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**Strategic Plan for the implementation of the
Basel Convention to 2010: Report on progress**

**Status report on the implementation of the Projects under the
Strategic Plan**

Attached is a status report on the implementation of the projects approved under the Strategic Plan by the first and second sessions of the Open-ended Working Group.

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Status report on the Implementation of the Projects under the Strategic Plan

Projects as adopted by decision OEWG-I/1 and OEWG-II/1

BCRC or Party	Title of project	Total amount required in 2003-2004 (in US-\$)	Status of Implementation by March 2004
Africa			
BCRC-Egypt	Hazardous Wastes Landfill (Site Selection, Design and preparation of operating plans) in Arab Region.	135,541	Project Document has been signed, and the funds for the start of the project transferred. Background documentation is being prepared and the first meeting of the steering committee is planned for May 2004.
BCCC-Nigeria	Regional workshop on successful case studies of recycling, reuse and recovery methods towards the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and implementation of the Basel Convention in Africa.	90,651	MOU has been signed and USD 60,166 was transferred to the Centre. The Centre is actually undertaking fundraising activities to allow more countries to attend the workshop and for the participation of experts with successful case studies.
BCRC-Senegal	Inventory of Hazardous Wastes in French speaking countries covered by BCRC-Dakar.	97,903	The existing Project Document with the BCRC-Senegal was revised taking into consideration new activities, and adopted in September 2003. Funds were transferred in October 2003. The activities started in March 2004 with training sessions for conducting inventories of hazardous waste in Guinea and Niger.
BCRC-South Africa	Development of a database for use by the countries in the region.	19,581	The existing Project Document with BCRC-South Africa was revised taking into consideration new activities, and adopted in September 2003. Funds transferred in October 2003. The project is entering its terminal phase of implementation.
Africa (carried out by BCRC-Nigeria)	Assessment and recycling of used oils in Africa.	36,260	

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Asia			
BCRC-China	A new Partnership with Local Authorities for the environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes in urban areas.	108,781	Project Document has been signed, financial forms have been signed and received. Forms have been sent to Nairobi so that money can be transferred. Two meetings with officials from the chosen municipality (Qing dao) have been undertaken on setting up the waste collection system
BCRC-China	Survey of the import and the environmentally sound management of electronic wastes in the Asia-Pacific region.	87,302	Revision to Project document has been signed and all the necessary financial forms have been completed. The money is now in the process of being transferred. BCRC-China has sent a questionnaire to the focal points of the countries in the jurisdiction. The directive document to implement the project by participating countries is being prepared.
BCRC-Indonesia	Pilot project on inventory of hazardous waste generation in selected member countries.	68,111	MOU has been signed and money is in the process of being transferred. Draft questionnaires regarding the existing conditions of hazardous waste management in each country have been prepared.
Bangladesh	Training on environmentally sound management of biomedical wastes in Dhaka city, Bangladesh.	42,308	MOU has been signed and money is in the process of being transferred
Cambodia	Inventories of waste lead-acid batteries.	45,688	MOU has been agreed on, money has been transferred. As of 9/02/04, there has been a visit by an international expert on ULAB to assist the Kingdom of Cambodia on developing the ULAB project. The expert supported the government in the drafting of a detailed work plan which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative sample survey of two provinces and their cities on the trends of ULAB • Desk top study methodology • Finalized the two questionnaire surveys • Identified information sources

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Jordan	Hazardous waste management in Small Medium Enterprise (SME) in the context of Integrated Life Cycle Management of Materials.	43,512	<p>Project Document has been signed and the first amount of money has been disbursed in November 2003. Two consultancy contracts have been signed between the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) and the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), Jordan and Sustainable Business Associate (SBA), Switzerland to carry out the project activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work plan has been prepared and approved. • The Steering Committee and the technical working group of the project has been established. • The targeted group of SMEs has been defined. • The data from the different SMEs have been collected.
CEE			
BCRC-Russian Federation	Preparation of a review on the existing national and international legislation on monitoring and control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their environmentally sound management for CIS countries.	36,860	MOU has been signed and 75% of the money has been transferred. The Centre is preparing the collection of information on regulations and legislation with the focal points of the countries involved in the project.
BCRC-Slovakia	"Implementation of waste minimization – cleaner production project" – training.	30,687	<p>MOU was signed and the total amount of funding has been transferred. The training was attended by representatives from 18 CEE countries, as follows: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, The former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, Poland, Republic of Serbia and Montenegro, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Ukraine. The discussions confirmed that the selection of the topic for the training was appropriate and addressed the need of countries in the region. Further projects on training managers of companies should be supported.</p> <p>The project has been completed, which included: conduct of a workshop, production of the final report and the financial report. Background documentation and several of the presentations made are available from the BCRC in Bratislava.</p>

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BCRC-Slovakia	Workshop on the strengthening of cooperation between the chemical and hazardous wastes conventions.	25,858	MOU has been signed and money was transferred. The Centre successfully realized the Workshop. This workshop was prepared in close co-operation among Secretariat of the Basel Convention, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic and BCRC- Slovak Republic and was held in Prague, 15-17 March 2004. The Final report and the brochure will be distributed to all Focal points in the CEE countries.
BCRC-Slovakia	Regional workshop for the preparation of a regional approach for the environmentally sound management of POPs as wastes in selected Central and Eastern European countries.	59,561	MoU is ready for signature. The draft Agenda for the Workshop and the background documentation is being prepared.
GRULAC			
BCRC-Argentina	Implementation of the control, detection and prevention of illegal traffic of hazardous wastes.	36,260	MOU has being signed and 75 % of the money has being transferred. The workshop was organized according to the deadline fixed in the MOU. It took place on the 22 and 23 of March 2004. 23 participants of 10 countries of South America attended the workshop. The breakdown of expenditures of the MOU is in process.
BCRC-El Salvador	Preparation of a regional strategy for the environmentally sound management of used lead-acid batteries in Central America, and Caribbean Island States.	72,521	The existing Project document with the BCRC-Trinidad and Tobago (which is the coordinator of the first phase of the project) has been revised taking into consideration the new activities and was adopted in October 2003. Funds transferred in November 2003. The 1 st meeting of the steering committee was held in Caracas, 04-05 December 2003. The report of the meeting has been prepared and endorsed by the Steering Committee members. The Steering Committee is currently working on the first draft of a regional strategy, draft model national plans and preliminary elements for a financial strategy in view of the next meeting of the Steering Committee by mid-year.
BCRC-Trinidad & Tobago	Assessment of the environmentally sound management of used oil in the Caribbean.	72,521	The existing Project document has been revised taking into consideration the new activities and adopted in October 2003. Funds transferred in November 2003. Tentative dates of the first workshop of the Steering Committee are 21-23 May 2004.

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BCCC-Uruguay	Training program for municipal officers in environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.	44,600	The Project document has been signed.
GRULAC (carried out by BCCC-Uruguay)	Pilot program for the minimization of impacts generated by hazardous waste.	32,090	The Project document is in the process of being signed.
WEOG			
Germany	Scoping Paper on transfer of national experiences with waste prevention and minimization to a trans-regional or an international level.	13,402	MOU has been signed and 100% of the money transferred. A draft final report has been submitted and an executive summary is been prepared.
Total		1,199,998	