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## RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS

**Recommended Council Decision**

The Council considered document GEF/C.33/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, and welcomes the proposed guidance and decisions that have been approved by the Conferences of the Parties to the global environmental conventions. The Council requests the Secretariat and the GEF Agencies to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

The Council also accepts the invitation of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol asking the GEF Secretariat to provide Secretariat services to the Adaptation Fund on an interim basis, and directs the GEF CEO and Secretariat to make necessary arrangements to provide such services, consistent with Decision 1/CMP.3.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This document reports on GEF related decisions at the multilateral environmental agreements, including the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its Multilateral Fund.

2. Highlights reported include:

- (a) A report on GEF's participation in meetings during the reporting period for the UN Convention of Biological Diversity.
- (b) Issues related to the GEF addressed at the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, which was held in conjunction with the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 3) in Bali, Indonesia from Dec 3-14, 2007.
- (c) Meetings and activities associated with the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.
- (d) A report on the follow up activities to decisions taken on the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification held on 1-4 September, 2007. Includes brief reports on events associated with the UNCCD of relevance to the GEF.
- (e) A note on the upcoming meetings of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

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1. This document reports on developments of interest to the GEF occurring since the GEF Council meeting in November 2007 within the context of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

## CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

### Meetings and events

2. The GEF Secretariat participated in the following key CBD meetings during the reporting period: Consultation meetings on Resource Mobilization, Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice; Working Group on Protected Areas; Working Group on Article 8(j); and Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing.

3. The GEF Secretariat provided technical assistance to the CBD Secretariat and input to its “*Draft strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention’s objectives.*” The strategy for resource mobilization will be considered at the ninth Conference of the Parties (COP 9), which will take place on 19-30 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany. The GEF secretariat participated in three informal consultations with the Parties to the CBD, which took place on: 13 October 2007 at the headquarters of the Secretariat in Montreal, Canada; 20 January 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland; and 16 February 2008 in Rome, Italy. At the third consultation, the GEF presented a strategy document on resource mobilization for biodiversity conservation as an information document. The text of the document can be downloaded from [www.cbd.int](http://www.cbd.int). The document number is: UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/14.

4. The thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Science, Technology, and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 13) of the CBD was held on 18-22 February 2008 in Rome, Italy. The meeting covered a number of issues related to the GEF, including in-depth reviews of the programmes of work on agriculture biodiversity and forest biodiversity, invasive alien species, marine genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction, and mutually supportive actions to address climate change within the three Rio Conventions.

5. The second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WGPA 2) of the CBD was held on 11-15 February 2008 in Rome, Italy. The Working Group reviewed the implementation of the *Programme of Work for Protected Areas (PoWPA)* and explored options for mobilizing, through different mechanisms, adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the *PoWPA*. During WGPA 2, countries outlined their activities, achievements, and challenges regarding the implementation of the *PoWPA*. Many of them highlighted their achievements through GEF supported national protected areas system projects in their respective countries as well as through the GEF global project, *Supporting Country Action* on the CBD *PoWPA*. The Working Group also recommends to the CBD COP 9

to invite the GEF to provide new and additional resources for protected areas within the GEF biodiversity focal area in line with the goals and objectives of the PoWPA.

6. During the W GPA 2 and SBSTTA 13 meetings, the GEF Secretariat made an intervention to share information and clarify the GEF's strategy and contribution toward achieving the goals and objectives of the CBD programmes of work, particularly on the protected areas. The GEF Secretariat also participated in various side events, including the Global Islands Partnership, Lifeweb Initiative, Paying Farmers for Biodiversity Conservation, and Sustainable Financing for Protected Area Systems.

7. The Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) of the CBD took place from 15-19 October 2007 in Montreal, Canada; GEF Secretariat representative attended. Among the eleven agenda items for the meeting were issues such as the elements of a code of ethical conduct to ensure respect for traditional knowledge and culture, and as the development of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge. The Working Group on Article 8(j) was also invited to collaborate in the fulfillment of the mandate of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing by providing its views on the elaboration of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing as it relates to traditional knowledge.

