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**Implementation of the decisions adopted by the
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Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the
Basel Convention to 2010: work and operation of
the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres**

**Basel Convention Regional Centres: Framework
Agreements, Business Plans for the period of 2007-2008 and
operational strengthening of the centres**

Report by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating centres are established under Article 14 of the Convention.
2. The present report provides information on the status of the signature of the Framework Agreements and summary of the Centres' business plans. It contains an Annex detailing the Business Plans and project activities for 2007 and 2008 to be carried out by the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres.

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II. Status of the Framework Agreements and of the implementation of the Business Plans

3. By its decision VI/3, the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention mandated “the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to negotiate and sign in the name of the Conference of the Parties, the Framework Agreement with the representative of the Government of the country hosting or willing to host the Centre and with whom consultations have been completed by the secretariat and selected by the Conference of the Parties and, where necessary, with the regional or international organizations which will perform the functions of the Basel Convention Regional centre. The negotiation and signature of the Framework Agreement shall be completed without delay in order to formalize the establishment of the Centres approved by the Conference of the Parties”.

4. Upon entry into force of such Framework Agreements, with the exception of the Agreement which established the Regional Centre in South Africa as an inter-governmental organisation, the host government is required to appoint, in consultation with the Secretariat, the Director of the Centre. Upon which, the Director of the Centre needs to take certain actions, including the organisation of the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Centre. The Steering Committee comprising representatives of the countries served by the Centre shall advise the Centre on the development and implementation of its activities including the development of the Business Plan and oversee its implementation.

A. Africa and West Asia

Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Arab States in Egypt

Framework agreement

5. The Framework Agreement was signed in Geneva, on 29 October 2004. The Agreement provides that it shall enter into force on the date upon which the Secretariat is notified that the constitutional procedures in the Arab Republic of Egypt had been completed.

6. The Secretariat was advised on 22 May 2005 that the Agreement had been ratified by the Parliament, thus bringing the Agreement into force.

7. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the Arab Republic of Egypt formally appointed a Director for the Centre, and the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the Centre met on 14 March 2006.

8. Under decision VI/9, adopted by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the Framework Agreement, the Centre provides services to the following Parties to the Convention: Algeria; Bahrain; Comoros; Egypt; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Mauritania; Morocco; Oman; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syrian Arab Republic; Tunisia; United Arab Emirates; Yemen; and Sudan.¹

9. The Agreement was transmitted to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and was, accordingly, registered on 3 August 2006.

Business plan

10. The Business Plan of the BCRC Egypt for the period of 2007-2008 reflects the good financial situation of the Centre that was made possible by the contribution of 1,000,000 euros by the Finish Government for the years 2006-2008. In this sense, the Business Plan 2007-2008 proposes a series of activities in order to address the specific country needs reported by the countries in the region: National wastes inventories, medical waste management, management of liquid wastes, POPs and management of hazardous wastes from traditional industries.

¹ Upon its request, the Republic of Sudan was added to the Parties being served by the Centre in June 2006, in accordance with the provisions of the Framework Agreement.

Basel Convention Co-ordinating Centre for the African Region in Nigeria

Framework agreement

11. Negotiations have been conducted between the Secretariat and the Government on the Framework Agreement and it is currently under review by the Government of Nigeria. The Secretariat has been advised that the Government is currently finalising the steps necessary to conclude the Agreement. The Secretariat is working closely with the Government in order to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion of negotiations.

12. The Coordinating Centre is intended to provide services for Parties in Africa, and will exercise a coordinating function with respect to the Regional Centres in Africa, i.e. those located in Egypt, Senegal and South Africa.

Business plan

13. The Business Plan for 2007-2008 prepared by the BCCC Nigeria aims to strengthen the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Waste in the African Region through a template of projects and programs elaborated for the implementation of the Basel Convention on the basis of the capacity building activities and projects implemented by the Centre. The BCCC Nigeria has been closely working with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, the Basel Convention Centres in Egypt, Senegal and South Africa, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) and the African Development Bank in order to build projects focused on training and dissemination of information related to the ESM of hazardous wastes.

Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa in Senegal

Framework agreement

14. The Framework Agreement was signed in Geneva on 1 March 2005 and entered into force upon signature.

15. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the Director of the Centre was formally appointed in November 2005. In October 2006, the Secretariat was informed that the Director was leaving his post. The Government and the Secretariat are currently in consultations with respect to the appointment of his successor.

16. Consultations are on-going between the Secretariat and the Government as to the formal establishment of the Centre as an autonomous legal entity, noting that the Agreement provides for the establishment of the Centre by 27 August 2006. The Secretariat has been provided with the national legislative act for the establishment of the Centre.

17. Under the terms of decision VI/6, adopted by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the Framework Agreement, the Centre provides services to the following Parties to the Convention: Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Democratic Republic of Congo; Djibouti; Guinea Bissau; Niger; and Senegal.²

18. The Secretariat has communicated with the Government with respect to the registration of the Agreement under Article 102 of the United Nations Charter and awaits confirmation in this regard.

Business plan

19. In operation since 1999, the BCRC Senegal has been working in order to become a reference on the Environmentally Sound Management of hazardous wastes for Africa Countries. The Business Plan of the Centre for 2007-2008 is focused on four areas: Training and capacity building, implementation of Basel Convention regulations, Environmentally Sound Management of priority wastes of the Basel Convention priorities like used oils, biomedical wastes, PCBs and obsolete pesticides and activities linked to information and communication management. In this regard, the BCRC-Senegal plans to elaborate a feasibility study for the construction of a facility

² Upon their request, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Burundi, Guinea Bissau and Niger were added as Parties to be served by the by the centre in March-April 2005, in accordance with the provisions of the Framework Agreement.

for the treatment of used oils, PCBs and obsolete pesticides in the sub-region and the preparation of a regional plan for the management of biomedical wastes. The project entitled "Demonstration of a Regional Approach to Environmentally Sound Management of PCB Liquid Wastes and Transformers and Capacity containing PCBs" of US\$1,360,000 and co-financed by GEF (US\$700,000) will be implemented by the Centre in 2007 and 2008 as project Executing Agency.

Basel Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking African countries in South Africa

Framework agreement

20. The Agreement establishing the Africa Institute for the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous and other Wastes was signed by Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and on 31 March 2004 in Jeju, Republic of Korea. The Agreement provides for the establishment of an inter-governmental organisation to serve Members in the implementation of the Basel and Bamako Conventions and related multilateral environmental agreements.

21. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Agreement shall enter into force after ratification by five States eligible to become Members of the Africa Institute. The Secretariat was advised that Mauritius had ratified the Agreement in March 2006, that Nigeria ratified the Agreement in October 2006. The Secretariat has also been advised that for both Tanzania and Namibia the proposed ratifications will be presented to their respective parliaments in November 2006. The Secretariat has been informed that the process of ratification is underway in a number of other countries, including Botswana, South Africa and Kenya, while others are experiencing delays due to a change in Government.

22. Upon entry into force of the Agreement, a headquarters agreement will be signed between the Institute and the Government of South Africa, and a Memorandum of Understanding will be concluded between the Secretariat, on behalf of the Conference of the Parties, and Institute for the institute to discharge the functions of the Regional Centre. Drafts of both these documents have been prepared and transmitted to the concerned Parties with a view to the expeditious formal establishment of the Centre upon entry into force of the Agreement.

23. As a temporary measure, and to facilitate the operations of the Centre, an entity known as the Interim Basel Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking African countries was registered under South African law, as a not-for-profit company. However, this entity has encountered difficulties in meeting its operational costs and as a result the restructuring of the operation has had to take place. Steps are being taken to wind up this company. Pending the entry into force of the Agreement establishing the African Institute, the Centre will operate under the guidance of the Task Force (comprising the following countries: Zambia, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, and Tanzania), and with the assistance of the Secretariat.

Business plan

24. The Business Plan for 2007-2008 submitted by the BCRC-South Africa provides a very detailed assessment of the needs of the 21 countries covered by the Region. In face of the extension covered by the Centre and the many challenges for the implementation of hazardous wastes programmes in the region, the comprehensive Business Plan for the BCRC South Africa in 2007-2008 focus at three main project categories: Capacity Building of the Regional Centres; Implementing the obligations of the Convention and The environmentally sound management of Basel Convention Priority Waste Streams. The Countries in the region provided inputs in 2004 and 2006 and this Business Plan was shared with them.

