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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report is prepared in keeping with decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff lists, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditures. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. The Executive Secretary has prepared this Quarterly Report, which contains a summary of key activities implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 April to 30 June 2003.

## II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT

3. On 13 June 2003, Palau became the fiftieth country to ratify the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, thus triggering the ninety-day countdown to the agreement's entry into force. Five other countries acceded/ratified the Protocol during the second quarter of 2003 namely: the Republic of France, the Sultanate of Oman, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Colombia and the Republic of Ghana. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will enter into force on 11 September 2003.
4. Extensive efforts are underway with the Malaysian Government to finalize the Host Government Agreement (HGA) for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-7) and the first Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (MOP-1).
5. The Secretariat, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC and UNDP, organized a meeting on "2010 – The Global Biodiversity Challenge" which took place in London, United Kingdom, from 21 to 23 May 2003. This meeting, scheduled to coincide with the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 May, was convened in response to COP decision VI/26 to consider issues pertaining to the internationally adopted target to significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010 and to articulate a framework for action for achieving this target. The 2010 target was endorsed by The Hague Ministerial Declaration and by the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in its Plan of Implementation. This meeting is part of the ongoing efforts of the Secretariat to link and integrate the biodiversity target with the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as a contribution to poverty alleviation and sustainable development. The report of the meeting would be presented as a joint note from the CBD, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC to SBSTTA-9 and subsequently to COP- 7.
6. The CBD Secretariat was represented at a number of important meetings during the second quarter of 2003, namely: the eleventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (28-30 April 2003, New-York); the UNEP/MEA meeting on 28 April 2003 followed by the meetings of the Regular and Special Sessions of the Trade and Environment Committee of the WTO (29-30 April 2003 and 1-2 May 2003, respectively, Geneva, Switzerland); the twenty-first meeting of the GEF Council (14-16 May 2003, Washington D.C.); the fourth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD (19 May 2003, Bonn, Germany); a High-Level Roundtable Meeting on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks (5-6 June 2003, The Hague, the Netherlands); the first World Congress on Risk (22-25 June 2003, Brussels, Belgium); a briefing meeting to the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee of the WTO (26 June 2003, Geneva, Switzerland) and the Norway/UN Conference on Technology Transfer and Capacity-Building (23-27 June 2003, Trondheim, Norway).
7. During the second quarter of 2003, the CBD Secretariat organized a number of meetings, namely: the Liaison Group of Technical Experts on the Biosafety Clearing-House (10-11 April 2003, Montreal,

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Canada); the fourth Workshop on Sustainable Use (6-8 May 2003, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia); the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group Meeting on Biological Diversity and Climate Change (13-16 May 2003, Helsinki, Finland); the Workshop on Incentive Measures for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Components of Biological Diversity (3-5 June 2003, Montreal, Canada); and the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on Protected Areas (10-14 June 2003, Tjärnö, Sweden).

8. The Secretariat held several public awareness and outreach activities to commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 May. These included presentations made to Montreal-area schools highlighting the value of biodiversity and the importance of the Convention's work, and a tree-planting ceremony in a Montreal park.

9. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), aiming to encourage institutional cooperation and the exchange of information, was signed between the CBD Secretariat and the Secretariat of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

10. The Secretariat participated in several international meetings including: NatureServe's 2003 Leadership Conference (5-9 April 2003, Maryland, USA); the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Marine and Coastal cross-cut meeting entitled "Marine and coastal issues within the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment" (7-11 April 2003, Vancouver, British Columbia); the UNEP-GEF workshop entitled "Implementation of the National Biosafety of Cameroon" (8-11 April 2003, Kribi, Cameroon); the eleventh meeting of the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel (8-11 April 2003, Gland, Switzerland); the sixth meeting of the Governing Board for the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (30 April – 1 May 2003, Copenhagen, Denmark); the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network Management Group Meeting (7 May 2003, Gland, Switzerland); the International Coral Reef Initiative Coordination and Planning Committee (8-9 May 2003, Gland, Switzerland); the eleventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (8 May 2003, by teleconference); the first meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the preparation for the International Meeting on the Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Small Islands Developing States (8 May 2003, New-York); the second session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (12-23 May 2003, New York); an informal consultative meeting to discuss possibilities for collaboration and coordination between the biosafety capacity-building activities the US Government and those of other organizations (14 May 2003, Washington, D.C., USA); the International Forum on Ecosystem Approaches to Human Health (18-23 May 2003, Montreal, Canada); the fifth Pan-European Ministerial Conference entitled "Environment for Europe" (21-23 May 2003, Kiev, Ukraine); the tenth meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (25 May 2003, Geneva, Switzerland); the third session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (26 May – 6 June 2003, Geneva, Switzerland); the meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (27-28 May 2003, Paris, France); the UNEP-GEF Project sub-regional workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (27-30 May 2003, Vilnius, Lithuania); the joint International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) and the International Association of Oil and gas Producers (OGP) Biodiversity Workshop (3-4 June 2003, Kew, United Kingdom); the eighteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the UNFCCC (4-13 June 2003, Bonn, Germany); the Stakeholder Meeting on the WHO draft document "Modern Biotechnology, Human Health and Development: an Evidence-based Study" (5-6 June 2003, Geneva, Switzerland); the third regional session for Asia of the Global Biodiversity Forum (16-18 June 2003, Dhaka, Bangladesh); the SACNET Formulation Workshop (16-20 June 2003, Dhaka, Bangladesh); the Workshop on the Governance of High Seas Biodiversity Conservation and beyond Biodiversity (16-20 June 2003, Cairns, Australia); and the Annual Conference of the International Association of Impact Assessment (17-20 June 2003, Marrakech, Morocco).

11. One professional post was filled during the second quarter of 2003. Recruitment procedures for several other professional posts are currently underway.

### III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### A. Personnel Arrangements

12. During this period, there were 31 Professional staff members regularized on posts funded from the core budget. There were 5 vacant posts, for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 6 professional staff members were regularized on posts funded from other sources.

13. There were 25 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and 5 staff members regularized on posts funded from other sources. There was 1 vacant posts, which were advertised during this period.

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

#### B. Financial Arrangements

15. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2003, of the total pledged contributions of US\$7,257,328 for 2003 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$4,160,245. Additionally US\$4,564 has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund in 2003. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for prior years amount to US\$714,471. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

16. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2003, the total amount pledged for 2003 amounts to US\$851,432. The total collected for 2003 as at 30 June 2003 was US\$450,346 and an additional \$147,843 has been collected in 2003 for prior years. Total unpaid pledges for 2003 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$731,008. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

17. Pledges totalling US\$379,886 have so far been made as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**) in 2003, of which US\$328,904 has already been paid. Total unpaid pledges for 2003 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$149,769. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

18. Pledges totalling US\$62,240 have so far been made to the General Trust Fund to support Developing Countries on Biosafety Issues (**BF Trust Fund**), as voluntary contributions to for the use of the roster of experts on Biosafety in 2003. Details of the BF Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

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

#### **SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS**

#### **DECISION VI/2 BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS**

19. In decision VI/2, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to (i) strengthen collaboration with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands on the implementation of the River Basin Initiative and the third joint work plan, and (ii) implement paragraph 5 of Decision V/2 i.e., review the programme of work and include in its review advice on the further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work. In paragraph 4 (b) of recommendation VIII/2, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a schedule of short, medium, and long-term outcome-oriented targets for the activities and deadlines for implementation of the programme of work.

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

(i) Collaboration with the Ramsar Convention

21. The Executive Secretary has convened, together with the Ramsar Bureau, a workshop session on “Implementing Multi-lateral Environmental Agreements: the role of the biodiversity and ecology impact assessment community” in the margins of the Annual Conference of the International Association of Impact Assessment held from 17 to 20 June 2003 in Marrakech, Morocco (see paragraph 47 on Impact Assessment).

(ii) Review of the implementation of work

22. The Executive Secretary prepared a draft schedule of short, medium, and long-term outcome-oriented targets for the activities and deadlines for the implementation of the activities envisaged in the refined programme of work on inland water biological diversity. This schedule was reviewed by members of the Liaison Group on the Biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems through an electronic discussion process. The revised version has been sent to national focal points for their comments. The document will be presented to SBSTTA as document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14.

23. The Executive Secretary has incorporated review comments and updates into the report on the status and trends of, and threats to, inland water biological diversity, which was prepared in collaboration with the World Resources Institute for the eighth meeting of SBSTTA. The document is intended for publication in the Technical Publication Series of the Convention as a joint publication of the World Resources Institute, Wetlands International, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS), the Bureau of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

### **DECISION VI/3 MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

24. In decision VI/3, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Continue facilitating the implementation of the specific work plan on coral bleaching and the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs;
- (ii) Continue developing the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs; and
- (iii) Strengthen collaboration with the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans.

(a) Review and further elaboration of the programme of work

25. The Secretariat is in the process of producing an initial draft of the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity. The draft will be prepared according to the guidance given in recommendation VIII/3 and presented to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties for consideration.

(b) Coral reefs

26. The Secretariat participated in the meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Coordinating and Planning Committee (CPC) from 8 to 9 May in Gland, Switzerland, in order to foster a closer working partnership, as requested in decision VI/3, paragraph 2. The CBD Secretariat was officially accepted as a partner of ICRI. ICRI, in collaboration with the World Fish Center (ICLARM), also offered its practical assistance to the prioritisation of the CBD work plan on coral bleaching, and to the elaboration of the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs.

27. The CBD Secretariat is a member of the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) Management Group, and participated in the meeting of the Management Group on 7 May 2003 at the

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IUCN Headquarters in Gland, Switzerland. One of the main objectives of the meeting was to provide feedback on the Status of Coral Reefs 2002 report, and provide input to the next Status of Coral Reefs report, which is expected to be published in 2004. It was suggested that the 2004 report focuses on reviewing progress made in monitoring and management activities since 1994, reviewing change in the state of reefs since that time, as well as providing recommendations and a forecast for the future.

(c) Integrated Marine and Coastal Area Management

28. The Secretariat participated in an ecosystem-based management (EBM) workshop titled "Beyond Biodiversity – Sustainable Management and Conservation of the Oceans Using EBM", which took place in Cairns, Australia on 20 June 2003. This workshop, which was held back-to-back with the Workshop on the Governance of High Seas Biodiversity Conservation (see paragraph 10 below), aimed at highlighting ways to operationalize EBM in the marine environment through examination of case studies, obstacles and potential solutions. The workshop results will contribute background material to the meeting of the CBD Ad hoc technical expert group on the ecosystem approach.

(d) Marine and coastal living resources

29. As follow-up to recommendation VIII/3, the CBD Secretariat participated in the Workshop on the Governance of High Seas Biodiversity Conservation, which took place from June 16 to 20 2003 in Cairns, Australia. This workshop discussed the status of high seas biodiversity, including genetic resources, and options for its conservation and sustainable use.

#### **DECISION VI/4 BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS**

30. SBSTTA formulated in recommendation VIII/4 the refined programme of work on biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, including expected outcomes, and timeframes, potential actors, and indicators of progress in the implementation (Annex 1) to which some follow-up actions have been started. These are reported on in the following.

(i) Assessment of status and trends (Activity 1 of the programme of work):

31. Following the invitations that were extended to the Global Land Degradation Assessment (LADA) of FAO and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) to prepare proposals of how the needs of the dry and sub-humid lands programme of work could be integrated and addressed through their ongoing activities, an official reply was received from FAO. A consultant was identified by FAO to work on this assignment. A first draft of a report entitled "Stocktaking of dryland biodiversity issues in the context of the Land Degradation Assessment of Drylands (LADA): Selection and use of indicators and methods for assessing biodiversity and land condition" was received for initial review comments on 20 June 2003. The MA was approached to identify how to particularly address the SBSTTA request to indicate ways to strengthen national efforts to conduct assessments. The MA through its Director provided some initial reflections in writing in this regard.

(ii) Areas of particular value and/or under threat (Activity 2 of the programme of work)

32. UNEP-WCMC, together with the UNDP Drylands Development Centre (DDP) and in consultation with the CBD Secretariat is currently developing a proposal to source funds for a project that would produce an "alternative hotspot map" based on biodiversity parameters and identify areas of particular value and/or under threat, taking into consideration livelihood needs and the threat posed through degradation/desertification. Such a map would allow to identify additional priority areas for biodiversity conservation action, complementing the existing "biodiversity hotspots", which exclude large dry and sub-humid lands areas.

(iii) Indicators (Activity 3 of the programme of work)



33. In preparation for the third International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) Congress, held from 19 to 24 June 2003, Banff, Canada, work on desertification indicators, carried out under the Land Use Cover Change (LUCC) project of IGBP, was reviewed and commented on by the Secretariat.

(iv) Knowledge on processes that affect biodiversity (Activity 4 of the programme of work):

34. During a telephone conference held on 28 May 2003 between the Secretariat of the CBD and the UNDP Drylands Development Center (DDC) (see also paragraph 21 below), potential collaboration as part of the Global Drylands Initiative (GDI), an informal network of interested individuals, institutions, field practitioners, scientists, donors, NGOs, was discussed. It was suggested to publish a series of so-called "challenge papers", which review critical issues, including on processes that affect biodiversity in drylands, in preparation for SBSTTA meetings and meetings of the COP to both the CBD and the UNCCD. Currently challenge papers on "Poverty reduction in drylands - increasing capabilities through an Ecosystem Approach" are being reviewed for dissemination at the sixth meeting of the UNCCD COP.