8. Considerable progress was made during the two meetings held by the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. The first was the fifth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 5) on 8-12 October 2007 in Montreal, Canada, followed by the sixth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 6) held in Geneva, Switzerland on 21-25 January 2008. A working document was produced on the international regime. The document identified lists of items "to be further elaborated" which were agreed on by the Working Group to be included in the regime, as well as items "for further consideration" for which no agreement could be reached. The outcome of the Working Group's deliberations will be submitted for consideration to COP 9 of the CBD. The GEF Secretariat attended both meetings and made a presentation on GEF activities in support of capacity development for ABS.

## **UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

9. The thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in conjunction with the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 3) in Bali, Indonesia on 3-14 December 2007.

10. The COP 13 established the process of the Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention, while also addressing issues such as Development and Transfer of Technologies, the Fourth Assessment Report of the *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)*, and the *New Delhi programme* on Article 6 of the Convention. The CMP 3 decided that the Adaptation Fund Board shall be the operating entity of the Adaptation Fund and invited the GEF to provide secretariat services to the Adaptation Fund Board and the World Bank to serve as trustee of the Adaptation Fund.

11. COP 13 and CMP 3 adopted a number of decisions which relate to the GEF. The decisions include:

- (i) Decision 4/CP.13 -Development and transfer of technologies under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation
- (ii) Decision 3/CP.13 –Development and transfer of technologies under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
- (iii) Decision 6/CP.13 -Fourth Review of the Financial Mechanism
- (iv) Decision 7/CP.13 -Additional Guidance to the Global Environmental Facility
- (v) Decision 8/CP.13 -Extension of the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group
- (vi) Decision 1/CMP.3 -Adaptation Fund

12. The table below highlights the proposed or ongoing GEF Secretariat responses to key issues in these decisions:

<b>COP Decision</b>	<b>Proposed or Ongoing GEF Response</b>
<b>4/CP.13 Development and Transfer of Technologies under the Subsidiary Body for Implementation</b>	
1. The Conference of the Parties requests the GEF to elaborate a strategic program to scale up the level of investment for technology transfer to help developing countries address their needs for environmentally sound technologies.	In response to the above COP decision, the GEF has prepared a document on technology transfer for deliberation by the Council at its April 2008 meeting. The document provides, among other things, an outline on the types of interventions that the GEF should undertake to implement a strategic technology program consistent with the guidance.
<b>3/CP.13 Development and Transfer of Technologies under the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice</b>	
1. The COP requests the GEF, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to provide financial support for the technology transfer framework, complemented	The GEF through the SCCF can provide funding to assist with the elements in the technology transfer framework. The GEF has prepared a document on technology transfer

with the set of actions set out in annex I to decision 3/CP.13.	for deliberation by the Council at its meeting in April 2008. The document provides, among other things, an outline on the type of interventions that the GEF should undertake to implement a strategic technology program consistent with the guidance.
<b>6/CP.13 Fourth Review of the Financial Mechanism</b>	
1. The COP noted the reform agenda of the GEF and decided to adopt the additional guidelines for the review of the financial mechanism.	The GEF is not required to perform any specific activity as relates to this decision, but will fully cooperate with the review.
<b>7/CP.13 Additional Guidance to the Global Environment Facility</b>	
1. The COP requests the GEF to continue to take the steps necessary to enhance its country dialogues, including ensuring clarity, transparency and timeliness in its communications with Parties on changes undertaken through the GEF reform agenda;	The GEF continues with its country dialogues to assist countries with GEF issues. There is outreach to the countries through sub-regional workshops, national dialogues, and GEF constituency meetings.
2. The COP requests the GEF to inform the implementing /executing agencies of the GEF of the relevant Convention provisions and decisions of the COP in the performance of their GEF obligations, and to encourage them, as a first priority, whenever possible, to use national experts/consultants in all aspects of project development and implementation;	The GEF will continue to liaise with the agencies on these issues.
3. The COP requests the GEF to continue to simplify and streamline the application of the incremental cost principle, building on its recent reforms and taking into account lessons learned on constraints in resource mobilization by developing countries;	The GEF is continuing to simplify and streamline the application of the incremental cost principle.