B. Asia and the Pacific

Basel Convention Centre for the Asia and Pacific Region in China

Framework agreement

25. The draft framework agreement has been the subject of extensive negotiations between the Government of China and the Secretariat. While considerable progress has been made, there are still significant matters that are the subject of consultations between the Secretariat and the Government.

26. It has been proposed that the Centre discharge the functions of the Coordinating Centre for the Asia and Pacific region, while also serving Parties that are not served by other Centres already established in the region and that provide their written consent to be served.

Business plan

27. With the know how acquired with the projects on municipalities and on e-waste, the BCRC China will concentrate its capacity for 2007-2008 in activities in order to support the countries in the region on the development of comprehensive waste management systems. The Business Plan for the next biennium plans to assist the selected countries to set up a national inventory of hazardous wastes and to provide technical assistance to selected countries in the development of efficient waste management according to ESM standards. Further than that, the BCRC proposes to establish a network between the BCRC and the municipalities in the region as a second phase to the project "New partnership with local authorities for the environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes in urban areas". The Centre counts on its good relationship of cooperation with the countries in the region and staff skills.

Basel Convention Regional Centre for South-East Asia in Indonesia

Framework agreement

28. The Framework Agreement was signed in Geneva at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties on 29 October 2004. Under its terms, the Agreement enters into force upon the date on which the Secretariat is notified that the legal procedures for entry into force have been completed by the Government of Indonesia.

29. The Secretariat was advised by the Government of Indonesia that the President had signed a regulation giving effect to the Framework Agreement on 14 November 2005, thus bringing the Framework Agreement into force. The Centre is vested with independent legal personality and has its own bank account.

30. In accordance with decision III/19, adopted by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the Framework Agreement, the Centre provides services to the following countries: Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; Indonesia; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; and Vietnam.

31. A Director for the Centre has formally been appointed, and the first steering committee meeting of the Centre was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 27 February 2006.

32. The Agreement was transmitted by the Government of Indonesia for registration by the Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Business plan

33. The Business Plan for 2007-2008 developed by the BCRC-Indonesia is proposing activities in order to provide training, technology transfer, information and technical assistance to the countries in the region based on the Need Assessment Analysis conducted in 2005 where 8 countries responded to the questionnaires and 4 countries were visited in February 2006. Based on an extensive cooperation between the Centre and the countries in the region the BCRC proposes a continued information exchange between the Centre and the Basel Convention focal points.

34. The BCRC Indonesia has concluded important projects like the "Pilot Project for the Monitoring and Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes" and the "Pilot Project on Inventory of Hazardous Wastes Generation in Philippines", as well as a few training activities. In relation to the activities for 2007-2008 the BCRC-Indonesia proposes 7 different projects aiming to provide training and reinforce the capacity building at the regional level. This Business Plan was endorsed by the First Steering Committee Meeting on 27 February 2006, being a "living document".

Basel Convention Regional Centre in Tehran

Framework agreement

35. The Framework Agreement was signed in Tehran, Iran, on 27 July 2005. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Agreement shall enter into force upon date of ratification and approval of the relevant authorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

36. The Secretariat was advised that work is underway for the adoption of the national legislation giving effect to the Agreement and establishing the Centre as an autonomous legal entity, however finalisation of the process is pending and no information has been received in this regard from the Government for a considerable time.

37. Further to decision VII/10, adopted by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the Framework Agreement the Centre shall, upon entry into force of the agreement, provide services to the following countries: Bangladesh; Iran; Maldives; Nepal; and Pakistan.

38. The Secretariat and the Government have held consultations on the nomination of the Director. The Secretariat is awaiting the official nomination of the Director.

Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the South Pacific region

Framework agreement

39. Following signature and entry into force of the Memorandum of Understanding on 18 December 2003, the Secretariat is awaiting information from the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme on steps that have been taken subsequent to entry into force of the Agreement. The Secretariat is consulting the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme on steps that it has taken to implement the terms under the Agreement.

40. In accordance with decision VI/8, adopted by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the Memorandum of Understanding, the Centre provides services to the following countries: Australia; Cook Islands; Micronesia; Nauru; New Zealand; Niue; Papua New Guinea; Republic of Fiji; Republic of Kiribati; Republic of Marshall Islands; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; and Tuvalu.

Business plan

41. The Business Plan prepared by the BCRC-SPREP is focused on the implementation of activities undertaken with a view to address the particular situation of the hazardous wastes in Small Islands Developing States.

42. For the biennium 2007-2008, the BCRC-SPREP will concentrate on the strengthening of capacities, the development of national waste definitions, inventories and reporting, in training and in the strengthening of national legislation. To address these regional needs, four series of activities are proposed for 2007-2008: Development and implementation of region-specific hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in Pacific Island countries; The operation of the BCRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete implementation of the Strategic Plan; Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams and the Implementation of the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes.

C. Central and Eastern Europe

Basel Convention Regional Centre for CIS countries in the Russian Federation

Framework agreement

43. The draft Framework Agreement has been the subject of extensive negotiations between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Secretariat. It is envisaged that the functions of the Centre will be discharged by the Centre for International Projects.

44. Further to decision III/19, adopted by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the written consent of a number of countries that seek to be served by the Centre has been obtained pending signature and entry into force of the Agreement, these are: Armenia;

Azerbaijan; Belarus; Georgia; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic; Moldova; the Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Ukraine; and Uzbekistan.

Business plan

45. Having concluded the project “Review of existing national and international legislation in the field of monitoring and control of transboundary movement of hazardous wastes and their environmentally sound management” the BCRC-Russian Federation prepared a Business Plan that proposes relevant workshops on topics like legislation, medical wastes and the management of PCBs in the region.

46. In addition to that, the Centre for CIS countries proposes a series of pilot projects to be developed in the Kyrgyz Republic with a view to reinforce the capacity of the country in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.

Basel Convention Regional Centre for Central Europe in Slovakia

Framework agreement

47. The draft Framework Agreement has been the subject of extensive negotiations between the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Secretariat. The Secretariat has been in consultations with the Government of the Slovak Republic and has raised a number of questions which it would need to address in order to conclude negotiations and finalise the agreement. The Secretariat has been advised that its queries are being considered by the Government and responses shall be provided in the near future.

48. Further to decision III/19, adopted by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the written consent of a number of countries that seek to be served by the Centre has been obtained pending signature and entry into force of the Agreement, these are: Albania; Bosnia Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Hungary; Latvia; Poland; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; and Slovenia.

49. Changes in government account for some of the delays in these negotiations.

Business plan

50. With the support of the TAIEX and the contribution from the governments of Czech Republic and Poland, the BCRC-Slovakia has been conducting a series of training activities with a view to diffuse the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes in Central Europe. These important workshops have been concentrating on topics like lubricating oils management and the management of biomedical wastes in the region.

51. For 2007-2008 the BCRC-Slovakia have prepared a Business Plan that focus on the dissemination of information, the support to partnerships and technical assistance to the countries in the region. Proposed projects include the Environmentally Sound Management of waste oils in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a project to be developed between UNEP/SBC and the Mediterranean Action Plan.

D. Latin America and the Caribbean

Basel Convention Regional Centre for the South American Region in Argentina

Framework agreement

52. The Framework Agreement was signed in Geneva on 8 July 2005 at the fourth session of the Open-ended Working Group, and entered into force upon signature.

53. Further to decision III/19, adopted by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the Framework Agreement, the Centre provides services to the following countries: Argentina; Bolivia; Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Ecuador; Paraguay; Peru; Uruguay; and Venezuela.

54. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, a Director of the Centre was appointed in September 2005.

55. The Secretariat has received confirmation that the Agreement was transmitted by the Government of Argentina for registration by the Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Business plan

56. In addition to the Strategic Plan focus areas, the Business Plan prepared by the BCRC-Argentina identified control of the illegal traffic, hazardous wastes definitions and legislation, as the main regional needs. In order to address these issues, the Centre elaborated a list of six activities to be developed and implemented in 2007-2008. The Regional Centre proposes to develop a pilot project on the ESM of used oils that intends to provide technical assistance in the developing of best practices in the management of used oils.

57. The BCRC Argentina also plans to implement the second phase of the pilot project on electronic waste management with a view to promote a sustainable partnership on end-of life computers. This project will serve as a follow up for the project "Inventory of e-wastes in South America" which is financed by the British Government.

