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RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Recommended Council Decision for Relations with Conventions

The Council, having considered document GEF/C.39/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, welcomes the report. The Council requests the GEF Partnership to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document reports on developments of interest to the GEF Council under the following multilateral environmental conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol). The document also provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat and other international conventions and institutions.

Highlights reported include:

- (a) Current status of the preparations and submissions to the CBD Secretariat of the Fourth National Biodiversity Reports.
- (b) A brief report on joint activities with the CBD Secretariat organizing a variety of events related to the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). The report also provides details on the participation of the GEF Secretariat in the Resumed Ninth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefits sharing, Global Expert Workshop on Biodiversity, benefits of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries and others.
- (c) A brief report of activities and contributions to the UNCCD's 10- Year Strategy and Resources Mobilization for implementation of the Convention.
- (d) Information on the report submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat about GEF's achievements, reforms and projects approved during the reporting period. A brief report on activities and contributions to different international expert meetings and trainings including for NAPAs implementation is provided. The report also provides details on a joint task with the UNFCCC Secretariat to establish a Finance Portal, which will present information on funding flows via the GEF.
- (e) A report on the participation of the Secretariat in the Sixth Meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and GEF Inter-agency Task Force meetings. The report also provides a summary of bilateral discussions between the GEF Secretariat and the Stockholm Convention Secretariat.
- (f) A detailed report on activities in the area of International Waters for the reporting period between November 2009 and October 2010;
- (g) A report on the progress of the Adaptation Fund Board including a first approval of project for Direct Access and accreditation of National Implementing Entities during its 11th meeting held on September 16-17, 2010, in Bonn, Germany.

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1. This document reports on developments of interest to the GEF Council occurring since the GEF Council meeting in November 2009 within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol). The report also provides information on GEF Secretariat (the Secretariat) relations with other conventions and institutions.

CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Ratification

2. From May 2010 until November 2010, Guinea-Bissau and Somalia acceded and became Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

National reporting

3. As of November 2010, the CBD Secretariat received 149 fourth national reports in their final version and thirteen fourth national reports in advanced drafts. Reports can be found at <http://www.cbd.int/reports/search/?type=nr-04>

Reporting to COP

4. A report on GEF activities was provided to the Conference of Parties (COP) three months before the start of the tenth meeting (COP 10). The document reports on the activities of the Global Environment Facility in the area of biological diversity for the period January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010; the last 2.5 years of GEF-4. The report can be found at: <http://www.cbd.int/cop10/doc/>.

Meetings and events

5. The Secretariat attended the Resumed Ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 9 Resumed), which was held from 10-16 July 2010, in Montreal, Canada. The negotiations in Montreal were based on the draft protocol tabled by the Working Group Co-Chairs after the last meeting of the group in Cali, Colombia. After seven days of negotiations, the governments made significant breakthroughs and reached consensus on important elements like compliance and user measures. Further work will be carried out by the Interregional Negotiating Group (ING) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) in late September. The draft Aichi Nagoya Protocol on ABS will be finalized and adopted on 29 October 2010 at CBD COP 10.

6. The Secretariat has collaborated with the CBD Secretariat and other partners in organizing a variety of events related to the International Year on Biodiversity (IYB). During the Fourth GEF Assembly in Uruguay, the GEF and the Uruguayan Council for International Relations co-hosted an event to celebrate the IYB at the Legislative Palace in Montevideo, which was attended by key policy makers in Uruguay and high level participants from around the

world. As for targeting the general public in raising awareness on biodiversity, a short message prepared by the GEF and CBD Secretariat was brought to an audience of spectators (estimated at over 600,000) watching live matches of the 2010 FIFA World Cup on giant screens in South Africa. In addition, a GEF photo and video contest has also been launched to attract public participation to the IYB activities, as well as to inform them about the GEF's work on biodiversity. Additional events and activities are currently planned for CBD COP10 in Nagoya, Japan in October.

7. The Secretariat participated in the Preparatory Meeting on the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative, which was co-organized by the Government of Japan, United Nations University, and the CBD Secretariat during 23-24 August in Yamanashi, Japan. The GEF provided its experience and GEF-5 strategy on mainstreaming biodiversity in production landscape/seascape and sectors, as well as its experience involving in various international partnership initiatives.

