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**Implementation of the decisions adopted by the
Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting:**

**Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention to 2010:
report on the work programme**

Report on the work programme

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. Reference is made to decisions VI/1, VII/1, VIII/1, VIII/2, VIII/4, VIII/7, VIII/11 and VIII/33 of the Conference of the Parties and decisions VI/1, VI/20 and VI/23 of the Open-ended Working Group.
2. The programme and budget for the biennium 2007–2008 were approved by the Conference of the Parties in decision VIII/33. The programme for the biennium comprises a global programme and a programme to support implementation of the focus areas of the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention (to 2010).

II. Implementation

3. Annex I¹ to the present note provides information on the implementation by the Secretariat of the programme for the biennium 2007–2008. It sets out the funding required for the implementation of each activity under the global programme and the programme to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the funding pledged or received as of 1 March 2008 and the status of implementation. All activities that were not implemented as of that date owing to lack of funding are indicated accordingly. Annex I also details the total amount of funding required and the total amount received or pledged.

* UNEP/CHW.9/1.

¹ For reasons of economy, annexes I and II are made available in English only and have not been formally edited.

4. The report contained in annex II¹ to the present note provides information on actions taken by the Secretariat in response to the dumping of toxic wastes in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

III. Proposed action

5. At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider adopting a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the programme for 2007–2008, which comprises a global programme and a programme to support implementation of the focus areas of the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention (to 2010),

Noting the concerted efforts undertaken by the Secretariat to implement the global programme and the programme to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan focus areas,

Welcoming the assistance provided by Parties and others to support the programme, including regional activities to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan focus areas,

Recognizing the need for and usefulness of developing and implementing specific activities in support of the Strategic Plan,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to implement the programme for the biennium 2009-2010 as adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision IX/[], in particular the proposed global programme and the programme to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan focus areas;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to play a catalytic role in supporting implementation of the Strategic Plan focus areas;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to assist Parties and the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres in the development and implementation of priority activities of the Strategic Plan focus areas;

4. *Reiterates* that it is important for Parties to provide financial resources to the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund to be used to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are Parties to the Convention to implement the Basel Convention and to manage hazardous and other wastes in an environmentally sound manner;

5. *Invites* Parties, non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, members of the industry and business sectors and non-governmental organizations to provide financial resources or in-kind assistance to countries that need such support in the context of the implementation of the global programme and the programme to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan focus areas;

6. *Further requests* the Secretariat to report, through appropriate subsidiary bodies, to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting on its implementation of the present decision.

Annex I

Global programme and programme to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan focus areas

A. Global

Activities	Title	Funding required in US\$ (BD)	Funding pledged / received (as at 1st March 2008)	Funding sought from other sources	Implementation
A1	Conferences and meetings				
	a. Raise funds to promote the universal participation of Parties in meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies	732,000	472,833		Funding was raised to fund the travel costs of 67 participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to attend the sixth session of the Open-ended Working Group, and 66 participants to attend the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties.
	b. Facilitate meetings of joint working group on synergies between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, one meeting in 2007 and one in 2008, 15 participants from each Convention, including travel of participants representing Basel Convention	100,000	93,254		Funding was raised to contribute to the financing of the organization of the three sessions of the Ad Hoc Joint Working Group, and to support the travel of 31 participants to these meetings.
	c. Facilitate annual meetings of the directors of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres.	120,000	22,368		The Fifth Session of the Consultative Meeting of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres was held in Geneva on 1 September 2007. Directors or representatives from the Centres located in Argentina, China, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay participated in the meeting
A2	Partnership programme / resource mobilization/ sustainable financing				For the full report of the activities undertaken, please refer to document UNEP/CHW.9/10 under agenda item 7 (d) Partnership Programme.
A3	Legal support				
	a. Basel Convention Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance.	200,000	67,070		Funds were raised to enable the Compliance Committee to execute its work programme for 2007-2008. On the basis of such funding, the Compliance Committee (i) developed a guidance document of best practices in national reporting for the African region; (ii) developed a draft directory of training institutions offering activities aimed at improving capacity for detection, prevention and prosecution of cases of illegal traffic; and (iii) developed a leaflet setting out the roles and responsibilities of Focal Points and Competent Authorities for publication and dissemination.
	b. Instruction manual for the legal profession on prosecution of illegal traffic: Prepare an instruction manual for legal personnel on prosecution of criminal illegal traffic to supplement the training manual for customs officers and enforcement agencies.	767,000			This activity has not been implemented as envisaged. No voluntary contributions were received by the Secretariat for the preparation of the draft detailed outline for an instruction manual. Accordingly, the Secretariat used its own resources to develop a draft detailed outline, based upon the outline annexed to the decision of the Conference of the Parties and taking into account comments and information received from four countries.
	c. Project aimed at strengthening the legislative, regulatory and enforcement capacity of Central and Eastern European countries	500,000			This activity has not been implemented.

