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EXPERT MEETING ON COOPERATIVE
PROCEDURES AND INSTITUTIONAL
MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE
WITH THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS
AND BENEFIT-SHARING AND TO ADDRESS
CASES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Montreal, 28 February-1 March 2012
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotated provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to decision X/1, annex II, of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the first meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (the "Intergovernmental Committee"), held from 5-10 June 2011 in Montreal addressed as one of its agenda items "cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol and to address cases of non-compliance, including procedures and mechanisms to offer advice or assistance, where appropriate."
2. Further to the consideration of this issue, the Intergovernmental Committee in recommendation 1/4, paragraph 1, invited Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders to communicate to the Executive Secretary by 1 September 2011 their views on elements and options for cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol and to address cases of non-compliance under Article 30 of the Nagoya Protocol, taking into account the experience and lessons learned from other relevant multilateral agreements.
3. Parties, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders were invited through notification SCBD/ABS/VN/SG/76984 (2011-135) dated 22 July 2011 to submit views to the Executive Secretary by 1 September 2011. All submissions were made available on-line at: <http://www.cbd.int/abs/submissions-compliance>.
4. In paragraph 2 of the recommendation, the Intergovernmental Committee also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a synthesis report and develop draft elements and options for cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol and to address cases of non-compliance based on the views expressed. The document prepared by the Secretariat is available under the symbol UNEP/CBD/ABS/EM-COMP/1/2.

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5. In paragraph 3 of the same recommendation, the Executive Secretary was requested in consultation with the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee, and subject to the availability of funds, to convene an expert meeting to review the synthesis report and further refine the draft elements and options developed by the Executive Secretary for consideration by the Intergovernmental Committee at its second meeting.

6. Thanks to the financial support provided by the European Commission, the expert meeting will be held in Montreal from 28 February to 1 March 2012.

7. Through notification SCBD/ABS/SG/VN/78056 (2011-205) dated 1 November 2011 and a reminder SCBD/ABS/SG/VN/78056 (2011-228) dated 7 December 2011, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, indigenous and local communities, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders to nominate experts and observers for the meeting by 16 December 2011.

8. The group of experts was to be composed of a maximum of five experts per region and five observers. In line with usual practice, the experts were selected taking into account their expertise, the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution, and with due regard to gender balance. The list of experts and observers, cleared by the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee, is available in notification SCBD/ABS/VN/AS/78523 (2012-003), dated 12 January 2012.

9. The documents for the meeting are listed in annex I below. They are available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSEM-COMP-01>.

10. The meeting will be held at the office of the Secretariat in Montreal from 28 February to 1 March 2012. Registration of participants will take place upon arrival at the meeting venue, starting at 8 a.m. on the opening day

11. An information note containing details regarding logistical arrangements for the meeting, including registration, information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters is also available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSEM-COMP-01>.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

12. The meeting will be opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

13. The experts will be invited to elect the Chair or Co-Chairs for the meeting on the basis of proposals from the floor.

14. The experts will also be invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/ABS/EM-COMP/1/1).

15. The experts may wish to carry out their work in plenary or breakout into subgroups, as appropriate. A proposal for the organization of work for the meeting is contained in annex II below.

16. The language of the meeting will be English.

ITEM 3. SYNTHESIS REPORT OF VIEWS ON ELEMENTS AND OPTIONS FOR COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES AND INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL AND TO ADDRESS CASES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

17. Under this item, the experts will be invited to take up the note by the Executive Secretary referred to in paragraph 4 above.

18. With a view to learning from the experiences in other relevant international forums, representatives of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the

Biosafety Division of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be invited to provide an overview of the compliance procedures and mechanisms established under these treaties.

19. The Secretariat will introduce the note by the Executive Secretary, and the experts will be invited to consider the synthesis of views and experience from other international forums with a view to reviewing and considering the possible draft elements and options for cooperative procedures and mechanisms under the Protocol under agenda item 4.

**ITEM 4. DRAFT ELEMENTS AND OPTIONS FOR COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES
AND INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE
WITH THE PROTOCOL AND TO ADDRESS CASES OF
NON-COMPLIANCE**

20. Under this agenda item, the experts will be invited to review and consider section IV and the annex of the note prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/ABS/EM-COMP/1/2) regarding possible draft elements and options for cooperative procedures and mechanisms under the Protocol with a view to further refining the draft elements and options for consideration by the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

21. The experts will be invited to consider and adopt their report, which will be made available to the Intergovernmental Committee at its second meeting.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

22. It is expected that the meeting close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 1 March 2012.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/ABS/EM-COMP/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ABS/EM-COMP/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ABS/EM-COMP/1/2	Synthesis of views and possible draft elements and options for cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol and address cases of non-compliance
http://www.cbd.int/abs/submissions-compliance	Submissions provided by Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders on possible draft elements and options for cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the protocol and address cases of non-compliance

Annex II

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE EXPERT MEETING ON
COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES AND INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE
COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL AND TO ADDRESS CASES OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

	<i>Plenary</i>
<p><i>Tuesday, 28 February 2012</i></p> <p>9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Item 1. Opening of the meeting.</p> <p>Item 2. Organizational matters.</p> <p>Item 3. Synthesis report of views on elements and options for cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol and to address cases of non-compliance.</p> <p>Item 4. Draft elements and options for cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol and to address cases of non-compliance.</p>
<p><i>Wednesday, 29 February 2012</i></p> <p>9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Item 4. <i>(continued)</i></p>
<p><i>Thursday, 1 March 2011</i></p> <p>9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>2 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Item 4. <i>(continued as needed)</i></p> <p>Item 5. Adoption of the report.</p> <p>Item 6. Closure of the meeting.</p>