8. The Secretariat participated in a Global Expert Workshop on Biodiversity Benefits of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries, which was organized by the CBD Secretariat and held from Monday, 20 September, 2010 through Thursday, 23 September, 2010 at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The GEF Secretariat presented its recently developed GEF-5 Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)/REDD-plus Program on this occasion.

9. The Secretariat will be attending the COP - Meeting of Parties (MOP) 5 and COP 10 from 18 to 29 October Nagoya, Japan, 2010. For the next Council meeting, the Secretariat will provide a report about adopted guidance for the GEF from COP 10 and proposed responses to it.

UN CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

Ratification

10. Iraq became Party to the UNCCD on 26 August 2010, thus bringing the number of Parties to this Convention to 194.

Meetings and events

11. During the reporting period, the Secretariat participated in two important meetings of affected country parties. The first meeting was organized jointly by the UNCCD Secretariat and the Global Mechanism, and hosted by the Czech Republic Ministry of Environment, which also formally requested participation of the GEF Secretariat. The meeting was focused specifically on two key issues for the region: Alignment of National Action Programs (NAPs) with the UNCCD 10-Year Strategy and Resource Mobilization for Implementation of the Convention. There were representatives from the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Georgia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, and Serbia. The Secretariat made two presentations on GEF-5: the first was on GEF-5 replenishment and proposed reforms, including financing for enabling activities, the STAR and possible flexibility for utilization by countries with small total allocations in three focal areas, and incentive financing under the SFM program for countries targeting deforestation;

the second presentation was specifically on the land degradation focal area strategy to clarify priorities for project support.

12. The Second meeting was organized by the UNCCD Secretariat and also hosted by the Czech Republic Ministry of Environment. It was an informal consultation meeting of the Chairs of the Regional Implementation Annexes (Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Northern Mediterranean, and Central and Eastern Europe) to express views on 2010-2011 work program of the UNCCD Secretariat with respect to the alignment of NAPs and the Fourth Reporting and Review process. All five Regional Chairs were present for the one-day meeting. Representatives of the Global Mechanism and the European Commission also participated in the meeting. On the NAP alignment, the Regional Chairs noted the following three major inter-related challenges: inadequate capacity to engage in the process of alignment and delivery of an updated program, difficulty with securing financial resources to implement the process, and commitment of parties to actually engage in the process. They noted the potential catalytic role of the GEF financing for enabling activities under the Convention, for which countries will have direct access. On the fourth reporting and review, the Chairs welcomed all efforts underway to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of the process through the GEF-financed Performance Review and Assessment of Implementation System (PRAIS) project. The project is being implemented by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, while at the same time focal points are being trained to facilitate use of the system for reporting to the next Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention session scheduled for February 2011. The Secretariat has received the Template and Guidelines for Reporting under the new system (PRAIS) and is consulting with the UNCCD Secretariat on data required to avoid duplication with those presented by countries.

UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Reporting to the COP

13. The report describes the achievements of the GEF, GEF-5 replenishment, reforms, programming, and project activities approved by the GEF, under the GEF Trust Fund, Least Developed Countries Fund, and Special Climate Change Fund during the reporting period from July 1st, 2009 to June 30th, 2010. The report can be found at:

http://thegef.org/gef/GEF_Report_UNFCCC_COP16

Meetings and events

14. The Secretariat participated in the thirteenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), and the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), which took place from the 2-6 August, 2010 in Bonn, Germany.

15. In accordance with the decision made by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its thirty-first session in Copenhagen, relating to support to the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), GEF is supporting, under the guidance of the LDC Expert Group (LEG), four regional workshops in 2010 to provide training and technical support to LDCs in order to advance the process of implementation of NAPAs. The Secretariat participated in the training workshop for

implementing NAPAs targeting Lusophone LDCs, the fourth one of the series, which took place from the 4-8 September 2010 in Sao Tome, Sao Tome and Principe.

16. The Secretariat participated in the fourteenth session of the AWG-KP, and the twelfth session of the AWG-LCA, which took place from 4-9 October, 2010 in Tianjin, China.

17. In accordance with the COP decision 8/CP.13, extending the mandate of LEG in supporting preparation and implementation strategy of NAPAs, the Secretariat participated in the eighteenth meeting of LEG, which took place from 12-15 October, 2010 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Joint activities between the UNFCCC and the GEF secretariats

18. The UNFCCC and GEF have jointly undertaken the task to establish a Finance Portal presenting information on the funding flows via the GEF as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, in order to assist the intergovernmental process. The Finance Portal is expected to be launched at the sixteenth Conference of the Parties.

