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THIRD MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE UNDER  
THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY  
5 – 7 March 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**1. Opening and registration**

The opening of the third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to be held in Kuala Lumpur, from Monday, 5 to Wednesday, 7 March 2007 will be at 9.30 a.m. and registration will take place at 9 a.m. on the same day.

**2. Venue**

The meeting will be held at:  
Faculty of Law, Sultan Azlan Shah Building  
University Malaya  
50603 Kuala Lumpur  
Malaysia  
Telephone: +603 – 7967 6504  
Fax: +603 – 79573239  
Email: Faridzoh@yahoo.com

**Nb.** Transportation to and from the meeting venue will be provided to participants staying at the Boulevard Hotel (please see below).

**3. Working language of the meeting**

The meeting will be held in English.

**4. Documents**

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents, as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting.

Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:  
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=BSCC-03>

## 5. Visas

Participants from countries listed in the **Annex A** attached hereto require an entry visa for Malaysia and are strongly advised to approach the nearest Malaysian diplomatic mission in order to secure the required entry visa prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Malaysian diplomatic missions abroad, is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia at [www.kln.gov.my](http://www.kln.gov.my).

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

Participants experiencing difficulties to access the above web site and /or requiring any visa-related assistance are requested to **directly** contact the designated focal person, namely Mr. K. Nagulendran whose coordinates are as follows:

Mr. K. Nagulendran  
Principal Assistant Secretary  
Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment  
Conservation & Environment Management Division  
Level 6, Tower Block 4G3, Precinct 4  
Federal Government Administrative Centre  
62574 Putrajaya  
Telephone: +603 – 8886 1128  
Fax: +603 – 8888 4473  
Email: [nagu@nre.gov.my](mailto:nagu@nre.gov.my)

## 6. Health requirements

Yellow fever vaccination certification is required for nationals and those residing in the countries listed below\* :

<b>Africa</b>	<b>Africa (Cont'd)</b>	<b>South America</b>
Angola	Kenya	Bolivia
Benin	Liberia	Brazil
Burkina Faso	Mali	Colombia
Burundi	Nigeria	Ecuador
Cameroon	Rwanda	French Guiana
Central African Republic	Sao Tome & Principe	Guyana
Chad	Senegal	Panama
Congo	Sierra Leone	Peru
Ethiopia	Somalia	Suriname
Gabon	Sudan	
Gambia	Togo	
Guinea	Tanzania, United Republic of	
Guinea Bissau	Uganda	
Côte d'Ivoire		

## 7. Hotel accommodation

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the **Boulevard Hotel**, located at:

Boulevard Hotel  
Mid Valley City, Lingkaran Syed Putra  
59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Telephone: +603 – 2295 8000  
Fax: +603 – 2287 8551  
Email: [infokul@blvhotel.com](mailto:infokul@blvhotel.com)  
Website: [www.blvhotel.com](http://www.blvhotel.com)

The negotiated room rates with breakfast are as follows:

Single occupancy: RM 220 nett (approximately US\$ 63.00)  
Double occupancy RM 235 nett (approximately US\$ 68.00)

**Nb.** For other type of rooms, please refer to the attached reservation form.

It should be noted that participants **must confirm directly** their reservation with the hotel **no later than 16 February 2007**, using the attached reservation form **Annex B**. Past this deadline, rooms that have not been confirmed will be freed automatically and **Boulevard Hotel** will not guarantee availability.

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\* As per list provided by the host country

The CBD Secretariat will settle the hotel accommodation on behalf of the sponsored participants. All extras, such as telephone, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, etc. are at their own costs and must be settled upon checking out.

For confirmation of booking, to enrol for the shuttle bus service from airport to **Boulevard Hotel** or for any query on hotel accommodation, please complete the attached reservation form (Annex B) or contact the designated focal person whose name and coordinates are as follows:

Ms. Sophia Natasha  
Boulevard Hotel  
Mid Valley City, Lingkaran Syed Putra  
59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Telephone: +603 – 2295 8000  
Fax: +603 – 2287 8775  
Email: [natasha.mktgkul@blvhotel.com](mailto:natasha.mktgkul@blvhotel.com) or [infokul@blvhotel.com](mailto:infokul@blvhotel.com)  
Website: [www.blvhotel.com](http://www.blvhotel.com)

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#### **8. Payment of the daily subsistence allowance (DSA)**

The sponsored participants by the CBD Secretariat will receive the relevant DSA on the first day of the Meeting.

#### **9. Access to Kuala Lumpur**

The city of Kuala Lumpur is serviced by Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and can be reached by:

a) Taxis and limousines, which are readily available for hire from KLIA terminal to Kuala Lumpur city centre. Delegates are required to purchase a pre-paid coupon for the fare at the Taxi/Limousine Counter situated in the Arrival Hall before proceeding to the taxi stand. Fares depend on the destination and start from RM 60 (approximately US\$ 16) for taxis. Limousines charge much higher fares.

**OR**

b) The fast track train (ERL) service (fare RM 35.00 – approximately US\$ 9) which is available from KLIA to city centre terminal called “KL Sentral” from where taxis are readily available to the hotel. Participants have to purchase a pre-paid coupon for the fare at the taxi counter situated inside the KL Sentral terminal and the fare ranges from RM 8 onwards. Information on the ERL train service can be obtained from the Information desk located at the KLIA terminal.

Participants may also use the shuttle bus service provided by the **Boulevard Hotel** at a cost of RM 150 one way, by sending the reservation form (Annex B).

## **10. Currency and rate of exchange**

The currency in Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit (RM). The current rates of exchange for January 2007 are as follows:

1 United States Dollars = 3.51169 MR  
1 Malaysia Ringgit = 0.284763 USD

## **11. Credit Cards**

Major credit cards such as Visa, Master Card and American Express are accepted in most hotels, stores and restaurants in Kuala Lumpur.

## **12. Weather and time zone**

As Malaysia is situated in the tropics, the daytime temperatures range between 30-36 °C. The standard time zone is GMT + 8 hours.

More information on weather is available at the following web site:  
<http://www.kjc.gov.my/english/weather/weather.html>

## **13. Voltage**

240 volts, 50 Hertz

## **14. Disclaimer**

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure prior to departure international medical insurance for the period of participation.

Annex A

LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE A VISA TO ENTER MALAYSIA  
(as provided by the host country)

<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>T</b>
Afghanistan	Mali	Tanzania, United Republic of
Andorra	Marshall Islands	Togo
Angola	Micronesia, Federated States of	Trinidad & Tobago
<b>B</b>	Mozambique	<b>V</b>
Bangladesh	Myanmar	Vanuatu
Burkina Faso	<b>N</b>	<b>W</b>
Burundi	Nepal	Western Samoa
<b>C</b>	Niger	
Cameroon	Nigeria	
Central African Republic	Niue	<b>Z</b>
China	<b>P</b>	Zambia
Congo, Republic of	Pakistan	Zimbabwe
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Palau	
Côte d'Ivoire	Papua New Guinea	
<b>D</b>	<b>R</b>	
Djibouti	Republic of Moldova	
<b>E</b>	Rwanda	
Equatorial Guinea	<b>S</b>	
Eritrea	Serbia	
Ethiopia	Seychelles	
<b>G</b>	Sierra Leone	
Ghana	Solomon Islands	
Guinea Bissau	Somalia	
<b>H</b>	Sri Lanka	
Holy See	St. Kitts & Nevis	
<b>I</b>	St. Lucia	
India	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Swaziland	
Iraq	Syrian Arab Republic	
Israel		
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Liberia		
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		

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