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PEBLDS FUNDRAISING

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Status of Contributions to the PEBLDS Joint Secretariat for 2005
As at February 2005

Donors	2005 Pledged in Local Currency	2005 Paid in US dollars	2005 Unpaid
Austria	10.000 Euros		10.000 Euros
Ireland	22.000 Euros	28.529,94	
Italy	17.000 Euros		17.000 Euros
Switzerland	50.000 Swiss Francs	43.395,24	
United Kingdom	15.000 British Pounds	28.231,50	
TOTAL	135.989,76US dollars	100.156,68	27.000 Euros

Fundraising for the PEBLDS Joint Secretariat

- The PEBLDS Joint Secretariat sent requests for contributions for 2005 to all the member countries of the PEBLDS in November and December 2004.
- Hungary, the Netherlands, Norway and Romania have informed the Joint Secretariat that their governments are currently considering a contribution to the PEBLDS Joint Secretariat. Armenia has informed the Joint Secretariat that they are unable to make a contribution to the PEBLDS process but will ask the government to make a contribution from the State budget.

Fundraising for the Action Plans

- Switzerland provided a contribution of 50.000 Swiss Francs for the EECCA countries to participate in 2005 in the Biodiversity Monitoring and Indicators Action Plan taking place under the *Streamlining European 2010 Biodiversity Indicators (EEA, UNEP-WCMC and ECNC)*. Norway is considering a contribution to this action plan for EECCA countries' participation.
- Switzerland provided a contribution of 45.000 Swiss Francs for the EECCA countries to participate in 2005 in the Agriculture and Biodiversity Action Plan taking place jointly between UNEP, the EEA and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (Ispra). Norway is also considering a contribution to this action plan for EECCA countries' participation.
- Switzerland provided a contribution of 50.000 Swiss Francs for the Financing Biodiversity Action Plan in 2005.
- The PEBLDS Joint Secretariat and the European Centre for Nature Conservation (ECNC) are consulting on ways and means of raising funds from the private sector and private foundations to finance the action plans.
- The PEBLDS Joint Secretariat is consulting with the UNEP/GEF Biodiversity Enabling Activities on possible joint activities in the EECCA region on issues of mutual interest.
- The PEBLDS Joint Secretariat has prepared a flyer based on the stakeholders' 2010 implementation plan [STRA-CO (2005) 3] to raise their interest in participating in the

implementation of the action plans and become more involved in the PEBLDS and the 2010 targets. Each action plan is summarised as a separate insert to the flyer depending on the donors' priorities and interests.

- The PEBLDS Chair has asked the European Commission to consider financial and political support to relevant activities of mutual interest in the pan European region to jointly achieve the 2010 targets.

Recommendations

The Council may recall that at the 11th meeting of the PEBLDS Bureau, it was decided that for the purpose of the action plans:

‘A lead country is a country/group of countries which is/are willing to be seen as the intergovernmental focal point and driver of the action plans (*or parts of them*) by undertaking one or more of the following:

1. Providing political support at the ministerial level to raise public awareness on the implementation of the activities of the action plans at the international and regional level.
2. Providing financial support to the cooperating and supporting agencies for the implementation of the action plans and or communication and public awareness activities related to the action plans.
3. Actively seeking financial support for the action plans through concrete fund-raising activities and the preparation of proposals to donor institutions both in the public and private sector.
4. Providing technical support (including staff time/secondments) to the cooperating and supporting agencies at the regional level for the implementation of the action plans and/or organizes communication and public awareness activities and/or prepares awareness material related to the action plans.’

There are a number of action plans that still do not have a lead country or countries. The PEBLDS Council at this meeting may wish to instruct the Joint Secretariat what to do with these action plans.

The PEBLDS Council may also wish to provide advice to the Joint Secretariat on other sources of political and financial support for the action plans.