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

Meetings and events

19. The sixth Meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC) took place in Geneva, Switzerland, October 11-15, 2010. The POPRC agreed by a vote, to adopt the risk management evaluation of *endosulfan* and recommend listing *endosulfan* in annex A (Elimination) of the Stockholm Convention with exemptions, to be specified at a later stage. The POPRC also adopted the risk profile for *hexabromocyclodecane* (HBCD) establishing an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk management profile evaluation on HBCD. Finally, the POPRC considered a revised draft profile on short-chained *chlorinated paraffins* (SCCPs) and agreed to revise the draft risk profile due to the need to collect additional information on the toxicity of these chemicals.

20. The Stockholm Convention Secretariat hosted a meeting of the GEF inter-agency Task Force on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), in Geneva, 22-23 June, 2010. This face-to-face meeting had multiple objectives, including clarifying possible strategic issues related to the implementation of the guidance to the financial mechanism from the COP.

21. Bilateral discussions between the GEF and the Stockholm Convention Secretariats also led to an agreement to increase the periodicity of regular meetings between the Secretariats, particularly in the months leading to the forthcoming meeting of Conference of the Parties and in particular to work on proposing for adoption of the Parties consolidated COP guidance to the GEF.

MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

22. The Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) met in Geneva June 15-18, 2010. The Parties discussed a number of issues including the Multilateral Fund (MLF), ozone-depleting substances (ODS) destruction, and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). As is customary, the Parties prepared Terms of Reference (TORs) for a study on the funding needs for the MLF to support compliance in Article 5 of the Protocol countries for the period 2012 to 2014. TORs for a review of the MLF were also prepared.

23. Regarding destruction, some of the issues to be resolved relate to the extent to which this would be supported by the MLF, and the possible role of other sources of funding, such as Carbon finance and the GEF. The meeting also discussed proposed amendments to bring HFCs under the control of the Montreal Protocol, but at present, there is little consensus on this issue.

24. The Secretariat was invited to give a presentation at the seminar held on the margins of the 30th meeting of the OEWG, in response to a decision of the Parties at the previous Meeting of the Parties, Monday 14 June. The presentation “Opportunities for management and destruction of ODS via GEF programs” outlined the potential opportunities that do exist to advance the agenda in linking with POPs and Energy Efficiency programs, but noting that they require strong collaboration across sectors to be realised.

25. In addition to collaboration with the Ozone Secretariat, particularly regarding the ODS destruction seminar, the GEF and MLF secretariats continued to collaborate and exchange information regularly and informally on matters of common interest, in particular but not limited to, the review of projects that are co-financed by both institutions.

26. The twenty second Meeting of the Parties is scheduled for November 8-12 2010, in Bangkok, Thailand.

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International Waters

27. **5th Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands** May 3-7 2010, Paris, France. The conference was co-hosted by the Government of France and the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC). It brought together over 850 participants from 80 countries (63% of which were developing countries and small island developing states), including leaders from governments, international agencies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), industry, science groups, and networks of museums and aquaria. The series of conferences help foster reporting on World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) targets related to coasts and oceans.

28. The GEF CEO chaired major sessions in which she highlighted the increasingly alarming state of the oceans, called for swift action and integration of strengths and resources, described successes, including the Coral Triangle Initiative, and outlined future GEF priorities, such as:

protecting sea grass, mangroves, and the Arctic; strengthening large marine ecosystems (LMEs); and reinforcing its coastal biodiversity portfolio. Further, the needs for: integrated governance and awareness raising; an oceans chapter in the climate change negotiations; application Ecosystem Based Management on a cross-border basis and formulating recommendations for the CBD COP 10 in Nagoya, Japan were highlighted. A Blue-REDD initiative: “Towards a Comprehensive Program on Oceans and Climate”, was discussed leading to deliberations on lessons learned from reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries (REDD) within the UNFCCC process as well as on the need to address the impacts of climate change on oceans. Through presentations the Secretariat highlighted the Ridge to Reef approach as well as the growth of GEF’s watershed, coastal and marine portfolio, worth US\$2.6 billion, which funds, inter alia, 19 LMEs and over 250 marine protected areas (MPAs).