(v) Benefits derived from biological diversity (Activity 5 of the programme of work)

35. No actions have been initiated under this activity.

(vi) Best management practices (Activity 6 of the programme of work)

36. In consultations between the Secretariat and the Government of Germany and its Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and particularly during a brainstorming meeting held on 3 April 2003 in Bonn, it was discussed how lessons learned from support programmes for the implementation of the Rio conventions could be synthesized and fed into the development of guidelines for assessment of good practices as well as how case-studies could best be documented (see outcomes identified in SBSTTA recommendation VIII/4, Annex 1). It was agreed that the GTZ facilitate the documentation of case-studies together with its partner countries, especially focusing on the support to local and national level synergy activities between the UNCCD and CBD. These could potentially be published in a collection of case-studies as part of the CBD Technical Series.

37. The first inter-regional Global Biodiversity Forum (GBF) will meet from 22 to 24 August 2003 in Havana, Cuba, prior to the sixth meeting of the COP to the UNCCD. The meeting will focus on linkages between arid ecosystems and livelihoods. The Secretariat is a member of the Steering Committee of the GBF, and actively contributes to the planning of this GBF. The issues addressed during this upcoming GBF have been shaped to address aspects of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands, and to share best practices.

38. The CBD Secretariat is on the Steering Committee of the UNDP Equator Initiative. Explicit proposals are being discussed to include dry and sub-humid lands best practices in the soliciting of the Equator prize 2004. A proposal was made by the Secretariat to focus an Equator prize 2006 on dry and sub-humid lands interventions, i.e. best practices in biodiversity management for sustainable livelihoods and synergies between the Rio Conventions, in line with the scheduled in-depth review of this programme of work during CBD COP 8.

(vii) Measures for conservation and sustainable use - promotion of responsible resource management - support for sustainable livelihoods (Activities 7 to 9 of the programme of work):

39. The CBD Secretariat, together with the Secretariat of the UNCCD, the UNDP Drylands Development Centre (DDC), IUCN, the GTZ/UNCCD project, the Government of the Netherlands and the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), is planning to develop a "practicing synergy" platform/modules to facilitate the sharing of relevant experiences of national focal points of various conventions and other relevant stakeholders in the synergistic implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans of the CBD (NBSAP), National Action Programmes of the UNCCD (NAP) and National Action Programmes of the UNFCCC (NAPA), and other relevant programmes. A series of telephone conferences were held between April and June to further develop the

by the Secretariat developed concept note and initial steps in the implementation of the proposal for conducting a series of regional workshops are being taken. A conference call held on 9 May 2003, including the key partners, decided that a first workshop should take place in the first half of 2004, if possible.

40. The development of a Memorandum of Understanding including a joint work plan between the CBD Secretariat and the UNDP DDC progressed, and the CBD Secretariat facilitated a conference call with the DDC on 28 May 2003, further discussing the elements of such agreements. A draft MOU was prepared and is currently being reviewed by UNDP DDC. Explicit joint activities that directly implement activities of the refined work programme as indicated in SBSTTA recommendation VIII/4 are included.

41. Working linkages with the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) were further developed by the Secretariat. Based on a "letter of intent" submitted by CILSS future collaboration in the implementation of the programme of work and especially national level joint CBD and UNCCD synergy activities are currently being discussed.

42. During a visit to IUCN Headquarters, in the margins of the Ramsar Convention's STRP-11 meeting, a brainstorming meeting with staff responsible for the arid lands initiative of the IUCN's Ecosystem Management Programme took place. Based on the discussions it was suggested that the existing Memorandum of Understanding between IUCN and CBD Secretariat could be amended to include specific activities addressing the needs of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands. Amongst these are, for example, work together with the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management on developing a rationale and framework for addressing ecosystem restoration with an arid lands component and on integrated water and arid lands management, together with the Ramsar Convention. A first draft text was revised by the CBD Secretariat in June 2003.

43. The STRP of the Ramsar Convention, through its working group on water resources management, included in its work programme for its current inter-sessional work activities of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands, *inter alia*, activity 7(e), calling for the development of guidelines on management and sustainable use of water resources in dry and sub-humid ecosystems. The CBD Secretariat actively participates in the e-mail and Internet based working group activities.

44. A brief meeting between the Secretariats of the CBD and CMS took place on 19 May 2003 in Bonn to review progress in the implementation of the joint work plan and make plans for future activities. Together with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Secretariat of the CBD is in developing a joint "synergy" project potentially to be carried out in West Africa. The project is currently being discussed between the two Secretariats and CILSS. Other potential collaborators, i.e. the Secretariat of the UNCCD and the Bureau of the Ramsar Convention, will be invited to future preparatory activities.

(a) Joint work programme with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification:

45. In May Thematic Programme Networks (TPNs) were informed under the UNCCD through their focal points about the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands and of the JWP between CBD and UNCCD.

46. A presentation of the JWP to the GTZ/UNCCD network was given during a 3-day seminar, held in Bonn, Germany from 30 March to 1 April 2003. Country partnership programmes supported by the Government of Germany agreed through their advisory staff to review the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands and the JWP and to implement relevant components thereof, as relevant.

47. The Secretariat forwarded information on assessment and indicator work underway under both the CBD and CCD to LADA and the IGBP/LUCC desertification indicators project at several occasions between April and June 2003, to facilitate coordinated action, as agreed to in the JWP.

48. Work on a draft "synergy portal", a web-based UNCCD - CBD and potentially UNFCCC communication portal, as called for through the existing MOU between the UNCCD and CBD Secretariats, has been initiated. A first draft layout was discussed with UNCCD Secretariat staff.

49. The CBD Secretariat participated in the celebrations of World Desertification Day on 17 June 2003, organised the Secretariat of the NGO Network under the UNCCD "RIOD - Réseau Internationale des ONG sur la Désertification", Solidarité Canada Sahel, which is situated in Montréal; the potential for further working collaboration is being reviewed.

(b) Dissemination of relevant information

50. A paper entitled "The dry and sub-humid land programme of work of the CBD: connecting the CBD and UNCCD" was accepted for publication in the journal "Review of European Community and International Law (RECIEL)" and will be published in a volume focusing on land degradation, ready for dissemination during the UNCCD COP 6 in Cuba. It was negotiated with RECIEL to make available complementary copies of the article for distribution during an UNCCD-CBD side event in the margins of UNCCD COP 6.

51. The Secretariat continued making contributions to the development of an educational CD-Rom on land degradation assessment and management through LADA/FAO.

#### DECISION VI/5 AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

52. In decision VI/5, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Undertake, in collaboration with other institutions, the necessary steps for the full implementation of the programme of work as contained in table 1 of the annex to the decision and to report, as presented in table 2:
  - A preliminary assessment of status and trends of agricultural biodiversity, in collaboration with FAO and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, to be submitted for consideration by SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (table 1);
  - An analysis of lessons learned from case-studies, in collaboration with FAO, WTO, Parties and other relevant organizations, to be submitted for consideration by SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including on the following issues: cost-effective practices and technologies, partnerships and forums, and mainstreaming (table 1); and
  - Preparation of recommendations on capacity-building and policy for consideration by SBSTTA in time for consideration by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (table 2).
- (ii) Prepare a draft format for the thematic report on agrobiodiversity and report to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 5).
- (iii) Study further the impacts of trade liberalization on agrobiodiversity in collaboration with UNEP, FAO, WTO and other relevant organizations (paragraph 17).

53. In the same decision, the COP, *inter alia*:

- (i) Established an ad hoc technical expert group on the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on smallholder farmers, indigenous and local communities and Farmer's Rights, and requested the ad hoc technical expert group to

report to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and to SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 21).

- (ii) Invited the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other relevant organizations to examine, in the context of their work, the specific intellectual property implications of genetic use restriction technologies, particularly in respect of indigenous and local communities (paragraph 24).

54. The Executive Secretary and main partner institutions (including FAO, MA, IPGRI, OECD, UNEP/WCMC) are discussing collaborative arrangements for the full implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity. They pointed to the need to review the deadlines and milestones in light of (1) the institutional capacity of the key partners, (2) the timing of the submission of the third national reports in time for COP 8, and (3) the recommendations of the proposed multi-year programme of work until 2010, proposing the next in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity at COP 9. It is therefore proposed to postpone the outputs presented in the reporting schedule (table 2 of the annex) as follows:

- (iii) The analysis of case-studies, the preliminary assessment of status and trends of agricultural biodiversity to SBSTTA 10 and SBSTTA 11;
- (iv) The recommendations from SBSTTA on capacity-building and policy to COP 8;
- (v) The draft comprehensive assessment of status and trends of agricultural biodiversity to SBSTTA 12 and SBSTTA 13, in time for consideration by COP 9; and
- (vi) The analysis of gaps and opportunities in the implementation of the programme of work, considering the third national reports, to COP 8.

55. The milestones of the activities leading to these outputs (Decision VI/5, Annex, table 1) would be adjusted accordingly. For instance, it has been proposed to postpone the preparation of the World's Assessment on Agricultural Biological Diversity and related milestones by two years. Consequently, the final report would be finalized in 2009 in time for consideration by the tenth meeting of the COP.

56. The German Government through the GTZ is organizing, in collaboration with FAO, the UNCCD and CBD Secretariats, IPGRI, CILSS and a number of GTZ country partners, a sub-regional workshop on agricultural biological diversity in West Africa, tentatively scheduled to take place in Bamako, Mali, in December 2003. The objective of the workshop is to develop a common vision on the role of agricultural biodiversity and poverty alleviation at sub-regional and national level. National focal points of the CBD from the participating countries, including, *inter alia*, Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal, are invited to collaborate to this event. The CBD Secretariat participated in a series of telephone conferences including on 16 June 2003, and met with the organisers of the workshop on 1 April 2003 in Bonn, Germany, to discuss the objectives of and invitees to the meeting.

(a) Draft format for the thematic report

57. The Executive Secretary continued with the finalization of the format for the thematic report on agricultural biodiversity to be included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> national report, taking into account review comments received from the Bureau of SBSTTA, SBSTTA Focal Points (including during a side-event during SBSTTA 8), and by Parties and other Governments and organizations, in time for its submission to the seventh meeting of the COP. The deadline for submission of comments is end of July 2003.

(b) Further study on the impacts of trade liberalization on agrobiodiversity

58. In response to paragraph 17 of decision VI/5, the Executive Secretary is reviewing the study entitled "Domestic Support Measures and their Incentive Effects for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity" in light of the comments received from the peer review process. Additionally, the Executive Secretary initiated a study entitled "The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Agricultural Biological Diversity - A Synthesis of Assessment Methodologies" which will be finalised in time for its submission to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

(c) Ad hoc technical expert group on genetic use restriction technologies

59. The Executive Secretary finalised the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) (Montreal, 19 to 21 February 2003) and will present it to the ninth meeting of the SBSTTA as an information document.

(d) Intellectual property implications of GURTs in respect of indigenous and local communities

60. In response to paragraph 24 of decision VI/5, the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) submitted to the Executive Secretary on 11 April 2003 a Memorandum, adopted by the Council of UPOV, communicating the position of UPOV concerning decision VI/5 of the Conference of the Parties on potential impacts of GURTs. The document was distributed to the AHTEG for consideration in its work.

(e) International Initiative on Pollinators

61. The Secretariat included an updated report on the implementation received from the collaborating partners in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/2.

National reports

62. The format for a thematic report on agricultural biodiversity was circulated to the focal points of SBSTTA for comments. The format revised on the basis of these comments was incorporated into the draft format for third national reports, as required by paragraph 4 of Decision VI/5.

London Meeting on 2010 Target

63. A workshop was held in London, UK, from 21 to 23 May 2003 to elaborate how to measure and report on the progress towards the 2010 target set in the Hague Ministerial Declaration adopted at COP 6 and confirmed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development. About 140 people participated in the workshop, representing governments, relevant international organizations and non-governmental organizations. The workshop was co-organized by CBD Secretariat, UNDP, UNEP-WCMC.

**DECISION VI/6 THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

64. In its decision VI/6, the Conference of the Parties appealed to Parties and other Governments to give priority consideration to the signature and ratification of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (paragraph 3).

65. The Executive Secretary is further discussing a draft Memorandum of Cooperation with the Secretariat of the Commission acting as the Interim Committee for the Treaty.

**DECISION VI/7: IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING, INDICATORS AND ASSESSMENT**

Impact assessment

66. In paragraph 3 of decision VI/7 A, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to, *inter alia*, prepare, in collaboration with relevant organizations, in particular the International Association for Impact Assessment, proposals for further development and refinement of guidelines for environmental impact assessment.

(i) Further development of guidelines for environmental impact assessment

67. Pursuant to this decision the Executive Secretary has convened, together with the Ramsar Bureau, a session on “Implementing Multi-lateral Environmental Agreements: the role of the biodiversity and ecology impact assessment community” at the Annual Conference of the International Association of Impact Assessment held from 17 to 20 June 2003 in Marrakech, Morocco. The session provided a forum for discussing experiences in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment procedures that incorporate biodiversity-related issues. The guidelines adopted by CBD (Decision VI/7 A) and Ramsar (Resolution VIII.9) were presented and proposals on their further development and refinement and the incorporation of all stages of the environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment were made. Outcomes of the session are included in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14.

