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## ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### INTRODUCTION

1. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) established a Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety to provide expert advice to the Executive Secretary on avenues to enhance the implementation and coordination of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol and other issues (decision BS-I/5, annex IV).

2. The present meeting of the Liaison Group will review and provide advice to the Executive Secretary on the draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation, which are being developed in accordance with decisions BS-IV/15 and BS-IV/17, respectively. The meeting will also review the capacity-building guidance, tools and mechanisms adopted in previous decisions of the Parties and provide advice on the need for their improvement or retirement, as appropriate.

### ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 4 February 2010.

### ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### 2.1 *Election of officers*

4. 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*

5. Participants will be invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/7/1).

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### **2.3 Organization of work**

6. The Liaison Group will be invited to decide on its organization of work on the basis of suggestions made 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 Review of: (a) the draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and (b) the proposed framework for the second assessment and review of the Protocol**

7. In their decision BS-IV/15, on assessment and review, the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare:

(a) A draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for consideration at their fifth meeting; and

(b) A sound methodological approach for the second assessment and review of the Protocol as well as draft criteria or indicators that could be used to evaluate its effectiveness.

8. At its meeting held on 8 November 2009, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol requested the Secretariat to initiate a consultative process enable Parties and relevant organizations to provide comments on the draft Strategic Plan and the proposed framework for the second assessment and review of the Protocol.

#### **A. The draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020)**

9. The Executive Secretary has prepared draft elements of the Strategic Plan (2011-2020) based on submissions by Parties as well as information from national reports and relevant decisions of the Parties, also taking into account the elements and approach that are under consideration in the ongoing revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity. This paper will eventually be issued under the symbol UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/16 for consideration by the Parties at their fifth meeting, to be held in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010.

10. Under this item, the Liaison Group members will be invited to review and provide advice on the draft.

#### **B. The proposed framework for the second assessment and review of the Protocol**

11. A draft discussion paper on a proposed framework for the second assessment and review of the Protocol has also been prepared. This paper will eventually issued under the symbol UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/15 for consideration by the Parties at their fifth meeting.

12. Under this item, the Liaison Group members will be invited to review and provide advice on the draft.

**3.2 *Consideration of the need to improve or retire some of the capacity-building guidance, tools and mechanisms adopted in previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol***

13. Since their first meeting, the Parties to the Protocol have taken a number of decisions to assist in the implementation of the capacity-building provisions of the Protocol. These include tools and mechanisms such as: the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol (decision BS-III/3, annex.), indicators for monitoring the Action Plan and the Coordination Mechanism (which encompasses the capacity-building databases, the Biosafety Information Resource Centre, the Liaison Group, coordination meetings and the reporting mechanism).

14. As agreed at its last meeting, under this item, the Liaison Group will further review previous decisions of the Parties on capacity-building and provide advice on the a need to amend, consolidate or retire some of the tools, mechanisms and guidance adopted in those decisions during the next phase of the Protocol implementation following the adoption of the Strategic Plan. The Liaison Group will also consider possible elements of the terms of reference for the next comprehensive review of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol.

**3.3 *Review of the draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms***

15. In decision BS-IV/17, the Parties to the Protocol decided to develop a programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms. The Executive Secretary was requested to prepare a draft programme of work, taking into account the submissions from Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, for consideration at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

16. Under this item, the Liaison Group will review and propose improvements to the draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation prepared by the Executive Secretary, which will eventually be issued under the symbol UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/13 for consideration by the Parties at their fifth meeting.

**ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS**

17. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider any other matter of relevance that may be raised by participants.

**ITEM 5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

18. The Liaison Group will be invited to formulate its general conclusions and recommendations, which may be used by the Executive Secretary in preparing documents for the fifth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

**ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

19. The meeting of the Liaison Group will be closed on Friday, 5 February 2010 at 5 p.m.

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

	<i>Plenary</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 4 February 2010 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting.
9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Election of officers 2.2. Adoption of the agenda; 2.3. Organization of work.
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 3. Issues for in-depth consideration: 3.1 Review of: (a) the draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and (b) the draft framework for the second assessment and review of the Protocol.
2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3.1 ( <i>continued</i> )
<i>Friday</i> 5 February 2010 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda items:</i> 3.2 Consideration of the need to improve or retire some of the capacity-building guidance, tools and mechanisms adopted in previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. 3.3 Review of the draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms.
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 SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LIAISON GROUP ON  
CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR BIOSAFETY**

**A.        *Working documents***

UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/7/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/7/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/13*	Draft programme of work on public awareness, education and awareness
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/15*	Proposed framework for the second assessment and review of the Protocol
UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/5/16*	Draft elements of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020)

**B.        *Background documents***

UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/6/3	Report of the sixth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety
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\* Advance version.