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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOL

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report provides an overview of the main activities undertaken by the Secretariat from April to November 2006 in implementation of the work programme decided by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the third meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held in Curitiba, Brazil, in March 2006. The document is not an exhaustive presentation of Secretariat activities; rather it provides a summary of the main activities. A more exhaustive review is available in the Quarterly Reports finalized in June 2006 and October 2006. The fourth Quarterly report will be finalized at the end of December 2006. The Quarterly Reports are available at the Secretariat's website (www.biodiv.org).

2. Following the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and in light of the new emphasis on enhancing implementation of the Convention, the Executive Secretary stepped up efforts to ensure that the Secretariat is equipped to face this challenge. This involves, *inter alia*, an acceleration of the recruitment process in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in order to fill the vacant positions, a greater emphasis on outreach and major groups in order to mobilize the different stakeholders in support of the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention including the 2010 biodiversity target, enhancing the partnership with major scientific partners and relevant international organizations. The Secretariat has also undertaken to enhance its support to Parties in their efforts to implement their obligations under the Convention, such as the preparation of development of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as national reports.

3. Similarly, cooperation with other institutions has been significantly stepped up, notably through the Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010 and the liaison group of biodiversity-related conventions, to ensure the full commitment and involvement of the international community in support of the 2010 biodiversity target. Memoranda of cooperation are being signed or revised, as appropriate, to reflect the new stage of implementation of the Convention. In partnership with the Group of 77 and China, the secretariat convened at the seat of the Secretariat in Montreal in November a brainstorming session on the preparation of a multi-years plan of action on South-South cooperation for the implementation of the Convention to be submitted to the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat has also established an inter-agency task force for the convening in March 2007, at the initiative of the Mayor of

Curitiba and to mark the first anniversary of the high level meeting of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties a meeting on cities and biodiversity with a view of mobilizing the local authorities in support to the enhanced phase of implementation of the convention. The results of this meeting will be submitted to the ninth meeting of the conference of the parties. These and other actions undertaken are reviewed below in greater detail.

II. ENHANCING PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

4. On 27 March 2006, on the margins of the High-level Segment of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary signed a number of memoranda of cooperation aimed at enhancing the collaboration and partnership with its partners. As a result, meetings have been convened to initiate their implementation.

A. First meeting of the Steering Committee of the CBD Consortium of Scientific Institutions and Partners

5. On 27 March 2006, a memorandum of understanding was signed with a consortium of scientific institutions aimed at promoting the effective implementation of the Convention and its Protocol through the organization of training and education activities focusing on policy, technical and scientific issues relevant to the implementation of the Convention and its Biosafety Protocol. The following institutions signed the memorandum of understanding with the Secretariat: Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Musée National d'Histoire Naturelle de France, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew; German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation; Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences; and The National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

6. The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the CBD Consortium of Scientific Institutions and Partners was held at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, in the United Kingdom on 8-9 September. The meeting saw the participation of current members, as well as representatives from UNEP-WCMC. CONABIO (Mexico) and the Botanical Gardens of Montreal (on behalf of the Montreal Consortium of Museums of Nature) were also present. On 13th September, the representative of H.E. Mr. José Luis Luege Tamargo, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico, signed the memorandum of understanding, at the UNEP office in Geneva. The signing ceremony with the scientific institutions of Montreal will take place in early 2007 at the Secretariat offices with the participation of the Mayor of Montreal.

7. The meeting decided on a set of activities based on the comparative advantage of the institutions involved in support of the work programme of the Convention, including existing/ongoing activities (in particular in the fields of communication, capacity-building, access and benefit-sharing and climate change) and new activities for which the Convention Secretariat will support the mobilization of additional financial resources (in particular capacity-building and International Biodiversity Day and other outreach activities). The partners also made a commitment to celebrate the International Biodiversity Day starting in 2007 and have agreed to establish an executive committee in this regard. The Executive Committee comprises the Royal Kew Botanical Gardens, the Smithsonian Institution and the Museum of Natural History of Paris. The next Steering Committee meeting is planned for 7 November 2007, in Paris, on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Georges-Louis Leclerc, Comte de Buffon.

B. Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010

8. The first meeting of the Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010 was held on 15 September 2006. The World Conservation Union (IUCN) hosted the meeting, which took place at their headquarters in Gland, Switzerland. The objective of this unique initiative is to bring together all United Nations agencies and organizations to ensure their active participation, and coordination of their activities, in

support of the 2010 biodiversity target. The initial signatories attended the first meeting, i.e. the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), IUCN, WWF, the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) and the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. It was also attended by the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), which officially signed the Memorandum of Understanding at the meeting. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (UNESCO), which were also represented at the meeting, have informed the group that they have initiated a request to their respective governing bodies to join the task force.

9. The Task Force collectively agreed to: (i) promote the integration of the 2010 target in the Millennium Development Goals as a way of mainstreaming biodiversity into economic sectors and related work on indicators; (ii) make use of communication, education, public awareness and outreach to increase understanding about biodiversity and the 2010 target as a key component of capacity development; and (iii) increase inter-agency collaboration on specific issues. It was tentatively agreed that the second meeting of the Heads of Agencies Task Force would take place on 14 September 2007, in Geneva, to be co-hosted by the Ramsar Convention and WWF.

C. Partnership with the Group of 77 on South-South brainstorming meeting

10. The successful implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity is essential to the sustainable development of all members of the Group of 77 and China and to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, including goal 7 on the environment. Against this background, the Chairman of the Group of 77, H.E. Ambassador Dumisani S. Kumalo of South Africa, requested the Executive Secretary to consider convening an expert meeting with a view to developing a four-year plan of action in South-South cooperation for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention. In addition, the Executive received a request from the Minister of Forest, Economy and Environment of the Republic of Congo, H.E. Mr. Henri Djombo, acting as the President of the Central Africa Forests Commission (COMIFAC), aimed at facilitating the exchange of experience between the COMIFAC, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the context of South-South cooperation. The request was welcomed by the Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization.

11. Pursuant to these requests, and with the generous financial support from the Government of the Netherlands, the Executive Secretary convened a brainstorming session at the seat of the Secretariat from 6 to 8 November 2006. The brainstorming meeting led to a draft framework for South-South cooperation on biodiversity, which will be made available to all G-77 member States. It was suggested that a meeting of the G-77 to discuss the draft framework could be held back-to-back with the G-77 ministerial forum on water resources in Oman, on 22 March 2007. It is anticipated that a G-77 and China expert meeting will be held by early 2008 to develop a full-fledged plan of action on South-South cooperation for biodiversity, which will be submitted for review and endorsement by the G-77 and China for adoption by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The report of the brainstorming meeting has been distributed to all Parties.

12. At the International Conference on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol, held in New Delhi on 20-22 November 2006, the participants stressed the need to promote exchange of experience on biosafety issues in the context South-South cooperation. India was mandated to take the lead in preparing a plan of action to be submitted to MOP4. To this end a meeting of experts is scheduled to take place in New-Delhi in November/December 2007.

D. Partnership with local communities: biodiversity and cities

13. 1. At the initiative of the Mayor of Curitiba, the location of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, a meeting on “Cities and Biodiversity ” will be held in that city from 27 to 29 March 2007. On this occasion, the mayors of cities that have hosted or will host a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as well as mayors of cities that are host to United Nations institutions will have the opportunity to share experiences with regard to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and to discuss how cities could contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Convention and of the 2010 target. It is expected that the meeting will lead to the adoption of a document aimed at promoting exchange of experiences, dissemination on best practices so as to mobilize the local authorities in support to the enhanced phase of implementation of the convention. The outcomes of the meeting will be submitted to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to establishing a forum of cities for biodiversity issues as a mechanism for sharing experiences and best practices. In order to assist in the preparation of the Curitiba meeting, the Secretariat established an inter-agency task force, including UNEP, UNEP/WCMC, UN-HABITAT, UNITAR, ICLEI and IUCN. The terms of reference of the task force is attached in annex I , together with the background document prepared by the Secretariat for the first meeting of the Task Force, which was held by teleconference on 10 November. The second meeting will be held by teleconference on 7 December 2006.

E. Engaging the parliamentarians in the implementation phase of the Convention

14. At a meeting in Geneva, on 31 July 2006, with the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Mr. Anders Johnson, the importance of engaging Parliamentarians during the enhanced phase of implementation of the Convention was emphasized. It was followed by a meeting on 4 October 2006 with Honourable Donald Oliver, Vice president of IPU. As a result of these meetings, a panel on biodiversity will be convened in April 2007 in Geneva at the next meeting of the assembly of IPU.

F. Private-sector engagement

15. The Secretariat’s first newsletter on business and biodiversity, focusing on the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, was published in October, with contributions from the Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development, the International Council on Mining & Metals, the UK, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Conservation Union and the World Resources Institute.

16. The Secretariat participated in efforts led by the Global Reporting Initiative to integrate biodiversity into sustainability reporting. A meeting was held in July on the subject. The Secretariat pursued its collaboration with the World Conservation Union and participated in planning sessions on the IUCN business programme. Discussions were also held with IUCN, as one of the original organisers, on the follow-up to be given to the “Business and the 2010 Challenge” meetings held in 2005.

17. Other meetings were held to investigate options for further collaboration with the International Council on Mining & Metals, the World Business Council on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Global Reporting Initiative Secretariat.

G. Youth

18. In an effort to reach out to the youth worldwide, and in the run-up to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary issued a Message to Children and Youth from around the globe.

19. The Secretariat stepped up school visits on the International Day for Biological Diversity to selected schools in the Montreal area. Secretariat representatives visited children and youth groups and have

welcomed major youth groups at the Secretariat since January 2006. Messages from the Executive Secretary were issued on the occasion of the International Youth Day and for a UNCCD Conference on Youth and Desertification. A youth and biodiversity newsletter has been finalized and webpages for Children and Youth, including a “kids-section” are being developed for the Secretariat’s new website. Efforts to mobilize schools and universities for the celebration of the 2007 International Day on Biodiversity are being undertaken including the organization of a children painting competition.

20. On the margins of eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the *Universidade Livre de Meio Ambiente* (the Free University of the Environment of Brazil – UNILIVRE) in which the latter undertook to promote Article 13 of the Convention, on public education, training and public awareness in Brazil, focusing on youth and children, and to share experiences with countries of the region and other developing countries. The first meeting of the steering committee of this agreement is scheduled in March 2007.

H. Enhancing the partnership with the host country

21. A number of meetings were held with the Canadian authorities with a view of enhancing the support of the host country to the Convention. On 14th June 2006, a delegation comprising the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the focal point of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Canadian member of the Bureau visited the Secretariat. The meeting discussed the implementation of the audit recommendations as well as ways and means to enhance Canada’s support to the Convention. A presentation on Canada’s experience in implementing the Convention was made on 14 July 2006 to all staff by the focal point of the Convention. A similar presentation was made by the focal point of the Convention of the Province of Quebec. For the first time since the establishment of the Secretariat, a meeting between the Executive Secretary and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada was held on 4 October 2006. A meeting with the special adviser of the Minister of Environment of Canada was held on 5 October. A follow up meeting was held in Montreal on 7 November. A meeting with the environmental authorities of the Province of Quebec was held on 1st December 2006.

22. At a meeting with the Director of the Montreal Museum of Nature, as well as the Director of the Montreal Botanical Garden, on 6 September 2006, it was agreed to enhance the collaboration with the Secretariat. For the first time, a joint exhibit was organized with the Botanical Garden and the Secretariat at the occasion of the celebration of the International year on deserts and desertification. A field visit to the Botanical Garden was also organized on 8 November 2006 for the 20 experts attending the brainstorming session on South-South cooperation. The Montreal Museum of Nature has initiated the procedure to join the SCB Consortium of Scientific Institutions. The signing ceremony with the Mayor of Montreal will take place in early 2007, which will also coincide with the inauguration of the donation of the Mayor of Montreal to the Convention’s Museum on Nature and Culture.

