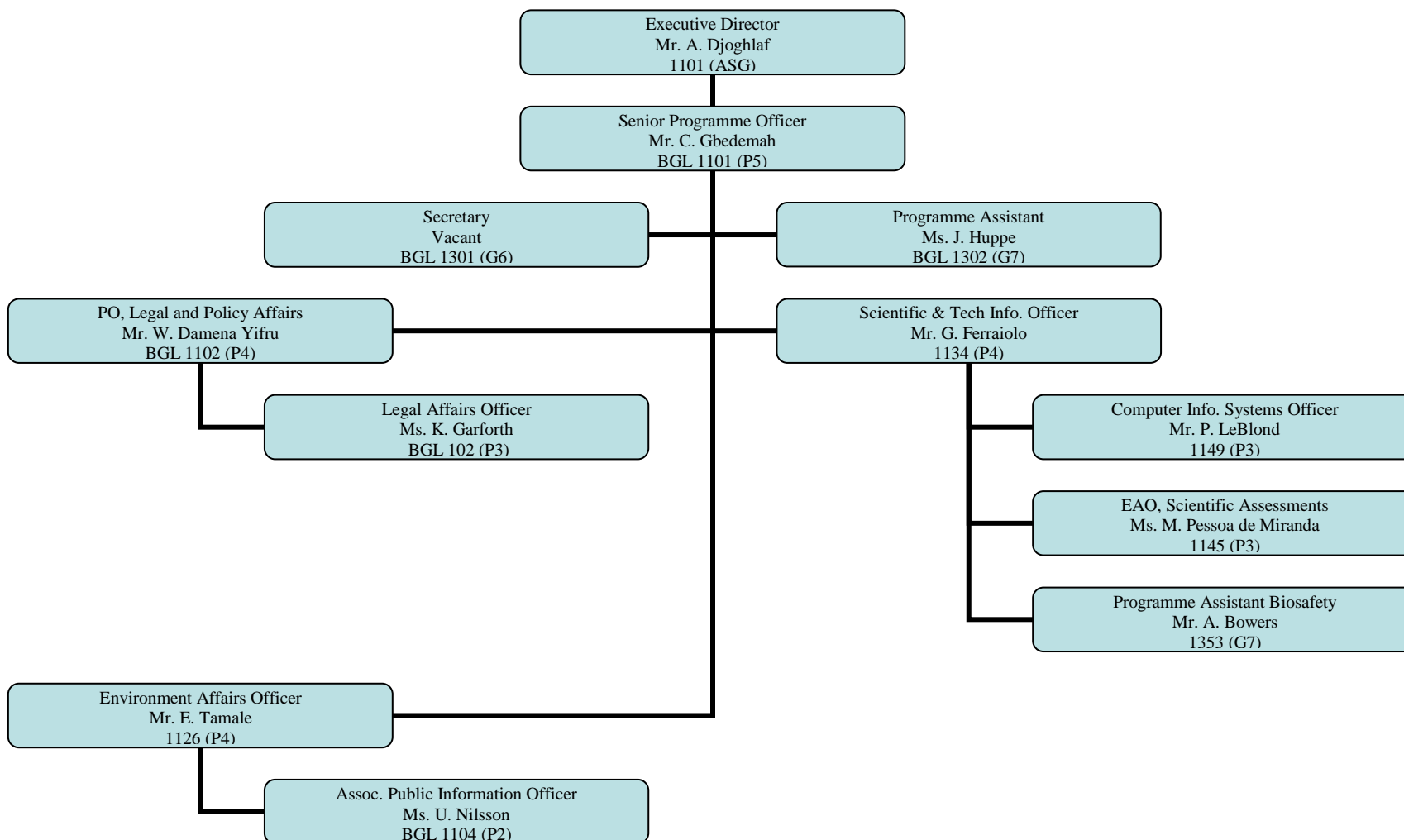
## Social, Economic and Legal Matters



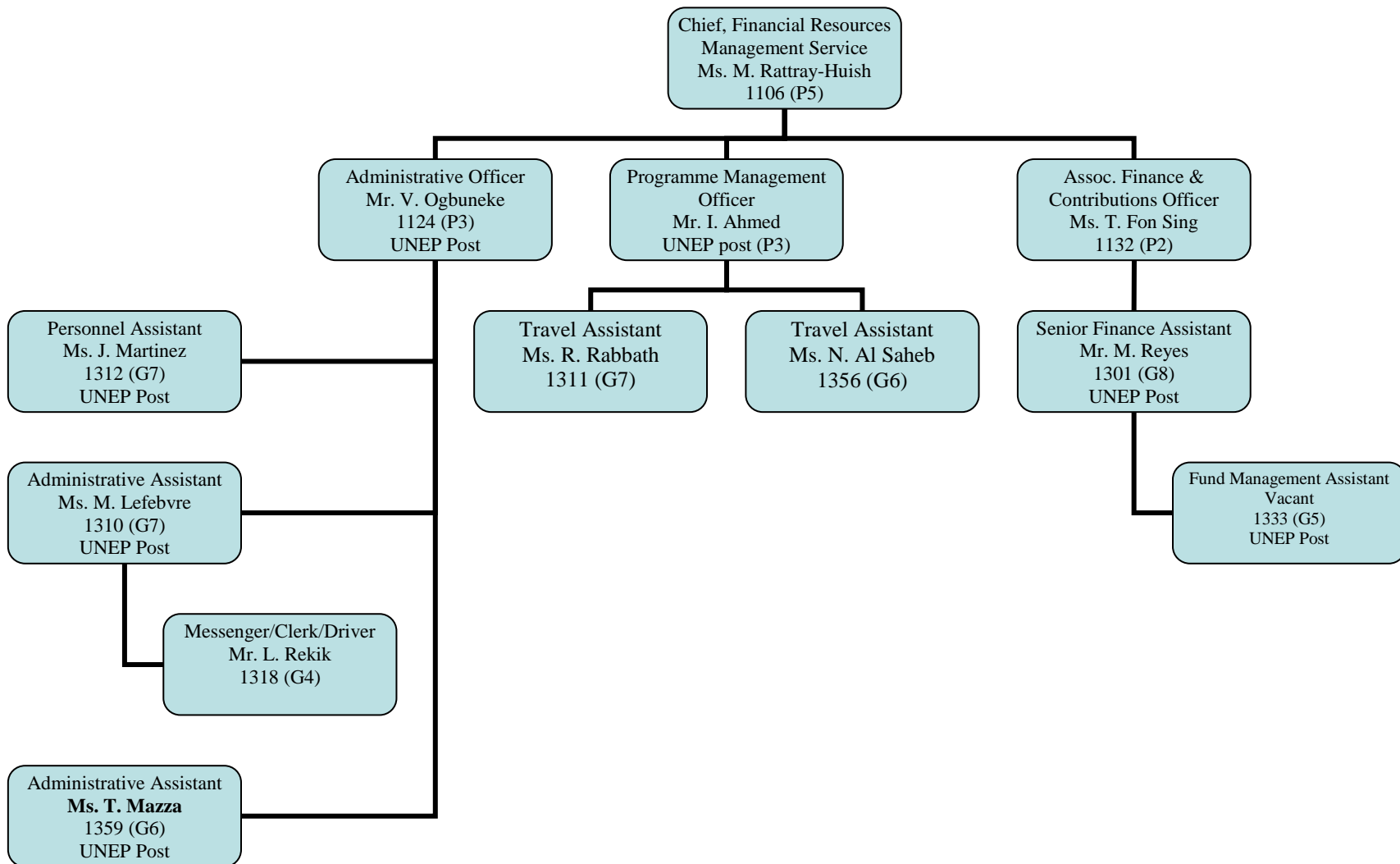
## Implementation & Technical Support



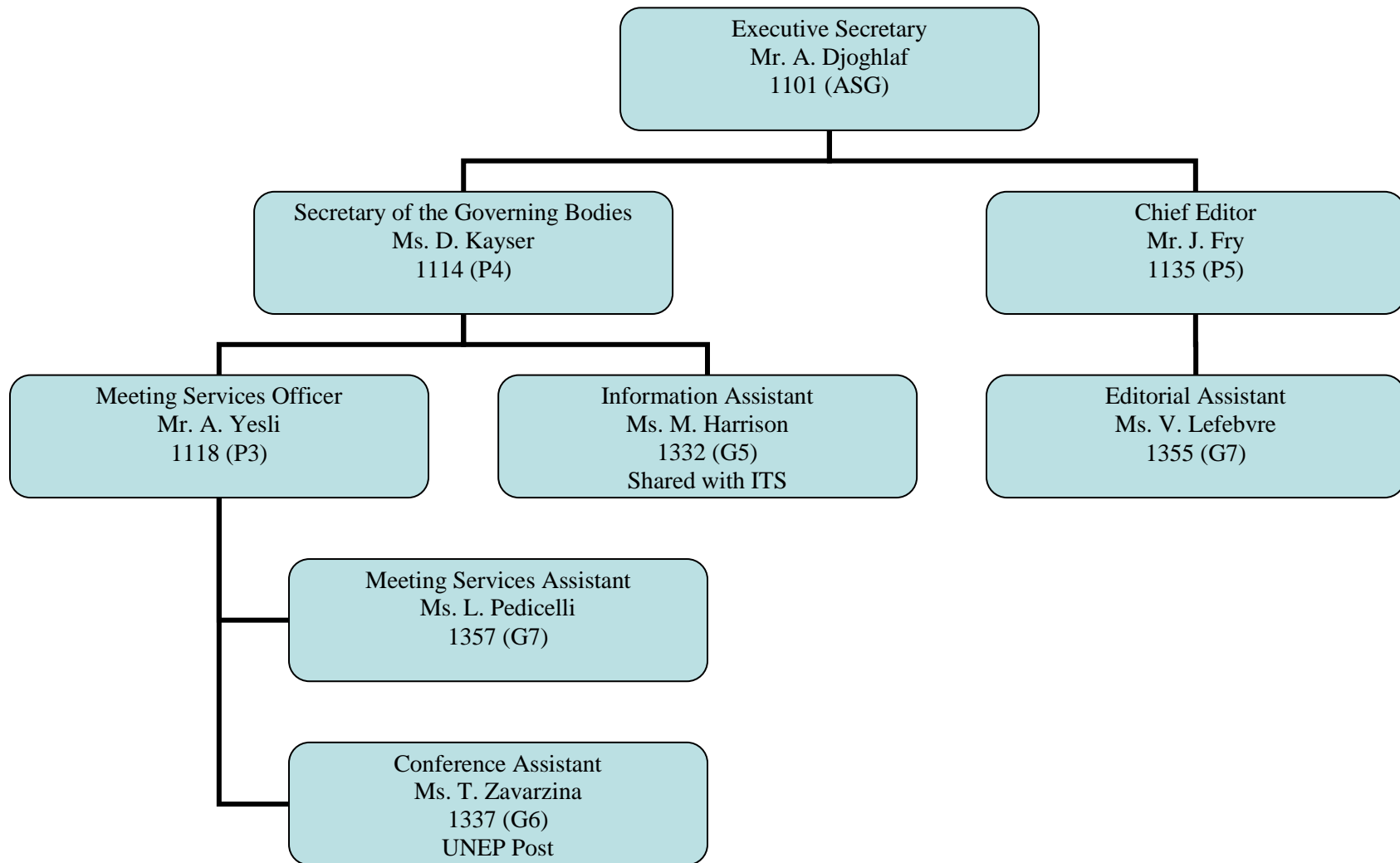
# Biosafety Protocol



## 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 30 September 2008 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2008</b>		<b>Collections in 2008 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2008 for 2008 &amp; futures yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2008 &amp; prior years</b>
Belgium			66,470	29/			66,470
Canada	21,592			2/			21,592
Canada	127,202			10/	127,202		0
Canada			46,598	35/			46,598
CIFOR			2,000	23/			2,000
COMIFAC			13,928	26/		13,928	0
Czech Republic			36,928	33/		36,928	0
EC	59,065			3/			59,065
EC	91,193			4/			91,193
EC	324,484			5/	249,725		74,759
Fundacion Biodiversidad			908	15/		908	0
GEF			150,000	22/		150,000	0
Germany	30,000			1/	30,000		0
Germany			14,909	16/		14,909	0
Germany			819,689	21/		819,689	0
Germany			1,467,480	31/		1,467,480	0
Germany			54,318	34/			54,318



COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Italy	50,000			6/			50,000
Italy			20,710	12/			20,710
Italy			36,982	13/			36,982
Institute of Energy & Environment			16,032	17/			16,032
Japan			10,000	14/		10,000	0
Japan			176,796	32/		176,796	0
Nature Conservancy			6,000	20/		6,000	0
Netherlands			380,000	18/		380,000	0
Netherlands			231,828	19/		231,828	0
Norway	15,626			7/			15,626
Norway			74,902	11/		74,902	0
Spain	(924,556)		924,556	30/			0
Spain			416,411	27/			416,411
Sweden	13,287			8/			13,287
Sweden	13,288			9/			13,288