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	d. Project aimed at strengthening the legislative, regulatory and enforcement capacity of least developed countries, land locked developing countries and small island developing States	1,171,811	43,597	178,794	The activity has not been implemented as envisaged. An application to the SAICM QSP (US\$ 178'794) for funding to execute this project in Trinidad and Tobago, with some elements to be executed in the Caribbean region. The project is intended to commence in May 2008 over a period of 18 months. Secretariat to serve as executing agency, and will coordinate the project on the basis of the voluntary contributions received from the BD trust fund.
	e. Workshop on illegal traffic for the ASEAN countries	51,000	16,690		This activity has not been implemented, as insufficient funds have been received. The Secretariat has, however, used its in-house capacity to develop generic training materials and case studies for use in future such workshops.
	f. Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal	350,000			This activity has not been implemented.
A4	Knowledge management and outreach				
	a (i) National reporting;	50,000			This activity has not been implemented.
	a (ii) Article 3 national definitions	70,000			This activity has not been implemented.
	a (iii) Article 11 agreements and arrangements	20,000			This activity has not been implemented.
	b. (i) Promote public and stakeholder support for implementing the global chemicals and waste agenda	40,000		100,000	Partly being implemented, a joint toolkit on the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions is in preparation (funds made available through DELC from the Government of Norway-second part of 2007), work is ongoing.
	b. (ii) Produce follow up publications	80,000			This activity has not been implemented.
	c. Regional integrated information network on chemicals and wastes in Arabic speaking countries in the context of the NEPAD environment initiative.	410,000			This activity has not been executed as funds were not found. The First Meeting of the Steering Committee of the BCRC-Egypt discussed it. This project has raised the interest of other BCRCs in Africa.
	d. Monitoring tool for the environmentally sound management of PCBs and PCB containing equipment.	121,475	150,000		Euros100'000 have been received from Finland for this activity. This financial support was proposed as SBC's contribution to a regional project on the ESM of PCBs in South America to be executed by BCRC-Argentina and submitted to GEF before COP9 (see Activity B2.c2 below). The preparation of the Decision Supportive Tool for the ESM of PCBs is expected to be initiated through BCRC-Argentina by the second half of 2008.
Sub-total		4,783,286	865,812	278,794	

