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BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE  
PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE  
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY  
Hyderabad, India  
30 September 2012

### **MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY HELD IN HYDERABAD, INDIA ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2012**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The fourth meeting of the Bureau of the fifth Conference of Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COPMOP-5) was held on 30 September 2012 in Hyderabad, India. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Masamichi Saigo, representing the President of COPMOP-5.

The following Bureau members attended the meeting:

1. Ms. Snezana Prokic (Serbia) - Member
2. Mr. Spencer Thomas (Grenada) - Member
3. Mr. Ariel Reynaldo Alvarez Morales (Mexico) - Member
4. Ms. Ines Verleye (Belgium) - Member
5. Mr. Andrew Bignell (New Zealand) - Member

Ms. Latifa Lakfifi (Morocco) was represented by Mr. Mustapha Madboudhi.

Absent: Mr. Ioseb Kartsivadze (Georgia) - Member, Mr. Yeon-chul Yoo (Republic of Korea) - Member, Ms. Kauna Betty Schroder (Namibia) - Member, Mr. Akram Darwich (Syria) - Member.

2. The meeting was also attended by Mr. M. F. Farooqui, COPMOP-6 / COP 11 Representative and Mr. Hiroki Sasaki of the COPMOP Presidency. The Executive Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Bráulio Ferreira de Souza Dias and Mr. Charles Gbedemah, Biosafety Division of the CBD Secretariat were in attendance. Mr. Bakary Kante represented the Executive Director of UNEP.

#### **ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING**

3. The meeting was declared open at 10:05 a.m. by the President, who extended a warm welcome to all members and on behalf of the COPMOP Presidency expressed his gratitude and appreciation to members for their support. He conveyed the apologies of His Excellency, Akira Gunji, the Japanese Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, COPMOP President, to the Bureau for being unable to attend the meeting of the Parties in Hyderabad, India. The Executive Secretary expressed his

appreciation to the members of the Bureau for their good work during the biennium. He further expressed his gratitude to the Government of Japan for its generous financial contribution towards the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. He further assured the Bureau that all preparations towards holding a successful sixth meeting of the Parties were in place. At this junction, a member of the Bureau commended the Government of India for facilitating the visa, airport shuttle and security to the meeting.

## **ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4. The Bureau adopted the following provisional agenda of the meeting as prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Presidency as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Organization and conduct of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP 6)
4. Regional preparatory meetings and consultations
5. Side Events
6. Schedule of Bureau meetings during the week of COP-MOP 6
7. Any other matters
8. Closure of the meeting

## **ITEM 3: ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL (COP-MOP 6)**

5. The Secretariat presented details of the Opening Plenary at which the statements would be made on behalf of the out-going President of the COPMOP, the Indian Minister of Environment and Forests, the Governor of the State of Andhra Pradesh, the Executive Secretary, CBD and a representative of the Executive Director, UNEP.

6. The Secretariat further noted that the meeting, as planned, will be organized in three Plenary sessions, two working groups with two envisaged contact groups on Risk Assessment and Management (agenda item 14) and Socioeconomic considerations (agenda item 16) respectively.

7. The Bureau on the basis of fresh assessment of the work load of the working groups reassigned that agenda item 16 on "Socio-economic considerations" is to Working Group I.

8. The Secretariat also informed the Bureau that Ms. Snezana Prokic of Serbia, on behalf of the Bureau, will examine all the credentials of the delegates and report to the meeting during the plenary.

## **ITEM 4: REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS**

9. The Secretariat informed the bureau that all the logistics have been put in place for regional groups to hold their consultations, on Sunday, 30 September 2012, prior to the COPMOP 6.

## **ITEM 5: SIDE EVENTS**

10. In view of the limited number of side events registered for the COPMOP, the Bureau recommended that the Secretariat organizes a side event during the meeting on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress where Parties could share their national experience and discussed challenges at the domestic level towards the ratification of the Supplementary Protocol.

#### **ITEM 6: SCHEDULE OF BUREAU MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK OF COP-MOP6**

11. The members of the Bureau agreed to have daily meetings at 6:15 p.m for updates on the meeting. The first meeting was scheduled to take place on 1 October 2012 before the reception hosted by the Government of India.

#### **ITEM 8: OTHER MATTERS**

12. There was a request by a member to make in-session documents available on the internet. In response the Secretariat assured the Bureau that the documents would be made available but with limited access only at the venue of the meeting.

13. The representative of UNEP informed the Bureau of the renewed collaboration between UNEP and the Secretariat. In response, the Executive Secretary highlighted the importance of UNEP's technical support in the overall implementation of the Convention in general and the Protocol in particular.

#### **ITEM 9: CLOSURE**

14. At the end of the proceedings, the President expressed his appreciation to the members for their cooperation and closed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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