29. **11th Meeting of the United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea**, 21-25 June 2010, NY, USA. The GEF attended the 11th meeting of the United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea held from 21 to 25 June 2010 at UN Headquarters (HQ). The focus was on “capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science.” The general view was expressed that capacity-development was essential to ensure that all states, especially developing countries, are able to implement the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), benefit from the sustainable development of the oceans, and participate fully in global and regional forums dealing with ocean affairs and the law of the sea.

30. The Secretariat made a presentation on GEF’s Approaches, Best Practices and Opportunities for Improved Capacity Development and Technology Transfer related to Oceans and the Law of the Sea. The presentation was well received and generated interactive discussions from developing countries through sharing capacity-building and knowledge-management activities conducted by the GEF through the International Waters LEARN Programme (IW LEARN). The presentation also highlighted capacity development components of: water governance and sustainable fisheries; the Coral Triangle Initiative; Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) to strengthen coastal and ocean governance based on partnerships with a multi-stakeholder approach from the local through the international level; the Sulu-Celebes LME; the Humboldt Current LME; the Timor-Arafura Sea and the project to strengthen the engagement of Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam in the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Convention and management framework.

31. **Eighth Round of Informal Consultations of States Parties (ICSP) to the UNFSA-Fish Stocks Agreement**, 16-19 March 2010, New York, USA. The GEF attended the eighth round of ICSP to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. The meeting’s outcome was a summary report - to which the GEF’s technical report contribution was highly praised - on the promotion of a wider participation in the Agreement, capacity building, compatibility of conservation and management measures, enforcement and port state measures and the relationship between the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA) and UNCLOS and other international

instruments. The GEF has funded requests among countries for developing sustainable management measures for these highly mobile fish stocks.

32. **World Water Week**, 5-11 September 2010, Stockholm, Sweden. The World Water Week (WWW) celebrated its 20th anniversary as a leading annual global event on water and for international dialogue on the follow-up of international processes and programmes in water and development. The last meeting provided platform for about 2,500 participants to exchange views and experiences in advancing global water agenda in conjunction with environment, health, livelihood, and poverty reduction. The focus of the 2009 WWW theme was the water quality as a global challenge. Deterioration of water quality at global scale threatened the food and water security, ecosystems health and their ability to provide services beyond the use in agriculture and other economic sectors.

33. Speakers from GEF funded projects and from the Secretariat discussed the links between rivers, land, coasts and sea, policy options to integrated river basin, coastal management, and the “ridge-to-reef” management frameworks. They also shared experiences in improved trans-boundary water resources management in Africa and contributed to the dialogue on changing role of institutions towards adaptive management to respond to climate change. The Secretariat served on the panel with other financial institutions looking for opportunities to address water security and led the workshop on the collaboration of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) with multilateral and regional banks on water security at their yearly consulting partners meeting. During WWW, the Secretariat participated in a dialogue with other donors at the informal donor meeting on trans-boundary waters to strengthen collaboration among donors on shared water systems and to identify opportunities to achieve better coherence in support trans-boundary efforts in key regions.

34. The outcomes and recommendations from the plenary sessions and six high level panels focused on water quality challenges and new approaches, policy initiatives and mobilizing investments in critical regions and on water and climate in order to mainstream water in the climate change negotiations.

35. At the closing plenary, the WWW participants voted to adopt the Stockholm Statement to the High Level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) “Our Goals need Water”. The Statement re-emphasized the role of water in achieving most of the MDGs, and therefore, water should be recognized as one of the most important cross-cutting issues that needs to be addressed at the highest level. The management and provision of water resources and sanitation are some of the most efficient ways to address the MDGs. In fact, it has been determined that the MDGs will only be achieved by wise managements of water resources, secure and equitable access to safe water, and adequate sanitation.

Adaptation Fund Board

36. The Adaptation Fund Board (the Board/AFB) held one meeting during the reporting period, on September 16-17, 2010, back to back with the second meetings of the Project and

Programme Review Committee (PPRC) and Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC) on September 15, 2010.

37. During the meeting, the Board approved its first two funding decisions, including the first direct access proposal:

- a) A direct access programme in Senegal to be implemented by its National Implementing Entity (NIE) Center for Ecological Monitoring, worth US\$ 8,619,000. The programme aims to combat coastal erosion exacerbated by climate change and rising sea levels in three areas of Senegal; and
- b) A project in Honduras (UNDP) worth US\$ 5,698,000. The project will reduce the vulnerability of around 13,000 of the poorest households in the capital region of Tegucigalpa by improving water management.