23. On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) in 2006, a Letter of Intent to mobilize the scientific and technical communities of the host country in support of the enhanced phase of implementation of the objectives of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol was signed with Canadian universities and research institutions. The following institutions are members of this partnership: Carleton University (Ottawa), Université de Montréal, McGill University, Observatoire de l’écopolitique internationale, Université Laval (Québec), Université du Québec à Montréal, Université de Sherbrooke, University of Toronto, Musée de la nature de Montréal (comprising the Botanical Garden, the Biodome, the Insectarium and the Planétarium). Discussions are in progress with the following additional institutions to join the partnership: Dalhousie University, Memorial University, Queens University and Bishop's University. The first planning meeting of this important partnership was held at the Secretariat offices on 26 September 2006. The meeting discussed and finalized the programme of action for the partnership for 2006-2007 taking into account the Secretariat’s scientific and technical needs. The areas of cooperation include:

(a) Develop mechanisms for the sharing of scientific and technical information and advice of relevance to the programmes of work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol (e.g. peer-review process for the Convention's scientific and technical reports; organization of presentations, seminar series);

(b) Provide opportunities for outstanding students and recent graduates of their respective institutions to contribute to and learn from the work of the Secretariat (e.g. address research themes and issues of relevance to the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol, in their assignments, papers and/or theses; establishing internships at the Secretariat);

(c) Provide advice on training materials and modules aimed at enhancing implementation of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol, particularly in developing countries, and contribute, where appropriate, to training programmes developed under the Convention;

(d) Contribute as appropriate to the preparation and celebration of International Biodiversity Day, and throughout the International Year for Biodiversity, in 2010

(e) Promote other mutually supportive activities, as may be agreed.

24. In addition, a joint statement with the Carlton University (Ottawa) was signed on 3rd October 2006 at the occasion of the establishment of the Carleton Biodiversity Network especially established to support the Secretariat.

25. In the context of its outreach programme the Secretariat is mobilizing the Canadian schools for the celebration of the 2007 International Day for Biological Diversity. A children painting competition is being organized. A memorandum of understanding with the Canadian environmental education organization is being prepared. A partnership is also being sought with the 17 branches of the United Nations Association in Canada. The elements of the memorandum of understanding were agreed at the meeting held in Ottawa on 3 October with the head of the United Nations Association in Canada.

26. Since the beginning of this year the Executive Secretary made a number of statements, presentations and lectures on various biodiversity-related issues in various organizations, institutions and universities. He also gave many interviews to the media.

I. Achieving universality of the Convention on Biological Diversity

27. Efforts were made to secure accession to the Convention by the few countries that have are not yet a Party to the Convention. Timor-Leste deposited its instrument of accession, on 10 October 2006. As a result, Timor-Leste will become the 189th State Party to the Convention on 8 January 2007. Letters were sent to the Minister of Brunei Darussalam responsible for the environment, on 18 April and 7 June, and to the Government of Iraq, on 10 February and 15 August 2006. Both countries have expressed interest and are actively considering the matter.

III. ENHANCING THE COLLABORATION WITH RELEVANT MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENTS

28. The Secretariat has continued its efforts aimed at enhancing its collaboration with the biodiversity related conventions, as well as the Rio Conventions.

A. Enhancing the collaboration with the biodiversity-related conventions

29. Several bilateral meetings were held with the executive secretaries of the Ramsar Convention, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the

Convention on Migratory Species to discuss collaboration. The executive secretary of Ramsar convention will be a visit to the secretariat in Montreal on 9th January 2007. A visit of the executive secretary of CITES is also planned for 2007. A meeting with the President of the Berne Convention was also held. In addition, the fifth meeting of the Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group (BLG) was held on 14 September 2006, in Gland, Switzerland, at the kind invitation of the Ramsar Convention Secretariat. The meeting was attended for the first time by a representative of the FAO International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The members agreed on several concrete and operational measures at enhancing collaboration, such as:

- The convening, in partnership with UNEP-DEC, of a one-day meeting of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies of the members of the Biodiversity Liaison Group in July 2007, back-to-back with the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA, which is scheduled to be held in Paris;
- The publication of a special issue of *Gincana* related to the Biodiversity Liaison Group for early 2007, with contributions from Group members;
- The establishment of a new web-page on activities of the Biodiversity Liaison Group relevant to the 2010 biodiversity target as well as a calendar of relevant upcoming meetings;
- The endorsement of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership established under UNEP/GEF project and ensuring the group's participation and active involvement in the project; the preparation of a CD-ROM on the applicability and interpretation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use within the context of each Convention, with the CITES Secretariat taking the lead;
- The Group supported the UNEP initiative on knowledge management and interoperability with each Convention agreeing to designate a focal point for this initiative;
- The Group also agreed to consider ways and means to establish a common Virtual Biodiversity Academy for the Biodiversity Liaison Group members building on ongoing and planned efforts related to e-learning; and the group agreed to celebrate the international days of their respective conventions.

30. The sixth meeting of the Biodiversity Liaison Group is tentatively scheduled for July 2007, back-to-back with the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA, in Paris. For the first time, a meeting with the chairs of the scientific bodies of the Biodiversity Liaison Group and the Bureau of SBSTTA will be held in July 2007, back to back with the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA. The meeting will be held with the participation of the Chair of the scientific advisory body (SBSTA) and the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The executive secretaries of the Biodiversity Liaison Group will also attend the meeting. The members agreed also to joint representation, as well as joint statements at relevant meetings when appropriate. On 15 November 2006, the Executive Secretary delivered a joint statement with the Ramsar Convention at the high level segment of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change, and a joint side event with the Convention on Migratory Species was organized on 16 November 2006 on the margins of the high-level segment of the same meeting. It was also agreed that the Executive Secretary will represent other biodiversity conventions at the GEF Council meetings.

B. Enhancing the collaboration between the Rio conventions

31. Three meetings with the Executive Secretary of UNCCD were held in June and November 2006 to discuss the implementation of the joint work programme and the implementation of the 2010 biodiversity

target. The first joint meeting between the secretariats of UNFCCC and the Convention on Biological Diversity was held on 28 September 2006 to discuss collaboration. On 28 September 2006, a teleconference was held between two secretariats. It was agreed that a Joint Liaison Group (JLG) meeting will be scheduled in early 2007 and that the two secretariats would collaborate with other key partners to develop a background information note on the linkages between deforestation, climate change and biodiversity, and that a brainstorming meeting will be convened on the matter in early 2007. Both sides agreed on the importance of strengthening ongoing collaboration on biodiversity and adaptation. As regards technology transfer, collaboration underway will be furthered and it was agreed that this collaboration should continue especially through the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer established under the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change agreed to join the task force of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity in 2007, which will be celebrated under the theme "Climate Change and Biodiversity".

32. A follow-up meeting between the executive secretaries of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was held on 15 November. It was followed by a meeting with the executive secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

IV. ENHANCING INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION

33. In June and November 2006, the executive secretary submitted to the United Nations Secretary General and to the Executive Director of UNEP a detailed report on the implementation of COP8 and MOP3 decisions. Two meetings with the United Nations Secretary General were held in February and November. Two meetings with the Chief of the office of the Secretary General were held in May and November. A meeting with the Deputy Secretary General was also held in November 2006.

34. The Secretariat initiated a number of initiatives aimed at enhancing the support of UNEP as the host organization for the implementation of the Convention's work programme arising from the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Since January 2006, the executive secretary addressed 70 memos to the Executive Director of UNEP. As a result, and in partnership with the Chair of the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA, a meeting of former, present and future Chairs of SBSTTA was convened on 24-25 July 2006 with the financial support of UNEP. The report was submitted to a meeting with the current Bureau of SBSTTA and discussed at the meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau, on 26 July. The report was distributed to all Parties.

35. Since January 2006, more than 20 staff members of UNEP and the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) have visited the Secretariat in Montreal and in particular, the director of HRMS, the Head of the recruitment of HRMS, the head of finance department of UNON, the head of the conference of services, the head of travel unit, staff from the division on information and communication, the head of South-South cooperation unit. A training session on IMIS was also organized. It must be noted that before 2006 only four senior UNEP officials visited the Secretariat.

36. The Executive Secretary also held three meetings with the Executive Director of UNEP and two meetings with the Deputy Executive Director. Meetings with all the directors of UNEP, as well as regional directors, were convened to discuss collaboration in the context of the implementation of the UNEP Bali Strategic Plan on Capacity Building and technological support. A strategic partnership is being discussed with UNEP so as to enhance, through its regular activities, its support to the convention. It was agreed that the information officer of UNEP located in the regional offices shall assist the secretariat in its outreach and communication activities. On the margins of high-level segment of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a memorandum of understanding on capacity-building was signed with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP/WCMC). As a result, a plan of action was signed

on 15 September on the margins of the meeting of the heads of agencies with the Director of WCMC and the Executive Director of UNEP.

37. Two meetings were held with the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to discuss collaboration for mainstreaming biodiversity into development activities. Meetings with the heads of the regional offices of UNDP were convened. The secondment of a UNDP staff member to the Convention Secretariat is being discussed. The Executive Secretary held also meetings with the GEF and the Executive Coordinators of the three Implementing Agencies. For the first time, the Chief Executive Officer of the GEF paid a visit to the Secretariat in Montreal on 30 November 2006.

38. For the first time, a meeting between the Executive Secretary and the Director General of WTO was held, on 30 May 2006 in Geneva, to discuss collaboration in accordance with relevant decisions of Conference of the Parties to the Convention. Meetings with the Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Executive Secretary of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) were also convened.

39. At a meeting with the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the following areas of collaboration were agreed: capacity-building, training, as well as support to local authorities and indigenous peoples. UNITAR agreed to assist the biodiversity related Conventions in establishing the biodiversity virtual academy. A draft memorandum of understanding is being finalized.

40. At a meeting with the Director General of UNESCO held in Paris, on 22 September 2006, the following areas of collaboration were agreed: outreach, communication and education. An amendment to the memorandum of understanding with UNESCO is being submitted for the consideration of the next meeting of the UNESCO Executive Committee before its signature at the high-level segment of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. It was agreed that biodiversity will be considered as a cross-cutting thematic theme of the next mid-term strategy of UNESCO for 2008-2013.

41. For the first time in the history of the Rio conventions, a meeting was held on 19 October 2006 in New York between Executive Secretary and the executive secretaries of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The following areas of collaboration were identified: outreach and communication, including the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, mainstreaming biodiversity into regional processes and capacity building. It was agreed to prepare a memorandum of understanding with the five United Nations regional commissions to be signed at the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will be accompanied by individual memorandums of understanding with each of the regional commissions.

42. At the invitation of the Executive Secretary, the director of the Millennium Project and special representative of the Secretary General for the Millennium Development Goals Mr. Jeffry Sachs paid a visit to the Secretariat on 9 November 2006. During this visit, it was agreed that pilot projects aimed at integrating the 2010 biodiversity target into the Millennium Development Project will be initiated in the five following areas: urban settlements, fisheries, forests, agriculture and tourism. The results of the pilot projects will be submitted to the high-level segment of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

43. At the margins of the European Green Week devoted to Biodiversity, meetings were held with the senior officials of the European Commission including the Commissioner on the environment. Meetings were also held with the following heads of institutions to discuss collaboration: the Secretary of the

International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the Acting Director-General of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the Director General of the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat, the head of the unit on the Least developed Countries, the Chief of Central Planning and Coordination Service of the United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG), the Director of IUCN-Canada, the Chair of the IUCN Commission on World Protected Areas, the Director General and the Assistant Director General of Natural Sciences of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), senior officials from the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), the new Executive Director of Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Director of Museums Nature Montreal, the Director of the Montreal Botanical Gardens and the Directrice of the Musée d'histoire naturelle et du Musée d'histoire des sciences.

V. OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

44. In 2006, the Secretariat has enhanced its outreach programme and a distinct department on outreach and major groups has been established within the Secretariat with focal points for business, youth, NGOs, parliamentarians, local authorities and SCB scientific partners. In the absence of posts, short term staff have been recruited to fulfil these functions. Special attention is being devoted to the celebration of IBD as a major tool to enhance public awareness

A. Conveying the biodiversity message

45. In order to convey the message of the Convention, the executive secretary delivered in different fora 35 statements. The Secretariat has seized major national and international related events to address messages to the participants. Since 1st January 2006, 26 messages have been addressed to various stakeholders. The full list is attached as Annex II. The Executive Secretary delivered 11 lectures on issues related to the Convention at Université du Québec à Montréal (Uqam), Université de Montréal, Concordia, Laval, Carlton universities and had 25 interviews with the representatives of national and international media including BBC. In addition, 40 press releases have been issued. This compares with 13 in all of 2005.

B. Celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity

46. The Secretariat celebrated the 2006 International Day for Biodiversity (IDB) by organizing for the first time a major event at the Secretariat Headquarters. On this occasion, the meeting room was named "Joke Waller Hunter" room as a tribute to the former Executive Secretary of UNFCCC. A MOU with universities and scientific institutions was signed. The Secretariat issued its report on the 2006 celebrations for IBD, the first time that such a report was issued. The report included details on celebrations in over 30 countries, representing a higher rate of participation than in previous years. <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/bioday/2006/ibd-2006-report-en.pdf>. A copy has been distributed to all Parties.

47. The Secretariat collaborated with partners to launch an exhibition on the biodiversity of deserts and drylands at the Montreal Biodome. The exhibit, developed in collaboration with les Museums Nature de Montréal, is the first of a series of annual exhibits which will relate to the theme for the International Day for Biodiversity.