4. The COP requests the GEF to take fully into account lessons learned in the Strategic Priority, “Piloting and Operational Approach to Adaptation”, including the application of incremental cost, to help inform on how GEF could best support climate adaptation activities;	The GEF Evaluation Office will evaluate the <i>Strategic Priority on Adaptation Trust Fund</i> pilot to determine what should be the next steps forward.
5. The COP requests the GEF to continue to improve access to GEF funds, as highlighted in the Third Overall Performance Study of the GEF, and for those countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;	The GEF is developing specific targeted initiatives to those countries that are particularly vulnerable to climate change. The <i>GEF Pacific Alliance for Sustainability</i> is underway to assist small island states in the Pacific region.
6. The COP requests the GEF to submit the report of the GEF to the COP within a time frame that would allow Parties to the UNFCCC to examine the report carefully prior to the start of the sessions of the COP;	The GEF will prepare its reports for COPs in a timely fashion.
7. The COP requests the GEF to continue to ensure that financial resources are provided to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention;	The GEF will continue to meet the full agreed costs related to the implementation of Article 12.1 of the UNFCCC, and will consider national communications as part of the process of the mid term review in 2008.
8. The COP requests the GEF to work with its implementing agencies to continue to simplify its procedures and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the process through which non-Annex I Parties to the UNFCCC receive funding to meet their obligations under Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, with the aim of ensuring the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by developing country Parties in complying with these obligations;	The GEF will continue to work with its implementing agencies on these issues.

9. The COP requests the GEF to refine, as appropriate, operational procedures to ensure the timely disbursement of funds to meet the agreed full costs incurred by those non-Annex I Parties that are in the process of preparing their third and, where appropriate, fourth national communications;	GEF will refine the procedures if it is required.
10. The COP requests the GEF to assist, as appropriate, non-Annex I Parties in formulating and developing project proposals identified in their national communications in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and decision 5/CP.11, paragraph 2;	The GEF, through its agencies, assists countries in developing project proposals identified in their national communications. Countries may also seek guidance directly from the GEF Secretariat.
11. The COP requests the GEF to ensure, together with its implementing agencies, that the analysis of project proposals for the financing of second and subsequent national communications is consistent with the guidelines for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties;	The GEF will continue to work with its agencies to ensure the proposals are consistent with the relevant guidelines.
12. The COP invites the GEF: (a) To continue to provide information on funding for projects identified in the national communications of non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention and subsequently submitted and approved projects;	The information on specific steps taken to implement the guidance will be provided through the GEF reports to the COP.
(b) To consider the views of, and any concerns expressed by, Parties regarding their current experiences with the GEF and its implementing agencies in relation to the provision of financial support for the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties;	The GEF will work with its agencies on any concerns raised by countries related to the provision of financial support for the preparation of national communications.
13. The COP requests the GEF to include, in its regular report to the COP, information on the specific steps it has taken to implement guidance;	This information will be incorporated into the GEF report to the COP.
14. The COP requests the GEF to continue to provide, as appropriate, financial resources to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, in	The GEF will continue to provide support on these issues as appropriate.

accordance with decisions 11/CP.1, 6/CP.7, 4/CP.9 and 7/CP.10, to support the implementation of the New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the UNFCCC and to regularly report to the COP on the activities it has supported.	
<b>8/CP.13 Extension of the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group</b>	
1. The COP invites the GEF and its Agencies to attend the Least Developed Countries Expert Group meetings when deemed necessary.	The GEF will participate in the meetings when invited.
<b>1/CMP.3 Adaptation Fund</b>	
1. The COP invites the GEF to provide secretariat services to the Adaptation Fund Board.	The GEF is facilitating the meetings of the Adaptation Fund Board, and facilitating the development of procedures for this Board.

## STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

13. The third Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (COP 3) met on 30 April- 4 May 2007 in Dakar, Senegal. A detailed report on COP 3 of particular relevance to the GEF was provided at the November 2007 Council meeting in the paper, *Relations with the Conventions and other Institutions*, (GEF/C.32/4). The fourth meeting of the COP to the Stockholm Convention is to be held on 4-8 May 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland.

14. Annex (I) includes the status of the National Implementation Plans under the Stockholm Convention transmitted by Parties to the Convention and other countries that are eligible to receive GEF funding.

15. The third meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC 3) of the Stockholm Convention took place from 19-23 November 2007 in Geneva, Switzerland. POPRC 3 has recommended that the COP 4 consider listing under Annex A of the Convention the following chemicals: lindane, chlordecone, hexabromobiphenyl (HBB), pentabromodiphenyl ether (pentaBDE); and under Annex A or B: perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), its salts and PFOS fluoride (PFOSF). This would lead to elimination (Annex A) or restriction (Annex B) of the production, use, export and import of the chemicals.

