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GROUP OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CO-CHAIRS ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

Fourth meeting

Nagoya, Japan, 6-8 October 2010

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (hereinafter “Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs”, or “the Group”) was established by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to further negotiate international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms. The Group has held three meetings to date. It negotiated the draft text of rules and procedures on liability and redress, mainly in the form of a supplementary protocol to the Biosafety Protocol. It provisionally adopted all but two provisions of such draft supplementary protocol.

2. At the conclusion of its third meeting held from 15 to 19 June 2010, in Kula Lumpur, the Group agreed to meet one more time just prior to the fourth meeting of Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in Nagoya, Japan, to further negotiate and finalize the rules and procedures on liability and redress on the basis of the text contained in the appendices to the report of its last meeting. The Group further agreed to have such meeting for a period of three days, from 6 to 8 October 2010.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting will be opened by one of the Co-Chairs at 10 a.m. on 6 October 2010.

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ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

4. The Group may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/BS/GF-L&R/4/1) prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Co-Chairs.

2.2. Organization of work

5. The Group may wish to consider and adopt the proposed programme of work as contained in annex I below. The Group is expected to have two sessions every day unless decided otherwise.

6. The documentation that will be made available for the meeting is listed in annex II below.

ITEM 3. FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL RULES AND PROCEDURES IN THE FIELD OF LIABILITY AND REDRESS FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENTS OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

7. Following its terms of reference as provided by the Parties to the Protocol in decision BS-IV/12, and its agreement specified in the report of its third meeting (UNEP/CBD/BS/GF-L&R/3/4, paragraph 18 (a)), the Group is expected to further negotiate international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from the transboundary movements of living modified organisms in the context of the Biosafety Protocol on the basis of appendix I (containing two annexes), and appendix II to that report. These appendices will be put together and made available to the Group for its use as the working document under this agenda item (UNEP/CBD/BS/GF-L&R/4/2).

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

8. Under this item, the meeting may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants in the Group.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

9. The Group will be invited to consider and adopt its report on the basis of a draft report prepared by the Co-Chairs. The report is expected to be submitted to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for its consideration in accordance with paragraph 1(h) of decision BS-IV/12.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

10. The fourth meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs is expected to be closed by 6 p.m. on Friday, 8 October 2010.

Annex I

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE GROUP
OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CO-CHAIRS ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
6 October 2010 (Wednesday) 10 to 10.10 a.m.	1. Opening of the meeting
10.10 to 10.20 a.m.	2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Adoption of the agenda 2.2. Organization of work
10.20 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.	3. Further negotiations on international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
7 October 2010 (Thursday) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.	3. Further negotiations on international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (<i>continued</i>)
8 October 2010 (Friday) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	3. Further negotiations on international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (<i>continued</i>)
3 to 6 p.m.	4. Other matters 5. Adoption of the report 6. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE GROUP OF THE FRIENDS
OF THE CO-CHAIRS ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

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Liability and redress: draft texts for further negotiations
(appendices I and II to the report of the third meeting of the
Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs)