48. The Executive Secretary took part in the celebrations of the World Environment Day under the same theme than IDB, as well as to the meeting on science and dry land organized by UNESCO at the occasion of the International Year on Deserts and Desertification

49. The theme “Climate change and biodiversity” was selected for the celebration of the IDB for 2007 to coincide with the World Environment Day theme for 2007, as well as with the International Polar Year. For the first time an international task force was established to prepare this major event with the designation of Secretariat focal points for each United Nations regional group. An inter-agency task force was also established comprising UNEP, IUCN, UNESCO and the UNFCCC Secretariat, as well as members of the biodiversity liaison group. The committees and bodies created are designed to build capacity for future IBDs. Norway has kindly offered financial assistance for the celebration of this major event.

50. The Secretariat is also engaged in a number of initiatives aimed at enhancing the engagement of the civil society of the host country in support to the Convention through the celebration of the IBD. To this end, a memorandum of understanding with the Canadian United Nations Association is being finalized with a view of engaging its 17 offices throughout the country in the celebration of this event. The 11 Canadian universities who subscribed to a memorandum of understanding with the Secretariat on 22 May 2006 will also celebrate the 2007 International Day for Biological Diversity. Moreover, 200 Canadian schools have been contacted to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity, through, *inter-alia*, a painting competition for children. The Montreal Nature Museum also agreed to mark this event in collaboration with SCBD and Canadian scientific institutions. The Consortium of SCBD Scientific Partners have also agreed to celebrate International Biodiversity Day in 2007.

51. The Secretariat task force has recommended the theme of agro-biodiversity for the celebration of the 2008 International Day for Biological Diversity to be celebrated in partnership with FAO, as it will coincide with the review of the CBD work programme on agriculture as well as the policy theme to be considered by the 2008 meeting of the Commission on sustainable development.

52. In keeping with the programme of collaboration between the Rio conventions, the Secretariat finalized the joint Rio conventions calendar for 2007. The Calendar features the photography of Gary Braasch.

C. Notifications to national focal points

53. As of 15 November, a total of 17 notifications have been sent to focal points for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety since the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, held in March 2006. Similarly, a total of 69 notifications have been sent to Convention focal points since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, also held in March 2006. The secretariat has made an effort to translate with in-house capacity in French and Spanish the notification to Parties and as a result a total of 56 notifications have been sent in three languages during the same period.

D. Publications

54. The Secretariat has finalized the second edition of its magazine *Gincana* launched at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The second issue, to be distributed in December 2006, includes articles from the President of Tunisia, the President of Palau, the former Prime Minister of Japan, the Director General of WTO, the Executive Director of UNEP, the Chief Executive Officer of GEF, the Director General of WTO, the Acting Director General of IUCN, among others. The Secretariat has also initiated the preparation of the third edition of the *Gincana* to be distributed for the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity on climate change and biodiversity, in 2007. Thanks to the financial support of Norway, the third edition of *Gincana* will be distributed in the six United Nations languages, as well as in Kiswahili and Hindu. A new series, the *Gincana Science*, is being prepared for distribution at the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA.

55. The Secretariat has also initiated bi-annual newsletters addressed to major groups. The 2010 business newsletters, as well as biosafety newsletter, were finalized in October 2006. The youth newsletter has been also finalized and the indigenous peoples and women newsletters will be finalized before the end of 2006.

56. For the first time since its establishment, the Secretariat will prepare an annual report on its 2006 activities to be widely distributed to Parties and other partners. An outline of the report is attached as annex III.

E. Preparing the celebration of the 2010 International Year on Biodiversity

57. Following the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting aimed at proclaiming 2010 the International Year on Biodiversity, Brazil in its capacity as the current President of the Conference of the Parties has submitted a draft decision to that effect to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Informal consultations in the Second Committee held in New York indicate that the General Assembly will adopt this decision by consensus in December 2006. To prepare for this major event, the first of its kind in United Nations history, the Secretariat is entering in a partnership with key partners. At the meeting held on 22 September 2006 with Mr. Matsuraa, the Director General, UNESCO agreed to join forces with the Convention Secretariat for the celebration of this event including the preparation of a global exhibit.

58. Under the leadership of the Smithsonian Institution, the CBD Scientific Consortium has agreed at its first meeting, held at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, on 8-9 September to mount a scientific exhibit for the celebration of the International Year. The Heads of Agencies 2010 Task Force, at their first meeting, held in Gland on 15 September 2006, have also agreed to join forces for the celebration of this event. A draft communication strategy will be prepared and submitted to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its ninth meeting.

F. Promoting the Secretariat website as a major communication tool

59. In order to promote the Secretariat website as a major communication tool with the parties and the public at large, a task force has been established to redesign the website. The new website will be launched in early 2007. The application of a new branding policy and a redesign of the content for the site are expected to produce a website that is more-user friendly and a stronger tool for outreach. As part of the redesigning of its website, a national page for each party will be launched and shall include the national strategies and reports submitted by parties. The national pages will also include "national biodiversity country profile". With a view of enhancing transparency and accountability, the new website of the Convention will also include a page devoted to the activities undertaken by the secretariat which will include the minutes of its staff and management committee meetings.

G. SCBD Museum of Nature and Culture

60. In January 2006, Parties were invited to make donations to the Secretariat highlighting the relation between culture and nature. To date, 23 donations have been received, twenty of them are from developing countries. On 9th November, the Secretariat inaugurated a donation offered by the HE Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia. A brochure on the Museum of Nature and Culture has been finalized and will be distributed to all parties. A list of donations received to date is attached as annex IV.

VI. NATIONAL REPORTING

61. The guidelines for the fourth national report were finalized and made available to Parties before the end of July. The guidelines in all the languages of the United Nations can be accessed at

<http://intranet.biodiv.org/reports/guidelines.aspx>. A reference manual is being developed to assist Parties in preparing their fourth national reports. Training modules designed to strengthen capacities of Parties to prepare the fourth national reports are being prepared and will be used at training workshops for national focal points, which will be organized back to back with major meetings under the Convention. Some discussions have been undertaken with the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to facilitate the provision of funds to eligible countries for preparing the fourth national report. The Secretariat is preparing an updated synthesis of information contained in the third national reports.

62. In response to a notification by the Secretariat, 16 additional Parties had submitted their third national reports by 1 September and a few others indicated they would submit their reports soon. As of November 2006, a total of 103 third national reports had been received, and a further 29 are expected to be completed shortly. A strategy to follow-up with those Parties that have neither submitted their third national reports, nor have informed the secretariat of their plans to do so, in order to facilitate preparation and submission of reports is being implemented. All focal points of such Parties have been contacted to remind them of the need to submit third national reports. Email messages and letters have been sent to different groups of countries, namely those countries funded but not submitted reports, countries that are eligible for GEF funding and have not initiated a process to get funds and prepare the reports and those developed countries that had not submitted their reports. Those countries that had not initiated a process to prepare the third national report were invited to communicate with the Secretariat about the difficulties they may have. The messages are being followed up by personal phone calls. Further steps will be taken depending on responses to these informal messages.

63. As part of the redesigning of its website, the Secretariat has undertaken to prepare “biodiversity country profiles”. The purpose of this initiative is to make the best use of the submission of parties of their national reports and to make the information available in a succinct manner to the other Parties. The information will be selected, in most part, from the country’s latest national report and its national biodiversity strategy and action plan, as well as from internal databases. More specifically, the biodiversity country profile will comprise general elements, such as the date of submission of the various reports, as well as more substantive elements such as the status and trends of biodiversity and the measures taken to achieve the 2010 target. In order to present the most up to date information on the website and ensuring the accuracy of the fact sheet will be finalized in partnership with the national focal points. The draft national profile will be submitted for review to the national focal point of each Party in early December 2006.

VII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN

64. A desktop study of earlier review processes for national biodiversity strategies and action plans has been undertaken to guide the preparation of documents for the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. Preparations for regional and sub-regional workshops to be convened to discuss national experiences in implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors, including consideration of obstacles and ways and means for overcoming the obstacles are underway. These workshops will incorporate capacity building activities on national reporting and communication, education and public awareness. Preparation of training modules on preparation, updating and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans are also under way. These will be used during the regional meetings anticipated for 2007.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Recruitment and personnel issues

65. Since January 2006, a total of 90 memos were sent to UNON/UNEP regarding personnel issues. This compares with 20 in all of 2005. Four meetings were held in April, July, August and November 2006 with the director of HRMS expedite the recruitment process. A visit in May 2006 of the head of the recruitment to SCBD was organized. A major effort is being made to step up the recruitment process and fill the vacancies in the Secretariat. As a result, 27 professional staff members have been regularized on posts funded from the core budget. The secretariat has finalized its recommendations for additional three posts. Recruitment process for 2 new posts established and 2 posts that became recently vacant is underway. Additionally, five professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources. The Executive Secretary will continue to make all efforts to ensure that remaining vacant posts will be filled in early 2007.

66. The COP in its decision VIII/16.8 *"Requests the Executive Secretary to secure more resources from the programme support to fund Convention activities ..."* and in keeping with this decision the Secretariat has sent requests and follow-ups to UNEP on 3 May 2006; 25 May 2006, and 15 June 2006 requesting additional funding from the Programme Support funds. UNEP has acknowledged these requests and we are still awaiting further action on this matter. However in keeping with COP decision VII/34.12 which *"Notes the need for the development of safeguards for the use and distribution of common resources for secretariat and other services between the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol and calls on the Executive Secretary to make proposals for such safeguards..."*, the Secretariat has requested and UNEP has agreed, that a P-3 Fund Management Officer post be established to be paid for by UNEP from the programme support costs, and the recruitment process is underway. This staff member will be responsible for overseeing the expenditures incurred under the Biosafety Protocol. The post has already been established effective 2007. Additionally, in response to COP decision VIII/31.33 *"... authorizes the Executive Secretary to fill a P-2 position in his office through inter alia the adjustment of the staffing in the Secretariat,"* UNEP has also agreed to fund a P-2 post in the Office of the Executive Secretary from the programme support costs effective January 2007. The recruitment process is underway

67. With regard to general service posts, 22 General Service staff members have been regularized on posts funded by the core budget and recruitment is in progress for five other posts. Additionally, four staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources and there are three vacant posts, which are funded from other sources. The number of interns and short-term staff members working at the Secretariat has increased from 18 in 2005 to 24 in 2006. In the absence of dedicated posts, the focal points of major groups have been recruited on short term basis. The status of recruitment is set out in annex V.

B. Enhancing collaboration for meeting conference services capacities

68. At a meeting between the executive secretary and the Secretary General of ICAO, agreement was reached on the need to develop a formal agreement between the two institutions with a view of making full use of the relation which should guide the secretariat with its lead UN agency in Canada. The cost recovery principle for services offered to the secretariat by the lead UN agency was discussed. It was also agreed that the MOU will include issues related to administration, conference services, information and communication technologies, languages services, travel, publication and printing. As a result a series of meetings at technical level were held in June and November with the relevant ICAO departments. A memorandum of understanding between the executive secretary and the secretary general of ICAO is expected to be signed in early 2007 to cover such items as preferential rates for the hiring of the conference facilities, recruitment of interpreters, use of the internal ICAO information technology capacity, and the printing and distribution of documents and publications at favourable rates. However the finalization of the MOU is being postponed to finalize the discussion on the issue of preferential rate. The executive secretary has invited the head of UNON to visit Montreal to finalize the discussion on the MOU

with ICAO. Contacts were also held with the conference services of the United Nations in New York with a view to exploring possibilities of benefiting of the services provided by the UN headquarters.

C. Implementing 2006 audit recommendation

69. As a result of audit recommendations, an overtime policy has been prepared in consultation with ICAO and UNEP and was adopted in July 2006. As a result the number of overtime hours has been reduced from 2261 hours in 2005 to 1382 hours in 2006. This includes overtime in servicing the COP8 and MOP3, as well as the fourth meetings of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing and the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention held in January 2006 in Grenada, Spain.

70. Security measures have been introduced, Identification cards with photo ID for staff members have also been instituted. A request for a security assessment of the offices of the Secretariat was made to the relevant authorities of the host country. A meeting was held with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the host country, on 4 October, as well as with the special adviser to the Minister of Environment of Canada to discuss implementation of the Host Government Agreement. A request was addressed to the Government of Canada for reinstating rent-free premises. Discussions have also been initiated with UNON regarding the overall security of the SCBD offices and the responsibilities of the lead agency in Montreal (ICAO) for the staff of the SCBD in the event of a disaster such as a pandemic on avian flu. In keeping with the audit recommendations the Secretariat has sent a request for bids for a Travel Agency to be contracted for the next three years. A review Committee comprising CBD, UNON and ICAO has been established with a view of recommending the selected travel agent of the CBD before the end 2006. In keeping with the audit recommendations, obsolete computer equipment has been identified and disposed of, and the Secretariat is represented on the UNEP task-force that is reviewing the IT system.