68. The Executive Secretary initiated, in collaboration with the International Association of Impact Assessment and the Netherlands Commission on Environmental Impact Assessment, a review of documents and reports on the consideration of biodiversity related issues in environmental impact assessments.

National-level monitoring programmes and indicators

69. In decision VI/7 B, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to *inter alia* invite Parties to respond to a questionnaire on indicators and convene a technical expert meeting to further develop the three annexes on ongoing work on indicators on the following issues (paragraph 3):

- Principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators;
- A set of standard questions for developing national-level indicators; and
- A list of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach.

70. In response to this decision, the Executive Secretary has submitted the report, prepared by the expert meeting on indicators of biological diversity including indicators for rapid assessment of inland water ecosystems, which was held from 10 to 12 February 2003 in Montreal, for peer review.

71. Based on the report of the expert meeting and the analysis of the questionnaire, the Executive Secretary prepared a note containing *inter alia* the three annexes requested by COP 6 as well as suggested recommendations for consideration by SBSTTA 9.

72. The Executive Secretary also initiated work on a proposal of suitable indicators for measuring progress towards the attainment of the targets defined in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Strategic Plan of the Convention, and Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.

Scientific Assessments

73. In decision VI/7 C, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to *inter alia* facilitate development and implementation of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

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

(i) Review process of the MA

75. The Secretariat participated in the MA Marine/Coastal Cross Cut meeting (Vancouver, Canada, 7 to 11 April 2003), which *inter alia* reviewed chapter outlines and text of the Conditions and Trends, Responses and Scenarios Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Working Groups, a draft of the work on marine and coastal biodiversity, as well as a chapter on responses related to marine and coastal biodiversity and recommended including specific data sets, case studies, references, figures, graphics, authors, new sections or chapters for consideration.

#### **DECISION VI/8 GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE**

76. The COP requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Initiate regional meetings of scientists, managers and policy makers to prioritize the most urgent global taxonomic needs;
- (ii) Coordinate activities of the GTI with existing initiatives such as the GBIF and the CHM;
- (iii) Complete the guide to the Global Taxonomy Initiative.

77. The COP also decided to make permanent the post of Global Taxonomy Initiative Programme Officer.

(a) Regional and global meetings.

78. A report on progress in implementation of the GTI programme of work, and specifically on the outcome of a series of regional meetings of scientists, managers and policy makers held to meet the calls of the Conference of the Parties including the Paris workshop are being reviewed.

(b) Coordinate with GBIF and CHM

79. The Secretariat has developed elements of a Memorandum of Cooperation, including a joint work plan, with the GBIF. The joint work plan includes activities contributing to the implementation of the GTI programme of work.

(c) Guide to the GTI

80. Work on the GTI guide is in progress.

#### **DECISION VI/9 GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION**

81. In Decision VI/9, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to:

- (vii) Take the targets into consideration in its periodic reviews of the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work (paragraph 10 (a)); and
- (viii) Develop ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the Strategy, and for monitoring and assessing progress; and to report to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 10(b)).

82. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

- Implement the further work required to develop and implement the Strategy giving due consideration to the need to:

- (i) Clarify the scope of activities, develop sub-targets or milestones for each target and, develop baseline data and indicators to monitor progress towards achieving the targets (paragraph 17 of the annex);
- (ii) Develop regional components of the Strategy (paragraph 18 of the annex); and
- (iii) Establish, if appropriate, a flexible coordination mechanism (paragraph 20 of the annex).

83. In decision VI/29, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to enter into an arrangement with the Botanic Gardens Conservation International who offered to second a staff member to the Secretariat in order to promote the implementation of the Strategy.

(a) Periodic reviews of the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work and, promoting, monitoring and assessing the progress of the Strategy within the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work

84. The Executive Secretary is taking the targets into consideration in the review of the programmes of work. A special attention is given to the main and substantive items to be considered by the seventh meeting of SBSTTA: mountain ecosystems, protected areas, biological diversity of inland waters, coastal and marine biological diversity, forest biological diversity, technology transfer and cooperation, ecosystem approach and sustainable use. The process takes into consideration the outcomes of the meeting on the 2010 biodiversity targets in contribution to the implementation of the WSSD Plan of Action held in London, U.K. from 21 to 23 May 2003. The Executive Secretary has prepared the status of the progress made in response to paragraph 10(a) and (b) of decision VI/9, which will be presented at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/15.

(b) Further development of the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and stakeholder consultations

85. In line with the recommendations made at the Liaison Group meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation held in Cartagena, Colombia from 11 to 12 October 2002 (UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/1/2), the Executive Secretary invited lead organizations (i) to facilitate and support the stakeholder consultations prior to the ninth meeting of SBSTTA, (ii) to initiate the development of sub-targets, milestones and indicators for each of the 16 targets included in the Strategy, and (iii) to elaborate on baseline data requirements for monitoring. The following organisations were approached: Royal Botanic Garden Kew, U.K. (target 1); IUCN (target 2); WWF (target 4), Plantlife International (target 5), FAO (target 6, 7, 9 and 13), the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP/WCMC) (target 7), Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) (target 8), the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) (target 10) and CITES (target 11). The cross-cutting targets 3, 14, 15 and 16 are considered under the other targets. To date, the following meetings have been confirmed:

- a. Target 8: Brussels, Belgium, 19-20 July 2003; organized by BGCI and IPGRI;
- b. Target 11: Geneva, Switzerland, 12-15 August 2003; point 22 to the agenda of the Thirteenth meeting of the Plants Committee of the CITES;
- c. Targets 4 and 13: Durban, South Africa, 10 September 2003; side-event to the World Congress on Park Areas organized by WWF; and
- d. Target 5: Durban, South Africa, 11 September 2003; side-event to the World Congress on Park Areas organized by Plantlife International and IUCN.



(c) Brochure on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

86. Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) in collaboration with the Executive Secretary has prepared and distributed a brochure on the Strategy. The brochure is available in English at the CBD Secretariat and at Botanic Gardens Conservation International and also through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention.

(d) Secondment of an officer from the Botanic Gardens Conservation International

87. A Memorandum of Cooperation has been signed between the Secretariat and Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI). The staff member to be seconded to the Secretariat and based in Nairobi, Kenya, however has not yet been recruited.

### **DECISION VI/12 ECOSYSTEM APPROACH**

88. In decision VI/12, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Continue the compilation and dissemination of case studies and lessons learned and report to SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (ii) Carry out the activity specified above in collaboration with relevant organization and bodies, in particular the United Nations Forum on Forests, to convene a meeting of experts to compare the ecosystem approach with sustainable forest management and develop proposals for their integration; and
- (iii) Develop proposals for the refinement of the principles and operational guidance.

Case studies, comparison with sustainable forest management, and refinement of the principles

89. The Executive Secretary collaborated with CIFOR to prepare the background documentation for the expert meeting on the Ecosystem Approach that will take place in Montreal from July 7 to 11 2003. A document entitled "Analysis of case studies and lessons learned on the 'Ecosystems Approach' of the Convention on Biological Diversity" was prepared by CIFOR. The document will be used as a basis for the note by the Executive Secretary for the expert meeting. Additional discussions relating to the Ecosystem Approach took place on the occasion of the fourth workshop on sustainable use in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, held from 6 to 8 May 2003 and at the AHTEG meeting on protected areas held in Tjarno, Sweden, from 10 to 14 June 2003.

### **DECISION VI/20 COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS**

90. Ongoing cooperation continued with a number of organizations working with the Secretariat in implementation of various work programmes. The Secretariat participated in the meetings of WTO's Committed on Trade and Environment, including part of its special sessions on the Doha mandate, and made a presentation to CTE members on the CBD and its Cartagena Protocol. Close cooperation continued with WIPO's Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore.

91. The Conference of the Parties in decision VI/20, invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue its close working relationships with the Executive Secretary and to extend its cooperation on those relevant areas identified in the decisions of the current meeting under the item on agricultural biological diversity, in particular on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;

92. Further, pursuant to the same decision the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA and the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Continue to cooperate with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), including its Kyoto Protocol, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on relevant issues such as dry and sub-humid lands, agricultural biological diversity, forest biological diversity, marine and coastal biological diversity, especially on coral reefs, and incentive measures and impacts of measures envisaged under the Kyoto Protocol with a view to maximizing synergies between these processes;
- (ii) Carry out further work with the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA), especially on issues relating to the national level.
- (iii) Continue cooperation as member of the joint liaison group among the UNFCCC, UNCCD and CBD and urges the joint liaison group to become fully operational in order to facilitate cooperation between the conventions both at national and international levels;
- (iv) Take the actions elaborated in the third joint work plan (2002-2006) between the CBD and the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar), into full consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas;
- (v) Take the actions elaborated in the joint work plan between the CBD and the CMS, into full consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas; and to compile and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism of the CBD case-studies on migratory species and their habitats, relevant to thematic areas and cross-cutting issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

93. The following activities were carried out by the Secretariat:

#### Cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

94. The Executive Secretary is discussing a Memorandum of Cooperation with FAO, taking into consideration the growing areas of cooperation between the two institutions, including, *inter alia*, the cooperation with the Secretariat of the IPPC, the Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture acting as the Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the secondment of a FAO staff member to the CBD Secretariat. The FAO is collaborating with the Secretariat in all the thematic programmes of work and all work of cross-cutting issues.

#### Cooperation with the UNFCCC and UNCCD

95. The Secretariat organized and serviced the third and final meeting of the ad hoc technical expert group on biodiversity and climate change, which was held from 13 to 16 of May 2003 in Helsinki, Finland. The group finalized the report taking into account review comments by Parties, experts, and relevant organizations. The Executive Summary of the report will be considered at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA in November (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/11), and the full version of the report will be available as an information document.

96. A CBD side event was organized on 11 June 2003 in the margins of the eighteenth meeting of UNFCCC SBSTA to present the main results of the final report from the AHTEG on biodiversity and climate change. The CBD Secretariat, together with the two co-chairs of the AHTEG, Mr. Robert Watson (The World Bank) and Ms. Outi Berghäll (Ministry of the Environment, Finland) presented the report.

97. During the eighteenth meeting of the UNFCCC SBSTA, which was held from 4 to 13 June 2003, in Bonn, Germany, progress was made in its consideration of definitions and modalities for including

afforestation and reforestation activities under the Clean Development Mechanism, taking into account, among other multilateral agreements, the Convention on Biological Diversity in relation to assessing and monitoring environmental impacts deriving from these activities.

98. On 19 May 2003, the joint liaison group (JLG) of the Secretariats of the three Rio Conventions met at the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn, Germany. For the first time, the Bureau of the Ramsar Convention was invited to participate in a JLG meeting. Areas for possible collaboration were discussed, including a workshop planned by UNFCCC on synergies and cooperation with other conventions, which will take place from 2 to 4 July 2003 in Espoo, Finland.

#### Cooperation with the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar)

99. The Secretariat as well as the SBSTTA Bureau participated in the eleventh meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Ramsar Convention, which was held from 8 to 11 April 2003 in Gland, Switzerland. Subsequently relevant Secretariat staff members have been assigned to serve on a number of working groups that are being convened in the inter-sessional period. These working groups are primarily facilitated through e-mail and Internet-based discussion fora. Components of the third joint work plan are being addressed through these working groups. The Ramsar Bureau was invited to a number of meetings organised by the Secretariat of the CND, including the fourth workshop on sustainable use, the AHTEG on biodiversity and climate Change, the AHTEG on protected areas, the 2010 targets meeting and the expert meeting on the ecosystem approach.

#### Cooperation with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

100. Case-studies on the following topics are being disseminated through the CBD CHM: (i) Invasive alien species: Relationship between migratory species and the prevention of introduction, eradication or control of invasive alien species, pursuant to the format annexed to CBD COP decision V/8; (ii) Ecosystem approach: Relationship between the ecosystem approach and the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species taking into consideration the migratory range approach; (iii) Indicators, identification and assessment and monitoring of biodiversity: Use of migratory species as indicators of biological diversity and their use in assessment and monitoring programmes; and (iv) Sustainable use: Sustainable use of migratory species and their economic value to support the development of CBD principles and guidelines for the sustainable use of biodiversity.

### **DECISION VI/22 FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

101. In decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Initiate, in collaboration with the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), actions on the following areas identified as important first steps towards the implementation of the expanded work programme: ecosystem approach, collaboration with other bodies, cross-sectoral integration, protected areas, forest law enforcement and related trade, sustainable use, benefit sharing and servicing capacity building;
- (ii) Develop a format for voluntary thematic national reports;

102. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also:

- (iii) Further invited the ad hoc technical expert group on biological diversity and climate change to consider issues related to inter-linkages between biological diversity and climate change;

- (iv) Agreed to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to provide advice in the review and implementation of the expanded programme of work;
- (v) Requests the Executive Secretary to establish a liaison group on non-timber forest resources.
- (vi) Invites FAO, ITTO and the Global Fire Monitoring Center to explore possibilities for a joint work programme on issues pertaining to fire prevention and management with the CBD.