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B. Regional

B1.	Electrical and electronic wastes in Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America				
	a. Basel Convention partnership on the environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic wastes for the Asia - Pacific region.	3,366,500	797,000		For the full report of the activities undertaken, please refer to document UNEP/CHW.9/9 under agenda item 7(c) Nairobi Declaration on the ESM of E-waste and decision VIII/2
	b. Pilot projects on e-waste in South America	120,000			For the full report of the activities undertaken, please refer to document UNEP/CHW.9/9 under agenda item 7(c) Nairobi Declaration on the ESM of E-waste and decision VIII/2
	c. E-waste in Africa	692,560	1,520,000		For the full report of the activities undertaken, please refer to document UNEP/CHW.9/9 under agenda item 7(c) Nairobi Declaration on the ESM of E-waste and decision VIII/2
B2.	POPs wastes in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe				
	a1. Demonstration of a regional approach to environmentally sound management of PCB liquid wastes and transformers and capacitors containing PCBs (medium-size project). NEPAD Environment Action Plan Project.			1,350,000	The GEF funded medium size project has been successfully implemented by the UNEP-GEF Unit and executed by BCRC-Senegal with technical and institutional support from the SBC. A detailed Project Identification Fiche (PIF) for the full-size project has been submitted to the GEF in March 2008 and the comprehensive project proposal (PD) is under preparation. The project included such activities as: consolidation and refinement of national inventories in a regional context, consultations with the main stakeholders in the region, including the national electricity companies and the West African Power Pool, the development of a detailed business plan with industrial partners for the establishment and operation of a regional facility for the decontamination of PCB containing equipment, the development of a regional capacity building programme to support the sound management of equipment in use, collection, storage and transport of PCB containing equipment to the regional decontamination centre.
	a2. Demonstration of a regional approach to environmentally sound management of PCB liquid wastes and transformers and capacitors containing PCBs (full-size project, 2009-2013)	10,000		15,971,257	Subject to approval by the GEF and other stakeholders, the project is proposed to be co-executed by BCRC-Senegal and a UN agency with the technical and institutional support of other national and regional institutions and the SBC. The West African Power Pool is expected to play a critical role. Activities are expected to start in 2009. Expected co-funding would be distributed as follows (in US\$): GEF-5'928'714, regional developing banks and bilateral agencies 5,795,434, industry 3'025'159, and income from other sources, including from the metal recovery activities.
	b. Training for the coordinated implementation of the POPs-related Basel Convention technical guidelines and the Stockholm Convention draft BAT/BEP guidelines.	250,000	250,000	160,000	At the time of preparation of this documentation, the SBC and the World Bank were at the final stage of preparation of a grant agreement for the funding of this activity. A waiver from the UNEP Executive Director on the UNEP 13% PSC was necessary for the successful conclusion of this agreement. It is the first of that kind between the World Bank and the UNEP. Activities are expected to start as soon as possible and must be terminated by the end of 2008. They include the development of a training curriculum and the organization of two regional training workshops. Close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention (SSC) and UNEP-Chemicals will be sought.

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	c1. Development of a management and disposal plan for PCB-containing equipment and waste in Central America, including pilot disposal projects for PCB containing waste	848,800			This activity was not initiated. The regional project for the ESM of PCBs in Central America which was executed by BCRC-El Salvador (2004-2006) has been closed. It is estimated that SBC can now play a catalytic role, together with UNEP and the countries involved, in developing a proposal to be submitted to the GEF during the course of the year 2008.
	c2. Regional project for the ESM of PCBs in the mining sector in several countries in South America (*).	10,000		1,585,000	SBC and the UNEP-GEF Unit have collaborated and consulted several countries in South America with a view to developing a sub-regional project for the ESM of PCBs in the mining sector. A Project Identification Fiche (PIF) has been developed and submitted to the GEF for possible co-funding. The project is due to start in 2009 and would be implemented in several countries in South America. BCRC-Argentina will be the executing agency for this project.
	d. POPs in Central and Eastern Europe	50,000			This activity has not been implemented.
B3.	Obsolete stocks of pesticides in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe				
	a. Obsolete stocks of pesticides in Africa	100,000			This activity could not be executed to the full extent, due to shortage of staff in the SBC and SBC's participation in the implementation process for ASP has been limited. However, SBC has contributed to the development of ASP's decision-supportive tools relating to environmentally sound technologies for POPs as waste. The work produced by the Basel Convention (Technical Guidelines) and the SBC (training material on POPs waste destruction technologies) has also been taken into consideration by the ASP.
	b. Regional project for the final disposal of existing waste pesticides and selected POPs in the Caribbean and the prevention of future accumulation	70,000			This activity has not been implemented.
	c. Complete survey of capacity for the destruction of obsolete pesticides and inventory in Asia	50,000			This activity has not been implemented.
	d. Develop national inventories of pesticide POPs or improve existing inventories of obsolete stockpiles of pesticides in the Balkan States.	465,000			This activity has not been implemented.
	e. Remove stockpiles of obsolete pesticides and enhance collective capacity in planning and implementing national policies and prevent future accumulation of pesticides in the greater Caribbean region.	70,000		4,400,000	No funds have been received for the implementation of this activity. Consultations are being made with the UNEP/GEF unit, the FAO and donor institutions for the development of a concerted approach in this matter.
B4.	Biomedical and health care waste in Africa and Central and Eastern Europe				
	a. Support BCRC-Nigeria in developing a regional programme on the environmentally sound management of biomedical and healthcare wastes.	120,000			This activity has not been implemented.