38. In addition, the Board endorsed three project concepts: Guatemala (UNDP), Madagascar (UNEP) and Mongolia (UNDP). Further three project concepts were not endorsed: Egypt and Niue (UNDP), and Uganda (WFP).

39. The Board agreed to accredit two NIEs: the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) and the National Agency of Research and Innovation of Uruguay (ANII). With these new entities the implementing entities that can seek funding from the Fund are three NIEs and six Multilateral Implementing Entities (MIEs).

40. The Board approved a cap of 8.5% for management fees and decided to continue the discussion on project preparation grants.

41. The Board was also informed on progress made by the German Government in the process leading to confer legal capacity to the Board. The draft law is being considered by the German Parliament (Bundesrat) and the German Government is confident that it will enter into effect in December 2010.

42. Other important decisions adopted by the Board are:

- Approval of a communications strategy;
- Development of a toolkit on accreditation, a demo version of which will be launched in Cancun at a side-event scheduled on December 3, 2010;
- Holding open sessions in order to interact with civil society at the end of future Board meetings. The first open session will take place after AFB 12 in Cancun;
- Recommendation to the Kyoto Protocol Parties to extend the term of services of the World Bank as trustee of the Adaptation Fund for an additional three years, starting in March 2011.

43. The resources available in the Adaptation Fund Trust Fund as of September 10, 2010 amounted to US\$ 168.68 million.

44. The 12th meeting of the Board (AFB 12) will take place at the premises of the Universidad del Caribe in Cancun, on December 14-15, 2010. The Board Committees will meet on December 13, 2010, back to back with the AFB 12.

United Nations Forum on Forests

45. In the process of developing a national REDD-plus strategy, the Brazilian government invited relevant multilateral organizations to a meeting with the purpose of discussing synergies between the different multilateral initiatives for REDD-plus and possibilities for Brazilian participation in these initiatives. Both, the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and GEF Secretariat participated in this meeting, which was held from the 12-13 July 2010 in Brasilia, Brazil.

46. In 2009, the UNFF adopted a resolution on the means of implementation for sustainable forest management, by which the Forum established an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group and a facilitative process. The first meeting of the ad hoc expert group on forest financing was held at the United Nations Office in Nairobi, Kenya from the 13 to 17 September 2010. The GEF Secretariat attended this meeting and participated in a panel on 'Progress made by the existing and emerging forest related financing mechanisms and processes to mobilize financing for SFM'.

47. The 20th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO) was held from the 4-8 October 2010 in Rome, Italy. On 5 October, a session was organized to update COFO delegates on international initiatives related to financing for forests and climate change adaptation and mitigation including REDD-plus. The Secretariats of UNFF and GEF participated in this session and presented their individual programs, accomplishments and future prospects in this field.

48. In the frame of CBD COP 10 in Nagoya, the GEF Secretariat is planning to organize a side event on "Forest Biodiversity Financing". The UNFF Secretariat is invited to participate in this side event by presenting the outcome of the first meeting of the ad hoc expert group on forest financing.

**Status of POPs National Plans for the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention:
Status of GEF Approval and Submission to the SCS**