16. Chemicals recommended to COP 4 for listing:

<b>Chemical</b>	<b>Use</b>
Lindane	An insecticide in agriculture and in pharmaceutical products for the treatment of head lice and scabies
Chlordecone	A pesticide in agriculture, known as kepon
Hexabromobiphenyl	A flame retardant mainly in plastics and coated cables
Pentabromodiphenyl ether	Used in the manufacture of flexible polyurethane foam for furniture, upholstery, and packaging, and non-foamed polyurethane in casings and electronic equipment
Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), its salts and PFOS fluoride (PFOSF)	An intentionally produced substance and an unintentional degradation product of other related anthropogenic chemicals. PFOS-related substances are used as surface-active agents in different applications including fire fighting foams, textiles, paper and packaging, coatings, cleaning products, pesticides, photographic industry, semiconductor, hydraulic fluids, metal plating.

17. The fourth meeting of the POPRC is scheduled to be held on 13-17 October 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland. Four additional chemicals are currently under review by the Committee and may be recommended to COP 4, with the previous five chemicals, to be considered for addition to the list of controlled substances under the Stockholm Convention.

18. The chemicals currently under review by the POPRC are: commercial octabromodiphenyl ether, pentachlorobenzene, alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane, and beta-hexachlorocyclohexane.

19. Pursuant to decision SC-3/12 in terms of reference for the selection of regional and subregional centres under the Stockholm Convention, the following eleven institutions have become nominated as Stockholm Convention Centres:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Nominated institution</b>
Africa	Algeria	National centre for cleaner technologies production
	Dakar, Senegal	Basel Convention Regional Centre for French African Countries (BCRC-FA)
Asia and the Pacific	Beijing, China	Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for

<b>Region</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Nominated institution</b>
		Asia and Pacific
	Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran	Basel Convention Regional Centre
	Kuwait	Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research
Central and Eastern Europe	Brno-Czech Republic	RECETOX
Latin America and the Caribbean	Brazil	Centro CETESB – Companhia de Tecnologia de Saneamento Ambiental de Brasil
	Mexico	Centro Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación Ambiental (CENICA)
	Panama	Centro de Investigación e Información de Medicamentos y Tóxicos
	Montevideo-Uruguay	Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centre (BCRC)
Western Europe and others	Barcelona-Spain	Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production; Mediterranean Action Plan; United Nations Environment Programme

20. On additional guidance to the financial mechanism, the Conference of the Parties requests the GEF, in its support for the delivery of technical assistance on a regional basis, to give consideration to the proposals that may be developed by nominated Stockholm Convention Centres, and to prioritize such support to those centres situated in developing countries and countries with economies in transition in accordance with paragraph 31 of the terms of reference for the regional and subregional centres contained in the annex to decision SC-2/9 and paragraph 5 (e) of the annex to decision SC-3/12.

## **UN CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION**

### **GEF Response to UNCCD COP 8**

21. The GEF activities in relation to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) were focused on follow up to decisions taken at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification that was held on 1-4 September 2007 in Madrid, Spain. A detailed report on COP 8 of particular relevance to the

GEF was provided at the November 2007 Council meeting in the paper, *Relations with the Conventions and other Institutions*, GEF/C.32/4. The COP-9 will be scheduled in 2009.

22. The GEF Council of 2007 emphasized decision 3/COP.8, which invited the GEF to facilitate access by affected country parties, particularly those in Africa, to the full range of GEF funds available for the implementation of projects and programs relating to land degradation and desertification. The GEF response to this COP decision has been in the accelerated implementation of the 150 million dollar *Strategic Investment Program (SIP)* for Africa and the 50 million dollar LDC and SIDS targeted portfolio approach for *Capacity Development and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management Programs*.

## **Meetings and Events**

23. With the adoption of the Ten-year Strategic Plan and Framework in COP 8 to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008-2018), the UNCCD Executive Secretary will convene a High Level Policy Dialogue on 27 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany, to foster awareness of and buy-in to the Strategy among relevant policy makers. The event, to which the GEF is invited, is expected to be an important milestone for gaining a shared understanding of responsibilities among the Convention's main stakeholders and for renewing their commitments for its effective implementation.