#### Collaboration with UNFF and other bodies

103. The Secretariat attended the first week of the third session of the United Nations Forum on Forests in Geneva (26 May to 6 June 2003). A statement was given by the Executive Secretary during the first plenary session. The Secretariat also participated actively in several meetings of the CPF in conjunction with UNFF3: (1) 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CPF; (2) Small Group Discussion of CPF Members on the CPF Network; (3) CPF Network meeting; (4) Presentation of the CPF Framework by CPF Chair within item on Enhanced Cooperation; (6) Side event of the CPF. During this side event, the Secretariat gave a presentation on the results of the CPF Task Force on Streamlining Forest-related Reporting. The Secretariat was reminded of the preparation of UNFF3 Report of the Secretary General on Traditional Forest Related Knowledge. The Secretariat made informal contacts with representatives of several indigenous organizations present at UNFF3 in order to gather ideas for inclusion in the report.

104. The UNFF3 resolution on Enhanced Cooperation and Programme and Policy Coordination welcomed the request of the Secretariat to work collaboratively on issues of common interest with UNFF; it also invited CPF members to continue their work on streamlining forest reporting. The resolution on Maintaining Forest Cover for Present and Future Need encouraged CPF members to explore possibilities for suitable mechanisms for sourcing information on forest cover.

105. The Secretariat circulated in June a request to CPF members in order to provide additional information on sustainable use and management of forests as part of the report on management of forest biological diversity, sustainable use, and benefit sharing that will be discussed during the ninth meeting of SBSTTA in November. Relevant sections are included in SBSTTA document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9.

#### Report formats

106. Based on a set of recommendations from COP Bureau, the Secretariat prepared the final version of the thematic report on implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity and circulated the draft back to COP 6 Bureau members on 9 June 2003 for ultimate approval before being sent to Parties. The deadline for final submission of comments is 30 September 2003.

#### Non-timber forest resources

107. The Executive Secretary has initiated the preparation of background documentation by CIFOR. The first draft of a document is expected by 30 September 2003. A liaison group meeting has tentatively being scheduled to take place before the end of the year.

#### Fire prevention and management

108. The Secretariat is corresponding with the Director of the Global Fire Monitoring Centre (GFMC), based in Freiburg, Germany and potential future collaboration. Initial correspondence dated 29 April 2003 GFMC provides a first response to the invitation of the COP to act as a collaborating partner in the implementation of the CBD.

#### Ad hoc technical expert group on implementation of programme of work

109. Following the offer of the Government of France to hold the meeting of the AHTEG on the review of the implementation of the programme of work in Montpellier, France, a memorandum of understanding has been drafted by the Secretariat for consideration by the Ministry. The AHTEG meeting is tentatively being scheduled for 24 to 27 November 2003.

#### National reports

110. The format for a voluntary report on implementation of the expanded programme of work has been approved by the Bureau of COP 6, following consultation with national focal points and the SBSTTA Bureau. The format has been distributed to all Parties and posted on the Convention's website.

### **DECISION VI/23 ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES**

111. In decision VI/23, the COP adopted the guiding principles for the prevention, introduction and mitigation of impacts of invasive alien species and requested the Executive Secretary to:

- (i) Carry out specific activities with GISP and other relevant organizations including developing a joint programme of work among the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar), the International Maritime Organization, the International Plant Protection Convention and other relevant bodies;
  - (ii) Support the development and dissemination on technical tools and related information;
  - (iii) Integrate invasive alien species considerations into thematic work programmes of the Convention and when reporting on the thematic work programmes to report specifically on how the threats and impacts of invasive alien species will be addressed;
  - (iv) Explore means to facilitate capacity enhancement for eradication work on alien species on continents and islands; and
  - (v) Identify mechanism(s) for providing Parties with access to financial support for rapidly responding to new incursions by alien species in collaboration with GISP, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), FAO and the OECD.
- (a) Collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), and relevant organisations

112. GISP work on impacts of invasive alien species on inland waters and island biodiversity is currently progressing at a slow pace due to ongoing reorganisation of the programme;

113. The Ramsar STRP-11, which met from 8 to 11 April 2003 in Gland, Switzerland, through its established working groups for the current inter-sessional period, agreed to address issues pertaining to the joint work programme between the Ramsar Convention and the CBD, i.e. activities on invasive alien species. The Secretariat for the CBD is participating in the activities of the working groups.

114. The Secretariat is further discussing a draft Memorandum of Cooperation with the Secretariat of the Commission for the International Plant Protection Convention.

### **DECISION VI/26 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

115. In decision VI/26 the Parties to the CBD commit themselves to a more effective and coherent implementation of the objectives of the Convention and to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction in the loss of biodiversity. The Executive Secretary was requested to provide appropriate information in support of this.

116. The Executive Secretary of the CBD in partnership with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and financial support from the Governments of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, convened an international meeting on "2010 – The Global Biodiversity Challenge" held in London, UK from 21 to 23 May 2003.

117. The meeting brought together approximately 150 participants including Government nominated experts and representatives of biodiversity-related conventions, UN agencies, academic and research institutions, industry/business sector, local and indigenous communities, international other relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations, to discuss the how the target can be achieved. A series of follow-up and support workshops addressing each of the targets and selected indicators will be held.

#### **DECISION VI/29 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2003-2004**

118. In decision VI/29, the COP welcomed the generous offer of the Botanic Gardens Conservation International to second a staff member to the Secretariat to promote the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and requested the Executive Secretary to enter arrangements to this end.

119. A programme officer for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, seconded by the Botanic Gardens Conservation International for a two-years period, has been recruited and will commence her work based at the UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, possibly in the beginning of July.

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#### **DECISION VI/30 PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

##### (a) Mountain ecosystems

120. With regard to mountain biodiversity, the Secretariat continued with the preparations for the ad hoc technical expert group meeting on mountain biodiversity, which will take place in Rome from 1 to 3 July under the sponsorship of the Government of Italy

##### (b) Protected areas

121. The Secretariat convened an ad hoc technical expert group meeting on the issue from 10 to 14 June 2003 at the Tjärnö Marine Biological Laboratory in Tjärnö, Sweden, with financial support from the Government of Sweden. The group produced a report including draft elements for a programme of work and mandated the two co-chairs to finalise the editing with assistance of a drafting group of four experts and the Secretariat

122. The Secretariat participated in a Strategic Roundtable meeting on the role of protected areas and ecological networks in biodiversity policies on 5 and 6 June 2003 in the Hague. The meeting was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands. The Executive Secretary made a presentation on "the WSSD outcomes on ecological networks and the CBD".

##### (c) Technology Transfer

123. The Secretariat of the CBD is revising and expanding the indicative list of technologies relevant to mountain ecosystems (SBSTTA/8/7/Add.1). Inputs from all thematic programmes into the development of the list are being provided for preparation of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/7 and relevant addenda.

124. Technology transfer and technology cooperation will be an issue for in-depth consideration at the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Further to decision VI/30, the Secretariat initiated work on the background documentation for the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, including a review of status of implementation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties pertaining to technology transfer and technology cooperation, and the development of elements of a programme of work on this issue.

125. The Secretariat participated in the Norway/UN Conference on technology transfer and capacity-building, held in Trondheim, Norway, on 23-27 June 2003. One important objective of this conference was to provide useful input into the upcoming discussions on technology transfer and cooperation at the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The participation by the Secretariat ensured that the discussions held at the Conference were adequately reflected in the background documentation for these CBD meetings.

#### **SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS**

126. During the last quarter, work of the SEL unit focused mainly on preparations for, and servicing of the Workshop on Incentive Measures and the Workshop on Sustainable Use, and on preparations for the ninth meeting of the SBSTTA, as well as preparation of documents for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. These activities as well as ongoing cooperation with other institutions with regard to SEL work programs are examined below in greater detail.

#### **DECISION VI/10 ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

127. In response to decision VI/10 relating to the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, work is in progress to prepare relevant reports and documents for the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, which will be held in Montreal, on 8-12 December 2003.

128. The first draft of the regional reports on the Status and Trends Regarding the Knowledge, Innovations and Practices of Indigenous and Local Communities have been completed. Work is in progress with a view to the finalization of the overall composite report.

129. As part of the cooperation with other organizations, initiatives agencies and conventions, the Secretariat attended the Second Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues held at the UN headquarters, New York from 12-23 May 2003. The Secretariat attended two days of this meeting and participated in the discussion under environment.

#### **DECISION VI/11 LIABILITY AND REDRESS**

130. The Secretariat finalized the selection process regarding experts for the meeting of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Convention. However, the meeting was postponed due to the lack of funds. It may be rescheduled prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties should the necessary funding be available.

131. The Secretariat finalized the following three documents for the meeting of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts: (a) "Liability & redress in the context of paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Convention on Biological Diversity: An analysis of pertinent issues."; (b) "Liability & redress in the context of paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Convention on Biological Diversity: Update on developments in relevant sectoral international and regional instruments and developments in private international law."; and (c) "Information on case-studies and case law pertaining to transboundary environmental damage."

#### **DECISION VI/13 SUSTAINABLE USE AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE**

132. Pursuant to decision VI/13 of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat held the Fourth Workshop on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 6 to 8 May 2003. The workshop resulted in a series of principles and guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity and related recommendations, which will be transmitted to SBSTTA-9 for its consideration. The Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and associated instruments are contained in the report of the meeting and in document UNEP/SBBSTA/9/9.

133. Pursuant to decision VI/22, paragraph 19 (f), of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat is also finalizing the report pertaining to the "Management of forest biodiversity, sustainable use to derive products and services and benefit sharing". The document contains a compilation of the 25 responses submitted by Parties to the questionnaire issued by the Secretariat on this topic. The report will be contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBASTTA/9/9/Add.1, which will be submitted to the ninth session of SBSTTA for its consideration.

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

134. The Secretariat continues to assist and collaborate with international organizations and Parties at the implementation of the draft CBD guidelines on biodiversity and tourism development. In particular, the Secretariat is following the implementation of pilot projects in Panama, on the sustainable use of the marine resources of Kuna Yala, and in Bulgaria, for the application of the guidelines at the national level. The outcome of the Panama case study will be posted on the CBD website shortly.

#### **DECISION VI/15 INCENTIVE MEASURES**

135. The workshop on incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of components of biological diversity was successfully held on 3-5 June 2003 in Montreal. The meeting brought together government-nominated experts selected on the basis of their expertise, the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, as well as gender balance, and a number of representatives of relevant international organizations. Based on the background documentation prepared by the Secretariat, the meeting elaborated proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives, pursuant to a request of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties contained in decision VI/15, on incentive measures. The proposals as developed by the workshop will be submitted to the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for further consideration and eventual submission to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

136. Back-to-back to the workshop on incentive measures, the Secretariat also held a meeting of the inter-agency coordination committee on incentive measures, convening representatives of relevant international organizations. The representatives gave briefings on their respective recent activities on



incentive measures. They also discussed how to further cooperation on this issue and envisaged a number of joint activities.

137. The Secretariat participated in the sixteenth meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity, which was held in Paris on 27 – 28 May 2003. The main objective of the meeting consisted in following up on several activities of the group of relevance to the implementation of the CBD programme of work on incentive measures, and in discussing de-restriction of related documents (Handbook on Market Creation and its section on perverse incentives, economic aspects of access and benefit sharing) on which the Secretariat had previously provided input for review.

138. Pursuant to a request of the Conference of the Parties to further study the impact of trade liberalization on agricultural biodiversity (decision VI/5, paragraph 17), the Secretariat is reviewing the study entitled “Domestic Support Measures and their Incentive Effects for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity” in light of the comments received from the peer review process. The Secretariat also initiated work on a second study entitled “The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Agricultural Biological Diversity - A Synthesis of Assessment Methodologies”.

#### **DECISION VI/21 ANNEX TO THE HAGUE DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

139. The Executive Secretary provided a report to CSD 11 on the contribution of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The Executive Secretary also provided a report to the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly incorporating information on follow-up measures within the Convention process to the WSSD.

140. The Executive Secretary reviewed and analyzed the results of WSSD and prepared documentation for consideration by the Open-ended Inter-sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work. The meeting reviewed WSSD results and made recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on how best to follow up on the Plan of Implementation and the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development within the framework of the Convention.

141. The report of the Inter-sessional meeting is now available on the Secretariat website.

#### **DECISION VI/24 ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES**

142. During the last quarter, the Secretariat worked on the documentation for the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, which will be held in Montreal, on 1-5 December 2003, based on the mandate of the Working Group contained in decision VI/24 and taking into account the recommendations of the Inter-sessional meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Convention up to 2010, held from 17 to 20 March 2003.

143. In order to further enhance information-sharing mechanisms related to access and benefit-sharing under the Clearing House Mechanism, the Secretariat continued its work with a view to the operationalization of databases related to access and benefit-sharing on the CHM. One of the databases will include information on existing capacity-building projects related to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing and the other will provide information on existing measures adopted by countries at the national or regional level to address access and benefit-sharing.