| # | Country | Date of GEF Approval | Date of Ratification | Date of NIP |
|-----|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Albania | 25-Sep-03 | 04-Oct-04 | 12-Feb-07 |
| 2. | Algeria | 14-Nov-01 | 22-Sep-06 | 06-Oct-07 |
| 3. | Angola | 27-Mar-08 | 23-Oct-06 | Not submitted |
| 4. | Antigua And Barbuda | 03-Mar-03 | 10-Sep-03 | 26-Nov-08 |
| 5. | Argentina | 10-Feb-03 | 25-Jan-05 | 25-Apr-07 |
| 6. | Armenia | 14-Nov-01 | 26-Nov-03 | 29-Apr-06 |
| 7. | Azerbaijan | 25-Aug-04 | 13-Jan-04 | 15-Jan-10 |
| 8. | Bahamas | 27-Oct-05 | 03-Oct-05 | Not submitted |
| 9. | Bangladesh | 27-Mar-02 | 12-Mar-07 | 08-May-09 |
| 10. | Barbados | 29-Apr-02 | 07-Jun-04 | 10-Dec-07 |
| 11. | Belarus | 28-May-04 | 03-Feb-04 | 17-Jan-07 |
| 12. | Belize | 17-Feb-05 | 25-Jan-10 | Not submitted |
| 13. | Benin | 22-Nov-02 | 05-Jan-04 | 27-Oct-08 |
| 14. | Bolivia | 22-Feb-02 | 03-Jun-03 | 19-Sep-05 |
| 15. | Botswana | 01-Jul-03 | 28-Oct-02 | Not submitted |
| 16. | Brazil | 28-Aug-06 | 16-Jun-04 | Not submitted |
| 17. | Bulgaria | 29-Apr-02 | 20-Dec-04 | 27-Sep-06 |
| 18. | Burkina Faso | 10-Apr-03 | 31-Dec-04 | 02-Apr-07 |
| 19. | Burundi | 20-Nov-02 | 02-Aug-05 | 28-Mar-06 |
| 20. | Cambodia | 24-Mar-03 | 25-Aug-06 | 03-May-07 |
| 21. | Cameroon | 10-Apr-03 | 19-May-09 | Not submitted |
| 22. | Cape Verde | 18-Oct-05 | 01-Mar-06 | Not submitted |
| 23. | Central African Republic | 22-May-02 | 12-Feb-08 | 08-Oct-08 |
| 24. | Chad | 13-Jun-02 | 10-Mar-06 | 28-Apr-06 |
| 25. | Chile | 29-Apr-02 | 20-Jan-05 | 30-May-06 |
| 26. | China | 09-Sep-04 | 12-Aug-04 | 18-Apr-07 |
| 27. | Colombia | 10-Jun-02 | 22-Oct-08 | 11-Aug-10 |
| 28. | Comoros | 31-Jul-03 | 23-Feb-07 | 29-Jan-08 |
| 29. | Congo, Rep of | 19-Apr-02 | 12-Feb-07 | 27-Feb-07 |
| 30. | Cook Islands | 03-Mar-08 | 29-Jun-04 | Not submitted |
| 31. | Costa Rica | 10-Dec-04 | 06-Feb-07 | 04-May-09 |
| 32. | Cote d'Ivoire | 09-Oct-01 | 20-Jan-04 | 24-May-06 |
| 33. | Croatia | 14-Nov-01 | 30-Jan-07 | 12-Mar-09 |
| 34. | Cuba | 08-Jul-03 | 21-Dec-07 | Not submitted |
| 35. | Czech Republic | 31-Jul-01 | 06-Aug-02 | 08-May-06 |
| 36. | Congo, Dem. Rep. of | 14-Feb-07 | 23-Mar-05 | 07-Jun-10 |
| 37. | Djibouti | 22-Nov-02 | 11-Mar-04 | 01-Jun-07 |
| 38. | Dominica | 03-Mar-05 | 08-Aug-03 | Not submitted |