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	b. Build on the results of the pilot project by BCRC-Slovakia on biomedical and healthcare wastes (consultant support; countries visits; publication of regional plan; regional workshops; awareness raising; resource mobilization)	100,000			The project "Strategy on the management of the biomedical (healthcare) waste" for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia carry through BCRC-Slovakia only will be finished in 2008.
B5.	Used lead-acid batteries in Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America and Central and Eastern Europe				
	a. Support BCRC-El Salvador and BCRC-Trinidad and Tobago to implement the subregional strategy for the ESM of ULAB that has been developed and endorsed by countries in the region in 2006.	100,000	15,000	1,000,000	The implementation of the regional strategy for the ESM of ULAB has not started yet because of lack of funds. However, two expert missions have been organized by SBC in the region, in close collaboration with industry associations and the Governments concerned, to update the regional strategy and take into account new developments in the region.
	b. Build on the used lead-acid batteries project in Cambodia as a base for a regional approach for Asia in cooperation with BCRC-Indonesia	250,000		1,750,000	This activity has not been executed. Preliminary discussions have been held with BCRC-Indonesia and several partners.
	c. Develop a project on the environmentally sound management of used lead-acid batteries in Central and Eastern Europe	120,000			This activity has not been executed.
B6.	Used oils in Africa, the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe				
	a. Used oils in Africa: Support BCRC-Nigeria in undertaking the development of pilot projects, based on the assessment made by the Centre, on the treatment and recycling of used oils in Africa	200,000			This activity has not been executed.
	b. Used oils in the Caribbean. Support BCRC-Trinidad and Tobago in the launch of a regional programme in cooperation with UNEP and other regional institutions for the collection, storage and treatment of used oils.	100,000			This activity has not been executed.
	c. BCRC-Slovakia. Continuation of cooperation with countries, regional institutions, the private sector and others in the development of activities for the sound collection, recovery and disposal of used oils in Central and Eastern Europe	80,000		25,000	BCRC-Slovak Republic with the support from the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) is carrying out the project "Development of Instrumental Framework, Implementation Schedule and Guidelines for Environmentally Sound Management of Waste Oils in Bosnia and Herzegovina". Funds were provided directly to the Centre.
B7.	Dismantling of ships				
	a. Support ship dismantling countries in Asia to implement the Basel Convention technical guidelines:	200,000	117,000		Preparatory feasibility study was prepared containing recommendation for future activities to improve the conditions of ship dismantling in Asia. On the basis of this study, a Global Programme for Sustainable Ship Recycling was developed. Consultations were hosted by the Secretariat in Bangladesh on 12-13 January 2008 to provide a forum for an initial consultation on the Global Programme by facilitating an exchange of views among Government Ministries and Departments, industry, IGOs, NGOs and international experts. In addition, the Basel Convention Technical Guidelines have been translated into Hindi, Bangla and Urdu. Generic training materials have been developed on the basis of the technical guidelines for the organization of future training activities for ship breakers.

