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LIAISON GROUP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR BIOSAFETY

Eleventh meeting
Montreal, Canada, 14-16 March 2016

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision BS-VII/3, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) decided to undertake, at its eighth meeting, the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020, drawing upon information from the third national reports as a primary source, the Biosafety Clearing-House and, where appropriate, additional data collected through dedicated surveys.

2. In the same decision, COP-MOP requested the relevant subsidiary body¹ entrusted with the task of reviewing the implementation of the Protocol, including contributions from the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building, to review the information gathered and analysed by the Executive Secretary with a view to contributing to the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 (decision BS-VII/3, para. 5).

3. In the light of the above decision, the Liaison Group at its eleventh meeting will be invited to review the analysis of the status and trends in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety prepared by the Executive Secretary and make recommendations to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as appropriate.

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 9 a.m. on Monday, 14 March 2016.

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 members participating in the meeting.

¹ A Subsidiary Body on Implementation was established through COP decision XII/26. Its mandate includes supporting COP-MOP in keeping under review the implementation of the Protocol.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The Liaison Group will be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/11/1). The Liaison Group will also be invited to adopt its organization of work on the basis of suggestions contained in annex I below.

ITEM 3. STATUS AND TRENDS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

7. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will make short presentations on: (a) the methodology used by the Secretariat in the collection, compilation and analysis of information on the implementation of the Protocol; (b) major developments under the Protocol, including an overview of the status and trends in the implementation of the Protocol based on the information contained in the third national reports; and (c) the input from the thirteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee into the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

8. Following the presentations, the Liaison Group will be invited to discuss the findings regarding the status and trends in the implementation of the Protocol based on the analysis of the indicators under the various operational objectives of the Strategic Plan as contained in document UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/11/2. The findings will be analysed and discussed under 12 broad areas, namely: national biosafety frameworks; coordination and support; risk assessment and risk management; LMOs or traits that may have adverse effects; liability and redress; handling, transport, packaging and identification; socio-economic considerations; transit, contained use, unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures; information sharing; compliance and review; public awareness and participation, biosafety education and training; and outreach and cooperation.

ITEM 4. DRAFT CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE POSSIBLE WAY FORWARD

9. Under this agenda item, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider the draft conclusions regarding the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and make suggestions on the possible way forward, including possible measures for improving its further implementation, performance and effectiveness.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

10. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider any other matters of relevance.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

11. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to adopt the report of the meeting containing its input into the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

12. The meeting is expected to close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 March 2016.

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

Date/Time	Plenary
Monday 14 March 2016 9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting.
9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Election of officers 2.2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	BREAK
10.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 3. Status and trends in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (<i>continued</i>)
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	BREAK
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday 15 March 2016 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> Agenda item 3 (<i>continued</i>)
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 4. Draft conclusions and suggestions on the possible way forward
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	BREAK
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday 16 March 2016 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	BREAK
11 a.m. – 12 noon	<i>Agenda item:</i> 5. Other Matters
12 noon – 2 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 6. Adoption of the report of the meeting
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	BREAK
4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 7. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

A. Working documents

UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/11/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/11/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/LG-CB/11/1/2	Assessment and review of the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol

B. Information documents

UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/12	Monitoring and reporting (Article 33): Analysis of information and trends contained in the third national reports (Advance draft)
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