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Second Meeting

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 8-12 February 2010

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Second meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from Monday, 8 to Friday, 12 February 2010.

The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 8 February 2010, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

### **Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC)**

Dataran Gemilang, Precinct 5  
Federal Government Administrative Centre  
62000 Putrajaya, Malaysia  
Tel: +603-8887 6000  
Fax: +603-8887 6499  
Web site: <http://www.picc.gov.my>

## 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 for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSGFLR-02>

## 5. General information on access to Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur



The city of Putrajaya is serviced by the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) Putrajaya is about 35 km from the airport and from about 15 km from Kuala Lumpur city centre.

Taxis and limousines are readily available for hire from KLIA terminal to Putrajaya. Participants should purchase (for approximately US \$20) a pre-paid coupon at the taxi/limousine counter situated in the Arrival Hall before proceeding to the taxi stand.

The train service known as KLIA Transit (fare MYR 6.20 – approximately US \$1.80) is available from KLIA to Putrajaya Station. From Putrajaya Station a shuttle bus (Nadi Putra) provides services to meeting venue. Alternatively taxis are also available to the meeting venue at a cost of MYR13.00 (approximately US \$3.80). Information on the train service can be obtained from the information desk located at the KLIA terminal or from the following web site: <http://www.kliaekspres.com/erlsb/KLIATransit/tabid/96/Default.aspx>.

## 6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed below require an entry visa for Malaysia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Malaysian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Malaysian Diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia at: <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.

### List of countries whose citizens require a visa to enter Malaysia

Afghanistan	Congo, Republic of	Mali
Angola	Côte d'Ivoire	Montenegro
Bangladesh	Croatia	Mozambique
Bhutan	Djibouti	Myanmar
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Equatorial Guinea	Nepal
Burkina Faso	Eritrea	Niger
Burundi	Ethiopia	Nigeria
Cameroon	Ghana	Pakistan
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Rwanda
China	India	Serbia
Colombia	Israel	Slovenia
Comoros	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Congo, Democratic Republic of the		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

## 7. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers arriving within 6 days from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

## 8. Hotel information



A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the **Pullman Putrajaya Lakeside Hotel** as follows:

Hotel & Address	Contact No.	Room type	Room Rates (per night)
Pullman Putrajaya Lakeside No.2, Jalan 5/5 Presint 5 62000 Putrajaya, Malaysia  (Distance to PICC: 3 km, approximately 5 minute drive)	Tel: +(603) 8890 0000 Fax: +(603) 8890 0001 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@pullmanputrajaya.com">info@pullmanputrajaya.com</a>  Web site: <a href="http://www.pullmanputrajaya.com">http://www.pullmanputrajaya.com</a>	Superior	MYR 220.00++ (with breakfast for one)
		Deluxe	MYR 250.00++ (with breakfast for one)
			MYR 280.00++ (with breakfast for two)

Note: US \$1 = (approx.) MYR 3.40

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to confirm their reservations by communicating with Ms. Noor Haliza ([noorhaliza@nre.gov.my](mailto:noorhaliza@nre.gov.my)) or Mr Nazir Khan ([nazir@nre.gov.my](mailto:nazir@nre.gov.my)) by 15 January 2010 to benefit from the special room rates mentioned above.**

Other Hotels near to the meeting venue (PICC) are as listed below:

No.	Hotel & Address	Contact No.	Room type	Room Rates (per night)
1.	<b>Putrajaya Shangri La</b> Taman Putra Perdana Presint 1 62000 Putrajaya, Malaysia (Distance to PICC: 5 km, approximately 10 minutes by driving)	Tel: (+603) 8887 8888 Fax: (+603) 8887 8889 E-mail: <a href="mailto:slpt@shangri-la.com">slpt@shangri-la.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/kualalumpur/putrajayashangrila">http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/kualalumpur/putrajayashangrila</a>	Deluxe (Single)	MYR 325.00 ++ (with breakfast)
			Deluxe (Double)	MYR 355.00++ (with breakfast)
2.	<b>Palm Garden Hotel IOI Resort</b> IOI Resort 62502 Putrajaya (Distance to PICC: 8 km, approximately 10-15 minutes)	Tel: (+603) 8943 2233 Fax: (+603) 8943 1122 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservation@palmgarden.com.my">reservation@palmgarden.com.my</a> ; <a href="mailto:sales@palmgarden.com.my">sales@palmgarden.com.my</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.palmgarden.com.my">http://www.palmgarden.com.my</a>	Standard	MYR 245.00 ++ (with breakfast)
			Deluxe	MYR 275.00 ++ (with breakfast)
			Suite	MYR 405.00++ (with breakfast)
3.	<b>Marriott Putrajaya</b> IOI Resort 62502 Putrajaya (Distance to PICC: 8 km, approximately 10-15 minutes)	Tel : (+603) 8949 8888 Fax : (+603) 8949 8999 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservation.hotel@marriottputrajaya.com">reservation.hotel@marriottputrajaya.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/kulpg-putrajaya-marriott-hotel/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/kulpg-putrajaya-marriott-hotel/</a>	Deluxe	MYR 380.00 ++ (without breakfast)
				MYR 420.00++ (with breakfast)
4.	<b>Residence Hotel UNITEN</b> 7th km, Jalan Kajang- Puchong, 43009 Kajang, Selangor (Distance from PICC: 10 km, approximately 30 minutes)	Tel: (+603) 8922 2088 Fax: (+603) 8922 2080 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservation@residenceatuniten.com">reservation@residenceatuniten.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://residenceatuniten.com/index.htm">http://residenceatuniten.com/index.htm</a>	Superior	MYR 195.50 (with breakfast)
			Deluxe	MYR 218.50 (with breakfast)
			Executive	MYR 230.00 (with breakfast)

Note: US \$1 = MYR 3.40 (approx.)

Other information on hotels including tourist information is available at the official web site of tourism Malaysia at: <http://www.tourism.gov.my/>

#### 9. The Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the meeting during registration.

#### 10. Official language in Malaysia

The official language of Malaysia is Malay (Bahasa Malaysia), However, English is widely spoken as are a number of Chinese and Indian dialects.

#### 11. Weather and time zone information



In February, temperatures in Putrajaya usually range between a maximum of +33°C and a minimum of +23°C. The general weather conditions are rainy from September to November. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/020/c00082.htm>

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 8 hours.

#### 12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 240 volts, 50 Hertz as shown in the illustration below.



#### 13. Currency



The currency in Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit (MYR). The current exchange rate as at 10 December 2009 is US \$1 = MYR 3.40 and (Euro) € 1 = MYR 5.02.

#### 14. Contact persons

You may contact any of the following officers from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia, for any further information:

Name	Tel	e-mail
Mr. Nazir Khan	+603-8886 1783	nazir@nre.gov.my
Ms. Noor Haliza	+603-8886 1140	noorhaliza@nre.gov.my

## 15. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat and the host disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, 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 regard, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

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