Basel Convention Regional Centre for Central America and Mexico in El Salvador

Framework agreement

58. The Framework Agreement is still under negotiation between the Secretariat and the Government of El Salvador. The Secretariat has frequently sought information as to the status of internal consultations on the matter. However, no information has been formally provided to the Secretariat as to progress on internal consultations on the Agreement.

59. Further to decision III/19, adopted by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the written consent of a number of countries that seek to be served by the Centre has been obtained pending signature and entry into force of the Agreement, these are: Belize; Costa Rica; El Salvador; Guatemala; Honduras; Mexico; Nicaragua; and Panama.

Business plan

60. The activities proposed by the BCRC-El Salvador for the biennium 2007-2008 were developed in the context of the Business Plan 2006-2015. This Business Plan proposes a series of activities with a view to establish (2006-2007), consolidate (2008-2010) and expand (2011-2015) the Centre as a Regional Actor for the implementation of the Basel Convention. Among the activities to be developed on the next biennium are activities to reinforce the capacity of the Centre and the project for the final disposal of PCBs in the Region.

Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Caribbean Region in Trinidad and Tobago

Framework agreement

61. The Framework Agreement was signed in Geneva on 29 October 2004 at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and it entered into force upon signature.

62. The Framework Agreement provided for the formal establishment of the Centre to be effected by 29 October 2005. The Secretariat agreed to an amendment of the agreement, in November 2005, which provides for the legal establishment of the Centre no later than 29 October 2006. The Secretariat has yet to be advised on the adoption of national measures for the formal establishment of the Centre under the revised time frame despite numerous attempts to follow-up on the matter. The Secretariat has received a request for a further extension of the deadline for the legal establishment of the Centre.

63. In accordance with decision III/19, adopted by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, and the terms of the Agreement, the Centre provides services to the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Guyana; Jamaica; Trinidad and Tobago; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

64. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, a Director of the Centre was appointed in March 2005.

65. The Secretariat has been advised that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago is taking steps to register the Agreement in accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter.

Business plan

66. The Business Plan for 2007-2008 prepared by the BCRC Trinidad and Tobago proposes to build activities in order to develop a regional strategy called "A Sustainable Pro-Active Caribbean-wide Environmental Strategy Using Information Technology" which is primarily focus on the collection and the management of data.

67. In addition to the projects that will build upon the efforts of the Region in Used Oils, the Centre proposes large projects targeting on capacity building for national legislation and on a regional programme for the disposal of pesticides.

Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for Latin America and Caribbean region in Uruguay

Framework agreement

68. The Framework Agreement was signed in Montevideo, Uruguay on 30 January 2004, and entered into force upon signature.

69. An agreement was reached between the Ministry of Environment of the Government of Uruguay and the Technological Laboratory of Uruguay to house the Centre. The Secretariat and the Government agreed on the appointment of a Director in July 2004. Since that time, a new Director has been appointed in consultation with the Secretariat.

70. The Coordinating Centre is intended to provide services for Parties in Latin American and the Caribbean, and will exercise a coordinating function with respect to the Regional Centres in the region, i.e. those located in Argentina, El Salvador and Trinidad and Tobago.

Business plan

71. The BCCC-Uruguay aims to develop new projects based on the experience gained with projects like the Training Program for Municipal Officers in Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes or the Pilot Program for the Minimization of Impacts Generated by Hazardous Wastes, supported by the Brazilian Government.

72. In this view, the BCCC-Uruguay identified the following action lines in the Business Plan 2007-2008: The strengthening of the Coordination Centre and its relation with the Regional Centres of Latin America and the Caribbean; the development and the strengthening of information and awareness program on the management of hazardous wastes and the strengthening of national capacities on the implementation of the obligations of the Basel Convention. This Business Plan is based on close contact with countries on the region, through regional meetings and specific consultations on regional needs.

III. Operational Strengthening of the Basel Convention Regional Centres

73. During the past years of operation, the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres have been operating with different capacities. While some Centres disposes of qualified technical staff and all the necessary equipment for their functions, other Centres have been operating with limited capacity.

A. Institutional Capacity

74. In the margins of OEWG 5, the BCRC Directors had the opportunity to discuss about the challenges faced by the Regional Centres. These meetings were a very important platform to exchange information about the BCRC's activities and to share experiences with a view to reinforcing the network.

75. At these meetings it was highlighted that the Centres should have the adequate structure and operational capabilities to effectively play their role at the regional level reinforcing the

cooperation with international organisations and the synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements.

76. In order to reinforce the regional role of the BCRCs, some Centres have adopted governing bodies formed by the countries served by the Centre. These governing bodies decide on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre, on administrative issues related to the operation of the BCRC and identify regional priorities based on needs expressed by countries served by the Centre. The establishment of such governing body should be encouraged. Donors and other stakeholders, including non-governmental organisations, private sector organisations, academic institutions or other organisations can be invited to attend the meetings of the Steering Committee as observers. The active involvement of the countries served by the Centre is critical in this process.

77. The signature of the Framework Agreement is a critical and essential step towards enabling the Centres to operate effectively and to contribute to the functioning of the Basel Convention Operational Network (BCON).

78. The Centres prepared their Business Plans as an essential initial step. As a next step Centres should develop or consolidate their programme framework by preparing more detailed activities for the following year and sound project proposals.

79. The budget of the centres should reflect the total costs including operational costs of the BCRCs.

80. Resource mobilization should be part of the functions of the Centres in coordination with the Secretariat, including the preparation of quality project proposals to support the focus areas of the Strategic Plan. Interaction between the Centres and the Secretariat provides for timely and quality delivery of outputs and reports.

B. Staffing

81. The number of staff per centre varies between one and five, with an estimated average of three staff members per centre, in a mix of part-time employees, full-time employees and technical consultants. Qualified staff should be recruited to help the Director of the Centre in the preparation of reports and projects and provision of advice on technical matters.

82. The secondment of resource persons from other countries to the Regional Centres could contribute to the services provided by the Centre and the reinforcement of the regional role of the BCRCs.

C. Financial management aspects

83. Some 75% of the budget of the Centre are spent on their functioning. Funding for projects is very limited. Centres like the BCRC-Argentina, BCRC-Senegal, BCRC-Slovakia, BCRC-South Africa, SPREP or BCCC-Uruguay have been able to implement a limited number of the activities contained in their Business Plans. While BCRC-Egypt has been implementing more fully its Business Plan due to bilateral support.

84. Most of the functioning costs of the centres are financed by the host countries with the total contributions (in-kind and financial) varying from US\$ 8,500 to US\$ 150,000 per year. While contribution from international organizations and bilateral donors exists, the contributions by countries served by the Centres are scarce.

85. As a consequence, some Centres have administrative support but no funding for project activities, while other Centres have activities without an adequate operational base.

D. Opportunities for further actions

86. The following points are being presented as possible way forward to strengthen both the operational and functioning of the Centres:

(a) In order to broaden the regional role of the Centres, active participation of the countries served by the Centres should be promoted. Countries served by the Centre could be encouraged to host workshops, to second nationals of these countries to the Centres and provide in-kind or financial contribution;

- (b) The BCRC Director should be supported by well-trained full-time staff. Training programmes should be prepared for the development of the BCRC staff;
- (c) The Centre should have the necessary structure, governance and operational base to enhance regional cooperation and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and regional programmes. In this context, the Centre should build its scientific and technical information base;
- (d) The Centre should be able to actively participate in meetings and events in order to mobilize funds for the Centre's activities and functioning. In addition to the Centre's project activities, Parties to the Basel Convention should contribute to the functioning of the Centre. The Centres should prepare high-quality project proposals which respond to the needs of the countries served by the Centres;
- (e) The strengthening of the Basel Convention Operational Network (BCON) should assist individual Centres to better integrate their work with other Centre's work to contribute more effectively to the implementation of the Strategic Plan Focus Areas.

