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INTER-AGENCY LIAISON GROUP ON
INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES
Third meeting
Geneva, 13 July 2012

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity welcomed the participation and responses of the secretariats of international organizations that set the international regulatory framework relevant to invasive alien species (paragraphs 10-11 of decision X/38).
2. At the same meeting, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, associated with 20 global targets (Aichi Biodiversity Targets), was adopted (decision X/2). Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 states “By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment”.
3. Pursuant to decisions X/2 and X/38, the second meeting of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species was held at the headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva on 14-15 February 2011 (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ais/iaslg-02/official/iaslg-02-03-en.pdf>).
4. The third meeting of the Liaison Group will be held at WTO headquarters in Geneva on 13 July 2012.
5. The WTO is located at Centre William Rappard, Rue de Lausanne 154, CH-1211 Geneva 21, Tel: +41 22 739 5536 (Ms. Christiane Wolff’s office). From the Geneva airport, one can take bus 28 to the Jardin Botanique bus stop, which is right across the street from WTO. From the train station, bus 1 goes to the WTO (again, Jardin Botanique bus stop). More information on Geneva buses is available at <http://www.tpg.ch>.
6. The members of the Liaison Group are invited to join the seminar on International Trade and Invasive Alien Species being held in Geneva on 12-13 July 2012, organized by the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF). The Liaison Group meeting will take place immediately after the STDF seminar at the venue of the seminar.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The meeting of the Liaison Group will be opened at 2 p.m. on Friday, 13 July 2012 with welcoming remarks by Ms. Gretchen Stanton, Secretary of the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO).

8. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also make brief remarks.

ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

9. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Gretchen Stanton, Secretary of the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measure (WTO).

10. The Liaison Group will introduce themselves and will be invited to comment on the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/LG-IAS/3/1). The Group will finalize and adopt its agenda.

ITEM 3. BRIEF REPORT ON OUTCOMES OF THE STDF SEMINAR AND FOLLOW-UP

11. As mentioned in paragraph 6 above, the STDF seminar on International Trade and Invasive Alien Species will be held in Geneva on 12-13 July 2012, just prior to this Liaison Group meeting. Ms. KENZA Le Mentec of the STDF will briefly report on the outcomes of the STDF seminar.

12. The Liaison Group will be invited to discuss possible collaboration on follow-up plans and activities: (i) how to maximize impact of the seminar through joint initiatives of the Liaison Group at the international level, and (ii) how to encourage private-sector involvement to minimize the risks of introduction and spread of invasive alien species in the context of international trade through the joint initiatives of the Liaison Group and each organization's activities.

ITEM 4. BRIEF REPORTS ON THE GLOBAL INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP

13. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is holding an organizational workshop for the global invasive alien species information partnership on 9-10 July 2012 in London. Ms. Junko Shimura of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and Ms. Jamie Reaser, consultant, will briefly report on the global invasive alien species information partnership, to be launched at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in October 2012.

14. The Liaison Group will be invited to discuss the outcomes of the workshop, and to explore the possible contributions and roles of the members of the Liaison Group in this partnership.

ITEM 5. BRIEF PROGRESS REPORTS AND UPDATES ON OTHER MATTERS FROM EACH ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

15. The WTO will be invited to inform the Liaison Group on (i) the outcome of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Committee) meeting held from 27 to 29 March 2012 and (ii) other progress in relation to addressing invasive alien species, including capacity-building activities.

16. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) will be invited to inform the Liaison Group on the outcome of the seventh session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, which was held from 19 to 23 March 2012, and other relevant standard-setting activities, including the draft standard on minimizing pest movement by sea containers and progress on capacity-building activities in relation to addressing invasive alien species.

17. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) will be invited to inform the Liaison Group on the outcome of the OIE Expert Meeting: Brainstorming on guidance for Member Countries to assess the risk of non-native ('alien') animals becoming invasive, which was held from 30 November to 1 December 2011 in Paris, France.

18. The other organizations will be invited to inform the Liaison Group on progress and actions related to invasive alien species.

19. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will briefly report on progress on (i) capacity-building to address on invasive alien species, and (ii) preparation for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held from 8 to 19 October 2012 in Hyderabad in India.

20. The Liaison Group will be invited to discuss collaborative action at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including a side-event to launch the global invasive alien species information partnership.

21. The Liaison Group will explore collaborative actions in the areas of capacity-building to address invasive alien species based on each organization's progress and possible opportunities in 2012 or in the near term.

ITEM 6. FUTURE WORK AND OBJECTIVES OF THE LIAISON GROUP, AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

22. While the Liaison Group was established in response to a request from the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, it can serve as a mutually useful forum for all its members. In preparation for an in-depth discussion at its next meeting on the future work of the Liaison Group, members of the Group will be invited to identify issues concerning the objectives, scope and modus operandi of the Group.

23. The Liaison Group will also be invited to discuss the following practical matters:

(a) Approval of meeting reports;

(b) Development of joint website;

(c) Date and locale of the next meeting of the Liaison Group, which may take place at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, possibly either 17-18 or 24-25 September 2012.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

24. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will agree on its main conclusions. The full meeting report will be drafted following the meeting for subsequent review and approval by all members.

25. The third meeting of the Liaison Group is scheduled to be closed at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 13 July 2012.

Annex

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