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Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda: Requests for International Assistance

A.1 Technical Cooperation

A.1.3. Conservation Strategy and Preparation of a Management Plan for Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve (Honduras)

Background : Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1982, has over the last years been subject to serious encroachment by farming communities, threatening the integrity of the site. To mitigate these threats, the Government has launched a series of actions, including the creation of the Rio Platano Biosphere Reserve Commission.

Description of the request :

The proposal seeks assistance for four different activities:

- 1) Delimitation of the core zone ;
- 2) Co-ordination of conservation activities through the creation of an Inter-Institutional Commission ;
- 3) Development of an environmental education campaign ;
- 4) Elaboration of a management plan.

National contribution : The Government of Honduras through the Secretary of the Environment will cover salaries and per diem of nine local technicians and assistants, amounting to a total

contribution of US\$ 13 854,-.

Amount requested from the Fund : The requested amount of US\$ 70,000 would finance:

- a) the services of two national coordinators plus secretarial support for one year ;
- b) the purchase of computer and other equipment
- c) consultancy fees and related field work expenses.

Action by the Bureau : The Bureau may wish to invite the Honduran authorities to provide the Committee with a detailed budget breakdown, to be reviewed at the extraordinary session of the Bureau in December.