Annex

Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres for Training and Technology Transfer (BCRC)

Business Plans and Project Activities

1. This summary includes the activities proposed on the Business Plans for the years 2007-2008 submitted by the following Basel Convention Regional or Coordinating Centres:

- (a) Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Arab States in Egypt;
- (b) Basel Convention Co-ordinating Centre for the African Region in Nigeria;
- (c) Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa in Senegal;
- (d) Basel Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking countries in South Africa;
- (e) Basel Convention Centre for the Asia and Pacific Region in China;
- (f) Basel Convention Regional Centre for South-East Asia in Indonesia;
- (g) Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the South Pacific region;
- (h) Basel Convention Regional Centre for CIS countries in the Russian Federation;
- (i) Basel Convention Regional Centre for Central Europe in Slovakia;
- (j) Basel Convention Regional Centre for the South American Region in Argentina;
- (k) Basel Convention Regional Centre for Central America and Mexico in El Salvador;
- (l) Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Caribbean Region in Trinidad and Tobago;
- (m) Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for Latin America and Caribbean region in Uruguay

2. In order to present the activities, this summary is divided as following:

- (a) Maintenance and development of the BCRCs;
- (b) Projects and activities for the implementation of the Strategic Plan Focus Areas;
 - (i) Electrical and electronic wastes;
 - (ii) Used lead-acid batteries;
 - (iii) Used Oils;
 - (iv) Persistent organic pollutant wastes including obsolete stocks of pesticides, PCBs, and dioxins and furans;
 - (v) Biomedical and health-care wastes;
 - (vi) Household wastes mixed with hazardous wastes;
 - (vii) By-products from the dismantling of ships;
 - (viii) Others

3. The summary contains the title of the project or activity, the implementing Regional Centre, a small description of the project's objectives, the amount requested for 2007 and 2008 and, when appropriate, the Strategic Plan Focus Areas addressed by the project.

Summary of the Business Plans activities for 2007-2008

A. Maintenance and development of the BCRCs

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Africa	Egypt	Information, advisory services and services	Provide technical assistance to countries during the projects undergoing by the Centre	Information clearing house	US\$ 25,000		Activity 8.11
	Egypt	Promotion and public awareness	Maintenance and development of information materials such as the website of the Center and the newsletter aimed at non specialists	Awareness raising	US\$ 25,000		Activity 8.12
	Nigeria	Training in Executive Management Programmes for Centre's Staff	To develop the business management skills of the key staff	Financial sustainability	US\$ 12,500		Activity 1
	Nigeria	Regional Consultations and meetings with Regional Centres of South Africa, Senegal and Egypt	To liaise and maintain constant consultations with the Regional Centres; Development of common plans and prioritized integrated regional programmes/plans	Effective cooperation and coordination	US\$ 65,000		Activity 2
	Senegal	Renforcement du Centre de Documentation	Disposer d'un centre de documentation de référence sur les déchets dangereux et des produits chimiques.	Information clearinghouse	US\$ 35,000		Activity 8.1.5
	Senegal	Renforcement des capacités du Centre dans le cadre du NEPAD	Renforcer les capacités des Centres Régionaux de la Convention de Bâle en Afrique pour la mise en œuvre de l'initiative environnementale du NEPAD relatives aux déchets et aux produits chimiques	Capacity building	US\$ 3,200,000		Covers the 4 BCRCs in Africa; Activity 8.2.3
	South Africa	Capacity Building of Staff	Train staff in General project development; financial management; private/public partnerships; information technology management and policy studies	Capacity building	US\$ 83,000		Project 1 Category 1

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
	South Africa	Development of a Resource Centre to serve the Region	Provide equipments for the BCRC	Equipment	US\$ 200,000		Project 2 Category 1
	South Africa	Funding of running of Centre	Provide a backstopping to generate the correct project management	Operation of the Centre	US\$ 400,000		Project 3 Category 1
Asia and Pacific	China	Information communication and cooperation among the regional centers on hazardous and other wastes.	To further the information communication and cooperation between Asia-Pacific region and other regional centres; share of the experiences and mutual support among regional centres	Cooperation and communication among BCRCs	US\$ 50,000		Activity 5
	Indonesia	Information Management	To establish the BCRC-Indonesia as an information center for Parties in the region and to maintain and upgrade the BCRC website	Awareness raising	US\$ 62,000		Activity 5
CEE	Russia	Creation of information BCRC-Russian Federation Website	To put in place a website in order to diffuse information about the BCRC activities	Website	US\$ 20,000		Activity 9
GRULAC	Argentina	Capacity Building of Staff	Provide training in general project development, project financial management and information technology management for the BCRC Staff.	Capacity Building	US\$ 80,000		Activity 8.1
	EL Salvador	Traducciones Técnicas	Poner a disposición manuales y materiales a técnicos de los países para mejorar la transferencia de tecnologías	Translation of technical publications	US\$ 20,000		Activity I-19-AI 19
	El Salvador	Actualización y mantenimiento del sitio Web	Mantener actualizado el sitio Web, por medio de la incorporación de nuevos documentos, bases de datos, enlaces, mantenimiento de directorios y ajustes en la estructura y el diseño gráfico	Website	US\$ 10,000		Activity I2-P12
	El Salvador	Difusión de materiales técnicos y de sensibilización sobre manejo ambientalmente adecuado de sustancias y desechos peligrosos	Elaboración de bases de datos de información, edición, publicación y distribución de boletines técnicos para dos corrientes de desechos prioritarios	Clearing house	US\$ 20,000		Activity I1-PI1

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
	Uruguay	Essential function of the Coordinating Centre	The operation of the Coordinating Centre entails the activities its essential functions determine, as well as those necessary to negotiate and sign agreements and implement activities and projects relating this plan's action lines and programmes.	Operation of the Centre	US\$ 114,000 Covered by the Ministry of Environment of Uruguay and LATU (US\$ 94,000) Requested from SBC (US\$ 20,000)		Activity 1-A1

B. Projects for the implementation of the Strategic Plan Focus Areas

(a) Electrical and electronic wastes;

Total BD fund for the Electrical and electronic wastes in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America in 2007/2008: US\$ 1,150,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 1,150,000

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Africa	Egypt	Developing a regional Strategy for e-waste management and feasibility for regional e-waste recycling facility	Prepare a common vision and a regional strategy to coordinate and focus efforts towards the ESM of e-waste in the region.	e-waste	US\$ 50,000	US\$ 50,000	Pilot Project 3
	Nigeria	Assessing electronic wastes and promoting environmentally sound management of electronic wastes in Africa	Assess the status of e-waste; Develop partnerships with telecommunications operators on environmentally refurbishment of used and end of life mobile phones and accessories; and Promote Environmentally Sound Management of electronic wastes in Africa	e-wastes	US\$ 692,560	US\$ 445,000	Activity 6
	South Africa	Electronic Wastes Inventory	To provide an assessment of the regional situation of e-waste, tools to develop national policies for re-use, repair, refurbishment and recycling and capacity building to implement these policies; to support national and local initiatives to divert end-of-life electronic equipment from dumping and landfills towards sustainable re-use and recycling operations to protect human health and the environment; to raise public awareness on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life electrical and electronic equipment.	e-wastes	US\$ 1,100,000		Project 3 Activity 3

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Asia and Pacific	China	Action plan on environmentally sound management of e-waste stream in the Asia-Pacific region	To strengthen the information communication and collaboration on environmentally sound management of e-waste stream in the region; identify the prior workplan in the region; fatherly promote the environmentally sound management of e-wastes in the region	e-wastes	US\$ 130,000	US\$ 130,000	Activity 3
	Indonesia	Environmentally Sound Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste in South East Asia	Increase the access of information; build support for pilot projects; training for trainers.	e-wastes	US\$ 55,000	US\$ 55,000	Activity 2
	SPREP	Assessment of e-wastes in the Pacific	To address the lack of information on the types, volumes of materials being brought into the countries, or already there and on absence of appropriate disposal facilities and high cost to move them to another country for disposal purposes.	e-wastes	US\$ 80,000	US\$ 80,000	Activity 1 Sub-Activity 1
CEE	Slovakia	The Environmentally Sound Management of Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment from Private Households	Assist the Central and Eastern Europe countries in the implementation of certain provisions of WEEE directives.	e-wastes			Activity 8.7
GRULAC	Argentina	The ESM of e-waste in South America (2 nd phase)	Pilot regional activity on the management of electronic wastes in order to assist the countries of the region to develop a sustainable partnership of the end-of-life computers	e-wastes	US\$ 220,000	US\$ 220,000	Second phase of the project "Inventory of Hazardous Wastes in South America". Activity 8.5
	Uruguay	Minimization of the generation of electric and electronic wastes (e-wastes)	Strengthening national capacities in order to implement programmes for the minimization and environmentally sound management of e-wastes through the application of the principle of extended responsibility	e-wastes	US\$ 170,000	US\$ 170,000	Project 6-P6