UK			198,413	25/			198,413
UK			19,841	24/			19,841
UK			18,382	28/			18,382
<b>Total</b>	<b>(178,820)</b>		<b>5,204,082</b>		<b>406,927</b>	<b>3,383,368</b>	<b>1,234,967</b>

1/Germany pledged US\$ 100,000 towards GBO-3

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

3/EC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006

4/EC pledged EUR 225,000 towards Various Approved Activities

5/EC pledged EUR 220,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

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

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- 7/Norway pledged US\$ 200,000 towards the Regional Consultation on ABS and Enhanced Mainstreaming of Biodiversity
- 8/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002
- 9/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006
- 10/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 132,000 towards Various Approved Activities
- 11/Norway pledged NOK 400,000 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008
- 12/Italy pledged EUR 14,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas Meeting and the SBSTTA 13 Meeting, Rome, Italy, February 2008
- 13/Italy pledged EUR 25,000 towards the GLIPSA Meeting
- 14/Japan pledged US\$ 10,000 towards GBO-3
- 15/Fundacion Biodiversidad pledged EUR 600 towards the Greening of CBD
- 16/Germany pledged EUR 9,452 towards the Project Proposal Green Wave
- 17/IEPF pledged Cdn\$ 15,679 towards the convening of the African Regional Preparatory Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 18-19 January 2008
- 18/Netherlands pledged US\$ 380,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007
