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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

First meeting

Montreal, 14-16 March 2005

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Executive Secretary

INTRODUCTION

1. Article 34 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety provides that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP/MOP) shall, at its first meeting, consider and approve cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the provisions of the Protocol and to address cases of non-compliance. In its decision BS-I/7, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted the procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Protocol and established the Compliance Committee that consists of 15 members.

2. The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol elected the following members on the basis of three members from each of the five regional groups of the United Nations to serve on the Compliance Committee:

Africa:

Mr. Tewolde Berhan Gebre Egziabher (Ethiopia)

Ms. Mary Fosi Mbanteku (Cameroon)

Mr. Bather Kone* (Mali)

Asia and Pacific:

Mr. Nematollah Khansari (Iran)

Mr. Gurdial Singh Nijar (Malaysia)

Ms. Netatua Prescott * (Tonga)

Central and Eastern Europe:

Mr. Sergiy Gubar * (Ukraine)

Mr. Gabor Nechay (Hungary)

* These members serve a half term of two years.

Ms. Biserka Strel (Slovenia)

Latin American and Caribbean

Mr. Victor Manuel Villalobos Arambula* (Mexico)

Mr. Leonard Wellington O'Garro (Barbados)

Mr. Alvaro José Rodríguez (Colombia)

Western Europe and other Groups

Mr. Jürg Bally (Switzerland)

Mr. Veit Koester (Denmark)

Ms. Birthe Ivars* (Norway)

3. Decision BS-I/7 requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, to arrange for a meeting of the Compliance Committee to be held before the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, for the purpose of developing rules of procedure for the Compliance Committee. Accordingly, the first meeting of the Compliance Committee will take place at the Secretariat Headquarters, in Montreal from 14 to 16 March 2005.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The first meeting of the Compliance Committee will be opened by the Executive Secretary at 9.30 a.m. on 14 March 2005.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

5. The members of the Compliance Committee will be invited to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

6. The Compliance Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/1/1).

2.3. Organization of work

7. The language of the meeting will be English.

8. A list of documents for the meeting is contained in the annex below. In addition to normal distribution, documents are also available on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.biodiv.org>.

9. The Secretariat is also distributing an information note for members of the Compliance Committee containing details of registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 3. DEVELOPMENT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

10. According to decision BS-I/7, the purpose of the first meeting of the Compliance Committee is to develop rules of procedure for this Committee. To facilitate the work of the Committee, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note containing draft rules of procedure (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/1/2).

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11. The Compliance Committee is invited to develop its rules of procedure on the basis of the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/1/2) and, in accordance with paragraph 7 of section II of the procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (decision BS-I/7, annex), submit them to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for consideration and approval.

ITEM 4. WORK PLAN OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

12. Under this agenda item, the Compliance Committee may wish to discuss its work plan, including consideration of the discharge of its functions set out in section III of the procedures and mechanisms on compliance under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as well as the dates for its next meeting.

13. The Executive Secretary has prepared a draft work plan (UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/1/3) to facilitate the discussion on this item.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

14. Under this item, the members of the Compliance Committee may wish to raise and discuss other relevant matters.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

15. The Compliance Committee will consider and adopt its report.

16. The final report of the Committee will be submitted to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for its consideration.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

17. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 March 2005.

Annex

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE
FIRST MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE UNDER THE BIOSAFETY
PROTOCOL**

Symbol

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Development of rules of procedures for meetings of the
Compliance Committee under the Biosafety Protocol

UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/1/3

Draft work plan for the Compliance Committee under the
Biosafety Protocol
