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OPEN-ENDED MEETING OF EXPERTS ON A COMPLIANCE REGIME UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Nairobi, 26-28 September 2001

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. At its first meeting, held in Montpellier, France, from 11 to 15 December 2000, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) invited Parties and Governments to communicate their views regarding the elements and options for a compliance regime under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The Committee requested the Executive Secretary to compile the views submitted and prepare a synthesis report for the consideration of experts, who were to meet during the inter-sessional period. It also requested the Executive Secretary to organize, in consultation with the Bureau of ICCP, a three-day open-ended meeting of experts with relevant expertise, back to back with the second meeting of the ICCP, to review the synthesis report.
2. Accordingly, the Open-ended Meeting of Experts on a Compliance Regime under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in Nairobi, from 26 to 28 September 2001.
3. The Open-ended Meeting of Experts is expected to review the synthesis report of the views prepared by the Secretariat, and discuss the items included in the agenda with a view to making recommendations to ICCP for its consideration at its second meeting, which will be held from 1 to 5 October 2001.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened by Ambassador Philémon Yang (Cameroon), the Chair of the ICCP, at 10 a.m. on 26 September 2001. Other opening remarks will be made by, *inter alia*, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

5. The Bureau of the ICCP will serve as the Bureau of the meeting.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

6. The Meeting will be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda circulated as document UNEP/CBD/BS/EM-COMP/1/1.

2.3 Organization of work

7. The Meeting may wish to consider the proposed organization and programme of its work as contained in annex I of this document. The proposed organization of work provides for the meeting to be conducted entirely in plenary session. The Executive Secretary is making this proposal after consultation with the Bureau of the ICCP with a view to assisting the Open-ended Meeting of Experts fulfil its mandate within the three days available. However, the Meeting may wish to consider setting up contact groups or drafting groups as the need arises, in order to further develop the discussions conducted in plenary on specific issues and present the plenary with draft recommendations for its consideration.

8. The Meeting will operate on the basis of two sessions every day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with simultaneous interpretation into the six working languages. Should the Meeting wish to establish contact groups, they will conduct their work without interpretation.

9. The documentation prepared for the meeting is listed in annex II below.

ITEM 3. SYNTHESIS OF VIEWS COMMUNICATED BY PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE ELEMENTS AND OPTIONS FOR A COMPLIANCE REGIME UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

10. As requested by ICCP at its first meeting, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note, which mainly consists of a synthesis of views communicated, as of 30 June 2001, by Parties and Governments regarding elements and options for a compliance regime under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (UNEP/CBD/BS/EM-COMP/1/2), based on a questionnaire previously developed and circulated by the Secretariat. In order to assist the Meeting in its discussion of the issue of compliance on the basis of existing practices, the note by the Executive Secretary also includes information on the latest developments of relevance in other processes.

11. The Secretariat will introduce the note on the synthesis of views, and experts will be invited to make general comments. The Meeting will also have before it an information document containing the full text of the views submitted (UNEP/CBD/BS/EM-COMP/1/INF/1).

**ITEM 4. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE ELEMENTS AND OPTIONS
FOR A COMPLIANCE REGIME**

12. The Meeting may wish to further consider closely the elements and options for a compliance regime, based on the discussions of the issues at the first meeting of ICCP, and the views communicated by Parties and Governments inter-sessionally.

**ITEM 5. RECOMMENDATIONS ON DRAFT PROCEDURES AND
MECHANISMS FOR A COMPLIANCE REGIME UNDER THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

13. On the basis of its discussion and the suggestions of the Executive Secretary in the annex to his note (UNEP/CBD/BS/EM-COMP/1/2), the Meeting may wish to develop draft procedures and mechanisms for compliance under the Biosafety Protocol and forward them, as recommendations, to ICCP for its consideration at its second meeting.

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

14. Under this item, the Meeting may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

15. The Meeting will consider and adopt its report on the basis of the draft report to be prepared and presented to it by the Rapporteur.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

16. The meeting is expected to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday 28 September 2001.

Annex I

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE
OPEN-ENDED MEETING OF EXPERTS ON COMPLIANCE**

	<i>Plenary</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>26 September 2001</i> 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting.
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Officers; 2.2. Adoption of the agenda; 2.3. Organization of work. 3. Synthesis of views communicated by Parties and Governments regarding the elements and options for a compliance regime under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. 4. Further consideration of the elements and options for a compliance regime.
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 4.</i>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>27 September 2001</i> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 4.</i>
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 5. Recommendations on draft procedures and mechanisms for a compliance regime under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
<i>Friday</i> <i>28 September 2001</i> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. <i>and</i> 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 7. Other matters. 8. Adoption of the report. 9. Closure of the meeting.

Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE OPEN-ENDED MEETING OF EXPERTS ON
COMPLIANCE**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/BS/EM-COMP/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/EM-COMP/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/EM-COMP/1/2	Synthesis of views communicated by Parties and Governments regarding the elements and options of a compliance regime under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
UNEP/CBD/BS/EM-COMP/1/INF/1	Compilation of views on compliance procedures and mechanisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Article 34)