- 19/Netherlands pledged EUR 146,979 being final payment regarding 2006 Letter of intent
- 20/Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the translation of Protected Areas Publications
- 21/Germany pledged EUR 525,441 towards the COP-9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 22/GEF pledged US\$ 150,000 towards the development of South-South Plan of Action
- 23/CIFOR pledged US\$ 2,000 towards the printing of CBD Technical Series document on bushmeat, in French
- 24/UK pledged GBP 10,000 towards the AHTEG Climate Change and Biodiversity
- 25/UK pledged GBP 100,000 towards GBO-3
- 26/COMIFAC pledged EUR 10,000 for the Forest Biodiversity activities in Central Africa
- 27/Spain pledged EUR 281,910 for the programme of work on Article 8j and related provisions
- 28/UK pledged GBP 10,000 in support of the CBD Gender Plan of Action
- 29/Belgium pledged EUR 15,000 and the Flemish Government EUR 30,000, towards the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change
- 30/Spain pledged EUR 625,000 towards Additional Approved Activities
- 31/Germany pledged EUR 1,000,000 towards Poverty Alleviation
- 32/Japan pledged US\$ 176,796 towards the secondment of a JPO - Ms. Moriwake
- 33/Czech Republic pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Meetings: Access and Benefit Sharing in 2009 and Protected Areas in 2010
- 34/Germany pledged EUR 39,000 towards the COP-9 Bureau Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, 4 - 5 December 2008
- 35/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 50,000 for the AHTEG on Access and Benefit Sharing, Namibia, 2-5 December 2008