71. The auditors recommended the need to adjust the SCBD structure to the new implementation phase of the Convention as most of the TOR of the current posts were designed at the early stage of the operations of the Convention. To this end, a staff time-tracking system has been instituted in July 2006. The analysis of the first quarter is contained in annex VI. In addition after consultation with the Executive Director of UNEP, the services of a professional company have been retained to undertake a management review. The terms of reference of the management review describe (a) its main purpose e.g. to better equip the Secretariat to undertake its functions more effectively and efficiently in meeting the needs of the new implementation phase of the Convention; and (b) the methodology, phase I (project initiation) and phase II (Information gathering and reporting, including the conduct of interviews, and preparation and presentation of report). A staff task force comprising 5 professional and 5 general services staff has been established to provide in-house views on the structure of the Secretariat. The management review report will be finalized in May 2007 and will be submitted as an information note to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The chief executive officer of the company stands ready to submit its findings to the Bureau at its September meeting, to be held in Montreal. The cost of the management review is US\$27,000 and has been borne by UNEP under the OTL.

72. To implement the decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, a request was sent in October 2006 to the United Nations board of independent auditors to undertake, in March 2008, an audit of the SCBD accounts of 2007 so as to make the report available in advance of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The cost will be US\$41,000 to be paid by UNEP under the OTL fund.

D. Accreditation for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

73. A major effort was launched by the Secretariat to ensure proper accreditation of delegates and observers in eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the third meeting of the Conference of

the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. Diplomatic notes were sent to all missions in New York and notifications were sent to focal points, as well as international organizations and non-governmental organizations, requesting that accreditation be communicated to the Secretariat in accordance with applicable standards for diplomatic conferences. Reminders were sent in individual cases, as needed, ensuring full compliance with requirements for accreditation.

74. At the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, of the 160 Parties registered a total of 141 submitted credentials in full compliance with the provisions of Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure, 13 submitted credentials not in full compliance and a further 6 Parties did not submit any credentials.

75. Since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, the Secretariat has pursued the matter actively with the Parties that have not submitted credentials in compliance with the rules of procedure with a view to securing such credentials for strict and diligent implementation of the Convention's Rules of Procedure. In the case of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for credentials, official letters were followed by reminders to the Parties concerned. As a result of these efforts, as of 20 November 2006, credentials have been received from seven additional Parties. Eleven Parties have not submitted credentials and two Parties submitted credentials in partial compliance with the requirements of the rules of procedure. Thus, 92.5% of Parties have submitted credentials for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties that met the required standards. This compares favourably with the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, where only 71% of Parties had done so. With regard to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, 91.5% of Parties have met the requirements compared to 63% of Parties for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

E. Reimbursement for the participation of delegates in the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

76. In its decision VIII/31, paragraph 20, the Conference of the Parties authorized the Executive Secretary to reimburse (up to a maximum of US\$116,678) developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition who had sought financial assistance to participate in COP-8 and effectively participated in the meeting, but had not received the requested assistance from the Secretariat prior to COP-8 due to the lack of funds. Further to this decision, the following countries have requested and received reimbursement in the months following COP-8: Algeria, Cameroun, Egypt, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Uruguay.

F. Administrative arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and UNEP

77. In January 2006, the Executive Secretary submitted to the Executive Director of UNEP a draft amendment to the administrative arrangements between SCBD and UNEP, as called for by decision VII/33, paragraph 6. The Executive Director suggested that this issue should be left to his successor. In June 2006, the Executive Secretary wrote to the new Executive Director, who responded that he recognizes the need to review the administrative arrangements and it will be carried out by conducting it as part of a broader analytical review of other administrative arrangements with the UNEP administered conventions.

G. Greening the operations of the Secretariat

78. On the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Secretariat and the Green Belt Movement represented by Professor Wangari Maathia, MP, 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate and founder of the Green Belt Movement. The Memorandum of Understanding provides

for the planting of trees in Africa to ensure that the operations of the Secretariat will be carbon neutral and that appropriate measures are taken to offset their other environmental impacts over the next two years. Under the terms of the Memorandum, indigenous trees will be planted in order to maintain or restore biodiversity-rich habitats and support local livelihoods. Funded through voluntary contributions from bilateral and multilateral donors, all contributions will be made directly to the Green Belt Movement and donors will be invited to provide financial support on a multi-year basis for the implementation of the agreed activities. The first meeting of the steering committee is scheduled for September 2007 in Montreal.

79. In addition a task force has been established within the Secretariat to review all activities and recommend measures to minimize the environmental impact of Secretariat activities. A number of such measures have already been implemented.

H. Enhancing staff performance

80. To equip the Secretariat staff to meet the requirements of the new enhanced phase of implementation, the Secretariat has embarked on an intensive training programme. As a result, key speakers have been invited to make presentations to staff members. Presentations were made by the Canadian focal point, the Quebec focal point, the President of Diversitas and Mr. Jeffrey Sachs and the vice president of the IUCN Academy of environmental law. Under the agreement with the Canadian Universities, the Carlton University has agreed to take the lead in organizing a one week training workshop for the staff of the Convention. All efforts have been made to enhance the flow of information between the staff and among the different units of the secretariat. Regular all staff meetings have been instituted and 25 meetings have been conveyed. In addition 23 management committee meetings comprising the heads of the divisions were convened. Cross-divisional task forces have been established on issues related to the celebration of the international day on biodiversity, South-South cooperation as well as cities and biodiversity. With a view of enhancing the flow of information 815 correspondences were addressed to all staff by the office of the Executive Secretary. In addition, a team-building seminar was held on 30 October and 1 November. The team-building seminar was prepared by an internal task force comprising 5 professionals and 6 general service staff. The evaluation is attached as annex VII. The team building was preceded by a training session on ethics, on 29 October, as well as training on communication and stress management on 2 November. The internal task force has been mandated to prepare a long-term training programme as well as the 2007 team building session. The cost of the training activities (US\$ 16,000) was paid by UNEP under the OTL fund.

I. Financial issues

81. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 October 2006, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,083,489 for 2006 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$8,158,717, of which \$1,667,194 were 2006 pledges paid in 2005, and \$6,491,523 were pledges paid in 2006 for 2006 and future years. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 October 2006, the total pledged for 2006 amounts to US\$638,971, of which \$573,906 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$247,458. As at 31 October 2006, pledges totalling US\$466,746 have been made in 2006 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date US\$466,746 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$49,457. As at 31 October 2006, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,806,584 for 2006 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,937,517 of which US\$1,041,527 was received in advance of 2006 and US\$895,990 has been received in 2006 for 2006 and future years. As at 31 October 2006, two Parties have so far made pledges to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on

Biosafety, **(BH Trust Fund)** in 2006 totalling US\$58,039. The Government of Canada pledged CAD 7,500 for the BCH server and the Government of Germany pledged 40,000 Euros for the Coordination Meeting of the Biosafety Protocol. As at 31 October 2006, eight Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, **(BI Trust Fund)**. Pledges totalling US\$370,202 have been received in 2006, of which US\$234,564 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges for 2006 to the BI Trust Fund amount to US\$135,638.

82. In order to promote a strategic and long term approach with donors, the Secretariat is promoting a programmatic approach to its partners revolving around outreach, including the celebration of the 2010 International Year for Biodiversity, capacity-building, and targeted activities arising from the decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting. Such a long-term partnership is currently being considered by Norway, New Zealand, and Canada.

83. The Secretariat will be convening forty-two (42) meetings between COP8 and COP9. A breakdown of the financial requirement is attached as well as the update status of meetings as annex VIII.

Way forward

84. The Secretariat is also embarked in the preparations of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. To this end, Mr Jochen Flasbarth, Director General, Nature Conservation and Sustainable use of Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and the Convention's focal point of Germany, Ms. Nicola Breier, visited the Secretariat, on 6-7 November, to discuss the preparations of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including the preliminary elements of the Host Agreement to be signed in early 2007. As the representative of the host country of the ninth meeting, M. Flasbarth will participate in the Bureau meeting as *ex officio* member and will brief the Bureau on actions taken by the host country to prepare for this major event.

85. The Executive Secretary was also informed by the Consul General of Japan, in Montreal, that the Prime Minister of Japan announced in the Parliament, on 12th October 2006, that Japan is considering hosting the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in 2010. The following is an extract of a recent exchange in the Japanese Parliament. In response to a question raised on this issue, the Prime Minister of Japan Mr Abe Shinzo stated that: *"Japan is a country that has lived with nature and we have been continuing such life since the ancient time. Rather than conquering the nature, the beauty of nature has been integrated and coexisted in Japanese life community, and such life is the wonderful life, this is the way I perceive it. For example, when we create gardens, we did not start by modifying the nature, but we have utilize the good thing of nature, the concept of Sanshisuimei ("beautiful mountain and water") has been integrated into the nature. This has been the fundamental attitude of the Japanese people. I find it interesting the concept of life diversity, which indicates that various creatures exist, and in this context, we will strive for hosting in Japan the COP10, the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, based on the discussions in this committee"* (unofficial translation by the secretariat).

86. At the closure of the International Conference on the Implementation of the Cartagena protocol on Biosafety on 22 November 2006 in New Delhi, the minister of state of the environment of India, stated that India is considering hosting COP11 to be held in 2012 which will coincide with the 20th anniversary of Rio Summit and the 10th anniversary of the Johannesburg Summit.

ANNEX I

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
ON CITIES AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

1. An inter-agency task force on cities and biodiversity (the Task Force) is hereby established to provide advice and support for the contribution of cities to the 2010 target to reduce significantly the loss of biological diversity by 2010 and, more specifically, to provide advice and support for the preparation of a meeting on “Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target” to be held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 27 to 29 March 2007.
2. The Task Force is composed of representatives from the following partner agencies:
 - Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)
 - United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - .Division of Environmental Conventions
 - .Division of Environmental Policy Implementation
 - .UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre
 - United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
 - United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
 - World Conservation Union (IUCN)
 - ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
3. The representative of the City of Curitiba, (Brazil) is an ex officio member of the Task Force.
4. The mandate of the Task Force is to, inter alia:
 - (a) Assist in the preparation of the agenda and background documents regarding the meeting on “Cities and Biodiversity: achieving the 2010 target”;
 - (b) Participate in, and provide advice to the CBD Secretariat in servicing the above-mentioned meeting;
 - (c) Ensure the follow-up regarding the outcomes of the above-mentioned meeting;
 - (d) Provide advice on the preparation of the panel discussion on cities and biodiversity to be held at the high level segment of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties(Germany, May 2008); and
 - (e) Provide support for the implementation and the follow-up of the recommendations that may be adopted during the high level segment of COP-9 on issues related to cities and biodiversity.
5. During one of its first substantive meetings, the Task Force shall discuss the allocation of tasks and responsibilities, as well as resources mobilization for financing participation to the upcoming Curitiba meeting and to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
6. The Inter-Agency Task Force will meet by teleconference as needed before the meetings and in person during the meetings.

ANNEX II

LIST OF MESSAGES ISSUED IN 2006

January	Jan 6	Message to the Indigenous and Local Communities of the World
	Jan 17	Message to the Citizens of Brazil (also translated in Portuguese)
February	Feb 3	Message to Business and Industry
	Feb 22	Message to the environmental NGOs of our planet (E-F-S)
March	Mar 2	Message to Citizens of Canada
	Mar 3	Message to the African People
	Mar 7	Message to the Women of the World (E-F)
	Mar 16-17	Message to the World Heritage and Climate Change Expert Meeting (UNESCO) Paris, France
	Mar 20	Message to the Local Authorities of the World
	Mar 22	Message on the occasion of World Water Day
April	Apr 9	Message on the occasion of the Launch of World Migratory Bird Day
	Apr 11-12	Message to the Conference on desertification, hunger and poverty – Geneva, Switzerland
May	May 1	Message to Parliamentarians
	May 3	Message to the Media of the World, to Mark World Press Freedom Day
	May 8	Message on the occasion of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Day
	May 18-26	Message to the 24 th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
	May 21	Message on the Occasion of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (E-F-S)
	May 29-31	Message to the Platform for Agro-biodiversity Research Stakeholders Meeting - Rome, Italy
	Jun 17	Message on the occasion of World Day to Combat desertification (E-F-S)
August	Aug 11	Message on the occasion of the International Youth Day 2006 (E-F-S)
September	Sep 28-29	Message to the XI Summit of the Francophone countries - Bucharest, Romania
October	Oct 2	Message on the occasion of the World Habitat Day
	Oct 16	Message on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of World Food Day 2006
November	Nov. 20	Message on the occasion of Universal Children's Day
December	Dec. 14	Message à l'occasion du 7 ^{ième} Congrès français de la nature à Paris
	Dec. 19	Message on the occasion of the 3rd UN Day for South-South Cooperation

ANNEX III

The Convention on Biological Diversity – Annual Report 2006

Preface: Ms. Marina Silva, President of COP 8/Minister of Environment, Brazil

Foreword: Mr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

Chapter I : The state of biodiversity in 2006

Overview of the major issues affecting biodiversity globally in 2006: the bad news, the good news, and what is being done to save and preserve the Earth's biodiversity. The overall message to be drawn from this is that there is still hope.