(b) Used lead-acid batteries;

Total BD fund for Used lead-acid batteries in Asia, Caribbean, Central and South America and Central and Eastern Europe in 2007/2008: US\$ 470,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 470,000

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Africa	Senegal	Projet pilote - Secteur informel et Santé: la récupération du plomb dans les batteries de véhicules par les femmes dans la région de Dakkar	Amener les acteurs en particulier les femmes, à prendre conscience des risques sur la santé liés à leurs activités en renforçant leurs capacités pour l'adoption de méthodes de travail sécuritaires.	ULABs/Gender sensitivity	US\$ 183,500		Activity 8.3.5
	Nigeria	Promoting Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes in Africa with Particular Emphasis on Lead Acid Batteries	To create awareness on ESM concepts and its linkages; to develop efficient means for hazardous waste management strategies	ULABs	US\$ 1,011,340	US\$ 210,000	Activity 10
Asia and Pacific	SPREP	Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific	To address the lack of information on the types, volumes of materials being brought into the countries, or already there and on absence of appropriate disposal facilities and high cost to move them to another country for disposal purposes.	ULABs	US\$ 80,000	US\$ 80,000	Activity 1 Sub Activity 2
CEE	Russia	Preparations of inventory registers for used lead accumulators	Support the government of Kyrgyz Republic on the development of a register for used lead accumulations	ULABs	US\$ 30,000	US\$ 30,000	Pilot Project 3
	Russia	Preparation of regional strategy of environmentally sound regulation of used lead accumulators in the countries of Central Asia	Develop a regional strategy on the ESM of ULABs in Central Asia	ULABs	US\$ 50,000	US\$ 50,000	Pilot Project 4
GRULAC	El Salvador and Trinidad and Tobago	Implementation of the regional strategy	This regional strategy specifically addresses both regional and national needs that has been identified through national reports and consultations forum	ULABs		US\$ 100,000	Project 4

(c) Used Oils;

Total BD fund for Used oils in Africa Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe in 2007/2008: US\$ 380,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 380,000

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Africa	Nigeria	Project on development of prototype process for waste engine oil recycling	To initiate partnership with industries in the regions; To strengthen capacity to implement cleaner production strategy on this priority waste stream in the region	Used oils	US\$ 250,000	US\$ 200,000	Activity 7
Asia and Pacific	SPREP	Pilot project for a partnership on ESM of Used Oils in the North Pacific	To address the lack of information on the types, volumes of materials being brought into the countries, or already there and on absence of appropriate disposal facilities and high cost to move them to another country for disposal purposes.	Used Oils	US\$ 70,000		Activity 1 Sub activity 3
CEE	Slovakia	Environmentally sound management of waste oils in Bosnia and Herzegovina	This project serves as a continuation of the project "Background analysis for development and establishment of lubricating oil management system"	Used Oils		US\$ 50,000	Activity 8.1; Follow up to the project: "Background Analysis for Development and Establishment of a Lubricating Oils Management System", implemented on 2005; UNEP/MAP funding assumed
	Slovakia	Development and establishment of a lubricating oil management system in FYR of Macedonia	This project will be based on the project "Background analysis for development and establishment of lubricating oil management system".	Used Oils		US\$ 30,000	Activity 8.2; Follow up to the project "Background Analysis for Development and Establishment of a Lubricating Oil Management System", implemented on 2005
GRULAC	Argentina	Pilot Regional Activity on Used Oils Management	To assist in the development of best practices in used oils management capitalizing the comparative advantages from each participating State.	Used Oils	US\$ 220,000		Activity 8.6

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
	Trinidad and Tobago	Environmentally Sound Management of Used Oil in the Caribbean in the context of the Basel and Marpol 73/78 Conventions	Identify the strategical elements of an integrated regional policy on the environmentally sound management of used oils that is respectfull of the countries obligations under the Marpol 73/78 and the Basel Convention.	Used Oils	US\$ 401,828	US\$ 100,000	Project 2; This project is under revision. A n expert has been provided to the SBC by the Government of Canada to assist the Centre in refining this project proposal, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2006/beginning 2007.

(d) Persistent organic pollutant wastes including obsolete stocks of pesticides, PCBs, and dioxins and furans;

Total BD fund for POPs wastes in Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe in 2007/2008: US\$ 550,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 550,000

Total BD fund for Obsolete stocks of pesticides in Africa, Asia, Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe in 2007/2008: US\$ 400,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 400,000

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Africa	Nigeria	Project on Bioremediation of contaminated land site in Africa	Increasing capacity building in the region on identification of contaminated sites; ESM of POPs as wastes under the framework of the Basel Convention and the Stockholm Convention; Providing of user friendly technical guidelines/manuals for managing contaminated sites and POPs waste in the Region	POPs	US\$ 1,280,000		Activity 5
	Nigeria	Regional workshops for legislators and key government decision makers on legislative framework on Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	To create awareness on environmental, socio-economic and public health issues of hazardous waste, toxic chemicals and POPs; To facilitate speedy enactment of regional/national laws	Awareness raining on POPs	US\$ 270,000		Activity 4
	Senegal	Etude de faisabilité pour la mise en place d'une unité de traitement des pesticides obsolètes	Identifier les sites pouvant accueillir une unité de traitement des pesticides obsolètes.	Obsolete Pesticides	US\$ 65,000	US\$ 50,000	Activity 8.3.2
	Senegal	Préparation d'un plan sous-régional de gestion écologiquement rationnelle des PCB et des équipements contaminés aux PCB	Développer un plan régional d'action pour une gestion, écologiquement rationnel des PCB et des équipements contaminés aux PCB.	PCBs	US\$ 700,000	US\$ 130,000	Activity 8.3.4; Phase I of a larger project financed by GEF
	Senegal	Formation à l'utilisation du Manuel d'élaboration d'un plan de gestion des PCBs	Savoir élaborer des plans de gestion des PCBs et des autres sources de polluants organiques persistants sur la base des recommandations du Manuel de la Convention de Bâle.	PCBs	US\$ 90,000		Activity 8.1.4

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
	South Africa	Preparation of National Inventories of PCB and PCB containing equipment in the SADC Region (2 nd phase)	Enhance national capacities for the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and PCB-containing equipment through the development of regionally-harmonized national inventories, in accordance with the objectives of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	PCBs	US\$ 700,000	US\$ 150,000	Project 6 Category 3; This activity responds to the needs identified by the South African Development Community to needs identified at UNEP regional workshops;
	South Africa	Training in the safe management of obsolete pesticides	To deliver a training in environmentally sound pesticides management that develops the skills of the stakeholder groups; to create awareness of regional and country specific data on effects on the humans due to exposure to pesticides; setting up of a web based pesticide training centre.	Obsolete Pesticides	US\$ 1,050,000	US\$ 100,000	Project 4 Category 3
Asia and Pacific	Indonesia	Study on Obsolete POPs and Destruction Technologies	To address the insufficient information on the destruction of obsolete POPs and to develop a regional assessment of the needs of the Parties	POPs	US\$ 719,586	US\$ 100,000	Activity 6; The project is estimated to finish in 2009
CEE	Russia	Training workshop "Inventory of hazardous wastes in terms of Inventory of PCB and Stocks of Obsolete Pesticides"	Prepare and coordinate a 4 days workshop in the subject to be attended by 12 countries in the region.	Obsolete Pesticides	US\$ 50,000	US\$ 50,000	Activity 2
	Slovakia	Categorisation of POPs waste	To develop and promote a study and a workshop on the identification of wastes in POPs	POPs			Activity 8.5
	Slovakia	POPs wastes in the agriculture sector	To develop and promote a study and a workshop on the use of POPs in the agriculture	Obsolete Pesticides		US\$ 50,000	Activity 8.6
GRULAC	El Salvador	Manejo ambientalmente adecuado y disposición final de PCBs y de equipo que contenga PCBs en Centroamérica	Manejo ambientalmente adecuado y disposición final de PCBs y de equipo que contiene PCBs en Centroamérica	PCBs	US\$ 3,900,000 (Cost of the feasibility study US\$ 600,000)	US\$ 100,000	Continuation of the PCBs project in Central America, Project to be submitted to GEF, Project P9,P19