**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 30 September 2008 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2008</b>	<b>Collections in 2008 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2008 for 2008 &amp; fut yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2008 &amp; prior years</b>
Canada	37,736		1/			37,736
Canada			11/	170,307	170,307	0
Denmark	40,000		2/			40,000
Denmark	27,076		3/			27,076
Denmark			8/	84,383	84,383	0
EC	32,425		4/			32,425
EC	530,973		5/	435,703		95,270
Finland			12/	26,480	26,480	0
Germany			14/	202,492	202,492	0
Iceland			16/	1,000	1,000	0
Ireland			10/	77,500	77,500	0
Norway	3,906		6/			3,906
Norway			9/	172,456	172,456	0
Spain	(258,876)		15/	258,876		0
Sweden	9,457		7/			9,457
Sweden			13/	99,364	99,364	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>422,698</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>1,092,858</b>	<b>435,703</b>	<b>833,982</b>

1/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

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

3/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

4/EC 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

5/EC pledged EUR 360,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

6/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Developing Countries

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

- 8/Denmark pledged DKK 400,000 towards the participation of Developing Countries in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 9/Norway pledged NOK 900,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for CBD Meetings
- 10/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 11/Canada pledged CAD 170,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 12/Finland pledged EUR 17,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 13/Sweden pledged SEK 600,000 towards the COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 14/Germany pledged EUR 130,000 towards the High Level Segment of COP-9
- 15/Spain pledged EUR 175,000 towards the participation of Delegates in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008
- 16/Iceland pledged US\$ 1,000 towards the participation of Parties in ABS-7, Paris, France, 2 - 8 April 2009

**ANNEX VI**  
**General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY)**

**As at 30 September 2008**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	211	220		211	651	0	(431)	(431)
Albania	0	550			550	0	0	0
Algeria		8,363	8,363			0	0	0
Angola		110	2,068			0	(1,958)	(1,958)
Antigua & Barbuda		330	330			0	0	0
Argentina	0	105,194				0	105,194	105,194
Armenia	0	220			220	0	0	0
Australia		175,177	175,177		231,038	0	(231,038)	(231,038)
Austria		94,521	94,521			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	550			550	0	0	0
Bahamas		1,430	1,430			0	0	0
Bahrain		3,301	3,301			0	0	0
Bangladesh	0	852			847	0	5	5
Barbados		1,100	1,100		1,164	0	(1,164)	(1,164)
Belarus	33,081	1,981		4,000		29,081	1,981	31,062
Belgium	112,643	117,628		112,643	117,628	0	0	0
Belize	105	110				105	110	215
Benin		220	283		207	0	(270)	(270)
Bhutan		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)
Bolivia	1,678	990			990	1,678	0	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina		330	330			0	0	0
Botswana		1,320	3,904			0	(2,584)	(2,584)
Brazil	85,881	167,584		85,881	140,259	(0)	27,325	27,325
Brunei Darussalam	0	1,615				0	1,615	1,615

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Bulgaria	0	1,871			1,871	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	1,146	220		713		433	220	653
Burundi	896	110				896	110	1,006
Cambodia		220	220			0	0	0
Cameroon		880	506			0	374	374
Canada	0	309,530			309,530	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,746	110				3,746	110	3,856
Central African Rep.	111	110				111	110	221
Chad		110	2			0	108	108
Chile	0	24,538			24,538	0	0	0
China	0	225,903			225,903	0	0	0
Colombia		17,056	391			0	16,665	16,665
Comoros	3,004	110				3,004	110	3,114
Congo	123	110				123	110	233
Congo Dem.Rep	5,808	330				5,808	330	6,138
Cook Islands	308	110		308	110	0	0	0
Costa Rica	10,325	3,301		1,649		8,676	3,301	11,977
Cote d'Ivoire	1,047	1,100				1,047	1,100	2,147
Croatia	0	4,071			4,071	0	0	0
Cuba	33,896	4,732		4,700		29,196	4,732	33,928
Cyprus	0	4,291			4,291	0	0	0
Czech Republic		20,137	20,137			0	0	0
Denmark		79,006	78,976			0	30	30
Djibouti	406	110				406	110	516
Dominica	339	110				339	110	449
Dominica Rep.	3,688	3,851				3,688	3,851	7,539
Ecuador	0	2,091			2,091	0	0	0
EEC	0	213,048			213,008	0	40	40
Egypt	0	13,204			26,408	0	(13,204)	(13,204)
El Salvador	0	2,421				0	2,421	2,421