Chapter II : New enhanced phase of implementation for the Convention

New emphasis placed on enhancing the implementation phase of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity which will include

A. Presenting the outcomes of COP 8

Article: Overview of the main decisions reached at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (20 – 31 March) in Curitiba, Brazil.

B. Progress on the International Regime on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing.

Landmark year for ABS: Adoption of a structured framework and a timeframe for the further elaboration and negotiation of an International Regime on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing. Summary of the Grenada meeting and COP8 and overview of the planned activities.

Overview of the fourth meeting of the AD Hoc Open Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing and

C. Indigenous People

An overview the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions. Grenada, Spain, 23 January 2006 Development of the Plan of Action for the retention of Traditional Knowledge, technical guidelines for recording and documenting traditional knowledge etc.

Chapter III: Implementing the Curitiba agreements

Brief summary of the major decisions adopted at COP 8/ MOP 3 in Curitiba and what is being done to implement them.

Chapter IV Biosafety activities in 2006

: Presenting the outcome of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties (MOP 3) to the Cartagena Protocol (13 – 17 March) held in Curitiba, Brazil.

Conclusion: Next steps for the CBD

Looking ahead: Working towards the 2010 Target...

ANNEX IV
Donations to Museum of Nature and Culture
by donation date

	Country	Description	Donation Date
1	Republic of Croatia	Painting “Uvala”	24 Feb 06
2	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Decorated wooden Vase	14 March 06
3	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Traditional Embroidery Tapestry	14 March 06
4	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Wooden box	14 March 06
5	Republic of Mauritius	Painting “Waterfall”	17 March 06
6	Guinea Bissau	2 wooden statues	March 06 COP 8
7	Fed. Republic of Brazil – H. E. Marina Silva	Artisan Items	March 06 COP 8
8	Fed. Republic of Brazil - mayor of Curitiba	Pencil Sketch Botanical Gardens	March 06 COP 8
9	Fed. Republic of Brazil	Wood carving – perched bird	March 06 COP 8
10	Cote d’Ivoire	Poster “Palmier”	March 06 COP 8
11	Chile	Wood carving – plough with oxes	March 06 COP 8
12	People’s Republic of Algeria	Mosaic – port of Algiers	March 06- COP 8
13	Ireland	Bog Oak	5 April 06
14	Republic of Hungary	Ceramic Plant Holder	11 April 06
15	Austria	Wooden bowl	4 May 06
16	Gov of Quebec	“Planète Captive”	23 May 06
17	Poland	Woodcarving – Bison bonasus	23 May 06
18	Bhutan	Mural Scroll	27 June 06
19	Republic of Tunisia	Mosaic “Solidarity for a Sustainable Biodiversity”	9 June 06
20	People’s Republic of Algeria	Mosaic	19 July 06
21	India	Peacock Ceramic Vase	20 No. 06
22	Canada	Indigenous Art Painting	24 Nov 06
23	Canada	Whale head	24 Nov 06

ANNEX V

STATUS OF RECRUITMENT

Since January 2006

VA Number	Memo sent to UNEP/UNO N	Return from UNEP/UNO N	HRMS release to CRB	VA posted in Galaxy	HRMS release 15 day list	HRMS release 30/60- day-list	Interview and galaxy report done	Post Filled
06-PGM-UNEP-409298-R-Motreal (P-5) <i>Senior Environmental Affairs Officer</i>	06-01-2006	10-03-06	29-03-06	02-05-06	19-05-06	06-06-2006	13-07-06	
06-PGM-UNEP-408381-R-(P-5) Senior Environmental Affairs Officer	21.09-2005	14-12-2005	12-01-2006	31-01-06	21-02-06	06-03-2006	26-05-06	
06-PGM-UNEP-408956-R-(P-4) – Computer Information Systems	06-01-2006	11-03-2006	25-04-06	26-06-2006	12-07-06	03-08-2006	16-08-2006	
VA-06-ADM-UNEP-408955-R-I (P-3) <i>(Adm..Officer)</i>	06-01-2006	11-02-2005	06-04-06	07-06-2006	30-06-06	N/A	10-07-2006	
Computer Systems Officer P-3		27-10-2006						
VA-06-UNEP-410180-R (P-4) – Environnemental Affairs Officer -	28-02-2006	11-05-2006	19-05-06	07-07-2006	No Appl.	15-08-2006		
05-PGM-UNEP-407147-R-Montreal (P-4) – Legal & Policy	27-05-2005	03-08-2005	18-10-2005	22-11-2005			26-04-2006	01-11-2006
06-PGM-UNEP-410178-R-	17-10-05 06-04-2006	12-05-2006	19-05-06	13-07-2006	No appls.	19-09-2006	11-10-06	

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VA Number	Memo sent to UNEP/UNO N	Return from UNEP/UNO N	HRMS release to CRB	VA posted in Galaxy	HRMS release 15 day list	HRMS release 30/60- day-list	Interview and galaxy report done	Post Filled
Montreal P-3 -Biosafety								
06-SCI-UNEP- 411748-Montreal P-4 -Biosafety	15-08-2006	31-08-2006		16-11- 2006				
PGM-UNEP- 411747 – Associate Executive Assistant P-2	29-08-2006	18-09-2006	06-10- 06					
06-LEG-UNEP- 411999 – P-5 Legal Advisor	11-09-2006	06-10-2006		13-11- 2006				
06-PGM-UNEP 410383 – P-4 Environmental Affairs Officer	24-04-2006	08-05-2006	06-07- 06	13-09- 2006	31-07- 2006	21-08- 2006		
Programme Management Officer P-3 (Biosafety)	12-07-2006	29-09-2006						
05-ADM-UNEP- 407673-R- Montreal -G-6 – Adm. Asst.	14-10-05	08-09-2005	12-10- 2005	14-10- 2005	30-06- 2006	n/a	19-07- 2006	
06-PGM-UNEP- 407563-S- Montreal – G-7	07-03-2005		16-03- 2006 11-05- 2006	15-05- 2006	05-06- 2006	19-06- 2006 03-07- 2006	31-07- 2006	
06-PGM-UNEP- 410352-R- Montreal – G-7 - <i>Prog. Asst</i>	01-05-2006	24-05-2006	25-05- 2006	12-06- 2006	28-06- 2006 -	19-07- 2006	01-08- 2006	
06-PGM-UNEP- 410605 R- Montreal G-7- <i>Secretary</i>	03-05-2006	29-05-06	02-06- 2006	29-06- 2006	17-07- 06	17-07- 2006		

VA Number	Memo sent to UNEP/UNO N	Returnfrom UNEP/UNO N	HRMS release to CRB	VA posted in Galaxy	HRMS release 15 day list	HRMS release 30/60- day-list	Interview and galaxy report done	Post Filled
XX-PGM- UNEP-410985 – R-Montreal –G-7 (<i>Prog. Asst.</i>)	30-05-2006	18-07-2006	19-07- 2006	02-08- 2006	n/a	06-09- 2006		
05-CONF- UNEP-406173- R-Montreal – G- 7 - <i>Mtg. Serv.</i> (<i>Asst.</i>)	07-03-2005	21-04-05		13-09- 2005	13-10- 2005	02-10- 2005	12-12- 2005	
06-PGM-UNEP- 411948 G-7 – Programme Assistant	07-09-2006	23-10-2006	30-10- 2006	15-11- 2006				
06-PGM-UNEP- P4 410382 – Programme Assistant G-7	24-04-2006	08-05-2006	25-05- 2006	13-06- 2006		20-07- 2006	18-10- 2006	
06-PGM-UNEP- 410605 – Secretary G-7	03-05-2006	02-06-2006	12-06- 2006	13-06- 2006		04-08- 2006		

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ANNEX VI

QUARTERLY REPORT - JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006 - CBD TIMESHEET SYSTEM

JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		TOTAL (Average 7 hr-working day)
Corporate activities	194.00	Corporate activities	170.00	Corporate activities	62.00	426.00
Attending international policy related meetings	96.50	Attending international policy related meetings	73.50	Attending international policy related meetings	58.50	228.50
Attending scientific & technical meetings	73.50	Attending scientific & technical meetings	0.00	Attending scientific & technical meetings	163.00	236.50
Scientific and Technical Activities	277.75	Scientific and Technical Activities	160.00	Scientific and Technical Activities	274.00	711.75
Preparing CBD voluntary activities	31.50	Preparing CBD voluntary activities	37.45	Preparing CBD voluntary activities	22.00	90.95
Providing technical assistance to Parties	13.50	Providing technical assistance to Parties	7.00	Providing technical assistance to Parties	7.00	27.50
Preparing technical assistance material	301.00	Preparing technical assistance material	35.00	Preparing technical assistance material	117.00	453.00
Liaising with major groups	193.75	Liaising with major groups	157.90	Liaising with major groups	207.50	559.15
Liaising with CBD focal points	157.00	Liaising with CBD focal points	58.00	Liaising with CBD focal points	154.50	369.50
		Preparing meetings including briefing notes & mission reports	162.50	Preparing meetings including briefing notes & mission reports	322.50	485.00
Preparing reports to COP	14.00	Preparing reports to COP	4.00	Preparing reports to COP	7.00	25.00
Preparing reports to subsidiary bodies of COP	60.00	Preparing reports to subsidiary bodies of COP	56.00	Preparing reports to subsidiary bodies of COP	28.00	144.00
		Follow-ups to decisions or recommendations of COP and its subsidiary bodies	207.00	Follow-ups to decisions or recommendations of COP and its subsidiary bodies	165.25	372.25
Preparing reports to SBSTTA	190.50	Preparing reports to SBSTTA	163.50	Preparing reports to SBSTTA	283.00	637.00
		Reviewing submissions by parties	74.00	Reviewing submissions by parties	233.00	307.00
		Internal Coordination	111.50	Internal Coordination	174.50	286.00
		Work assigned by supervisor and/or ES	197.75	Work assigned by supervisor and/or ES	381.20	578.95
Servicing CBD meetings	34.00	Servicing CBD meetings	0.00	Servicing CBD meetings	40.00	74.00
Joint CBD / CP Activities	65.25	Joint CBD / CP Activities	7.30	Joint CBD / CP Activities	15.00	87.55
NBSAPs/National Reports	135.00	NBSAPs/National Reports	28.00	NBSAPs/National Reports	133.50	296.50
Cartagena Protocol Activities	299.00	Cartagena Protocol Activities	285.30	Cartagena Protocol Activities	342.50	926.80
Research Activities	971.70	Research Activities	684.85	Research Activities	392.55	2,049.10
Outreach activities	773.05	Outreach activities	1,128.50	Outreach activities	1,181.00	3,082.55
BCH Activities	284.25	BCH Activities	260.65	BCH Activities	267.75	812.65
Conference Services	133.50	Conference Services	206.80	Conference Services	230.00	570.30
Translation of Documents	79.80	Translation of Documents	83.00	Translation of Documents	137.00	299.80
Preparing meetings	247.00	Preparing meetings	281.10	Preparing meetings	261.35	789.45
Supporting meetings	0.35	Supporting meetings	8.00	Supporting meetings	0.00	8.35
Organizing travel of participants	57.00	Organizing travel of participants	28.50	Organizing travel of participants	5.00	90.50
IT Activities	364.05	IT Activities	466.20	IT Activities	649.75	1,480.00
Administration and Finance activities	972.50	Administration and Finance activities	1,026.05	Administration and Finance activities	952.00	2,950.55
Personnel Activities	6.50	Personnel Activities	256.60	Personnel Activities	257.50	520.60
Secretarial Support	648.95	Secretarial Support	1,028.70	Secretarial Support	1,084.75	2,762.40
Staff meetings	561.75	Staff meetings	28.00	Staff meetings	218.85	808.60
Travel	315.15	Travel	301.00	Travel	180.75	796.90
Leave	2,439.00	Leave	3,302.50	Leave	620.25	6,361.75

ANNEX VII**Building High Performance Teams**Seminar Leader: Roslyn Slawner

October 31 & November 1, 2006

(66 participants reporting)

Questions	Avg. Ratings 1 (fair) — 4 (excellent)	
What was your overall rating of this workshop?	3.4	
What was your overall reaction to the way the instructor presented the material?	3.5	
What was the overall rating of the instructor in regards to:		
His/her subject knowledge	3.6	
His/her level of energy/enthusiasm	3.8	
His/her skills as a trainer (verifying understanding, flexibility with regards to course content, etc.)	3.7	
What was your impression of the exercises you participated in during the workshop?	3.13	
Will you be able to use the material presented in your job?	63- “Yes”	0- “No”
What percentage of the material presented was new to you?	60.67%	

Comments and suggestions

- *Follow-up training in six months time to re-evaluate the CBD. Thank you for a wonderful training.*
- *As a new member of the CBD, I am confident that after these two days, we may start working as a true team. Congratulations!*
- *Excellent!*
- *Great workshop! Thank you!*
- *I would like more activities like the tower and bird groups rather than definitions and lists (gets boring and the pace is slow) Great enthusiasm from Roslyn and Heath.*
- *You are an excellent team or let's put it this way a High Performance Team. Thank you so much.*
- *Good work*
- *I enjoyed the workshop very much, congratulations to the HRD team. Great Job!*
- *Keep up the good work*
- *I believe any staff retreat would have accomplished most of the outcome attained. (nothing personal)*
- *The workshop should incorporate more content and knowledge and skills relevant for a multicultural environment – e.g. cross-cultural communication skills/awareness. Also the workshop should be tailored for a treaty*

implementation body which is unique in the UN system with less scope for risk and creativity (unfortunately) But overall very good.