Activities	Title	Funding required in US\$ (BD)	Funding pledged / received (as at 1st March 2008)	Funding sought from other sources	Implementation
B8.	Cooperation with municipalities in Latin America and the Mediterranean				
	a. Provision of technical support and guidance in the development of public-private partnerships. In particular, steer the process leading to the formalization and implementation of the partnership with the municipality of Guayaquil for the environmentally sound management of oily waste. Initiate similar cooperation with municipalities in other regions, especially in the Mediterranean region in cooperation with UNEP Regional Seas Programme	200,000	242,000		The project involves the local authorities in Guayaquil, Ecuador, the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, UNITAR and HOLCIM Ltd as well as universities of Quito and Guayaquil, local industry and the civil society for the set up, operation and maintenance of a comprehensive system for the environmentally sound collection, testing and final disposal of oily waste, including the co-processing of oily waste in cement kilns in an environmentally sound way. The feasibility studies for the setting up of a mechanism for the ESM of oily wastes in Guayaquil and in Ecuador were completed and the demonstration project for the ESM of oily wastes in the province of Guayaquil is being launched. End of project is planned in 2008. No other activities of that type were initiated in other regions.
B9.	Asbestos wastes and mercury wastes				
	a. Asbestos wastes: Develop guidelines and training materials for the sound management of asbestos wastes with emphasis on measures to be taken in disaster-prone areas. BCRCs to promote awareness among local residents and of municipalities on the issue and to develop pilot activities in the future	200,000	200,000		Activities have not been executed. The Secretariat received a pledge from the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention on PIC to fund projects on asbestos waste for 2008-2009. The proposed activities will include collection of information/guidelines on asbestos waste, awareness raising activities and pilot projects in selected countries in cooperation with other IGOs and BCRCs.
	b. Mercury wastes: In cooperation with UNEP, i) develop partnerships around the theme of environmentally friendly technologies and awareness raising regarding avoidance, use and disposal of mercury wastes; ii) develop capacity-building and technical assistance programmes to reduce and prevent pollution from mercury; iii) develop guidelines on environmentally sound management of mercury wastes with emphasis on the development of sound disposal and remediation practices	150,000	292,000		i) This activity has not been executed; ii) SBC and US-EPA are at the final stage of developing a four year long Cooperative Agreement (2 US\$ million). Under the agreement (first tranche), a sub-regional program for the ESM of mercury waste in the health sector and in other sectors will be implemented in support of the development of the Basel Convention Technical Guidelines on the ESM of mercury waste in several countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Concrete activities are expected to start by mid-2008 and will be coordinated by BCRC-Uruguay. This program will be funded in 2008 by USEPA (US\$250'000) and Norway (US\$42'000). SBC is actively seeking additional sources of funding to expand and complement this first phase of the technical assistance activities on the ESM of mercury waste; iii) On the development of technical guidelines on the ESM mercury waste, please refer to document UNEP/CHW.9/19.
B10.	Unplanned assistance activities (*)				
	a. Assist in the implementation of the UNEP/BC Master Plan funded under the UNEP Special Trust Fund for Côte d'Ivoire set up by ED at COP8 (Tranche 1).		32,000	1,580,000	For the full report of the activities undertaken, please refer to annex 2 to this note.
	b. Assist in the preparation of the UNEP/BC Master Plan (Tranche 2, additional countries in the sub-region).	1,000,000			This activity will be executed upon the availability of funds collected.

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	c. Assist in the implementation of the project: "Towards a non-toxic environment in Africa" to enhance the capacity of African countries to reduce health and environmental risks through the Strategic Approach towards International Chemicals Management and improved implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.	5,000,000	405,149		This project supported by Swedish Chemicals Agency (KemI) successfully completed the first phase. The baseline studies for Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria and Zambia were completed. This project is being carried out by SBC until the Basel Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking African countries in Pretoria (BCRC-South Africa) is again operational.
Sub-total		13,922,860	3,863,149	27,821,257	