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Equatorial Guinea	400	220				400	220	620
Eritrea		110	362		48	0	(300)	(300)
Estonia		1,320	1,320			0	0	0
Ethiopia		440	440		388	0	(388)	(388)
Fiji		440	3,944			0	(3,504)	(3,504)
Finland		58,649	58,649			0	0	0
France	0	663,515			663,515	0	0	0
Gabon		990	24,379			0	(23,389)	(23,389)
Gambia		110	442			0	(332)	(332)
Georgia	2,084	330		2,084	329	(0)	1	1
Germany	0	953,129			953,129	0	0	0
Ghana	2,189	440				2,189	440	2,629
Greece	0	58,319				0	58,319	58,319
Grenada	105	110		105	110	0	0	0
Guatemala	0	3,301				0	3,301	3,301
Guinea	1,221	330				1,221	330	1,551
Guinea-Bissau	2,525	110				2,525	110	2,635
Guyana		110	429			0	(319)	(319)
Haiti	316	330				316	330	646
Honduras	3,087	550		3,087	526	0	24	24
Hungary	0	13,865			13,865	0	0	0
Iceland		3,741	3,699		4,826	0	(4,784)	(4,784)
India	0	46,325			46,325	0	0	0
Indonesia		15,625	15,625		20,815	0	(20,815)	(20,815)
Iran	48,464	17,276				48,464	17,276	65,740
Ireland		38,513	38,513			0	0	0
Israel		51,387	51,387			0	0	0
Italy		537,525	537,525			0	0	0
Jamaica		880	880			0	0	0
Japan	0	1,874,818			1,874,818	0	0	0

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Jordan	1,088	1,210		1,088	1,210	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	5,475	2,751		2,734	2,751	2,741	0	2,741
Kenya		990	990			0	0	0
Kiribati		110	88		268	0	(246)	(246)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,115	1,100				1,115	1,100	2,215
Korea, Rep. of	0	197,624				0	197,624	197,624
Kuwait	0	17,826				0	17,826	17,826
Kyrgyzstan		110	110			0	0	0
Lao PDR		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)
Latvia		1,651	1,651			0	0	0
Lebanon	6,216	2,641				6,216	2,641	8,857
Lesotho		110	111			0	(1)	(1)
Liberia	841	110		841	110	0	0	0
Libya	44,303	14,525				44,303	14,525	58,828
Liechtenstein	0	550			550	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,641	2,641			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	8,473			8,473	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR		660	660			0	0	0
Madagascar		330	361		510	0	(541)	(541)
Malawi		110	110			0	0	0
Malaysia		22,337	22,337		24,550	0	(24,550)	(24,550)
Maldives		110	110			0	0	0
Mali		220	238			0	(18)	(18)
Malta	0	1,541			1,541	0	0	0
Marshall Island	105	110				105	110	215
Mauritania	1,835	110				1,835	110	1,945
Mauritius	0	1,210			1,210	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	207,197			207,197	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States	105	110				105	110	215

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Moldova, Rep. of	0	110				0	110	110
Monaco		330	330			0	0	0
Mongolia		110	110			0	0	0
Montenegro	165	110		165	110	0	0	0
Morocco	4,952	5,172				4,952	5,172	10,124
Mozambique		110	110			0	0	0
Myanmar	1,624	852		1,624	374	0	478	478
Namibia	632	660		632	660	0	0	0
Nauru	3,124	110				3,124	110	3,234
Nepal	332	440				332	440	772
Netherlands	0	185,960			185,960	0	0	0
New Zealand		24,318	24,318		33,098	0	(33,098)	(33,098)
Nicaragua	105	110				105	110	215
Niger	2,860	110				2,860	110	2,970
Nigeria		4,622	4,622			0	0	0
Niue	222	110				222	110	332
Norway	0	74,714			74,714	0	0	0
Oman		7,703	7,703			0	0	0
Pakistan		6,052	5,687			0	365	365
Palau		110	102			0	8	8
Panama	1,485	2,091			2,091	1,485	0	1,485
Papua New Guinea	316	330				316	330	646
Paraguay	12,782	1,320				12,782	1,320	14,102
Peru	59,961	10,123				59,961	10,123	70,084
Philippines	22,635	10,453		22,635	1,784	(0)	8,669	8,669
Poland		50,726	50,726			0	0	0
Portugal		51,717	1,026		50,691	0	0	0
Qatar		7,042	7,042			0	0	0
Romania		6,602	6,602			0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	121,039			121,039	0	0	0

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Rwanda		110	110			0	0	0
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,175	110				2,175	110	2,285
Samoa	130	110				130	110	240
San Marino	0	330			330	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	677	110				677	110	787
Saudi Arabia	0	78,455				0	78,455	78,455
Senegal		550	2,973			0	(2,423)	(2,423)
Seychelles		220	285			0	(65)	(65)
Sierra Leone	402	110				402	110	512
Singapore		42,694	42,694		44,843	0	(44,843)	(44,843)
Slovak		5,612	5,612			0	0	0
Slovenia		9,023	9,023			0	0	0
Solomon Is.		110	110			0	0	0
South Africa		32,130	32,130			0	0	0
Spain	0	277,290			277,290	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	1,791	1,871			1,871	1,791	0	1,791
St. Lucia		220	215			0	5	5
St. Kitts & Nevis		110	110			0	0	0
Sudan	7,569	852				7,569	852	8,421
Suriname		110	1,597			0	(1,487)	(1,487)
Swaziland	211	220				211	220	431
Sweden	0	109,816				0	109,816	109,816
Switzerland		131,713	131,713			0	0	0
Syria	0	4,181			4,181	0	0	0
Tajikistan		110	447		100	0	(437)	(437)
Thailand	0	22,997			22,997	0	0	0
Togo		110	92			0	18	18
Tonga		110	100			0	10	10
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,421			2,421	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Tunisia		3,521	3,521			0	0	0
Turkey	0	40,933			40,933	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	527	550		527		0	550	550
Tuvalu		110	503			0	(393)	(393)
U. K.	0	674,189			674,189	0	0	0
Uganda		660	1,262			0	(602)	(602)
Ukraine	4,136	4,291				4,136	4,291	8,427
Un. Rep. of Tanzania		660	17,487			0	(16,827)	(16,827)
United Arab Emirates	70	25,858			25,833	70	25	95
Uruguay	5,058	5,282		5,058		0	5,282	5,282
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,541			1,541	11,959	0	11,959
Vanuatu	105	110		105	110	0	0	0
Venezuela		18,816	17,731			0	1,085	1,085
Viet Nam		2,311	2,311			0	0	0
Yemen	7,684	660				7,684	660	8,344
Serbia		2,091	2,091			0	0	0
Zambia		220	966			0	(746)	(746)
Zimbabwe	2,162	770				2,162	770	2,932
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>589,442</b>	<b>8,523,616</b>	<b>1,539,721</b>	<b>250,790</b>	<b>6,700,689</b>	<b>338,652</b>	<b>283,206</b>	<b>621,858</b>