#### **DECISION VI/28 MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2010**

144. The Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 was discussed at the Intersessional Meeting held in Montreal, on 17-20 March 2003. The recommendations of the MYPOW, contained in the report of the Meeting, will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration

## BIOSAFETY

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

#### The Biosafety Protocol

145. On 13 June 2003, the 50<sup>th</sup> instrument of ratification of the Biosafety Protocol by a State was deposited by Palau, triggering the countdown to the entry into force of the Protocol. In accordance with its Article 37, the Protocol will therefore enter into force on 11 September 2003. With this new momentum and the certainty thereby established that the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) will take place in the first quarter of 2004 in conjunction with the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP 7), in accordance with decision VI/1 (paragraph 3 (b)) of the Conference of the Parties and paragraph 6 of Article 29 of the Protocol, the activities of the Secretariat are now focusing principally on the preparations for the first meeting of the COP-MOP.

146. With regard to the on-going development and implementation of the pilot phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House, a Liaison Group meeting of technical experts was held from 10 to 11 April 2003 at the office of the Secretariat. The main purpose of the meeting was to provide advice to the Executive Secretary regarding the establishment of national components of the BCH. In particular, the meeting reviewed national experiences of selected countries and discussed the technical issues associated with the establishment of national components of the BCH. Four general options were identified for establishment of national components of the BCH and the meeting recommended that the Secretariat develop guidelines that will help governments to determine the most appropriate option given the technical feasibility and resource requirements. Importantly, these guidelines will be a key tool for governments participating in the proposed GEF-funded project on "Building capacity for effective participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House of the Cartagena Protocol", to be implemented by UNEP.

147. A meeting of the Bureau of the ICCP is scheduled to take place on 28-29 August 2003 in Montreal to review the status of preparation of the documentation for the first meeting of the COP-MOP and discuss matters of relevance pertaining to the entry into force of the Protocol.

148. During the reporting period, the Secretariat continued also to participate actively in several workshops, conferences, training courses and briefing sessions organized by a number of organizations involved in capacity-building for biosafety or biosafety-related activities (e.g. UNEP/GEF sub-regional workshops on the development and implementation of national biosafety frameworks; FAO Biosecurity Initiative; WHO Stakeholder Meeting on Modern Biotechnology; USAID consultations on biosafety-related capacity building initiatives; briefing session on the Biosafety Protocol at the WTO's SPS Committee), in order to promote synergies and complementarities in capacity building and promote a greater awareness on the Protocol.

149. As of 30 June 2003, the following 51 Parties to the CBD had ratified/acceded/accepted/approved the Biosafety Protocol: Austria, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, European Community, Fiji, France, Ghana, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands,

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Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Nauru, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niue, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela.

## IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTREACH

### DECISION VI/16 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

150. A notification was sent out on 9 April 2003 on the establishment of the Interactive Info-Bulletin on Financing for Biological Diversity at: <<http://www.biodiv.org/financial/forums.aspx>>. This Interactive Info-Bulletin has been designed to provide a centralized venue for funding practitioners to exchange biodiversity-related funding information, including experience, views and best practice, with a view to promoting cooperation, coordination, coherence, synergies as well as effectiveness and efficiency in financing for biological diversity. The Interactive Info-Bulletin takes the form of discussion groups, a popular Internet tool nowadays. All relevant information can be made known instantly and updated by registered users. How to use the Interactive Info-Bulletin is introduced in the section “Frequently Answered Questions (FAQ)”.

151. A notification was sent out with respect to verification of biodiversity-related project database 2003. In response to various COP requests, the Secretariat has compiled, over time, biodiversity-related project information from national reports, communications from various funding institutions and development agencies, and websites of a number of donors, as well as from the Creditor Reporting System of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The draft Biodiversity-related Project Database 2003 is available for verification, correction and addition on the following website: <<http://www.biodiv.org/financial/forums.aspx>> under the heading funded biodiversity projects and related information <<http://www.biodiv.org/Forums/ShowForum.aspx?ForumID=14>>. Parties were invited to verify the project information contained in the draft Biodiversity-related Project Database 2003, and make necessary corrections and additions.

152. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development was preparing an issues paper to the next meeting of the DAC Working Party on Statistics (WP-STAT) regarding future data collection on aid targeting the objectives of the Rio Conventions, and requested the Secretariat to brief on how the Convention secretariats would use the Rio marker data provided these were made part of the standard CRS reporting, and the merits/limitations of the Rio markers as an analytical tool. In response, the Secretariat advised that there was a formal request from COP to OECD, and potential use including exchange of funding information, support for operational decision-making, support for planning, support for national reporting under the Convention, and analytical purposes.

153. The Secretariat was involved in the development of “Sourcebook on Funding Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)”, and the Sourcebook was made online by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

154. The Secretariat continued to develop its book “Guide to Sources of International Assistance for Biological Diversity”, and relevant information has been uploaded to the Interactive Info-Bulletin on Financing for Biological Diversity.

155. The Secretariat continued to compile funding information from all different sources, in particular bilateral program such as Spain’s Araucaria Programme, regional development banks and private donors such as British Petroleum Conservation Program, and made them available on the Interactive Info-Bulletin on Financing for Biodiversity

156. The Secretariat was in contact with the Conservation International with respect to their study on debt for nature initiatives, and received updated information on this subject. A report on debt issues has been prepared for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

157. The Secretariat assessed all funding information contained in various national reports and national biodiversity strategies and action plans and based on this assessment, is preparing the document "Additional financial resources" for consideration by COP-7. The document will contain the following sections: funding needs of achieving the 2010 target on the basis of biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports; analysis of international assistance in particular financial assistance for biological diversity based on the statistical information from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development as well as other information collected by the Secretariat; review of funding status of the Convention's thematic areas and cross-cutting issues; business sector and external debt respectively in response to the requests of decision VI/16.

#### **DECISION VI/17 FINANCIAL MECHANISM UNDER THE CONVENTION**

158. Immediately after the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the GEF Council, the Secretariat updated the searchable database on the GEF Council decisions with new approved decisions.

159. The Secretariat was invited to review the GEF document "Relations with conventions", and suggested additions of the meetings on multi-year programme of work and operations of the Convention, and on the liaison group meeting on climate change and biodiversity as well as the joint meeting on biosafety.

160. The Secretariat wrote the Chairman of the Global Environment Facility with specific reference to decision VI/17 (Financial mechanism under the Convention), paragraph 11, which requested the Global Environmental Facility to report on the implementation of that decision to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting. Decision III/8 (Memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Council of the Global Environment Facility), annex, paragraph 3, also states that the Council will prepare and submit a report for each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties. And the Secretariat sent another reminder letter to the GEF in May 2003, and suggested that the GEF report could provide information in terms of COP agenda items to allow for better assessment of the need for further guidance by the Conference of the Parties.

161. The Secretariat has completed its preparation of the document "Compilation of previous guidance to the financial mechanism", and the two secretariats held consultation on the draft and agreed to forward this document to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

162. The Secretariat has prepared the first draft document on arrangements for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. Based on the experience gained from the first and second reviews, and taking into consideration the work plan of the GEF monitoring and evaluation unit, the Secretariat is proposing a structured evaluation in which Parties, the Secretariat and the Global Environment Facility will all have a role to play. The two secretariats are currently consulting on the draft document.

163. The Secretariat attended the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the GEF Council and the associated GEF-NGO consultation held from 13-16 May 2003. The Executive Secretary made a statement to the Council and answered several questions concerning recent developments under the Convention. The meeting adopted the following decisions: Appointment of Mr. Len Good as CEO/Chairman of the GEF; Review of relations with Conventions; Approval of the corporate budget and Implementing Agency fee for UNFCCC LDC Trust Fund; Approval of the operational program on sustainable land management; Approval of a work program; Approval of GEF Business Plan FY04-06; Approval of GEF FY04 corporate budget; Approval of co-financing policy and procedures. It continued its discussions on the

following matters: Fee-based system; Monitoring and evaluation; Action plan to respond to the recommendations from various reviews.

164. The meeting also initiated discussions on a framework for programming resources for enhanced performance and results at the country level. The approved work program addresses COP guidance on biosafety, marine and coastal ecosystems, inland water ecosystems, mountain ecosystems, dry and sub-humid biodiversity, forest biodiversity, agricultural biodiversity, ecosystem approach, monitoring, targeted research and awareness-raising, alien species, incentive measures, capacity building, sustainable use and tourism, local and indigenous communities. According to the GEF Business Plan FY04-06, the GEF financing will take the following strategic priorities: Catalyzing sustainability of protected areas (expansion, consolidation and rationalization of national protected area systems) (US\$260 million); Mainstreaming biodiversity in production landscapes and sectors (integration into agriculture, forestry, fisheries, tourism and other production systems and sectors) (US\$207 million); Capacity building for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (US\$45 million); Generation and dissemination of best practices (US\$40 million).

165. The Secretariat reviewed 41 project concepts for the GEF project pipeline 13, and suggested that all the 41 project concepts merit further development.

166. The Secretariat prepared a draft section on financial resources and mechanism with respect to review and retirement of COP-3 and COP-4 decisions on financial resources and mechanism, and also prepared a compilation of all relevant decisions adopted so far. A teleconference was held on 26 June 2003 to exchange views and information on this matter and the two secretariats reached a common understanding of the requirement for review and retirement of relevant decisions.

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

### Clearing-house Mechanism

167. During the period under review the CHM participated in the following meetings and undertook the following activities:

- In response to paragraph 4 of Decision VI/18, a Latin American and Caribbean regional meeting on the clearing-house mechanism has been co-organized with the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network to be held in Cancun, Mexico, on 12-14 August 2003. In addition, a Central and Eastern Europe regional meeting on the clearing-house mechanism has been co-organized with the European Environment Agency to be held in Prague, on 9-12 September 2003;
- In support of paragraph 3, Decision VI/18, the third draft of the Clearing-house Mechanism Toolkit was completed;
- In response to the Secretariat's ex officio membership in the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Governing Board, the clearing-house mechanism participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GBIF Governing Board, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 30 April to 1 May 2003;
- The CHM continues to participate in the development of the Pilot Phase of the Biosafety Clearing-House, in response to Article 20(1) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

## VI/19 COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

### Library and documents management

168. The following activities have been undertaken during the period under review:

- 1) An Excel database of videocassettes has been developed. The unit is building up a video library to support SCBD outreach efforts.
- 2) An inventory database of our various publications is now available which indicates the publications that are stored downstairs.
- 3) An inventory of SCBD audiocassettes is also available. The audiocassettes contain minutes of meetings. We are investigating the possibility to copy these cassettes on CD-ROM or DVD.
- 4) The Library is starting the development of a collection of documents regarding the history of the CBD.
- 5) Keywords and thematic areas codes have been attributed to 167 records.
- 7) Handbook: links have been made in the text to the decisions.

### Publications

169. The following publications have been printed:

- Biodiversity Day poster;
- CBD Tech Series no.8;
- COP6 booklet in Arabic;
- Global Strategy for Plant Conservation booklet

170. Preparations continue for the production of the following publications:

- CBD News, volume 3, no.1;
- Handbook CD-ROM.

## DECISION VI/25 NATIONAL REPORTING

171. The first draft format for third national reports was circulated to all national focal points for comments. As of 15 April, 2003, comments were received from a few Parties. Currently the revision of the draft format is ongoing on the basis of these comments, taking into consideration the relevant requirements in Decision VI/25 and further recommendations made at MYPOW in this regard.

172. The first draft is ready for analysis of information contained in the second national reports, following a request in Decision VI/25. The analysis was made on the basis of 86 reports received by the end of February 2003.

173. As of 30 June 2003, 97 second national reports were received. In addition, 35 thematic reports on mountain ecosystems, 32 thematic reports on protected areas and 12 thematic reports on transfer of technology and technology cooperation were received.

174. A synthesis is being prepared of information contained in thematic reports on protected areas and

transfer of technology and technology cooperation, which will be presented respectively to SBSTTA 9 and COP 7.

**DECISION VI/26 THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND DECISION VI/27  
OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION**

175. The Executive Secretary prepared a note entitled “Review & Consolidation of the Decisions of the Conference of the Parties: Proposals by the Executive Secretary” which contains proposals on how the Conference of the Parties may wish to address these issues at its seventh meeting.

176. The Executive Secretary sent a notification to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations transmitting these proposals for their review and comments pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision VI/27B.

## ANNEX I

### STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 31 regularized Professional staff members and 25 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. Additionally, 6 professional posts and 5 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

#### II Contributions and Funds

2. During the second quarter of 2003, two new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were made. New pledges were received from Australia and Sweden. The Government of Australia pledged funds for the preparation of the Composite Report on Status and Trends of Traditional Knowledge, and the Government of Sweden pledged funds for the AHTEG on Protect Areas Biodiversity, which took place in Sweden from 10-14 June 2003.

3. For 2003 a total of US\$851,432 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$450,346 or 52.9% has been collected as at 30 June 2003. Additionally, \$147,843 was collected in 2003 for pledges made for 2002 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

4. With regard to the General Trust Fund for the Convention (**BY Trust Fund**), as at 30 June 2003, total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2002 and prior years amounted to US\$714,471. The total amount pledged for the BY Trust Fund in 2003 is US\$7,257,328. Of this amount, US\$4,160,245 or 57.3% has been received as at 30 June 2003. Additionally, US\$4,564 has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund, and US\$205,442 has been collected for 2002 and prior years. Total unpaid pledges to the BY Trust Fund for 2003 amounts to US\$4,097,083. Total unpaid pledges for 2003 and prior years are therefore US\$4,811,554. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

5. As at 30 June 2003 a total of US\$379,886 was pledged for 2003 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum includes pledges from Germany (\$14,088), Ireland (\$47,114), Japan (\$85,000), New Zealand (\$10,000), Spain (\$31,315), Sweden (\$71,619) and the United Kingdom (\$120,750).