- *Delighted with the experience. Really interesting to watch things come together, and the entire seminar was most enjoyable. Thank you.*
- *Thank you!*
- *Kept up with exact time schedule. It was excellent!*
- *I have enjoyed the exercise a great deal and learnt a number of new things/techniques that would improve my individual role in the organization.*
- *Great knowledge and guidance. A good sense of humour and participant involvement.*
- *Ensure that people change place on Morning two to make sure everyone works with different people throughout the seminar.*
- *I will certainly try but it may not necessarily be all applicable in real work setting – I suggest exploring a multicultural team seminar.*
- *The only thing that I think took too too much time/attention (although it was funny and created a lighthearted atmosphere) was the birds. I really liked the OASIS role-playing game – it brought very useful techniques and you could see people really enjoying asking questions about the technique, etc.*
- *Communication exercises could have been improved, they weren't practical or relevant.*
- *It might have been useful to spend more time on communicating between bird types.*
- *L'atelier a été un peu lent pour moi. Cependant le résultat est vraiment louable. J'espère que chacun utilisera les leçons avec l'intégrité.*
- *L'atelier aurait du mettre un peu plus l'accent sur la façon de changer les habitudes de comportement et passer a les mises en évidence durant l'atelier.*
- *Birds are a bit weird*
- *Tic Tac Toe game. I thought the message was completely wrong, it encouraged cheating, yes their team succeeded but at the expense of the other teams.*
- *I was uncomfortable with the level of emphasis given to the bird distinctions. More emphasis should have been put on the fact that we are all a little of each style...to prevent reinforcement of stereotypes.*
- *Try not to put as much emphasis on the bird divisions of the behaviours. Too many people started focusing solely on "well as an eagle... or as a dove..."*

*ANNEX VIII***STATUS OF FUNDING FOR CBD MEETINGS AS AT 17 NOVEMBER 2006**

	MEETING	ESTIMATED COSTS (US\$)	CORE BUDGET	PLEDGES RECEIVED		BALANCE REQUIRED	REMARKS
			BY /BG	BE / BH	BZ /BI		
1	Meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI), Montreal, Canada, 20-21 November 2006						
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Conference Services Costs	-	-	-	-	-	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 17,025	\$ -	\$ 13,658	\$ -	\$ 3,367	Government of the USA -2004 pledge- BE
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 17,025	\$ -	\$ 13,658	\$ -	\$ 3,367	
2	Regional Synergy Workshop for Latin American and the Caribbean on the Biological Diversity of Dry and Sub-Humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity, Antigua and Barbuda, 20 -23 November 2006						
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Conference Services Costs	2,200	-	2,200	-	-	2006 Neth LOI - Activity 1.4.1- BE
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 20,367	\$ -	\$ 20,367	\$ -	\$ -	2006 Neth LOI - Activity 1.4.1- BE
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 22,567	\$ -	\$ 22,567	\$ -	\$ -	
3	Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH IAC), Geneva, Switzerland, 23-24 November 2006						
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Conference Services Costs	-	-	-	-	-	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 27,684	\$ 27,684	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$40,000 approved for 2 mtgs. In 2006 -BG
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 27,684	\$ 27,684	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

4	CEPA Interim Advisory Committee Meeting Montreal, Canada, 11-12 December 2006					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2006 Neth LOI - Activity 5.1.3 - BE (US\$33628)
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 47,235	\$ -	\$ 47,235	\$ -	UNEP-DEC \$22,500
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 47,235	\$ -	\$ 47,235	\$ -	
5	Latin American Expert Seminar on Indicators of the Status of Traditional Knowledge, Quito, Ecuador, 11-13 December 2006					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 27,700	\$ -	\$ 27,700	\$ -	Gov. of Spain 52,200 Euros (US\$65,770) - BE
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 28,766	\$ -	\$ 28,766	\$ -	
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 56,466	\$ -	\$ 56,466	\$ -	
6	African Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use, Nairobi, Kenya, 12-15 December 2006					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 11,003	\$ -	\$ 11,003	\$ -	2006 Neth LOI - Activity 4.1.1 - BE
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 43,500	\$ -	\$ 33,245	\$ 10,255	2006 Neth LOI - Activity 4.1.1 - BE
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 54,503	\$ -	\$ 44,248	\$ 10,255	
7	Workshop on the Application of the Ecosystems Approach to Protected Areas in Small Islands, Bangkok, Thailand, 12-16 December 2006					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 6,287	\$ -	\$ 6,287	\$ -	2006 Neth LOI - Activity 4.1.2 - BE
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 37,961	\$ -	\$ 37,961	\$ -	2006 Neth LOI - Activity 4.1.2 - BE
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 44,248	\$ -	\$ 44,248	\$ -	
8	Joint Article 8(j) and CHM Capacity-building Workshop on Networking and Information Exchange (LAC), Quito, Ecuador, 14-16 December 2006					

		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Conference Services Costs	7,000	-	7,000	-	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Developing Countries Participation	35,026	-	35,026	-	2006 Neth LOI - Activity 5.3 - BE (US\$44,248)
	Total Cost (US\$)	42,026	-	42,026	-	
9	Expert Workshop on Ecological Criteria and Biogeographic Classification Systems of Marine Areas in need of Protection Azores, Portugal, January 2007					
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Conference Services Costs	-	-	-	-	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Developing Countries Participation	69,965	-	67,554	-	Government of Portugal - BE
	Total Cost (US\$)	69,965	-	67,554	-	
10	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on Legal Provenance or Certificate of Origin Lima, Peru, 22-25 January 2007					
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Conference Services Costs	6,500	-	6,500	-	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Developing Countries Participation	104,167	-	83,572	-	Government of Spain - BE
	Total Cost (US\$)	110,667	-	90,072	-	
11	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group (AHOE-WG) of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 19-23 February 2007					
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Conference Services Costs	400,000	400,000	-	-	\$800,000 approved for 2 mtgs. in 2007 -BG
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Developing Countries Participation	450,000	-	-	224,834	225,166 EC; Finland;Sweden; UK; Neth. -BI
	Total Cost (US\$)	850,000	400,000	-	224,834	225,166

12	Third Coordination meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities, Lusaka, Zambia, 26-28 February 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 62,836	\$ -	\$ 56,295	\$ 6,541	Government of Germany - BH
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 62,836	\$ -	\$ 56,295	\$ 6,541	
13	International Expert Seminar on Indicators relevant to Indigenous People and Local Communities and the Convention on Biological Diversity, Sagada, Philippines, 26 February - 2 March 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 26,500	\$ -	\$ 26,500	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ 120,000	\$ -	Government of Spain - BE 121,000 Euros
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 146,500	\$ -	\$ 146,500	\$ -	
14	Fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety, Lusaka, Zambia, 1-2 March 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 25,784	\$ 25,784	\$ -	\$ -	\$35,000 approved in 2007 -BG
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 25,784	\$ 25,784	\$ -	\$ -	
15	Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 5-7 March 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 51,608	\$ 51,608	\$ -	\$ -	\$95,000 approved for 2 mtgs. in 2007 -BG
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 51,608	\$ 51,608	\$ -	\$ -	

16	Second meeting of Academic Institutions involved in Biosafety Education and Training, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 87,996	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 17,996
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 89,996	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 19,996
	\$70,000 tentative pledge from UNIDO					
17	Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH IAC), Montreal, Canada, 16-17 May 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$40,000 approved for 2 mtgs. in 2007 -BG					
18	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity, Rome, Italy, 28 May -1 June 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 70,440	\$ 70,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 70,440	\$ 70,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	European Commission (Euros 60K) - BE					
19	African Regional Workshop on Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas and Capacity building, June 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 70,440	\$ -	\$ 70,440	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 70,440	\$ -	\$ 70,440	\$ -	\$ -
	European Commission (Euros 60K) - BE					

20	Meeting of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), Paris, France, 1 July 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$30,000 approved for 2007 -BY
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	
21	Biodiversity Liaison Group Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Subsidiary Bodies, Paris, France, 1 July 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	no funding implications
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
22	Twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12), Paris, France, 2-6 July 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 525,000	\$ 525,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$525,000 approved for 2007 -BY
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 440,137	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,765	Sweden - BZ
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 965,137	\$ 525,000	\$ -	\$ 47,765	\$ 392,372
23	COP-8 Bureau Meeting, Paris, France, 8 July 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$60,000 approved for 2007 -BY
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	
24	Second Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2), Paris, France, 9-13 July 2007					

		\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Conference Services Costs	250,000	250,000	-	-	\$250,000 approved for 2007 -BY
	Developing Countries Participation	300,000	-	-	300,000	
	Total Cost (US\$)	550,000	250,000	-	300,000	
25	COP-8 Bureau Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 9 September 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Developing Countries Participation	30,000	30,000	-	-	\$60,000 approved for 2007 -BY
	Total Cost (US\$)	30,000	30,000	-	-	
26	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and benefit-sharing (WGABS-5), Montreal, Canada, 10-14 September 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	250,000	250,000	-	-	\$250,000 approved for 2007 -BY
	Developing Countries Participation	300,000	-	62,814	237,186	European Commission (Euros 50K) - BZ
	Total Cost (US\$)	550,000	250,000	-	62,814	237,186
27	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8 (j) and related provisions (WG8J-5), Montreal, Canada, 17-21 September 2007					
	Conference Services Costs	400,000	400,000	-	-	\$400,000 approved for 2007 -BY
	Developing Countries Participation	650,000	-	-	650,000	
	Total Cost (US\$)	1,050,000	400,000	-	-	650,000
28	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group (AHOE-WG) of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 22-26 October 2007					

	Conference Services Costs	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$800,000 approved for 2 mtgs. in 2007 -BG
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,814	\$ 387,186	European Commission (Euros 50K) - BI
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 850,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 62,814	\$ 387,186	
29	COP-8 Bureau Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 20 January 2008						
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$120,000 approved for 2008 -BY
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
30	Sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WGABS-6), Montreal, Canada, 21-25 January 2008						
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	BE pledges from: Canada (\$50K); Finland (\$50K)
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000	France (\$60K); Ireland (\$60K); Neth. (\$60K) Norway (Euros 50K); Sweden (\$60K); Switz. (\$50K)
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 1,050,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 650,000	
31	Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH IAC), Montreal, Canada, 22-23 January 2008						
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$40,000 approved for 2 mtgs. in 2008 -BG
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
32	Fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 28-30 January 2008						
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$95,000 approved for 2 mtgs. in 2008 -BG

		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Total Cost (US\$)	47,500	47,500	-	-	-	
33	COP-8 Bureau Meeting, Rome, Italy, 10 February 2008						
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$120,000 approved for 2008 -BY
	Total Cost (US\$)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	
34	Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WGPA-2), Rome, Italy, 11-15 February 2008						
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 107,615	\$ -	\$ (107,615)	\$250,000 approved for 2008 -BY; Belgium/Finland - BE France - BE
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,124	\$ 474,876	EC (Euros 30K); UK \$94.3K; Denmark (\$18.9K) - BZ Austria (\$24K)- BZ
	Total Cost (US\$)	900,000	250,000	107,615	175,124	367,261	
35	Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety, Montreal, Canada, 14-15 February 2008						
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$35,000 approved in 2008 -BG
	Total Cost (US\$)	35,000	35,000	-	-	-	
36	Meeting of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), Rome, Italy, 17 February 2008						
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$30,000 approved for 2008 -BY
	Total Cost (US\$)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	