24. The GEF Secretariat attended a side event organized by the UNCCD on Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for Adaptation to Climate Change with the participation of four Ministers, including the President of the Conference of the Parties, the Minister of Environment of Spain, the German Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, the Minister of Environment of Benin, and the Minister of State of Rwanda in charge of Lands and Environment. The event aimed at raising the profile of SLM as a global issue, and of ways to reduce vulnerability of land to the vagaries of climate change, while also sequestering carbon. This powerful combination would enhance synergies in the implementation of the mandates of the Rio conventions.

25. The seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 7) is scheduled to take place on 3-14 November 2008 in Istanbul, Turkey. A special session of the Committee for Science and Technology will be held in conjunction with CRIC 7.

26. The theme for the forthcoming cycle of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) concerns Africa, agriculture, rural development, land degradation, desertification and drought. In conformity with relevant COP decisions and General Assembly resolutions, UNCCD Secretariat and the CSD Secretariat collaborated with the UN Regional Commissions to organize Regional Implementation Meetings (RIMs) in the context of the preparatory process leading to CSD 16, which will take place on 5-16 May 2008 in New York, USA.

27. The International Conference on Combating Desertification was held on 22-24 January 2008 in Beijing, China.

28. The statement highlighted the importance of the Ten-year Strategic Plan and Framework, which has strengthened the commitment of the international community to implement the Convention at all levels while enabling the UNCCD to be more broadly engaged on the frontline of combating desertification and land degradation, mitigating the effects of drought, as well as contributing to combating climate change. In this respect, the Beijing conference engaged the UNCCD to serve as a platform for adaptation to climate change, mitigation and resilience.

29. The UNCCD Secretariat participated in the UN Framework Conference on Climate Change COP 13 held in Bali, Indonesia, on 3-14 December 2007.

30. The COP recalled and reaffirmed decision 28/CMP.1, adopted in December 2005 by the UNFCCC/COP, which recognized that “low-lying and other small island countries with low-lying coastal, arid and semi-arid areas or areas liable to floods, drought and desertification, and developing countries with fragile mountainous ecosystems are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change”. In Bali, the UNFCCC COP decided that “developing country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that are particularly vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change are eligible for funding from the Adaptation Fund to assist them in meeting the costs of adaptation”.

31. In light of the above, a specific footnote was introduced in the decision in order to clarify the eligibility criteria of decision 28/CMP.1. It is therefore understood that Parties to the UNCCD will be eligible for funding from the Adaptation Fund.

#### **MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER**

32. The nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP 19) was held in Montreal, Canada, from 17-21 September 2007. A detailed report on MOP 19 of particular relevance to the GEF was provided at the November 2007 Council meeting in the paper, *Relations with the Conventions and other Institutions*, (GEF/C.32/4). The MOP 19 included decisions regarding the accelerated phase out of HCFCs, and launching the process of replenishment of the Multilateral Fund.

33. The next Meeting of the Parties is scheduled on 17-21 November 2008, Doha, Qatar. Prior to that, the 28th Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer will take place on 7-11 July 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand.

## ANNEX I

### National Implementation Plans eligible for GEF funding submitted under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

<b>Party</b>	<b>Deadline for submission of National Implementation Plan</b>	<b>Date National Implementation Plan was submitted</b>
Algeria	21-Dec-08	6-Oct-07
Antigua and Barbuda	17-May-06	
Argentina	25-Apr-07	25-Apr-07
Armenia	17-May-06	29-Apr-06
Azerbaijan	17-May-06	
Bahamas	01-Jan-08	
Bangladesh	12-Jun-09	
Barbados	05-Sep-06	10-Dec-07
Belarus	17-May-06	17- Jan-07
Belize	N/A	
Benin	17-May-06	
Bolivia	17-May-06	19-Sep-05
Botswana	17-May-06	
Brazil	14-Sep-06	
Bulgaria	20-Mar-07	27-Sep-06
Burkina Faso	31-Mar-07	2-Apr-07
Burundi	31-Oct-07	28-Mar-06
Cambodia	23-Nov-08	03-May-07
Cameroon	N/A	
Cap Verde	30-May-08	
Central African Republic	N/A	
Chad	08-Jun-06	28-Apr-06
Chile	25-Apr-07	30-May-06
China	11-Nov-06	18-Apr-07
Comoros	23-May-09	29-Jan-08
Congo	12-May-09	26-Feb-07
Costa Rica	08-May-09	
Côte d'Ivoire	17-May-06	24-May-06
Croatia	30-Apr-09	
Cuba	N/A	
Czech Republic	17-May-06	8-May-06
Democratic Republic of the Congo	21-Jun-07	