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
	Trinidad and Tobago	Regional project for the final disposal of existing waste pesticides and selected POPs in the Caribbean and the prevention of future accumulation	Launch a regional initiative for the removal and final disposal of obsolete stocks of pesticides (including POPs pesticides) and PCBs wastes.	Obsolete Pesticides		US\$ 150,000	Project 3; This project is being revised and output from the recently held workshop in Trinidad is being incorporated.
	Uruguay	Technical alternatives in hazardous waste management in Latin America and the Caribbean, with special emphasis on persistent organic contaminants	Technical-economic-social evaluation of alternatives in the disposal of hazardous wastes, tending to the development of tools that contribute improving decision making, considering waste characteristics and installed capacity. Adequate selection being a key element in minimizing health and environment risks and minimize environmental liabilities associated with poor management.	POPs	US\$ 450,000		Project 8-P8
	Uruguay	Training in the detection of persistent organic contaminants in wastes and environmental matrixes	Improving the information and training of national technicians of the countries of the region in the detection of persistent organic contaminants and metals in wastes and environmental matrixes.	POPs	US\$ 250,000		Project 7-P7
	Uruguay	Improvement of national capacities for maintaining POP inventories	Evaluating the inventories of obsolete pesticides, dioxins and furans in the region prepared in the framework of the implementation of the National Plans of the Stockholm Convention and propose a regional strategy for reducing their uncertainty.	Inventories of POPs	US\$ 210,000		Project 10-P10
	Uruguay	Regional survey of the levels of existing information as to study the exposure of the population to persistent organic contaminants	Identifying the level of existing information in the countries of the region on the level of exposure of the population to persistent organic contaminants and establishing a strengthening proposal for the improvement of said information.	POPs	US\$ 80,000		Project 11-P11

(e) **Biomedical and health-care wastes;**

Total BD fund for Biomedical and healthcare waste in Africa, and Central and Eastern Europe in 2007/2008: US\$ 220,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 220,000

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Africa	Egypt	Workshop on Healthcare and Biomedical waste management	Expose the management of healthcare and biomedical waste in the region.	Healthcare and Biomedical wastes	US\$ 50,000		Activity 8.6;
	Nigeria	Project on Biomedical and Healthcare wastes	To initiate the training of trainers in the inventory and management of biomedical waste and healthcare wastes	Biomedical and healthcare wastes	US\$ 900,000		Activity 8
	Senegal	Préparation de plan de gestion des déchets biomédicaux en République Démocratique du Congo	Disposer de cadres institutionnels, juridiques et techniques pour le traitement approprié des déchets biomédicaux	Hospital and Healthcare wastes	US\$ 185,000		Activity 8.3.1
	Senegal	Développement d'une stratégie régionale pour la gestion des déchets hospitaliers en Afrique	Identifier les besoins et les principales contraintes pour accéder à une gestion écologiquement rationnelle des déchets biomédicaux	Hospital and Healthcare wastes	US\$ 500,000		Activity 8.3.3
	Senegal	Formation des points focaux à l'utilisation du Manuel de Gestion des déchets biomédicaux	Au-delà de la diffusion de ce manuel, l'objectif de la formation est de renforcer les capacités des participants nécessaires pour une gestion écologiquement rationnelle des déchets biomédicaux.	Healthcare and biomedical wastes	US\$ 96,500		Activity 8.1.3
	South Africa	Biomedical and Healthcare waste management	To stimulate awareness and understanding of effects of bio-medical and healthcare waste amongst the officials; to deliver a custom developed bio-medical and healthcare waste management course for middle management officials that is relevant to the African situation; to improve the general medical waste management skills and capacity of the officials through appropriate material on technical, policy, legal and management issues.	Biomedical Wastes	US\$ 1,250,000	US\$ 100,000	Project 1 Category 3

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Asia and Pacific	SPREP	Pilot Project on the management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste	Assessment of healthcare waste problems	Healthcare wastes	US\$ 80,000		Activity 1 Sub activity 5
CEE	Slovakia	Strategy on the management of the biomedical (healthcare) waste in Macedonia	To develop a strategy for the ESM of healthcare waste together with the government of FYRM.	Healthcare wastes		US\$ 70,000 (under implementation)	Activity 8.3
	Russia	Development of model legislation on “National Plan of Medical Waste Management”	Provide legal background for the Environmentally Sound Management of medical wastes project	Healthcare wastes	US\$ 250,000		Activity 3
	Russia	Training workshop “Management of Wastes from therapeutically institutions”	Develop and coordinate a 3 days workshop in the subject to be attended by 12 countries in the region.	Healthcare wastes	US\$ 50,000	US\$ 50,000	Activity 4
GRULAC	Argentina	Pilot Regional Activity on Healthcare Wastes	Assist in the development of best practices in healthcare waste management capitalizing the comparative advantages of each organization in the South American Region	Healthcare wastes	US\$ 220,000		Activity 8.4
	Uruguay	Training and technology transfers in the environmentally sound management of solid healthcare wastes	Improving the local management of solid healthcare wastes through training the personnel in charge of managing and controlling the said wastes and divulgating successful experiences.	Healthcare waste	US\$ 200,000		Project 5-P5

(f) Household wastes mixed with hazardous wastes;

Total BD fund for Cooperation with municipalities in Latin America and the Mediterranean in 2007/2008: US\$ 200,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 200,000

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Asia and Pacific	China	Establishment of public-private partnership among the selected cities of the Asia-Pacific region for implementing hazardous and other waste management under the Basel Convention	To promote the implementation of the Basel Convention at municipal level; share of the experiences and mutual support of practices among selected cities to facilitate the capacity building	Municipalities	US\$ 120,000		Activity 6
Africa	Senegal	Un nouveau partenariat avec les autorités locales pour la gestion des déchets dangereux et autres déchets en milieu urbain	Développer les compétences des municipalités pour la gestion écologiquement rationnelle des déchets dangereux et autres en milieu urbain.	Municipalities	US\$ 500,000		Activity 8.2.2
	South Africa	Best practices in management of solid waste in municipalities	To contribute to the body of Regional and international knowledge on sound solid waste management experiences based on the concept of Environmental Planning and management in typical African municipalities.	Municipalities	US\$ 244,000		Project 2 Category 3
GRULAC	El Salvador	Fortalecimiento de las capacidades locales municipales para la gestión de residuos peligrosos a través del entrenamiento permanente	Ajustar y ampliar de la capacitación de técnicos municipales en gestión ambiental de residuos peligrosos, con utilización de capacidades locales existentes. Formulación de una propuesta de un programa de formación permanente apuntando a la sostenibilidad de mediano plazo	Municipalities	US\$ 200,000		Project 6-PI6
	Uruguay	Model management systems for the revaluation, recycling or treatment of hazardous wastes generated as a result of consumption of certain goods	Improving hazardous waste management practices relating to the waste generated as a result of mass consumption.	Hazardous waste management	US\$ 568,000	US\$ 190,000	Project 4-P4; Project lasts 36 months
	Uruguay	Training of municipal technicians and technicians from other institutions	Training municipal technicians and technicians from other key institutions in hazardous waste management	Training	US\$ 10,000	US\$ 10,000	Activity 8 – A8

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
	Uruguay	Promotion of the implementation of cleaner production, best available techniques and best environmental practices	Developing a training programme aimed at private-sector actors and municipal technicians on cleaner production and the implementation of best available techniques and best environmental practices in productive and service sectors key for the Basel and Stockholm Conventions. Promoting the BEP and BAT Stockholm Convention guideline.	Cleaner Production	US\$ 140,000		Project 9-P9

(g) **By-products from the dismantling of ships;**

Total BD fund for Dismantling of ships in 2007/2008: US\$ 100,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 0

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
GRULAC	El Salvador	Inventario y desmantelamiento de embarcaciones abandonadas en tierra y puertos del Pacífico y mar Caribe centroamericano	Realizar un inventario sobre embarcaciones abandonadas en puerto y tierra del Océano Pacífico y Mar Caribe Centroamericano, preparar Planes Nacionales de desmantelamiento ambientalmente adecuado de embarcaciones y diseñar y establecer un adecuado sistema de monitoreo	Dismantling of ships	US\$ 735,000		Project P8 - P18

(h) Others:

Total BD fund for proposed new Strategic Plan focus areas regarding the environmentally sound management of asbestos wastes and mercury wastes in 2007/2008: US\$ 350,000

