1. The attached two Annexes are being circulated in relation to document SC50 Doc. 12.4 to facilitate discussions on the draft budget proposed for 2006-2008.

2. Annex 1 presents the budget estimates for the triennium 2006-2008 using the structure of the budget for the current triennium.

3. Annex 2 presents the budget estimates for the same period for each category of service by items of expenditures.

4. It should be noted that compared to document SC50 Doc. 12.4 the allocation for maintenance of the office has been reduced. This follows the pledge by the Government of the Swiss Confederation to provide a rental subsidy for office space occupied by all UNEP offices, including the CITES Secretariat.