6. As at 30 June 2003, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2003 amounted to US\$328,904 or 88.6% of the total pledged for 2003. A total of US\$149,769 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2003 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

7. A new trust fund entitled "General Trust Fund (BF) to support developing country Parties on Biosafety Issues" has been established by UNEP in response to COP Decision VI/29.27 establishing, on a pilot phase basis, a trust fund for voluntary contributions for the specific purpose of supporting developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to pay for the use of the experts selected from the roster of experts on biosafety.

8. As at 30 June 2003, contributions totalling US\$62,240 has been made by the Government of the United Kingdom to the trust fund



### III Accounting and Reporting

#### Status of Expenditure

9. COP-6 approved a budget of US\$9,506,600 for the BY Trust Fund for 2003. As at 30 June 2003, a total of US\$5,161,563 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 48% of the approved amount.

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

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

**Appendix 1**  
**STAFFING TABLE of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**  
1 April – 30 June 2003

Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary	Mr. H. Zedan (Regularized)
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert (Regularized)
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy (Regularized)
1104	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. C. Sendashonga (Regularized)
1105	D1	Principal Officer (I&O)	Mr. A. Nogueira (Regularized)
1106	P4	Chief, Fund & Admin. (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish– (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (I&O)	Mr. Y. Xiang (Regularized)
1108	P4	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. D.Ogolla (Regularized)
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann (Regularized)
1110	P4	PO Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. M. Guariguata (Regularized)
1111	P4	PO, Agricultural Biodiversity (STTM)	Ms. M. Gauthier –(Regularized) (Post funded by FAO)
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (I&O)	Mr. M. Silva (Regularized)
1114	P4	Special Assistant to the ES. (EDM)	Ms. M. Soliman (Regularized)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Ms. H. Marrie (Regularized)
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (I&O)	Mr. K. Kakuyo (Regularized)
1117	P3	Documentation Officer (I&O)	Mr. Z. Bamba (Regularized)
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli (Regularized)
1119	P3	Information Officer (I&O)	Ms. M. Stricker (Regularized)
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (I&O)	Mr. O. De Munck (Regularized)
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. M. Vierros (Regularized)
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (I&O)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. N. Patel (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P3	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale (Regularized)
1127	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena (Regularized)
1128	P2	Associate Computer Systems Officer (I&O)	Mr. Q. Nguyen (Regularized)
1130	L2	JPO, (BS)	Ms. C. Matheissen (Regularized) (Post funded by Government of Denmark)
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)

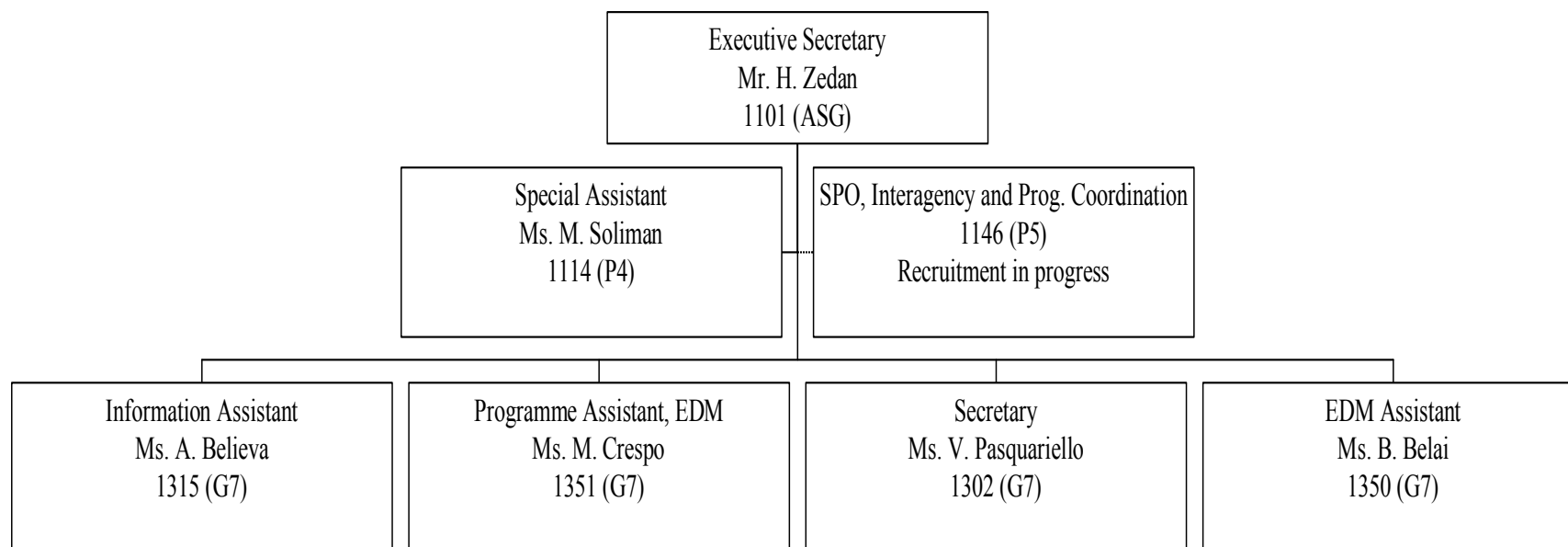
Post #	Level	Title	PROFESSIONAL STAFF
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft (Regularized)
1133	P3	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand (Regularized)
1134	P3	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Galloway-McLean (Regularized)
1135	P5	Editor (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry (Regularized)
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1139	L2	JPO, EIS (STTM)	Ms. I. Chung (Regularized) (Post funded by Republic of Korea)
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. J. Zeidler (Regularized)
1142	P3	PO, Reports (I&O)	Mr. L. Cai (Regularized)
1143	P3	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Ms. P. Deda (Regularized)
1144	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Ms. X. Wang (Regularized)
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Mr. R. Hill (Regularized)
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (EDM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1148	P4	PO, In situ- and ex-situ Conservation (STTM)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (I&O)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)

Post #	Level	Title	GENERAL SERVICE STAFF
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Regularized) (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (EDM)	Ms. V. Pasquariello (Regularized) (on secondment from ICAO)
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. F. Velarde (Regularized)
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Mr. D. Hamel (Regularized)
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. I. Anderson (Regularized)
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. S. Penney (Regularized)
1307	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. D. Stepic (Regularized)
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (I&O)	Ms. M. Chiasson (Regularized)
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. J. Crowley (Regularized)
1310	G6	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. C. Risch (Regularized)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath (Regularized)

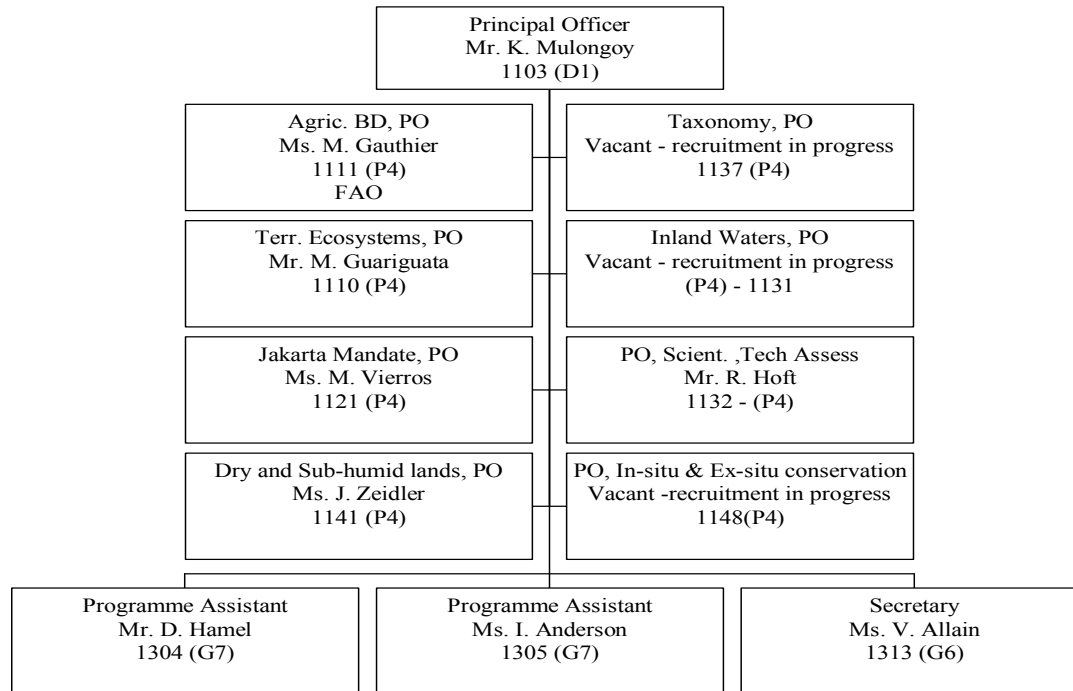
<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>GENERAL SERVICE STAFF</b>
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Regularized) (post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain (Regularized)
1314	G6	Secretary - (I&O)	Ms. A. Vincent (Regularized)
1315	G7	Information Assistant (EDM)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

## Annex II

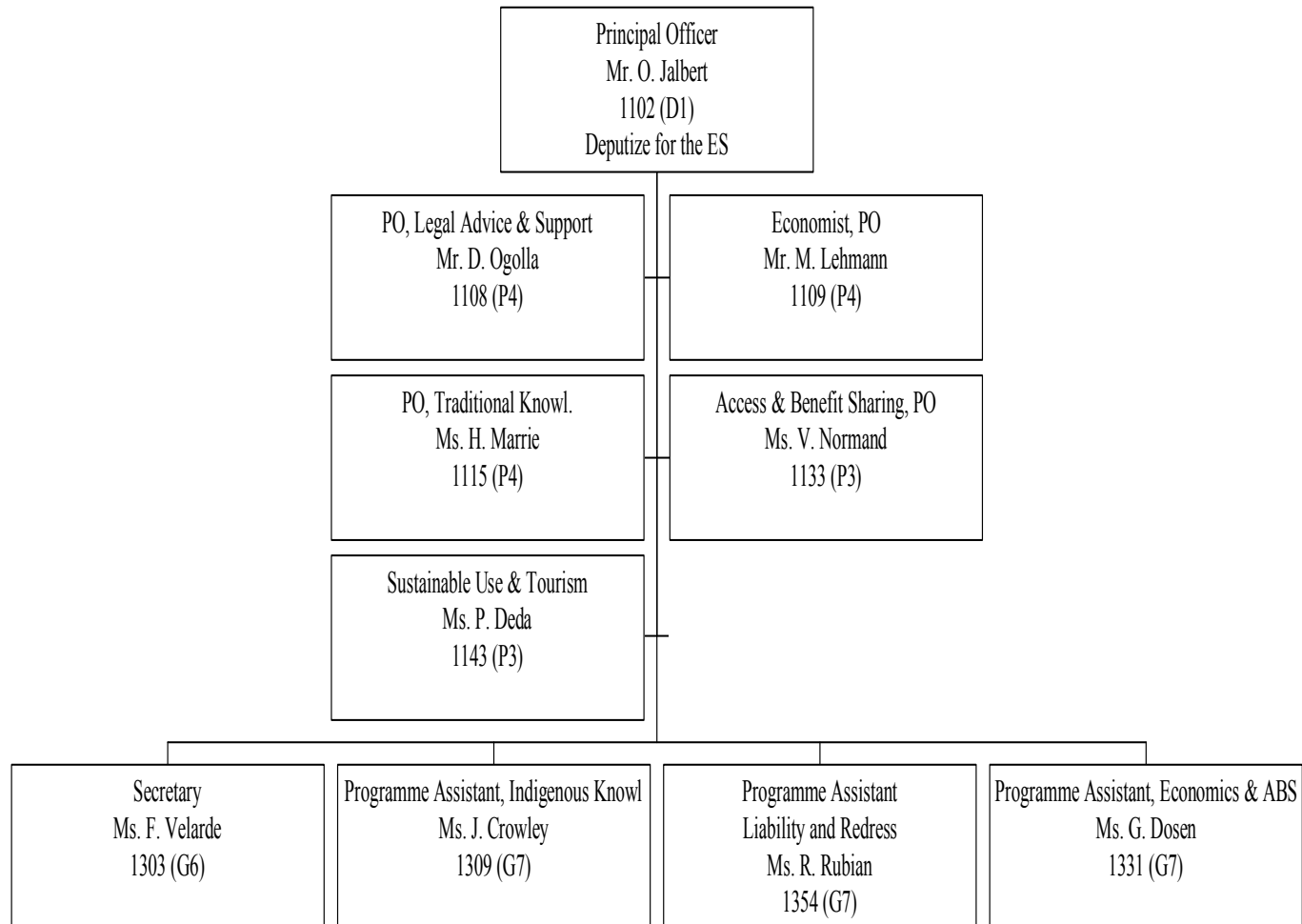
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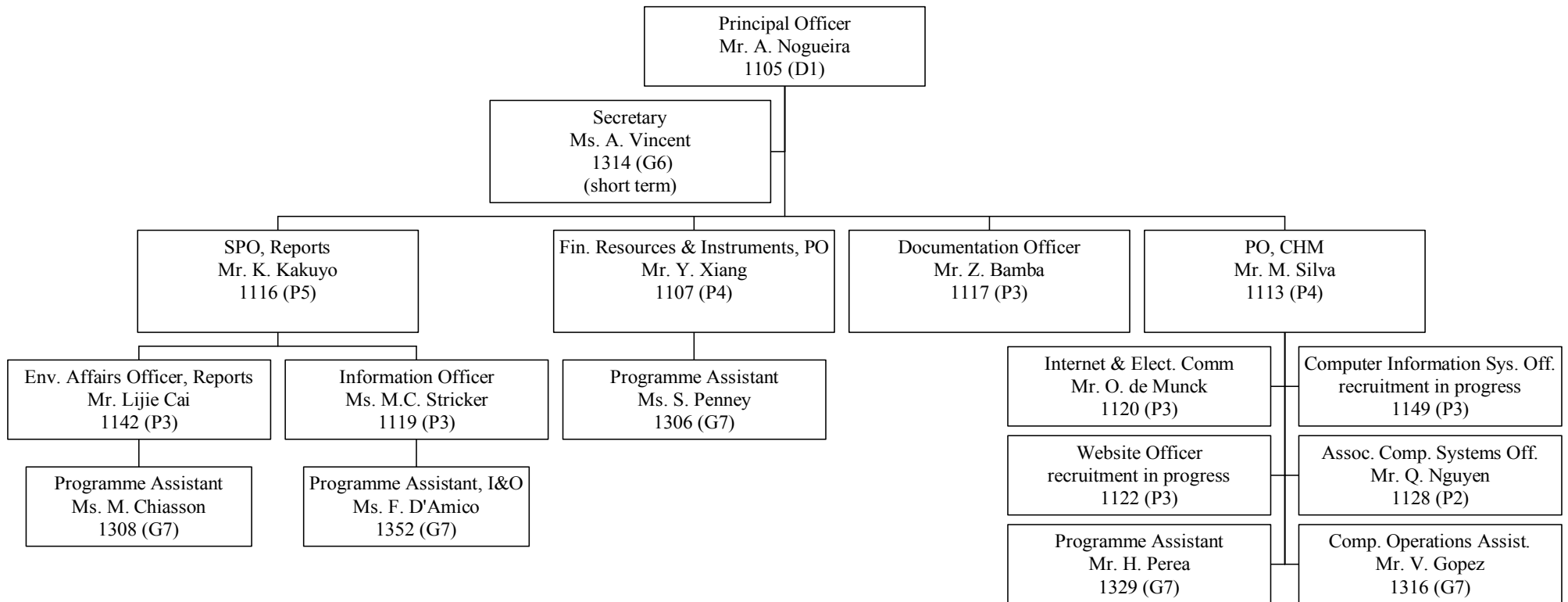
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## Social, Economic and Legal Matters