Estimated amount to be used under the Business Plans: US\$ 55,000

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
Africa	Egypt	Workshop on Hazardous Waste Management Policies and Strategies	Gather key officials from the member countries where model policies and strategies for sound management of hazardous wastes are presented and stimulate a discussion on national policies on Hazardous Waste Management	Capacity Building	US\$ 35,000		Activity 8.1
	Egypt	Training workshop for Ports Enforcement Officers on Combating Illegal Traffic	This workshop builds on the training on illegal traffic made on 2002 and aims to strength the capacity of port enforcement and customs officers tracking and combating illegal traffic of hazardous wastes and other wastes.	Illegal traffic	US\$ 40,000		Activity 8.2; Follow up on the Workshop on enforcement agents, organized in 2002
	Egypt	Regional workshop on hazardous wastes inventories	This workshop is addressed to cover the absence of a common system of inventories in the region.	Inventories	US\$ 40,000		Activity 8.3; Implementation of the Methodological guide for the undertaking of national inventories of hazardous wastes within the framework of the Basel Convention, 2000
	Egypt	Workshop on hazardous waste management legislation, law enforcement mechanisms and resource mobilization	Present and discuss the difficulties in the implementation and enforcement of their national legislations regarding hazardous waste management	Legal	US\$ 35,000		Activity 8.7
	Egypt	Follow-up workshops	Report on progress of the previous discussions and workshops together with focal points	Capacity building	US\$ 50,000		Activity 8.10

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
	Egypt	Hazardous wastes inventories in Egypt, Syria and Yemen	The project aims to assist three countries in the region on the assessment and compilation on the data regarding hazardous wastes.	Inventories	US\$ 60,000		Pilot Project 1
	Egypt	Development of best practices for the management of hazardous wastes from traditional industries	This project will work with Moroccan authorities in order to assess the quantity and the quality of hazardous wastes from the traditional industries sector in order to work out a ESM scheme for those industries	Best practices	US\$ 30,000		Pilot Project 2
	Egypt	Compilation of comprehensive guidelines for liquid hazardous wastes environmental sound management	Compile and review available management options for the ESM of liquid hazardous wastes in order to set up training materials	Information collection and dissemination	US\$ 35,000		Pilot Project 4
	Nigeria	Capacity Building Workshop on Chemical Tracking, Hazardous Waste Management and Environmental Enforcement for Senior Policy Officials, Security Agencies and Decision Makers	Creating awareness on the necessity for enforcement of laws, regulations and international protocols on the injurious impact of toxic chemicals on the environment	Capacity building	US\$ 120,000		Activity 3
	Nigeria	Project on compendium on successful existing experiences on hazardous waste management and cleaner production options/technologies in the African continent	Inventory of existing polluting and clean technologies	Cleaner Production	US\$ 250,000		Activity 9
	Senegal	Formation sur les Aspects économiques de la gestion des déchets dangereux	Permettre aux industriels et responsables gouvernementaux d'intégrer les aspects économiques dans la gestion des déchets dangereux	Capacity building	US\$ 60,000		Activity 8.1.1
	Senegal	Formation sur la Gestion des déchets dangereux dans le secteur informel	Sensibiliser le secteur informel sur les pratiques dangereuses liées à la manipulation de certains produits et déchets dangereux, susciter une dynamique organisationnelle du secteur en vue de la prise en compte des problèmes d'environnement et de santé publique	Capacity building/ Eradication of extreme poverty	US\$ 65,000		Activity 8.1.2
	Senegal	Formation sur l'engineering financier des projets environnementaux	Permettre aux producteurs de déchets, aux responsables de l'environnement et aux bureaux d'études de maîtriser le montage de projets relatifs à la gestion des déchets dangereux	Capacity building	US\$ 70,000		Activity 8.1.6

Region	BCRC	Projects titles	Objectives	Main Issue	Estimated cost	BD Funds	Comments
	Senegal	Formation sur la Communication environnementale de l'entreprise	Informers les industriels sur les dispositions législatives et réglementaires relatifs à la protection de l'environnement	Capacity building	US\$ 60,000		Activity 8.1.7
	Senegal	Formation sur les Aspects juridiques de la gestion des déchets dangereux et des produits chimiques	Fournir aux producteurs de déchets dangereux et aux gouvernements de la région des informations portant sur les aspects juridiques de la gestion des déchets dangereux.	Legal	US\$ 60,000		Activity 8.1.8
	Senegal	Formation sur la Gestion des déchets industriels	Informers les industriels sur les différentes composantes de la gestion écologiquement rationnelle des déchets dangereux et sur les mécanismes fiscaux existants	Training	US\$ 70,000		Activity 8.1.9
	Senegal	Formation des formateurs aux techniques d'inventaires des flux de déchets dangereux	Disposer dans chaque pays bénéficiant du projet « Inventaire National des Déchets Dangereux » d'un formateur sur les techniques d'inventaire des déchets dangereux.	Training of trainers	US\$ 40,000		Activity 8.1.10
	Senegal	Organisation d'un atelier de sensibilisation sur le contrôle des mouvements transfrontalières des déchets dangereux et autres déchets dans trois pays	Sensibiliser les autorités et les acteurs impliqués dans la gestion et le transfert des déchets dangereux sur les systèmes de contrôle des mouvements transfrontières de déchets dangereux à partir notamment du Manuel d'instruction de la Convention de Bâle relatif à ce contrôle et des autres documents techniques existants.	Transboundary movement of hazardous wastes	US\$ 30,000		Activity 8.1.11
	Senegal	Inventaire des déchets dangereux dans cinq pays de la région	Disposer d'une banque de données détaillée sur les caractéristiques de déchets industriels dans cinq pays de la région, développement de méthodes de caractérisation des déchets dangereux	Inventories	US\$ 500,000		Activity 8.2.1
	Senegal	Projet pilote – Projet Amiante : Problématique de l'amiante dans les bâtiments	Etude pilote dans un pays sur les risques sanitaires et environnementaux liés à l'utilisation de l'amiante dans la construction	Asbestos	US\$ 15,000	US\$ 15,000	Activity 8.3.6
	South Africa	Education and training	Promote awareness seminars for senior policy and decision-makers; develop interactive courses for linkage of institutions and focal points	Training of trainers	US\$ 1,500,000		Project 1 Category 2

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	South Africa	Awareness raising on General Hazardous Wastes	Train policy makers and decision makers on hazardous waste and other wastes	Trainings	US\$ 100,000		Project 2 Category 2
	South Africa	Development of Hazardous Wastes Curriculum for Africa	Develop training modules in order to develop local capacity for hazardous wastes in Africa	Capacity building	US\$ 250,000		Project 3 Category 2
	South Africa	Development of an information management system for the region	Develop a system to track, monitor and catalyze information in order to contribute to NEPAD environmental initiatives.	Clearing house	US\$ 120,000		Project 4 Category 2
Asia and Pacific	China	An inventory programme established to implement the Basel Convention and to manage hazardous wastes in 2 selected countries	To assist 2 selected countries to enhance the capacity of hazardous wastes management under the Basel Convention; Build up the collaboration with Asia-Pacific countries on the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes	Inventory	US\$ 150,000		Activity 4
	China	To strengthen the supervision and management of import and export of hazardous and other wastes in Asia-Pacific region under the Basel Convention with the cooperation of countries of European Union	To strengthen the supervision and management of import and export of hazardous and other wastes in the Asia region; further the information communication and cooperation between the Asia-pacific countries and European countries to control transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes	Transboundary movement; Illegal Traffic	US\$ 200,000		Activity 7
	China	Investigation and communication on national needs to implement the Basel Convention in member countries in the Asian-Pacific Region.	To gain the information on current situation and needs to implement the Basel Convention in member countries of Asia-Pacific region; assist the countries to set up and implement a comprehensive waste management system to deal with hazardous and other wastes; promote the cooperation and communication among the countries	Implementation of the Basel Convention	US\$ 100,000		Activity 1
	China	Organization of a regional conference on policies, technologies and its infrastructures to deal with hazardous and other wastes in environmentally sound manners.	Information communication of management, policies, technologies and its infrastructures of environmentally sound management for hazardous and other wastes	Information exchange	US\$ 50,000		Activity 2

