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Second meeting

Montreal, 19-22 March 2001

Item 2.3 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional organization of work for the second meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing

The Executive Secretary is pleased to circulate herewith the provisional organization of work for the second meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing, to be held in Montreal from 19 to 22 March 2001. The outline includes detailed information on the introductory presentations to be made under each substantive item of the provisional agenda.

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Annex

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PANEL
OF EXPERTS ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING**

	<i>Plenary</i>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>19 March 2001</i> 10 a.m - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Opening of the meeting.</i> 2. <i>Organizational matters:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. <i>Officers;</i> 2.2. <i>Adoption of the agenda;</i> 2.3. <i>Organization of work.</i>
<p>3-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.1. <i>Assessment of user and provider experience in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing</i></p> <p>Introductory presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally Petherbridge (Australia): The Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and relevant findings of the Commonwealth Public Inquiry on access to biological resources in Commonwealth areas. • Beatriz Zapata Ferrufino (Bolivia): The implementation of Decision 391 of the Andean Pact and the inclusion of access and benefit-sharing in the national biodiversity strategy of Bolivia. • Shri R. H. Khwaja (India): Access and benefit-sharing in India, in the context of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>20 March 2001</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.1. <i>Assessment of user and provider experience in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing (continued)</i></p>
<p>3-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.2. <i>Identification of approaches to involvement of stakeholders in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing processes</i></p> <p>Introductory presentation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen Wolfson (South Africa): The national consultation process in South-Africa, in the development of the 1997 White Paper for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and present consultations and partnerships being developed in terms of access and benefit-sharing.

	<i>Plenary</i>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>21 March 2001</i> 10 a.m - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.3. <i>Study of complementary options to address access and benefit-sharing in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity</i></p> <p>Introductory presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alwyn Kopse (Switzerland): The Swiss draft Guidelines on Access and Benefit-sharing regarding the Utilization of Genetic Resources • Kerry ten Kate (United Kingdom): The Common Policy Guidelines for Participating Botanical Gardens on Access to Genetic Resources
<p>3-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.3. <i>Study of complementary options to address access and benefit-sharing in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (continued)</i></p>
<p><i>Thursday</i> <i>22 March 2001</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. <i>Other matters</i> 5. <i>Adoption of the report</i> 6. <i>Closure of the meeting</i>