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	660,620			660,620	0	0	0
Quebec	0	208,080			208,080	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>589,442</b>	<b>9,392,316</b>	<b>1,539,721</b>	<b>250,790</b>	<b>7,569,389</b>	<b>338,652</b>	<b>283,206</b>	<b>621,858</b>

**ANNEX VII**  
**General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**  
**As at 30 September 2008**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	176	133		176	133	0	0	0
Algeria		1,991	1,991			0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	105	79				105	79	184
Armenia	70	52		70		0	52	52
Austria		22,498	22,498		24,589	0	(24,589)	(24,589)
Azerbaijan	407	135				407	135	542
Bahamas	455	340		455	784	0	(444)	(444)
Bangladesh	591	165				591	165	756
Barbados		262	262		544	0	(544)	(544)
Belarus	0	471			471	0	0	0
Belgium	25,974	27,998			27,998	25,974	0	25,974
Belize	35	26				35	26	61
Benin	0	54			82	0	(28)	(28)
Bhutan		26	26		30	0	(30)	(30)
Bolivia	315	236				315	236	551
Botswana		314	314			0	0	0
Brazil	0	39,889				0	39,889	39,889
Bulgaria	0	445			445	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	70	52		70	405	0	(353)	(353)
Cambodia		52	52			0	0	0

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Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Cameroon	790	210				790	210	1,000
Cape Verde	61	28				61	28	89
Chad*	0	28				0	28	28
China	0	55,884			55,884	0	0	0
Colombia		4,060	129			0	3,931	3,931
Congo	57	28				57	28	85
Costa Rica	702	827				702	827	1,529
Croatia	0	969			969	0	0	0
Cuba	4,246	1,126				4,246	1,126	5,372
Cyprus	0	1,021			1,021	0	0	0
Czech Republic		4,793	4,793		7,804	0	(7,804)	(7,804)
Democratic Republic of Congo	247	81				247	81	328
Denmark	25,107	18,805				25,107	18,805	43,912
Djibouti	98	26				98	26	124
Dominica	98	26				98	26	124
Dominican Republic	15	969				15	969	984
Ecuador	0	498			498	0	0	0
Egypt	773	314		773	314	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	576				0	576	576
Eritrea	83	27		83	27	0	0	0
Estonia		314	314		444	0	(444)	(444)
Ethiopia		105	105		118	0	(118)	(118)
European Community	0	41,155			41,120	0	35	35
Fiji	140	105				140	105	245
Finland		13,960	13,960			0	0	0
France	0	157,932			157,932	0	0	0
Gabon	135	248				135	248	383

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Gambia	98	26				98	26	124
Germany		226,866	226,866			0	0	0
Ghana	395	105				395	105	500
Greece	0	13,881				0	13,881	13,881
Grenada	98	26				98	26	124
Guatemala		788	788			0	0	0
Guinea		64				0	64	64
Guyana		14				0	14	14
Hungary	0	3,300			3,300	0	0	0
India		11,026	11,006			0	20	20
Indonesia	0	3,751			7,942	0	(4,191)	(4,191)
Iran	15,504	4,112				15,504	4,112	19,616
Ireland		9,167	9,167			0	0	0
Italy	0	127,943			128,730	0	(787)	(787)
Japan	0	362,164			310,426	0	51,738	51,738
Jordan	378	288		378	288	0	0	0
Kenya	315	236		315	236	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	26			56	0	(30)	(30)
Korea, Democratic Republic	988	262				988	262	1,250
Korea, Republic of	0	47,020				0	47,020	47,020
Kyrgyzstan		28	28			0	0	0
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0	165				0	165	165
Latvia		393	393		499	0	(499)	(499)
Lesotho		26	63			0	(37)	(37)
Liberia	98	26		98	26	0	0	0
Libya	9,576	3,457				9,576	3,457	13,033
Lithuania		629	629			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	2,017			2,017	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Macedonia, FYR		163	163			0	0	0
Madagascar		79	81			0	(2)	(2)
Malaysia		5,317	5,307		5,274	0	(5,264)	(5,264)
Maldives		26	26			0	0	0
Mali	8	52				8	52	60
Malta	371	386		371	386	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	98	26				98	26	124
Mauritania	69	26				69	26	95
Mauritius	21	288		21	613	0	(325)	(325)
Mexico		49,318	49,318			0	0	0
Mongolia	35	26				35	26	61
Montenegro	52	28				52	28	80
Mozambique	0	26			26	0	0	0
Myanmar		166				0	166	166
Namibia	167	160		167	160	0	0	0
Nauru	98	26				98	26	124
Netherlands		44,263	44,263			0	0	0
New Zealand	7,801	5,915				7,801	5,915	13,716
Nicaragua		26	26			0	0	0
Niger	98	26				98	26	124
Nigeria	0	1,100			286	0	814	814
Niue	63	26		63	7	0	19	19
Norway	20,006	17,784		20,006	17,784	0	0	0
Oman		1,833	1,833			0	0	0
Palau	98	26				98	26	124
Panama	1,876	498		1,876	124	0	374	374
Papua New Guinea	187	83				187	83	270
Paraguay	1,185	314				1,185	314	1,499