37	Thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-13), Rome, Italy, 18-22 February 2008					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 525,000	\$ 525,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 525,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000
38	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 10-14 March 2008					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,295	\$ 393,705
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,295	\$ 793,705
39	COP/MOP-4 Bureau Meeting, Bonn, Germany, May 2008					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40	Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP/MOP-4), Bonn, Germany, 12-16 May 2008					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450,000
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 800,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450,000

\$525,000 approved for 2008 -BY

EC (50,000 Euros) - BZ

\$60,000 approved for 2008 -BY

\$350,000 approved in 2008 -BG

41	COP-8 Bureau Meeting, Bonn, Germany, May 2008					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$120,000 approved for 2008 -BY
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	
42	Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9), Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008					
	Conference Services Costs	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$1000,000 approved in 2008 -BY
	Developing Countries Participation	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900,000	
	Total Cost (US\$)	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	
	13% Programme support costs	\$ 1,679,941	\$ 643,242	\$ 166,260	\$ 81,854	\$ 788,585
	GRAND TOTALS (US\$)	\$ 14,602,568	\$ 5,591,258	\$ 1,445,184	\$ 711,499	\$ 6,854,627

SUMMARY

Conference Services Costs	\$ 5,239,190	\$ 4,350,000	\$ 594,805	\$ -	\$ 294,385	Estimates assume support for all eligible participants
Developing Countries Participation	\$ 7,683,437	\$ 598,016	\$ 684,119	\$ 629,645	\$ 5,771,656	
13% Programme support costs	\$ 1,679,941	\$ 643,242	\$ 166,260	\$ 81,854	\$ 788,585	
GRAND TOTALS (US\$)	\$ 14,602,568	\$ 5,591,258	\$ 1,445,184	\$ 711,499	\$ 6,854,627	

BY - General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (Core budget)

BG - General Trust Fund for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Core budget)

BE - Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions for Approved Activities of the Convention on Biological Diversity

BH - Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions for Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

BZ - Special Voluntary Trust Fund to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention Process

BI - Special Voluntary Trust Fund to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
REPORTS ATTACHED

CONTRIBUTION TO THE TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
STATUS OF CONTRIBUTION AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2006

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collection s in 2005 for 2006	Collection s in 2006 for prior yrs	Collection s During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	1,922	209				1,922	209	2,131
Albania	790	522		790	522	0	0	0
Algeria		7,933			7,933	0	0	0
Angola		104	1,318		959	0	(2,173)	(2,173)
Antigua & Barbuda		313	313		646	0	(646)	(646)
Argentina	377,313	99,783		97,719		279,594	99,783	379,377
Armenia	9,281	209		9,281	209	0	0	0
Australia		166,165	166,165		167,752	0	(167,752)	(167,752)
Austria		89,658	89,658			0	0	0
Azerbaijan		522			522	0	0	0
Bahamas		1,357	1,357			0	0	0
Bahrain		3,131	3,131		3,161	0	(3,161)	(3,161)
Bangladesh	747	808				747	808	1,555
Barbados		1,044	1,044		1,054	0	(1,054)	(1,054)
Belarus	48,081	1,879		11,879		36,202	1,879	38,081
Belgium	105,770	111,577		105,770		0	111,577	111,577
Belize		104	104			0	0	0
Benin	390	209				390	209	599
Bhutan		104	104		105	0	(105)	(105)
Bolivia	1,678	939		939		739	939	1,678

Bosnia & Herzegovinia		313	313			0	0	0
Botswana		1,253	1,253		2,584	0	(2,584)	(2,584)
Brazil		158,963	22,320			0	136,643	136,643
Bulgaria		1,774			1,774	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	726	209				726	209	935
Burundi	687	104				687	104	791
Cambodia		209	184			0	25	25
Cameroon		835	2,184			0	(1,349)	(1,349)
Canada		293,607			293,607	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,537	104				3,537	104	3,641
Central African Rep.	197	104		197	98	(0)	6	6
Chad		104	129			0	(25)	(25)
Chile	21,425	23,276		21,425	31,257	0	(7,981)	(7,981)
China		214,282				0	214,282	214,282
Colombia		16,178	132		16,126	0	(80)	(80)
Comoros	2,795	104				2,795	104	2,899
Congo	245	104		245	86	0	18	18
Congo Dem.Rep	5,179	313				5,179	313	5,492
Cook Islands	99	104				99	104	203
Costa Rica	6,156	3,131		2,123		4,033	3,131	7,164
Cote d'Ivoire	2,620	1,044				2,620	1,044	3,664
Croatia		3,862			3,862	0	0	0
Cuba	24,877	4,488				24,877	4,488	29,365
Cyprus		4,071			4,071	0	0	0
Czech Republic		19,101	19,101			0	0	0
Denmark		74,941			74,911	0	30	30
Djibouti	197	104				197	104	301
Dominica	130	104				130	104	234
Dominica Rep.	3,851	3,653		3,851	3,653	0	0	0
Ecuador		1,983	420			0	1,563	1,563
EEC		202,088	202,048			0	40	40
Egypt	11,873	12,525				11,873	12,525	24,398
El Salvador	2,177	2,296				2,177	2,296	4,473
Equatorial Guinea	2,894	209		2,894	20	0	189	189
Eritrea	289	104		289	79	0	25	25

Estonia		1,253	1,253		1,264	0	(1,264)	(1,264)
Ethiopia		418	418			0	0	0
Fiji	22	418		22	4,783	(0)	(4,365)	(4,365)
Finland		55,632	55,632		56,163	0	(56,163)	(56,163)
France		629,382	629,382		635,392	0	(635,392)	(635,392)
Gabon		939	26,266			0	(25,327)	(25,327)
Gambia		104				0	104	104
Georgia	42,041	313		20,276		21,765	313	22,078
Germany		904,097			904,077	0	20	20
Ghana	1,350	418				1,350	418	1,768
Greece	52,440	55,319		52,440		0	55,319	55,319
Grenada	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Guatemala		3,131	3,131		3,161	0	(3,161)	(3,161)
Guinea	592	313				592	313	905
Guinea-Bissau	2,316	104				2,316	104	2,420
Guyana		104				0	104	104
Haiti	2,154	313				2,154	313	2,467
Honduras	2,561	522				2,561	522	3,083
Hungary		13,151	13,108			0	43	43
Iceland		3,549	3,549		3,562	0	(3,562)	(3,562)
India		43,942				0	43,942	43,942
Indonesia	14,050	14,821		14,050	913	0	13,908	13,908
Iran	15,534	16,387				15,534	16,387	31,921
Ireland		36,531	36,531		36,854	0	(36,854)	(36,854)
Israel		48,743				0	48,743	48,743
Italy		509,872			509,872	0	0	0
Jamaica	11	835		11	835	0	0	0
Japan		1,778,370			1,778,370	0	0	0
Jordan	1,088	1,148				1,088	1,148	2,236
Kazakhstan	232	2,609				232	2,609	2,841
Kenya		939	918		21	0	0	0
Kiribati		104	79		28	0	(3)	(3)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,009	1,044		1,009	983	0	61	61
Korea, Rep. of	97,189	187,458		97,189	138,310	0	49,148	49,148

Kuwait		16,909			16,909	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	197	104				197	104	301
Lao PDR		104	89			0	15	15
Latvia		1,566	16			0	1,550	1,550
Lebanon	1,182	2,505				1,182	2,505	3,687
Lesotho	99	104		99	320	0	(216)	(216)
Liberia	632	104				632	104	736
Libya	16,616	13,778				16,616	13,778	30,394
Liechtenstein		522			522	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,505	2,484			0	21	21
Luxembourg		8,037			8,037	0	0	0
Macedonia	594	626				594	626	1,220
Madagascar	297	313		297	281	0	32	32
Malawi		104	79			0	25	25
Malaysia		21,188	21,173			0	15	15
Maldives	40	104				40	104	144
Mali	64	209				64	209	273
Malta		1,461			1,461	0	0	0
Marshall Island	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Mauritania	1,626	104				1,626	104	1,730
Mauritius		1,148	1,148			0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	196,538		13,674	182,864	0	13,674	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States		104	103			0	1	1
Moldova, Rep. of	11,209	104		4,852	6,566	6,357	(6,462)	(105)
Monaco		313	610		349	0	(646)	(646)
Mongolia	99	104		99	104	0	0	0
Morocco	16,791	4,906				16,791	4,906	21,697
Mozambique	380	104		380	160	0	(56)	(56)
Myanmar		808				0	808	808
Namibia		626	626			0	0	0
Nauru	2,915	104				2,915	104	3,019
Nepal		418	507			0	(89)	(89)
Netherlands	10	176,394		10	176,394	0	0	0
New Zealand		23,067	23,067		23,287	0	(23,287)	(23,287)
Nicaragua		104	104			0	0	0

Niger	2,651	104			2,651	104	2,755
Nigeria		4,384	4,384		9,048	0	(9,048)
Niue	99	104			99	104	203
Norway		70,871			0	70,871	70,871
Oman		7,306	7,306		7,376	0	(7,376)
Pakistan		5,741	5,746		0	(5)	(5)
Palau		104	311		0	(207)	(207)
Panama	2,578	1,983		1,880	698	1,983	2,681
Papua New Guinea	888	313		888	313	0	0
Paraguay	10,265	1,253			10,265	1,253	11,518
Peru	57,274	9,603			57,274	9,603	66,877
Philippines	11,616	9,916			11,616	9,916	21,532
Poland		48,117	48,117		0	0	0
Portugal		49,056	1,026		49,056	0	(1,026)
Qatar		6,680	6,680		6,744	0	(6,744)
Romania		6,263			6,263	0	0
Russian Federation		114,813			114,813	0	0
Rwanda		104	190		0	(86)	(86)
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1,966	104			1,966	104	2,070
Samoa		104	79		0	25	25
San Marino		313			313	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	468	104			468	104	572
Saudi Arabia	70,546	74,419		70,546	0	74,419	74,419
Senegal		522	4,022		0	(3,500)	(3,500)
Seychelles		209	705		0	(496)	(496)
Sierra Leone	193	104			193	104	297
Singapore		40,498	40,483		40,879	0	(40,864)
Slovak		5,323	5,323		5,374	0	(5,374)
Slovenia		8,559	8,559		8,640	0	(8,640)
Solomon Is.	2,316	104			2,316	104	2,420
South Africa		30,478	30,478		30,769	0	(30,769)
Spain		263,025			263,025	0	0
Sri Lanka		1,774			0	1,774	1,774
St. Lucia	7	209		7	195	0	14

St.Kitts &Nevis		104	104			0	0	0
Sudan	5,945	808				5,945	808	6,753
Suriname	1,818	104				1,818	104	1,922
Swaziland		209	209			0	0	0
Sweden		104,166				0	104,166	104,166
Switzerland		124,937	124,912		126,105	0	(126,080)	(126,080)
Syria		3,966			3,948	0	18	18
Tajikistan		104	67		456	0	(419)	(419)
Thailand		21,814	21,814			0	0	0
Togo	196	104		196	104	0	0	0
Tonga		104	202			0	(98)	(98)
Trinidad & Tobago		2,296	1,955		341	0	0	0
Tunisia		3,340	3,340			0	0	0
Turkey	0	38,828			38,828	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	1,067	522		1,067	522	0	0	0
Tuvalu	289	104		289	712	0	(608)	(608)
U. K.	0	639,506			639,506	0	0	0
Uganda	677	626		677	2,520	0	(1,894)	(1,894)
Ukraine	9,079	4,071		9,079	4,045	0	26	26
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		626	18,745			0	(18,119)	(18,119)
United Arab Emirates	20	24,528		20	24,483	0	45	45
Uruguay	32,456	5,010		27,707		4,749	5,010	9,759
Uzbekistan	11,987	1,461		1,489		10,498	1,461	11,959
Vanuatu	195	104		195	104	0	0	0
Venezuela	16,919	17,848		11,752		5,167	17,848	23,015
Viet Nam	2,278	2,192				2,278	2,192	4,470
Yemen	6,426	626				6,426	626	7,052
Yugoslavia	3,850	1,983				3,850	1,983	5,833
Zambia		209	886			0	(677)	(677)
Zimbabwe	693	731				693	731	1,424
Sub Total	1,189,901	8,083,489	1,667,194	587,800	6,491,523	602,101	(75,228)	526,873

