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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
Organizational meeting
Montreal, 29 January 2000

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

INTRODUCTION

1. The Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was established by paragraph 5 of decision of EM-I/3 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, adopted at the resumed session of its first extraordinary meeting, held in Montreal from 24 to 29 January 2000.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of that decision, the Intergovernmental Committee held an organizational session immediately following the closure of the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, at 6.10 a.m. on Saturday, 29 January 2000, for the purpose of electing its Bureau from among the representatives of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity present.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting was opened by Mr. Philemon Yang (Cameroon), Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision EM-I/3 of the Conference of the Parties.

II. ELECTION OF THE BUREAU

4. Following nominations from the representatives of the regional groups, the Intergovernmental Committee decided that, in addition to the Chair, its Bureau should comprise the representatives of the following Parties to the Convention: Denmark, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Poland, Saint Kitts and Nevis, South Africa, Switzerland and Ukraine.
5. The Parties concerned were requested to submit the names of their representatives on the Bureau to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

III. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

6. The Chair declared the organizational meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety closed at 6.20 a.m. on Saturday, 29 January 2000.