(*) new activity

Annex II

Information note on decision VIII/1 on Côte d'Ivoire

1. At its third meeting, Geneva, 6-7 October 2006, the Expanded Bureau of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties discussed the environmental emergency in Abidjan and the subsequent actions taken by the Secretariat in connection with the incident. At this meeting, the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Expanded Bureau supported the provision of emergency assistance to Côte d'Ivoire under decision V/32 of the Conference of the Parties, in so far as the matter fell within the scope of the Basel Convention.
2. The Secretariat of the Basel Convention organized a technical assistance mission to Abidjan from 20 November to 1 December 2006. The purpose of this mission was to look into medium-term measures to ensure that such disaster would not happen again. A summary of the report on the mission's findings was made available to the sixth meeting of the Open ended Working Group (please refer to document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/6/2, Annex).
3. By decision VIII/1, the Conference of the Parties called upon Parties, countries and other stakeholders to the Basel Convention who were in a position to do so to offer technical and financial assistance to Côte d'Ivoire to support the implementation of the emergency plan that the Government of Côte d'Ivoire had developed. Decision VIII/1 also invited the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to assist in the mobilization of the resources required to support Côte d'Ivoire. Decision VIII/1 did not request any action on the part of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention.
4. The Executive Director of UNEP established a trust fund for Côte d'Ivoire and appealed to donors and partners to contribute financially and technically to the implementation of the emergency plan that was prepared by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire. To date, 1 Euros million have been received from The Netherlands and US 80'000 from Sweden in the UNEP Trust Fund for Côte d'Ivoire.
5. Further to SBC's organized technical assistance mission to Abidjan, the Secretariat has liaised with the UNEP Regional Office for Africa, the UNEP Disaster Management Branch, the UNEP Post Conflict Unit and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire with a view to developing a concerted approach to implementing the main recommendations of its mission report and the strategic plan prepared by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire. In this context, a capacity building program proposal was developed for funding under the UNEP Trust Fund for Côte d'Ivoire.
6. The proposal entitled 'Regional capacity-building programme for the monitoring and control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and toxic chemicals in the context of the implementation of the Basel Convention and other related multilateral environmental agreements in the Gulf of Guinea' was further discussed and endorsed by stakeholders during a joint SBC/UNEP-DMB technical mission in Côte d'Ivoire on 15-16 August 2007. A summary of the report of this technical mission was made available at the sixth meeting of the Open ended Working Group (please refer to document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/6/INF/25).
7. The main components of this programme include, i) the development of a hazardous waste management plan for the district of Abidjan; ii) the strengthening of the capacity of the port of Abidjan to manage waste generated at sea in an environmentally sound manner; iii) the development of a regional capacity building programme for the sub-region; iv) the development of a feasibility study for an early warning system.
8. The endorsed capacity building program was submitted to the UNEP Project Assessment Group (PAG) which endorsed it in December 2007. UNEP-DMB is the main implementing agency for this project which has received the institutional and technical support of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and of the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa based in Dakar, Senegal (BCRC-Senegal) and the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for the Africa Region based in Ibadan, Nigeria (BCCC-Nigeria). Furthermore, the two above-mentioned Centres will be contracted in the context of this project for the implementation of activities in the countries they service.
9. Consultations have been held with the IMO on both the development of the programme and the preparation of its implementation. In this regard, a joint SBC/UNEP-DMB mission was organized at the IMO headquarters on 28 February 2007 with the view of preparing the forthcoming implementation of

the activities in Côte d'Ivoire and the sub-region. The IMO has agreed to contribute to the implementation of the programme in Côte d'Ivoire in the limits of its mandate and capacity.

10. A preparatory stakeholders meeting was organized jointly by UNEP-DMB and the SBC on 5 March 2008. Participants in the meeting included the Ministry of Environment in Côte d'Ivoire, the Permanent Mission to the United Nations of Côte d'Ivoire based in Geneva, the BCRC-Senegal and the BCCC-Nigeria, the secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention, as well as independent experts. Concrete activities are expected to start in Côte d'Ivoire in May 2008.