Djibouti	09-Jun-06	1-Jun-07
Dominica	17-May-06	
Dominican Republic	04-Aug-09	
Ecuador	05-Sep-06	6-Sep-06
Egypt	17-May-06	16-Mar-06
El Salvador	N/A	
Eritrea	08-Jun-07	
Ethiopia	17-May-06	9-Mar-07
Fiji	17-May-06	21-Jun-06
Gabon	07-Aug-09	
Gambia	27-Jul-08	
Georgia	02-Jan-09	
Ghana	17-May-06	21-Jan-08
Guatemala	N/A	
Guinea	N/A	
Guinea-Bissau	N/A	
Haiti	N/A	
Honduras	21-Aug-07	
Hungary	N/A	
India	12-Apr-08	
Indonesia	N/A	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	07-May-08	
Jamaica	N/A	
Jordan	05-Feb-07	26-Dec-06
Kazakhstan	N/A	
Kenya	23-Dec-06	14-Apr-07
Kiribati	05-Dec-06	
Korea DPR	N/A	
Kyrgyzstan	12-Mar-09	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	26-Sep-08	
Latvia	26-Jan-07	07-Jun-05
Lebanon	17-May-06	17-May-06
Lesotho	17-May-06	
Liberia	17-May-06	
Lithuania	05-Mar-08	06-Apr-07
Madagascar	16-Feb-08	
Malawi	N/A	
Malaysia	N/A	
Mali	17-May-06	9-Aug-06
Marshall Islands	17-May-06	
Mauritania	20-Oct-07	

Mauritius	11-Oct-06	11-Oct-06
Mexico	17-May-06	
Micronesia (Federated States of)	13-Oct-07	
Mongolia	29-Jul-06	8-Jan-08
Morocco	13-Sep-06	2-May-06
Mozambique	29-Jan-08	
Nauru	17-May-06	
Nepal	06-Mar-09	25-Sep-07
Nicaragua	01-Mar-08	29- Apr -06
Niger	11-Jul-08	
Nigeria	22-Aug-06	
Niue	01-Dec-07	25- Jan -05
Oman	19-Apr-07	
Pakistan	N/A	
Palau	N/A	
Panama	17-May-06	
Papua New Guinea	17-May-06	
Paraguay	30-Jun-06	
Peru	13-Dec-07	19- Dec -07
Philippines	27-May-06	19- Jun -06
Poland	N/A	
Romania	26-Jan-07	12- Apr-06
Rwanda	17-May-06	30- May-07
Samoa	17-May-06	21- Jun-07
Sao Tome and Principe	11-Jul-08	12- Apr-07
Senegal	17-May-06	26- Apr-07
Serbia	N/A	
Seychelles	N/A	
Sierra Leone	17-May-06	
Slovak Republic	17-May-06	12-Dec-06
Slovenia	16-Aug-06	
South Africa	17-May-06	
Sri Lanka	20-Mar-08	28-Sep-07
St. Lucia	17-May-06	10-Jul-07
Sudan	27-Nov-08	4-Sep-07
Suriname	N/A	
Syrian Arab Republic	03-Nov-07	
Tajikistan	08-May-09	14- Nov-07
Thailand	01-May-07	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	25-Aug-06	02-Sep-05

Togo	20-Oct-06	13-Oct-06
Tonga	N/A	
Trinidad and Tobago	17-May-06	
Tunisia	15-Sep-06	30-Jan-07
Turkey	N/A	
Tuvalu	17-May-06	
Uganda	18-Oct-06	
United Republic of Tanzania	29-Jul-06	12- Jun-06
Ukraine	N/A	
Uruguay	17-May-06	1- Jun-06
Vanuatu	15-Dec-07	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	18-Jul-07	
Vietnam	17-May-06	11- Sep-07
Yemen	17-May-06	
Zambia	05-Oct-08	
Zimbabwe	N/A	