Additional Contributions								
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Canada	0	635,000				0	635,000	635,000
USA	0	50,000			50,000	0	0	0
Quebec		200,000	200,000			0	0	0
Grand Total	1,189,901	8,968,489	1,867,194	587,800	6,541,523	602,101	559,772	1,161,873

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT
OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)
Status of Contribution as at 31 October 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05	Adjustments	Pledges for 2006		Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Belgium	42,067			1/			42,067
Belgium			19,036	20/		19,036	0
Brazil	219,589			2/	219,589		0
Canada	21,592			3/			21,592
Canada	21,817			4/	21,817		0
Canada	12,411			5/	12,411		0
Denmark			9,975	17/		9,975	0
EEC			59,065	15/			59,065
France			63,776	18/		63,776	0
France			59,172	19/		59,172	0
Germany	64,327			6/	47,168		17,159
Germany			6,000	13/			6,000
Italy	50,000			7/			50,000
Netherlands	252,180			8/	252,180		(0)
Netherlands			252,180	16/		252,180	0
Portugal			74,664	21/		74,664	0
Spain	25,000			9/			25,000
Spain			59,495	12/		59,495	(0)
Sweden	13,287			10/			13,287

Sweden	13,288			11/			13,288
UK			35,608	14/		35,608	0
Total	735,558	0	638,971		553,165	573,906	247,458

1/Belgium pledged Euros 35,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006

2/Brazil pledged US\$ 435,232 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

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

4/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 25,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006

5/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 14,080 towards the Joint Meeting of CBD and UNFCCC, Montreal, Canada, 30 November 2005

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

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

8/Netherlands pledged Euros 400,000 regarding the Letter of Intent for the period 2005

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

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

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

12/Spain pledged Euros 50,273 towards Conference Servicing Costs for Article 8(j) and ABS 4 Meetings, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006

13/Germany pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the Publication of Documents on Protected Areas

14/UK pledged GBP 20,000 towards the Protected Areas Meetings leading up to COP 8

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

16/Netherlands pledged Euros 200,000 being 50% advance payment for 2006 Activities

17/Denmark pledged US\$ 10,000 towards the SBSTTA Bureau Meeting

18/France pledged Euros 50,000 towards the 5th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing

19/France pledged Euros 50,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, 2008

20/Belgium pledged Euros 15,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, 2008

21/Portugal pledged Euros 60,000 towards the Expert Workshop Ecological Criteria and Biogeographic Classification Systems of Marine Areas in need of Protection

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

Status of Contribution as at 31 October 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05		Adjustments		Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Austria	24,150			1/		24,150		0
Austria	12,075			2/		12,075		(0)
Austria				9/	17,997		17,997	0
Brazil	37,667			3/		37,667		0
Brazil	18,833			11 /		18,833		0
Denmark	40,000			4/				40,000
Denmark				13 /	51,200		51,200	0
Finland				14 /	38,424		38,424	0
Germany				8/	30,816		30,816	0
Japan	20,000			5/		20,000		0
Norway				10 /	74,043		74,043	0
Spain				7/	246,778		246,778	(0)
Sweden	9,457			6/				9,457
Switzerland				12 /	7,488		7,488	0
Total	162,182		0		466,746	112,725	466,746	49,457

1/Austria pledged EUR 20,000 for the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas and the Regional Technical Workshops on Protected Areas

2/Austria pledged EUR 10,000 towards the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

3/Brazil pledged US\$ 37,667 towards the participation costs of Indigenous at the COP 8 Meeting

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

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

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

7/Spain pledged EUR 208,527 towards the participants costs to the Article 8(j) and the ABS 4 Meetings, Granada, Spain, 23 January-3 February 2006

8/Germany pledged EUR 25,550 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

9/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 for the support of participants from Eastern European and Central Asian countries to COP 8 Meeting
Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

10/Norway pledged NOK 500,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

11/Brazil pledged US\$ 18,833 towards the participation costs of Indigenous at the COP 8 Meeting

12/Switzerland pledged US\$ 7,488 for the participation of delegates from Developing Countries to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

13/Denmark pledged DKK 300,000 for the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

14/Finland pledged EUR 30,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP 8 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2006

GENERAL TRUS FUND FOR THE CORE PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BG)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/05	Pledges for 2006	Collections in 2005 for 2006	Collections in 2006 for prior yrs	Collections During 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2006	Unpaid Pledges for 2006 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US\$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Albania	110	145		110	145	0	0	0
Algeria		2,236			2,236	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda		88	88			0	0	0
Armenia		59	59			0	0	0
Austria		25,271	25,246			0	25	25
Azerbaijan	86	144				86	144	230
Bahamas		382	382			0	0	0
Bangladesh	200	171				200	171	371
Barbados		294	294		350	0	(350)	(350)
Belarus		530			530	0	0	0
Belgium	36,731	31,449				36,731	31,449	68,180
Belize	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Benin	39	58				39	58	97
Bhutan	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Bolivia		265	265			0	0	0
Botswana		353	353			0	0	0
Brazil		44,806			44,806	0	0	0
Bulgaria		500			500	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	69	59				69	59	128
Cambodia		59	59			0	0	0

Cameroon	275	235				275	235	510
Cape Verde		25					25	25
China	21,235	56,587				21,235	56,587	77,822
Colombia		4,560	48		4,583	0	(71)	(71)
Congo		21				0	21	21
Croatia	1,271	1,089		1,271	1,089	0	0	0
Cuba	1,477	1,265				1,477	1,265	2,742
Cyprus		1,147			1,147	0	0	0
Czech Republic		5,384	5,384			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	54	87				54	87	141
Denmark		21,123	21,123			0	0	0
Djibouti	34	29				34	29	63
Dominica	34	29				34	29	63
Dominican Republic		682				0	682	682
Ecuador		559				0	559	559
Egypt		353				0	353	353
El Salvador	756	647		756	647	0	0	0
Eritrea	19	29				19	29	48
Estonia		353			353	0	0	0
Ethiopia		118	118			0	0	0
European Community		42,843	42,781			0	62	62
Fiji	137	118		137	118	0	0	0
Finland		15,680	15,680		18,638	0	(18,638)	(18,638)
France		177,398	177,398		210,855	0	(210,855)	(210,855)
Gambia	34	29				34	29	63
Germany		254,830	254,810			0	20	20
Ghana	137	118				137	118	255
Greece	18,211	15,592				18,211	15,592	33,803
Grenada	34	29				34	29	63
Guatemala		873	873			0	0	0

Hungary		3,707	3,687			0	20	20
India	14,466	12,386		14,466	12,386	0	0	0
Indonesia	4,005	4,117		4,005	4,117	0	0	0
Iran	5,395	4,619				5,395	4,619	10,014
Ireland		10,297	10,297			0	0	0
Italy		143,713	143,713			0	0	0
Japan		377,014			377,014	0	0	0
Jordan	378	324				378	324	702
Kenya	309	265		309	265	0	0	0
Kiribati	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	344	294				344	294	638
Kyrgyzstan		27				0	27	27
Lao People's Dem. Rep.		171	171		220	0	(220)	(220)
Latvia		441	572			0	(131)	(131)
Lesotho	34	29		34	127	0	(98)	(98)
Liberia	34	29				34	29	63
Libya	1,332	3,628				1,332	3,628	4,960
Lithuania		706	706			0	0	0
Luxembourg	2,646	2,265		2,646	2,265	0	0	0
Macedonia	62	173				62	173	235
Madagascar		88	73			0	15	15
Malaysia		5,972	5,972		7,083	0	(7,083)	(7,083)
Maldives	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Mali	69	59				69	59	128
Marshall Islands	34	29				34	29	63
Mauritania	7	27				7	27	34
Mauritius		324	324		364	0	(364)	(364)
Mexico	20	55,396		20	56,385	0	(989)	(989)
Mongolia		29	29			0	0	0
Mozambique	34	29		34	64	0	(35)	(35)

Namibia	131	174		131	219	0	(45)	(45)
Nauru	34	29				34	29	63
Netherlands		49,719	51,680			0	(1,961)	(1,961)
New Zealand		6,375	6,375			0	0	0
Nicaragua		29	29			0	0	0
Niger	34	29				34	29	63
Nigeria		1,236	1,236		1,469	0	(1,469)	(1,469)
Niue	34	29				34	29	63
Norway	30	19,976				30	19,976	20,006
Oman		2,059	2,059			0	0	0
Palau	34	29				34	29	63
Panama	653	559				653	559	1,212
Papua New Guinea		80				0	80	80
Paraguay	412	353				412	353	765
Peru	3,161	2,707				3,161	2,707	5,868
Poland		13,562	13,562			0	0	0
Portugal		13,681			13,681	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Romania		1,765			1,765	0	0	0
Rwanda	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	34	29		34	92	0	(63)	(63)
Saint Lucia		58	58		71	0	(71)	(71)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	34	29				34	29	63
Samoa		29	29			0	0	0
Senegal	18	147				18	147	165
Serbia & Montenegro		338				0	338	338
Seychelles		59	39			0	20	20
Slovakia		1,500	1,500			0	0	0
Slovenia		2,412	2,412		2,867	0	(2,867)	(2,867)
Solomon Islands	34	29				34	29	63
South Africa	10,033	8,590				10,033	8,590	18,623

Spain		74,137			74,137	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		500	500			0	0	0
Sudan	61	171				61	171	232
Swaziland		40				0	40	40
Sweden		29,360	34,291			0	(4,931)	(4,931)
Switzerland		35,215	35,215		41,831	0	(41,831)	(41,831)
Syria		1,118			1,118	0	0	0
Tajikistan	34	29				34	29	63
Thailand		5,123				0	5,123	5,123
Togo	34	29				34	29	63
Tonga	34	29		34	29	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago		647				0	647	647
Tunisia		941	941			0	0	0
Turkey	12,782	10,944		12,782	10,944	0	0	0
Uganda	200	171		200	134	0	37	37
Ukraine	1,340	1,147		1,340	1,147	0	0	0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		180,252	180,252			0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	206	177				206	177	383
Venezuela	5,876	5,031				5,876	5,031	10,907
Viet Nam		618	618			0	0	0
Zambia		59	34		25	0	0	0
Zimbabwe		202	192			0	10	10
Sub Total	145,559	1,806,584	1,041,527	38,513	895,990	107,046	(130,933)	(23,887)

Additional Contributions								
Canada		165,000				0	165,000	165,000
Grand Total	145,559	1,971,584	1,041,527	38,513	895,990	107,046	34,067	141,113

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL (BH)**
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05		Adjustments	Pledges for 2006		Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Brazil	105,911				1/	105,911		0
Canada				6,757	3/			6,757
Germany				51,282	2/			51,282
Total	105,911		0	58,039		105,911	0	58,039

1/Brazil pledged US\$ 213,732 towards the COP/MOP 3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006

2/Germany pledged EUR 40,000 for a Meeting of the Biosafety Protocol

3/Canada pledged CAD 7,500 towards the purchase of a server for the Biosafety Clearing House

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR FACILITATING PARTICIPATION OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES, IN PARTICULAR THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND THE
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES AMONGST THEM, AND PARTIES WITH
ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION IN THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
(BI)**

Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2006 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.05		Adjustments	Pledges for 2006		Collections in 2006 for prior years	Collections in 2006 for 2006 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2006 & prior years
Austria				17,997	4/		17,997	0
EEC				59,065	11/		47,252	11,813
Finland				12,808	9/		12,808	0
Finland				12,808	10/		12,808	0
Norway				44,426	5/		44,426	0
Slovenia				3,550	1/			3,550
Spain				29,586	2/			29,586
Spain				90,689	6/			90,689
Sweden				25,409	3/		25,409	0
Sweden				38,670	7/		38,670	0
Sweden				27,707	12/		27,707	0
Switzerland				7,487	8/		7,487	0
Total	0		0	370,202		0	234,564	135,638

1/Slovenia pledged EUR 3,000 for Activities leading to COP/MOP3

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- 2/Spain pledged EUR 25,000 for Activities leading to COP/MOP3
- 3/Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006
- 4/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 for the support of participants from Eastern European and Central Asian countries to COP/MOP 3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006
- 5/Norway pledged NOK 300,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP/MOP 3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006
- 6/ Spain pledged EUR 75,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Latin America to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006
- 7/ Sweden pledged SEK 300,000 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006
- 8/ Switzerland pledged US\$ 7,487 towards the participation of delegates from Developing Countries to the COP/MOP3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006
- 9/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 for the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with Economies in Transition to the COP/MOP 3 Meeting, Curitiba, Brazil, 13-17 March 2006
- 10/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress
- 11/EEC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006
- 12/ Sweden pledged SEK 200,000 towards the participation of Least Developed Country Parties to the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress