



Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety is a legally binding international agreement governing the transboundary movement of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology. Its objective is to contribute to ensuring the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms that may have adverse effects on biodiversity, taking also into account risks to human health. The Protocol was adopted in January 2000 as a supplementary agreement to the Convention and entered into force on 11 September 2003. To date 146 States as well as the European Community have ratified it.

COP MOP 4

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) is the governing body of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Its primary role is to keep under regular review the implementation of the Protocol and to make decisions necessary to promote its effective implementation.

The fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP 4) will take place in Bonn, Germany, from 12 to 16 May 2008. Building upon the achievements of the first three meetings held in February 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May/June 2005 in Montreal, Canada and March 2006 in Curitiba, Brazil respectively, COP-MOP 4 is expected to arrive at decisions on a number of issues to further facilitate the implementation of the Protocol. To date the COP-MOP has held three ordinary meetings and has taken a total of 46 decisions. The meeting will address a number of standing issues on the COP-MOP agenda as well as substantive issues arising from the medium-term programme of work arising and previous decisions of the COP-MOP.



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