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Peru	9,085	2,410				9,085	2,410	11,495
Philippines	3,377	2,618				3,377	2,618	5,995
Poland	22	12,074				22	12,074	12,096
Portugal	0	12,310				0	12,310	12,310
Qatar	1,270	1,764				1,270	1,764	3,034
Republic of Moldova	35	26				35	26	61
Romania		1,571	1,571			0	0	0
Rwanda		26	26			0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis		26	28			0	(2)	(2)
Saint Lucia		54	71			0	(17)	(17)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	98	26				98	26	124
Samoa	0	26				0	26	26
Saudi Arabia	3,778	19,361		3,778	19,361	0	0	0
Senegal	340	131				340	131	471
Serbia		526	526			0	0	0
Seychelles		52	52			0	0	0
Slovakia		1,336	1,336			0	0	0
Slovenia		2,148	2,148			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	98	26				98	26	124
South Africa	0	7,648			7,648	0	0	0
Spain	0	66,001			66,001	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		445	445		445	0	(445)	(445)
Sudan	452	165				452	165	617
Suriname		14				0	14	14
Swaziland		55	55			0	0	0
Sweden	566	26,139		566	26,139	(0)	0	(0)
Switzerland		31,351	31,351			0	0	0
Syria	0	995			995	0	0	0



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
Tajikistan	98	26				98	26	124
Thailand	0	5,786			5,786	0	0	0
Togo	98	26				98	26	124
Tonga	0	26				0	26	26
Trinidad and Tobago		576	576			0	0	0
Tunisia	0	838			838	0	0	0
Turkey	0	9,743			9,743	0	0	0
Uganda		157	86		71	0	0	0
Ukraine	1,364	1,021				1,364	1,021	2,385
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	160,472			160,472	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	25	157				25	157	182
Venezuela	16,886	4,479		16,886	4,479	0	0	0
Viet Nam	734	550				734	550	1,284
Yemen	353	166				353	166	519
Zambia		52	435		52	0	(435)	(435)
Zimbabwe	257	187		257	187	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>159,369</b>	<b>1,718,732</b>	<b>433,107</b>	<b>46,409</b>	<b>1,102,009</b>	<b>112,960</b>	<b>183,616</b>	<b>296,576</b>
<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	0	171,700			171,700		0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>159,369</b>	<b>1,890,432</b>	<b>433,107</b>	<b>46,409</b>	<b>1,273,709</b>	<b>112,960</b>	<b>183,616</b>	<b>296,576</b>

**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 30 September 2008 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2008</b>		<b>Collections in 2008 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2008 for 2008 &amp; futures yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2008 &amp; prior years</b>
EC	8,106			1/			8,106
EC	58,997			2/	48,412		10,585
Germany			29,586	6/			29,586
Germany			233,214	9/		233,214	0
ICGEB			21,866	4/		21,866	(0)
Netherlands			45,000	8/			45,000
Netherlands			200,000	10/		200,000	0
Norway	13,482			3/			13,482
Norway			9,581	5/		9,581	0
Spain			36,982	7/			36,982
Switzerland			5,000	11/		5,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,585</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>581,229</b>		<b>48,412</b>	<b>469,661</b>	<b>143,741</b>

1/EC pledged EUR 20,000 in Support to the Biosafety Clearing House

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

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

4/ICGEB pledged EUR 15,000 towards the Biosafety Meeting, New Delhi, India, February 2008

5/Norway pledged NOK 50,000 towards the 4th Coordination Meeting, New Delhi, India

6/Germany pledged EUR 20,000 towards the 5th AHTEG on Liability & Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

7/Spain pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Capacity Building/Risk Assessment workshops

8/Netherlands pledged US\$ 45,000 towards the participation of Developing Countries in the Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability & Redress

9/Germany pledged EUR 149,496 towards the COP/MOP 4 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 12-16 May 2008

10/Netherlands pledged US\$ 200,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007

11/Switzerland pledged US\$ 5,000 towards the Biosafety Clearing House External Security Audit

**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 30 September 2008 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2008</b>		<b>Collections in 2008 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2008 for 2008 &amp; futures yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2008 &amp; prior years</b>
EC	11,813			1/			11,813
EC	40,530			2/			40,530
Finland			7,731	5/		7,731	0
Finland			15,462	9/		15,462	0
France			22,189	6/		22,189	0
Norway			28,743	3/		28,743	(0)
Norway			76,647	7/		76,647	0
Spain			110,947	4/			110,947
Sweden			58,016	8/		58,016	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>319,735</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>208,788</b>	<b>163,290</b>

1/EC 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/EC pledged EUR 100,000 towards the participation Costs to the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol