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| 39. | Dominican Republic | 30-Mar-06 | 04-May-07 | 07-May-09 |
| 40. | Ecuador | 29-Apr-02 | 07-Jun-04 | 06-Sep-06 |
| 41. | Egypt | 03-Sep-02 | 02-May-03 | 16-Mar-06 |
| 42. | El Salvador | 13-Mar-06 | 27-May-08 | Not submitted |
| 43. | Eritrea | 13-Feb-07 | 10-Mar-05 | Not submitted |
| 44. | Ethiopia | 29-Jul-02 | 09-Jan-03 | 09-Mar-07 |
| 45. | Fiji | 20-Dec-01 | 20-Jun-01 | 21-Jun-06 |
| 46. | Gabon | 20-Nov-02 | 07-May-07 | 08-May-08 |
| 47. | Gambia | 22-May-02 | 28-Apr-06 | 21-May-09 |
| 48. | Georgia | 10-Feb-03 | 04-Oct-06 | Not submitted |
| 49. | Ghana | 29-Oct-01 | 30-May-03 | 21-Jan-08 |
| 50. | Guatemala | 19-Apr-02 | 30-Jul-08 | Not submitted |
| 51. | Guinea | 29-Apr-02 | 11-Dec-07 | 22-Apr-10 |
| 52. | Guinea-Bissau | 07-Jul-04 | 06-Aug-08 | Not submitted |
| 53. | Guyana | 26-Jan-10 | 12-Sep-07 | Not submitted |
| 54. | Haiti | 03-Sep-02 | Not ratified * | Not submitted |
| 55. | Honduras | 22-Mar-04 | 23-May-05 | 13-Jan-10 |
| 56. | Hungary | 01-Aug-01 | 14-Mar-08 | 21-Jun-10 |
| 57. | India | 14-Jun-07 | 13-Jan-06 | Not submitted |
| 58. | Indonesia | 14-Nov-01 | 28-Sep-09 | 15-Apr-10 |
| 59. | Iran | 13-Feb-02 | 06-Feb-06 | 02-Aug-08 |
| 60. | Jamaica | 22-Nov-02 | 01-Jun-07 | Not submitted |
| 61. | Jordan | 13-Jun-02 | 08-Nov-04 | 26-Dec-06 |
| 62. | Kazakhstan | 21-Dec-01 | 09-Nov-07 | 25-Feb-10 |
| 63. | Kenya | 09-Oct-01 | 24-Sep-04 | 14-Apr-07 |
| 64. | Kiribati | 22-Nov-02 | 07-Sep-04 | Not submitted |
| 65. | Korea DPR | 08-Dec-03 | 26-Aug-02 | 25-Nov-08 |
| 66. | Kyrgyzstan | 05-Aug-03 | 12-Dec-06 | 02-Apr-09 |
| 67. | Lao PDR | 19-Apr-02 | 28-Jun-06 | 11-Aug-10 |
| 68. | Latvia | 30-Jul-02 | 28-Oct-04 | 07-Jun-05 |
| 69. | Lebanon | 29-Apr-02 | 03-Jan-03 | 17-May-06 |
| 70. | Lesotho | 19-Apr-02 | 23-Jan-02 | 26-Feb-09 |
| 71. | Liberia | 27-Jan-03 | 23-May-02 | 20-Mar-08 |
| 72. | Lithuania | 10-Mar-03 | 05-Dec-06 | 6-Apr-07 |
| 73. | Macedonia | 14-Nov-01 | 27-May-04 | 02-Sep-05 |
| 74. | Madagascar | 24-Mar-03 | 18-Nov-05 | 25-Sep-08 |
| 75. | Malaysia | 29-Apr-02 | Not ratified * | Not submitted |
| 76. | Malawi | 03-Sep-02 | 27-Feb-09 | 15-Feb-10 |
| 77. | Mali | 29-Apr-02 | 05-Sep-03 | 09-Aug-06 |
| 78. | Marshall Islands | 10-Apr-03 | 27-Jan-03 | 11-Aug-09 |
| 79. | Mauritania | 20-Dec-01 | 22-Jul-05 | 19-Mar-10 |
| 80. | Mauritius | 03-Sep-02 | 13-Jul-04 | 11-Oct-06 |
| 81. | Mexico | 03-Jun-04 | 10-Feb-03 | 02-Feb-08 |
| 82. | Micronesia | 29-Apr-02 | 15-Jul-05 | Not submitted |