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	Indonesia	National Inventories of hazardous wastes	Disseminate demo project methodology & results through intensive workshop; study on hazardous waste category compatibility; promote a regional inventory plan;	Inventories	US\$ 200,000		Activity 1; Follow up on the Regional Training Workshop on National Inventories of Hazardous Wastes and National Reporting, organized on 2003.
	Indonesia	Training on Hazardous Wastes Minimization and Technology Assessment	To generate better understanding on hazardous waste minimization and technology assessment	Minimization of hazardous wastes	US\$ 80,000		Activity 4
	Indonesia	Training for Policy Makers and Officials of Law Enforcement in area of Hazardous Waste Management & Basel Convention Implementation	Share experiences among parties in the region; generate a common strategy.	Capacity building	US\$ 80,000		Activity 3
	Indonesia	Training for Customs and Relevant Officers	To build a better understanding on hazardous waste inspections.	Illegal traffic	US\$ 80,000		Activity 7
	SPREP	Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific	To be implemented in Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa and Tonga.	Asbestos	US\$ 40,000	US\$ 40,000	Activity 1 Sub Activity 4
	SPREP	Training on National Waste Definitions and Hazardous Wastes Data Collection		Training	US\$ 45,000		Activity 2 Sub activity 6
	SPREP	Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions		Training	US\$ 45,000		Activity 2 Sub activity 7
	SPREP	Replication of the training of the legal officers to develop the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 4 chemical conventions (Waigani, Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)		Legal	US\$ 60,000		Activity 2 Sub activity 8

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	SPREP	Establishment of association with Pacific Customs Organization (PCO) and develop training program	To establish appropriate system for the control of transboundary movement of hazardous wastes including the control of illegal traffic in four countries.	Transboundary movement	US\$ 50,000		Activity 4 Sub activity 10
	SPREP	Strengthening the synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities	Training for customs officials in 4 countries of the region		US\$ 30,000		Activity 4 sub activity 11
	SPREP	National hazardous waste management plans development	Assistance to the preparation of national plans in 4 countries in the region.		US\$ 30,000		Activity 3 sub activity 9
CEE	Slovakia	Workshop on criteria and procedures for acceptance of waste at landfills regarding the relevant EU legislation	To provide an information exchange for the implementation of EU legislation in the area of waste landfilling in countries of the region.	Landfill of wastes			Activity 8.4
	Russia	Selection of participants for landfill of hazardous wastes and engineering decisions on their exploitation	Support the government of Kyrgyz Republic on the management of hazardous wastes landfills	Landfill of hazardous wastes	US\$ 50,000		Pilot Project 1
	Russia	Inventory of hazardous wastes	Support the government of Kyrgyz Republic on the development of an inventory of hazardous wastes	All hazardous wastes focus areas	US\$ 50,000		Pilot Project 2
	Russia	Training workshop "Minimization and prevention of Generation of Industrial Wastes"	Prepare and coordinate a 4 days workshop in the subject to be attended by 12 countries in the region.	Minimisation	US\$ 50,000		Activity 1
	Russia	Database on the ESM of Hazardous Wastes	Accumulate information on the Environmentally Sound Regulation of Priority Wastes Flows which includes wastes from electronic industry, lead and used lead accumulators, used oils, stocks of obsolete pesticides, PCD, dioxins and furans, asbestos and materials from dismantling of ships, biochemical and medical wastes in the countries at the region	All priority waste streams	US\$ 10,000		Activity 6

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	Russia	Training Workshop on Introduction of Environmentally Clean Production	Prepare and coordinate a 4 days workshop in the subject to be attended by all 12 countries in the region served by the Centre.	Cleaner Production	US\$ 50,000		Activity 7
	Russia	Training Workshop "Implementation of Environmental Audit"	Prepare and coordinate a 3 days workshop in the subject to be attended by 12 countries in the region	Environmental audit	US\$ 40,000		Activity 8
	Russia	Meeting on development of legislation in the sphere of Environmentally Sound Management of Priority types of wastes in the countries of the region	Provide a discussion forum on the different legal frameworks on the Environmentally Sound Management of wastes.	Legal/all priority waste streams	US\$ 50,000		Activity 5
	Russia	Regional (national) training workshop on measures of restraint, identification and prevention of illegal turnover of hazardous wastes from Custom officers.	Training on illegal traffic to custom officers in the Kyrgyz Republic.	Illegal traffic	US\$ 30,000		Pilot Project 5
	Russia	Development of the framework law on Chemicals	Development of a model law in the Kyrgyz Republic.	Legal	US\$ 30,000		Pilot Project 6
GRULAC	Argentina	Regional inventories of hazardous wastes	Compilation of information on hazardous wastes and development of a database in the region	Inventory of Hazardous Wastes	US\$ 100,000		Activity 8.2
	Argentina	Compilation of information on legal and administrative instruments in the region	Compilation of information relevant to the implementation of the chemical conventions in the region in a database	Legal	US\$ 100,000		Activity 8.3
	El Salvador	Diseño y puesta en operación de sistema de prevención y manejo de emergencias con sustancias químicas peligrosas	Disminuir la vulnerabilidad de la ocurrencia de accidentes con sustancias químicas peligrosas, sea que estos ocurran con o sin intervención humana, y contemplando el posible efecto de los frecuentes desastres naturales en la región	Disaster reductions	US\$ 360,000		Project P7-PI7
	El Salvador	Fortalecimiento de Alternativas técnicas para la gestión de sustancias químicas peligrosas	Evaluación técnica, social y económica de alternativas de manejo ambientalmente adecuado y seguro de sustancias químicas peligrosas, de alternativas de disposición adecuada de desechos peligrosos, con el fin de identificar las opciones viables y disminuir impactos a	Alternatives	US\$ 155,000		Project 5-PI5

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	El Salvador	Fortalecimiento de capacidades de laboratorios	Dotar a laboratorios de la región centroamericana de las capacidades de análisis de sustancias químicas peligrosas	Laboratories	US\$ 420,000		Project 4-PI4
	El Salvador	Fortalecimiento de las capacidades de control de los movimientos transfronterizos	Fortalecer los aspectos concretos del control de los movimientos transfronterizos de sustancias químicas peligrosas en los países de la región, a través de la preparación de una guía de cumplimiento y lista de chequeo, de la capacitación sobre el uso de la misma y de la construcción de un sistema en línea, de acuerdo con las necesidades específicas. Promoción del intercambio del conocimiento y difusión de la experiencia generada en los países de la región en América Latina y el Caribe.	Transboundary Movement	US\$ 330,000		Project I3-PI3
	El Salvador	Capacitación a los Medios de Comunicación	Elevar el nivel de información que recibe la población	Awareness Raising	US\$ 10,000		Project I1-PI1; I-20- AI 20
	El Salvador	Actualización de Información de Legislación en la región	Revisión anual de la base de datos sobre legislación en materia de sustancias químicas peligrosas y producción más limpia, en los países de la región.	Legal	US\$ 10,000		Activity I21-AI21
	Trinidad and Tobago	Project aimed at strengthening the legislative, regulatory and enforcement capacity of Small Island Developing States in the Caribbean to manage the hazardous wastes and other wastes, including chemical wastes	The project is aimed at strengthening the legislative, regulatory and enforcement capacity of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago to implement and comply with international obligations under the Basel Convention, and to the extent appropriate, the Stockholm Convention and the Rotterdam Convention.	Legal	US\$ 282,687.30		Project 1

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	Uruguay	Implementation of a consultation system on regional needs aimed at improving the management of hazardous substances and wastes	Developing a consultation methodology and implementing an information system that permits improving the level of information and keeping up to date with the needs of the counties of the region on hazardous substances and waste management, serving as a base for the support strategy of the network of Centres of Latin America and the Caribbean and helping evaluate the measures implemented.	Clearing house	US\$ 95,000		Project 1-P1
	Uruguay	Training for NGOs and the media	Developing a training programme aimed at NGOs and the media on integrated hazardous waste management, hazardous substances management, and the mass communication of associated risks.	Training	US\$ 90,000		Project 2-P2
	Uruguay	Strengthening the control of the transboundary movement of hazardous substances and wastes	Strengthening the concrete aspects of the control of transboundary movements of hazardous substances and wastes in six countries according to their specific needs. Promoting the exchange of knowledge and sharing experiences between the countries of the region.	Transboundary Movement	US\$ 250,000		Project 3-P3
	Uruguay	Regional workshop on the legal aspects of the implementation of the international environmental conventions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm	Analyzing the legal aspects of the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions as to facilitate their enforcement and compliance by the countries of the region	Legal/synergies	US\$ 150,000		Activity 7-A7