3/Norway pledged NOK 150,000 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

4/Spain pledged EUR 75,000 towards the 5th Meeting on Liability and Redress and the COP/MOP4 Meeting

5/Finland pledged EUR 5,000 towards the Fifth Meeting on Liability and Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

6/France pledged EUR 15,000 towards the Fifth Meeting on Liability and Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

7/Norway pledged NOK 400,000 towards the participation Costs of the Cartagena Protocol Meetings

8/Sweden pledged SEK 350,000 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

9/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the COP/MOP4 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 12-16 May 2008

**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 30 September 2008 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>		<b>Pledges for 2008</b>	<b>Collections in 2008 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2008 for 2008 &amp; fut yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2008 &amp; prior years</b>
Austria			8/	20,891			20,891
Canada	41,235		3/		41,235		0
Canada			4/	30,054		30,054	0
EC	10,132		1/				10,132
Finland			5/	12,461		12,461	0
Germany			6/	50,551		50,551	0
Norway	3,906		2/				3,906
Spain			7/	322,142			322,142
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,273</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>436,099</b>	<b>41,235</b>	<b>93,066</b>	<b>357,071</b>

1/EC pledged EUR 25,000

2/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000

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

4/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 30,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

5/Finland pledged EUR 8,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

6/Germany pledged EUR 32,404 towards the COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

7/Spain pledged EUR 218,090 for the programme of work on Article 8j and related provisions

8/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 towards the participation of Delegates to ABS Expert Group Meeting on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches, Windhoek, Namibia, 2 - 5 December 2008

**ANNEX XI**  
**List of Meetings Organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**  
**(As at 30 September 2008)**

**2007**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
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
1 July 2007	Capacity-Building Workshop for SBSTTA-12 Participants	Musée 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

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

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

**2008**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
7 - 10 January 2008	Workshop to strengthen national and regional capacities in the sub-region of Francophone Africa with a view to promoting and facilitating the implementation of the Programme of work on Protected Areas	Libreville, Gabon
14 - 18 January 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia	Singapore City, Singapore
16 - 18 January 2008	Workshop on the Elaboration of a Gender Plan of Action for the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Secretariat	Chavannes-de-Bogis, Switzerland
18 - 19 January 2008	Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-6 Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland
20 January 2008	Second meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Geneva, Switzerland
20 January 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Geneva, Switzerland
21 - 25 January 2008	<b>Sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 6)</b>	Geneva, Switzerland
26 January 2008	Informal consultations on the suggested draft budget for the CBD for the 2009-2010 biennium	Geneva, Switzerland
26 January 2008	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Geneva, Switzerland
28 - 29 January 2008	Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC)	Bonn, Germany
4 - 8 February 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Southern and Eastern Africa	Rustenburg, South Africa
10 February 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	FAO, Rome, Italy
11 - 13 February 2008	Fourth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities	New Delhi, India
11 - 15 February 2008	<b>Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WGPA 2)</b>	FAO, Rome, Italy
14 - 15 February 2008	Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	New Delhi, India



<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
16 February 2008	Third meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Rome, Italy
16 February 2008	Workshop on the development of national/regional biodiversity-related targets and indicators and their integration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans	Rome, Italy
17 February 2008	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Rome, Italy
18 - 22 February 2008	<b>Thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 13)</b>	FAO, Rome, Italy
12 - 19 March 2008	<b>Fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol</b>	Cartagena, Colombia
17 - 19 March 2008	Priority Activity 10 of the Programme of Work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness: Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education	Paris, France
25 - 28 March 2008	Opportunities and challenges of responses to climate change for Indigenous and Local Communities, their Traditional Knowledge and Biological Diversity	Helsinki, Finland
26 - 27 March 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Central America	Mexico City, Mexico
31 March - 3 April 2008	Workshop for Portuguese-Speaking Countries on Training and Implementation of Methodologies for Conservation of Biodiversity and Management of Protected Areas	Maputo, Mozambique
31 March - 4 April 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South America	Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil
7 - 9 April 2008	Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26 - 30 April 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Europe	Vilm, Germany

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
7 - 9 May 2008	Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Bonn, Germany
9 - 10 May 2008	Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) Training Workshop	Bonn, Germany
10 - 11 May 2008	Africa Union Preparatory Meeting of African Delegates to the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, COP-MOP 4	Bonn, Germany
11 May 2008	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Bonn, Germany
12 - 16 May 2008	<b>Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 4)</b>	Bonn, Germany
17 May 2008	Capacity building Workshop for Women on CBD processes in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	Asia and the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
18 May 2008	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC)	Bonn, Germany
18 May 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Bonn, Germany
19 - 30 May 2008	<b>Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9)</b>	Bonn, Germany

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
24 May 2008	Open-ended Workshop of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) for Communication, Education and Public Awareness	Bonn, Germany
25 - 26 May 2008	Biodiversity Training Workshop for Journalists attending COP 9	Bonn, Germany
28-30 May 2008	<b>High Level Segment of COP-9</b>	Bonn, Germany
11 June 2008	Business & Biodiversity Conference	Montreal, Canada
22 - 25 September 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Central Africa on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Limbé, Cameroon
23 - 25 September 2008	Latin American Sub-Regional Workshop on Protected Areas	City of Salinas, Ecuador
29 September - 3 October 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Western Africa, Comoros and Djibouti on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

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