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| 83. | Moldova | 25-Apr-02 | 07-Apr-04 | 25-Aug-05 |
| 84. | Mongolia | 30-Jul-02 | 30-Apr-04 | 08-Jan-08 |
| 85. | Montenegro | 15-Dec-08 | | |
| 86. | Morocco | 19-Apr-02 | 15-Jun-04 | 02-May-06 |
| 87. | Mozambique | 22-May-02 | 31-Oct-05 | 12-Aug-08 |
| 88. | Nauru | 03-Jul-03 | 09-May-02 | Not submitted |
| 89. | Nepal | 22-May-02 | 06-Mar-07 | 25-Sep-07 |
| 90. | Nicaragua | 13-Aug-03 | 01-Dec-05 | 29-Apr-06 |
| 91. | Niger | 06-May-02 | 12-Apr-06 | Not submitted |
| 92. | Nigeria | 14-Nov-01 | 24-May-04 | 29-Apr-09 |
| 93. | Niue | 28-Aug-02 | 02-Sep-05 | 25-Jan-05 |
| 94. | Oman | 31-Jul-03 | 19-Jan-05 | 03-Feb-09 |
| 95. | Pakistan | 28-Aug-02 | 17-Apr-08 | 15-Dec-09 |
| 96. | Palau | 06-May-03 | Not ratified * | Not submitted |
| 97. | Panama | 21-Apr-05 | 05-Mar-03 | 10-Feb-09 |
| 98. | Papua New Guinea | 29-Apr-02 | 07-Oct-03 | Not submitted |
| 99. | Paraguay | 12-Nov-03 | 01-Apr-04 | 21-Jun-10 |
| 100. | Peru | 19-Dec-03 | 14-Sep-05 | 19-Dec-07 |
| 101. | Philippines | 22-Oct-01 | 27-Feb-04 | 19-Jun-06 |
| 102. | Poland | 01-Aug-01 | 23-Oct-08 | Not submitted |
| 103. | Romania | 04-Oct-01 | 28-Oct-04 | 12-Apr-06 |
| 104. | Russian Federation | 16-Sep-09 | Not ratified * | Not submitted |
| 105. | Rwanda | 08-Jan-03 | 05-Jun-02 | 30-May-07 |
| 106. | Samoa | 18-Sep-01 | 04-Feb-02 | 21-Jun-07 |
| 107. | Sao Tome and Principe | 20-Nov-02 | 12-Apr-06 | 12-Apr-07 |
| 108. | Senegal | 24-Mar-03 | 08-Oct-03 | 26-Apr-07 |
| 109. | Serbia | 10-Apr-03 | 31-July-09 | 29-Jun-10 |
| 110. | Seychelles | 20-Nov-02 | 03-Jun-08 | Not submitted |
| 111. | Sierra Leone | 07-Feb-06 | 26-Sep-03 | 11-Mar-09 |
| 112. | Slovak Republic | 04-Oct-01 | 05-Aug-02 | 12-Dec-06 |
| 113. | Slovenia | 29-Apr-02 | 04-May-04 | 02-Feb-10 |
| 114. | South Africa | 03-Sep-02 | 04-Sep-02 | Not submitted |
| 115. | Sri Lanka | 13-Jun-02 | 22-Dec-05 | 28-Sep-07 |
| 116. | St. Lucia | 08-Jul-03 | 04-Oct-02 | 10-Jul-07 |
| 117. | Sudan | 08-Jan-03 | 29-Aug-06 | 04-Sep-07 |
| 118. | Suriname | 07-Feb-06 | Not ratified * | Not submitted |
| 119. | Swaziland | 25-Mar-08 | 13-Jan-06 | Not submitted |
| 120. | Syria | 03-Sep-02 | 05-Aug-05 | 23-Mar-09 |
| 121. | Tajikistan | 13-Aug-03 | 08-Feb-07 | 14-Nov-07 |
| 122. | Tanzania | 14-Nov-01 | 30-Apr-04 | 12-Jun-06 |
| 123. | Thailand | 06-May-03 | 31-Jan-05 | 07-Aug-08 |
| 124. | Togo | 14-Nov-01 | 22-Jul-04 | 13-Oct-06 |
| 125. | Tonga | 22-Nov-02 | 23-Oct-09 | Not submitted |
| 126. | Trinidad and Tobago | 07-Feb-06 | 13-Dec-02 | Not submitted |

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| 127 | Tunisia | 14-Nov-01 | 17-Jun-04 | 30-Jan-07 |
| 128 | Turkey | 17-Dec-02 | 14-Oct-09 | Not submitted |
| 129 | Tuvalu | 17-Feb-05 | 19-Jan-04 | 05-Mar-09 |
| 130 | Uganda | 09-Mar-05 | 20-Jul-04 | 13-Jan-09 |
| 131 | Ukraine | 06-May-03 | 25-Sep-07 | Not submitted |
| 132 | Uruguay | 13-Jun-02 | 09-Sep-04 | 01-Jun-06 |
| 133 | Vanuatu | 24-Mar-03 | 16-Sep-05 | Not submitted |
| 134 | Venezuela | 20-Nov-02 | 19-Apr-05 | 12-Aug-09 |
| 135 | Vietnam | 18-Sep-01 | 22-Jul-02 | 11-Sep-07 |
| 136 | Yemen | 22-May-02 | 09-Jan-04 | Not submitted |
| 137 | Zambia | 29-Apr-02 | 07-Jul-06 | 11-May-09 |
| 138 | Zimbabwe | 22-Nov-02 | Not ratified * | Not submitted |

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