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FOR BIOSAFETY

Third meeting

Tromsø, Norway; 20-21 January 2006

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision BS-1/5, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted an Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol and agreed to undertake a comprehensive review and possible revision of it at its third meeting. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol established a Coordination Mechanism for the implementation of the Action Plan. The Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety is one of the elements of the Coordination Mechanism. The mandate of the Liaison Group is to provide expert advice to the Executive Secretary on ways and means to enhance the coordination and effective implementation of the Action Plan.

2. The previous meeting of the Liaison Group was held in Montreal on 27-28 January 2005. It discussed and made recommendations on ways to enhance implementation of the Coordination Mechanism and the Action Plan. It also provided advice on the draft terms of reference for the comprehensive review of the capacity-building Action Plan.

3. The third meeting of the Liaison Group will provide advice on the comprehensive review and possible revision of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity at 2 p.m. on 20 January 2006.

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ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**2.1 Election of officers**

5. The Liaison Group will be invited to elect its Chair and Rapporteur from among the participants in 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 prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/3/1).

2.3 Organization of work

7. The Liaison Group will be invited to decide on its organization of work on the basis of suggestions by the Executive Secretary contained in annex I below. Participants will be invited to raise any other relevant issues under agenda item 4 (Other matters).

ITEM 3. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION**3.1. Consideration of the draft background paper on the progress in, and effectiveness of, the implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

8. In decision BS-II/3, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol outlined a process for gathering information to facilitate the comprehensive review of the Action Plan at the third meeting, which is scheduled to take place from 13 to 17 March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil. In this regard, it invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Secretariat information on progress made in, and effectiveness of, the implementation of the Action Plan as well as views and suggestions on desired revisions to the Action Plan. It also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, on the basis of the submissions received, a background paper describing, *inter alia*, the progress in, and effectiveness of, the implementation of the Action Plan, the unmet needs/gaps and strategic recommendations to be taken into account in the possible revision of the Action Plan.

9. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to provide views and comments on the draft background paper on the progress in, and effectiveness of, the implementation of the Action Plan for the Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/3/2) prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the submissions received from Governments and relevant organizations.

3.2. Consideration of the need for a draft revised Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

10. In its decision BS-II/3, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, depending on the outcome of the review, a draft revised Action Plan for consideration at its third meeting. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will be invited to provide advice on the need for a draft revised Action Plan depending on the submissions from Governments and relevant organizations regarding views and suggestions on desired revisions to the Action Plan referred to in paragraph 8 above.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

11. Under this item, the meeting may wish to consider any other matter of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12. The Liaison Group will be invited to formulate its general conclusions and recommendations, which may be used by the Executive Secretary in preparing documentation for consideration by the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

13. It is expected that the meeting will be closed on 21 January 2006, at 5 p.m.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

	<i>Plenary</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 20 January 2006 2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting.
2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Election of officers 2.2. Adoption of the agenda; 2.3. Organization of work.
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 3. Issues for in-depth consideration: 3.1 Consideration of the draft background paper on the progress in, and effectiveness of, the implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 3.2 Consideration of the need for a draft revised Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
<i>Friday</i> 21 January 2006 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3 (continued)</i>
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 4. Other matters 5. Conclusions and recommendations 6. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

**DOCUMENTS FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE LIAISON GROUP ON
CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR BIOSAFETY**

A. *Working documents*

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/3/1	Provisional agenda
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