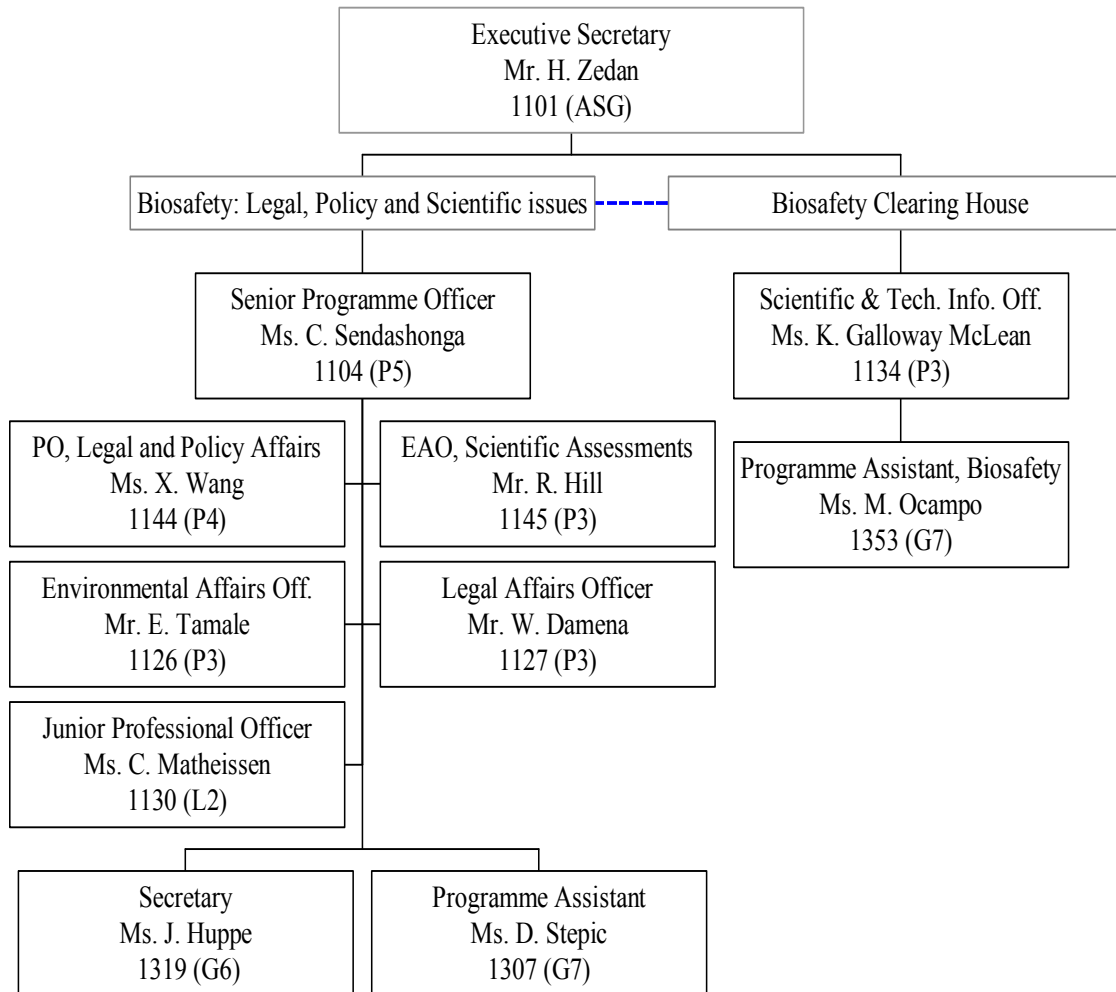


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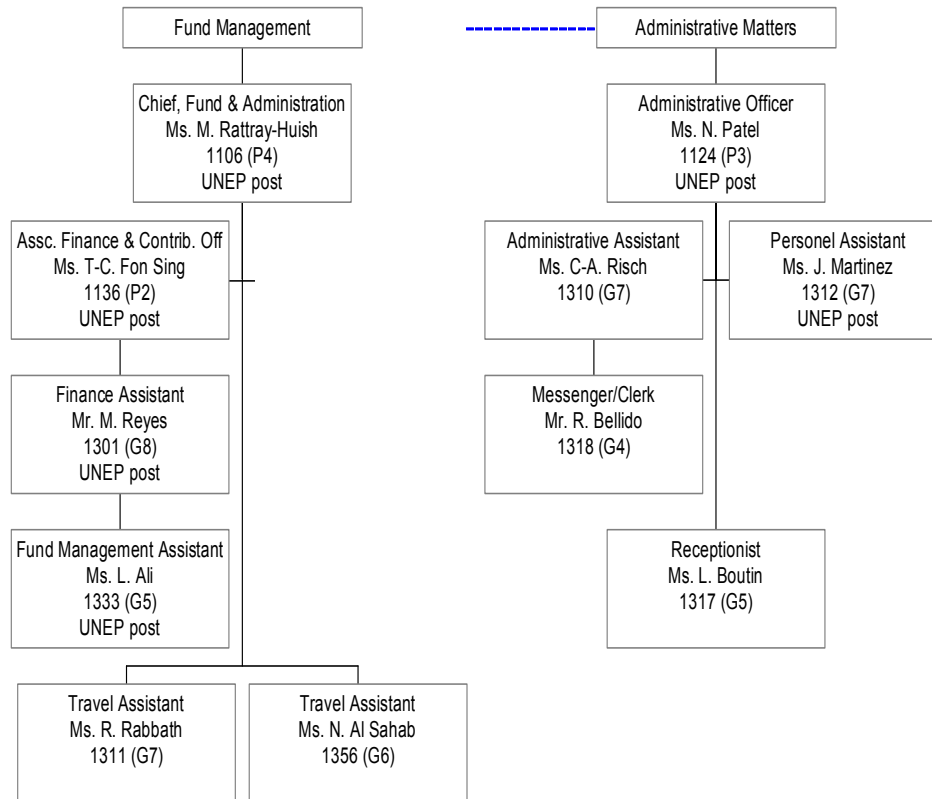




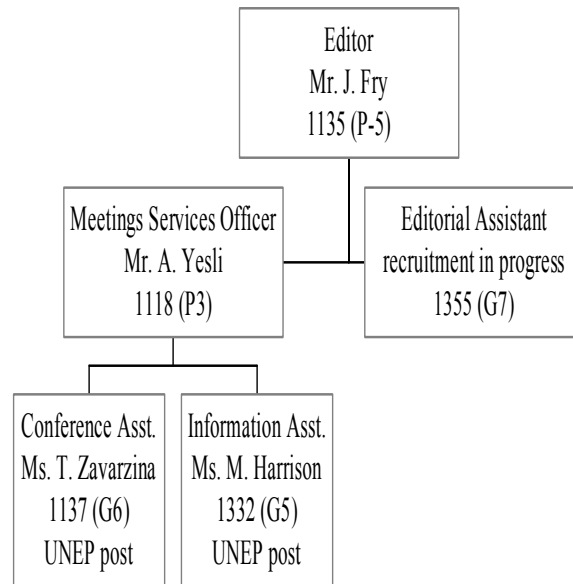
### Biosafety Protocol



# Resource Management



### Conference Services



## ANNEX III

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

Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2003 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.02	Adjustments	Pledges for 2003		Collections in 2003 for prior years	Collections in 2003 for 2003 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2003 & prior years
Australia			28,386	20/		28,386	0
Canada	40,498			1/			40,498
Canada			15,924	2/			15,924
Canada			1,962	17/			1,962
Denmark	3,415			3/	1,114		2,301
EEC	5,954			4/			5,954
FAO			136,935	19/		136,935	0
Finland			55,025	18/		55,025	0
France	25,000			5/			25,000
Germany	20,882			6/			20,882
Netherlands	147,000			7/	100,000		47,000
Netherlands			100,000	8/		100,000	0
Netherlands			383,200	9/			383,200
Norway	100,000			10/			100,000
Spain	25,000			11/			25,000
Sweden	17,523			12/	17,523		0
Sweden	42,493			13/	29,206		13,287
Sweden			50,000	21/		50,000	0
UK			80,000	14/		80,000	0
USA	10,000			15/			10,000

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.02</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2003</b>		<b>Collections in 2003 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2003 for 2003 &amp; futures yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2003 &amp; prior years</b>
USA	50,000			16/			50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>487,765</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>851,432</b>		<b>147,843</b>	<b>450,346</b>	<b>741,008</b>

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

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

3/Denmark pledge in support for Open-ended Meeting of Experts on Capacity building, Havana, Cuba, 11-13 July 2001

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

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

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

7/Netherlands pledged \$147,000 for the Workshop on Forest Biological Diversity, Accra, Ghana 28-30 January 2002

8/Netherlands pledged US\$100,000 for the Biosafety Clearing House- Case no. 2002.04.152

9/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2003

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

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

12/Sweden pledged SEK400,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2001

13/Sweden pledged SEK450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002

14/UK pledged US\$80,000 for the Expert Meeting on Indicators of Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada, 10-12 February 2003

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

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

17/Canada pledged Cdn \$3,000 for travel costs of Ms M. Fleming to attend the Traditional Knowledge Meeting in Bolivia, 24-26 February 2003

18/Finland pledge Eur 50,000 for Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate in Helsinki 2003

19/FAO pledged US\$ 136,935 for the secondment of a FAO Programme Officer to SCBD in 2003

20/Australia pledged A\$45,000 towards the preparation of the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge

21/Sweden pledged US\$50,000 for Ad hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Protected Areas, Tjarno, Sweden, 10-14 June 2003

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

Status as at 30 June 2003 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.02</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2003</b>	<b>Collections in 2003 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2003 for 2003 &amp; fut yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2003 &amp; prior years</b>
Denmark	15,513		1/			15,513
Denmark	40,000		2/			40,000
EEC	9,984		3/			9,984
Germany			4/	14,088	14,088	0
Ireland			12/	47,114		47,114
Japan			9/	55,000	55,000	0
Japan			10/	30,000	30,000	0
New Zealand			5/	10,000	10,000	0
Norway	33,289		6/			33,289
Spain			7/	31,315	27,447	3,869
Sweden			11/	71,619	71,619	0
United Kingdom			8/	120,750	120,750	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,786</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>379,886</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>149,769</b>

