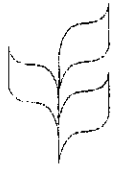




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Remarks submitted by the Republic of Slovenia

Article 1- OBJECTIVES

Precautionary Principle must be included in Protocol objectives particularly by reason of unknown long-term impacts of realising LMO's as well as products derived from them.

Article 3- USE OF TERMS

Products thereof definition needs to be included in the terms of the Protocol by reason that products derived from LMO's contain dead modified organisms or elements of them and can be either transferred to the other organisms.

Contained use definition needs to be included in the terms of the Protocol by reason of activities involving LMO's controlled by specific containment measures to limit their contact with the population and environment.

Release definition needs to be included in the terms of the Protocol by reason of any (intentional or unintentional) introduction into the environment of a LMO's without provision for containment.

Article 5- APPLICATION OF THE AIA PROCEDURE

Article 5 (1) shall apply to all transboundary movements such as transit, field trials, deliberate release and contained use. AIA procedures have to include the agricultural commodities by reason of potential adverse health and environmental effect.

Article 11- SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

This procedure shall be deleted by reason that AIA procedure determines notification claims and consents to transboundary movements of LMO's and products thereof

Article 18- HANDLING, TRANSPORT, PACKAGING and LABELLING

Clear labelling of LMO's and products derived from LMO's is the key element for verifying, control and monitoring of imports of the above.

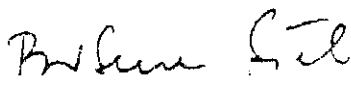
Article 28- LIABILITY and REDRESS

Precise and comprehensive rules setting out an international liability and co-operation regime shall be included in the Protocol.

In addition, Slovenia is willing to sign the Protocol in the period opened for signature at the Secretary - General of the United Nations.

Wishing you all the success, I remain,

Yours sincerely,


Biserka Strel