1/Denmark pledge for travel expenses for Central and Eastern European countries-5th COP 15-26 Nairobi 2000

2/Denmark pledged DKK300,000 for support of participants from Central and Eastern European countries to CBD meetings

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

4/Germany pledged Euros 12,775 for the SBSTTA-8 and the Multi-year Programme of Work Meetings, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 March and 17-20, 2003

5/New Zealand pledged US\$ 10,000 for the SBSTTA-8 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 March 2003

6/Norway pledged NOK 250,000 for the Capacity Building Meeting on Access and Benefits Sharing, Montreal, Canada 2-4 December 2002

7/Spain pledged Euro 30,000 towards the SBSTTA-8 and the Multi-year Programme of Work meetings in Montreal, Canada, 10-20 March 2003

8/UK pledged GBP 75,000 for the SBSTTA-8 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 March 2003

9/Japan pledged US\$55,000 towards the COP-7 meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - 2004

10/ Japan pledged US\$30,000 towards SBSTTA meetings to facilitate participation of developing country Parties

11/Sweden pledged US\$66,414 towards participation of Least Developed Country Parties to meetings of the CBD

12/Ireland pledged Euro 40,000 towards the SBSTTA-9 Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 November 2003



ANNEX V

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)  
as at 30 June 2003**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	10	830				10	830	840
Albania	164	277				164	277	441
Algeria	15,393	6,473		15,393		0	6,473	6,473
Angola		185	1,799			0	(1,614)	(1,614)
Antigua & Barbuda		185	185			0	0	0
Argentina	224,809	106,252				224,809	106,252	331,061
Armenia	20,329	185				20,329	185	20,514
Australia		150,455	150,455		160,256	0	(160,256)	(160,256)
Austria	0	87,573			87,573	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	1,967	370				1,967	370	2,337
Bahamas		1,110	1,110			0	0	0
Bahrain	1,550	1,665		1,550	1,646	0	20	20
Bangladesh	433	925				433	925	1,358
Barbados		832	832			0	0	0
Belarus	74,881	1,757				74,881	1,757	76,638
Belgium	100,658	104,403		100,658		0	104,403	104,403
Belize		92	92			0	0	0
Benin	310	185				310	185	495
Bhutan		92	92			0	0	0
<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02</b>	<b>Pledges for 2003</b>	<b>Collections in 2002 for 2003</b>	<b>Collections in 2003 for prior yrs</b>	<b>Collections During 2003 for 2003 &amp;</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2003</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2003 &amp; Prior years</b>



					future yrs			
Bolivia	638	740				638	740	1,378
Bosnia & Herzegovinia	47	369				47	369	416
Botswana	0	925			925	0	0	0
Brazil	30,704	221,012				30,704	221,012	251,716
Bulgaria	0	1,202			1,202	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	646	185				646	185	831
Burundi	398	92				398	92	490
Cambodia	25	185				25	185	210
Cameroon	2,239	832				2,239	832	3,071
Canada	0	236,548			236,548	0	0	0
Cape Verde	2,362	92				2,362	92	2,454
Central African Rep.	0	92			92	0	0	0
Chad	2,506	92				2,506	92	2,598
Chile		19,604	26,650			0	(7,046)	(7,046)
China	0	141,670				0	141,670	141,670
Colombia	2,891	18,587		2,697		194	18,587	18,781
Comoros	2,506	92				2,506	92	2,598
Congo	1,809	92		1,000		809	92	901
Congo Dem.Rep	4,512	370				4,512	370	4,882
Cook Islands	179	92				179	92	271
Costa Rica	8,391	1,849		3,188		5,203	1,849	7,052
Cote d'Ivoire	1,631	832				1,631	832	2,463
Croatia		3,606	3,606			0	0	0
Cuba	14,893	2,774				14,893	2,774	17,667
Cyprus	0	3,514			3,514	0	0	0
Czech Republic		18,772	18,772			0	0	0
Denmark	0	69,263			69,263	0	0	0
Djibouti	179	92				179	92	271
Dominica		92	159			0	(67)	(67)
Dominica Rep.	6,034	2,127				6,034	2,127	8,161
Ecuador	1,824	2,312		1,824	2,312	0	0	0
EEC	0	181,063			184,264	0	(3,201)	(3,201)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
Egypt	0	7,490				0	7,490	7,490
El Salvador	0	1,665			1,665	0	0	0
Equatorial Guinea	2,506	92				2,506	92	2,598
Eritrea	0	92				0	92	92
Estonia	0	925				0	925	925
Ethiopia		370	370			0	0	0
Fiji		370	684			0	(314)	(314)
Finland	0	48,271			48,271	0	0	0
France	0	597,935			597,935	0	0	0
Gabon	6,162	1,295				6,162	1,295	7,457
Gambia	179	92				179	92	271
Georgia	41,191	462				41,191	462	41,653
Germany	0	903,376			903,376	0	0	0
Ghana	0	462				0	462	462
Greece	1,182	49,843				1,182	49,843	51,025
Grenada	91	92				91	92	183
Guatemala		2,497	30			0	2,467	2,467
Guinea		277	277			0	0	0
Guinea-Bissau	2,027	92				2,027	92	2,119
Guyana	1,677	92		1,677	92	0	0	0
Haiti	1,672	185				1,672	185	1,857
Honduras	1,112	462				1,112	462	1,574
Hungary	0	11,097			11,097	0	0	0
Iceland		3,052	3,052			0	0	0
India	100	31,534				100	31,534	31,634
Indonesia	0	18,495				0	18,495	18,495
Iran	14,679	25,153				14,679	25,153	39,832
Ireland		27,187	27,187			0	0	0
Israel	0	38,377			38,377	0	0	0
Italy	0	468,356				0	468,356	468,356
Jamaica	0	370				0	370	370
Japan	0	1,593,350				0	1,593,350	1,593,350

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
Jordan	1,074	740				1,074	740	1,814
Kazakhstan	54,970	2,589		30,000		24,970	2,589	27,559
Kenya	1,250	740		437		813	740	1,553
Kiribati	88	92				88	92	180
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.		832	832			0	0	0
Korea, Rep. of	0	171,169				0	171,169	171,169
Kuwait	1,951	13,559				1,951	13,559	15,510
Kyrgyzstan	6,185	92				6,185	92	6,277
Lao PDR	91	92		91	92	0	0	0
Latvia	1,550	925				1,550	925	2,475
Lebanon	0	1,110				0	1,110	1,110
Lesotho	182	92		182	92	0	0	0
Liberia	343	92				343	92	435
Libya	13,743	6,196				13,743	6,196	19,939
Liechtenstein	0	555			555	0	0	0
Lithuania		1,572	1,572			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	7,398			7,398	0	0	0
Macedonia	365	555				365	555	920
Madagascar		277	11			0	266	266
Malawi	358	185				358	185	543
Malaysia	0	21,731			21,731	0	0	0
Maldives		92	92			0	0	0
Mali	2,362	185				2,362	185	2,547
Malta		1,387	1,387			0	0	0
Marshall Island	0	92			92	0	0	0
Mauritania	1,337	92				1,337	92	1,429
Mauritius		1,017	1,017			0	0	0
Mexico	12,677	100,426		12,677	16,253	(0)	84,173	84,173
Micronesia, Fed. States		92	92			0	0	0
Moldova, Rep. of	20,161	185		2,590	185	17,571	0	17,571
Monaco	0	370			370	0	0	0

Mongolia	182	92		182	92	0	0	0
Morocco	3,738	4,069				3,738	4,069	7,807
<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02</b>	<b>Pledges for 2003</b>	<b>Collections in 2002 for 2003</b>	<b>Collections in 2003 for prior yrs</b>	<b>Collections During 2003 for 2003 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2003</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2003 &amp; Prior years</b>
Mozambique	91	92				91	92	183
Myanmar	0	925				0	925	925
Namibia	553	647		553	647	0	0	0
Nauru	2,626	92				2,626	92	2,718
Nepal		370	1,667			0	(1,297)	(1,297)
Netherlands	0	160,719			160,700	0	19	19
New Zealand		22,286	22,286			0	0	0
Nicaragua		92	92			0	0	0
Niger	2,362	92				2,362	92	2,454
Nigeria	11,298	6,288		5,570		5,728	6,288	12,016
Niue	91	92		91		0	92	92
Norway		59,738	59,945			0	(207)	(207)
Oman	0	5,641			5,641	0	0	0
Pakistan	0	5,641				0	5,641	5,641
Palau		92	600			0	(508)	(508)
Panama	0	1,665				0	1,665	1,665
Papua New Guinea	638	555		638	555	0	0	0
Paraguay	6,022	1,480				6,022	1,480	7,502
Peru	25,636	10,912				25,636	10,912	36,548
Philippines	447	9,247		447	5,474	0	3,773	3,773
Poland	0	34,955			34,955	0	0	0
Portugal	360	42,723				360	42,723	43,083
Qatar		3,144	3,144			0	0	0
Romania	0	5,363				0	5,363	5,363
Russian Federation	0	110,968			110,968	0	0	0
Rwanda	1,004	92		1,004	92	(0)	0	(0)
St.Kitts &Nevis		92	92			0	0	0
St. Lucia	0	185				0	185	185
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,677	92				1,677	92	1,769
Samoa		92	92			0	0	0
San Marino		185	185			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02	Pledges for 2003	Collections in 2002 for 2003	Collections in 2003 for prior yrs	Collections During 2003 for 2003 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2003	Unpaid Pledges for 2003 & Prior years
Sao Tome Principe	179	92				179	92	271
Saudi Arabia	50,578	51,230				50,578	51,230	101,808
Senegal	29	462		29	5,471	0	(5,009)	(5,009)
Seychelles		185	1,285			0	(1,100)	(1,100)
Sierra Leone	2,006	92		2,006	96	0	(4)	(4)
Singapore		36,342	36,342			0	0	0
Slovak		3,976	3,976			0	0	0
Slovenia		7,490	7,490			0	0	0
Solomon Is.	2,027	92				2,027	92	2,119
South Africa		37,729	37,729			0	0	0
Spain	0	232,918			232,918	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	2,148	1,480		1,094		1,054	1,480	2,534
Sudan	4,033	555				4,033	555	4,588
Suriname	1,337	185				1,337	185	1,522
Swaziland	182	185				182	185	367
Sweden	30	94,947		30	94,887	0	60	60
Switzerland		117,812	117,812			0	0	0
Syria		7,398	11,148			0	(3,750)	(3,750)
Tajikistan	1,923	92		1,923		0	92	92
Togo	179	92				179	92	271
Tonga	179	92		179	92	0	0	0
Trinidad & Tobago		1,480	7,188			0	(5,708)	(5,708)
Tunisia	0	2,774				0	2,774	2,774
Tuvalu	0	92				0	92	92
Turkey	0	40,688				0	40,688	40,688
Turkmenistan	7,527	277				7,527	277	7,804
Uganda		462	871			0	(409)	(409)
Ukraine	17,323	4,901		17,323	4,901	0	0	0
U. K.	0	511,935			511,935	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	409	18,680		409	18,680	0	0	0
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		370	20,103			0	(19,733)	(19,733)

Uruguay	12,429	7,398				12,429	7,398	19,827
Uzbekistan	14,242	1,017				14,242	1,017	15,259
<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/02</b>	<b>Pledges for 2003</b>	<b>Collections in 2002 for 2003</b>	<b>Collections in 2003 for prior yrs</b>	<b>Collections During 2003 for 2003 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2003</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2003 &amp; Prior years</b>
Vanuatu	20	92				20	92	112
Venezuela	22,971	19,235				22,971	19,235	42,206
Viet Nam	0	1,480				0	1,480	1,480
Yemen	4,686	555				4,686	555	5,241
Yugoslavia	0	1,849				0	1,849	1,849
Zambia	378	185				378	185	563
Zimbabwe	2,191	740				2,191	740	2,931
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>919,913</b>	<b>7,257,328</b>	<b>572,402</b>	<b>205,442</b>	<b>3,583,279</b>	<b>714,471</b>	<b>3,101,647</b>	<b>3,816,118</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>						0	0	0
Canada		800,000				0	800,000	800,000
USA		0				0	0	0
Quebec		200,000	4,564			0	195,436	195,436
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>919,913</b>	<b>8,257,328</b>	<b>576,966</b>	<b>205,442</b>	<b>3,583,279</b>	<b>714,471</b>	<b>4,097,083</b>	<b>4,811,554</b>

**ANNEX VI**

GENERAL TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON BIOSAFETY ISSUES (BF)  
Status as at 30 June 2003 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.02</b>		<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2003</b>	<b>Collections in 2003 for prior yrs</b>	<b>Collections in 2003 for 2003 and future years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2003 &amp; Prior yrs</b>
United Kingdom		1/		62,240		62,240	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>62,240</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62,240</b>	<b>0</b>

1/ UK pledged GBP 40,000 towards the support of the Pilot Phase of the Voluntary Fund for the Biosafety Roster of Experts

**ANNEX VII**

LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE  
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
(as of 30 June 2003)

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